



St. Joseph's Church Yorkville

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

12 DECEMBER 2004

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Nativity of the Lord

Christmas Eve – Friday, December 24, 2004

5:00 PM	Family Mass
11:30 PM	Carols
12:00 AM	Midnight Mass

Christmas Day – Saturday, December 25, 2004

8:00 AM	11:00 AM
9:45 AM	12:30 PM

No 4:00 PM or 6:00 PM Mass on Christmas Day

Holy Family Masses – Sunday, December 26,

2004

8:00 AM	12:30 PM
9:45 AM	6:00 PM
11:00 AM	

*Mary, Mother of God Masses**

New Year's Day – Saturday, January 1, 2005

8:00 AM	12:15 PM
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Epiphany Masses

Saturday, January 1, 2005

4:00 PM

Sunday, January 2, 2005

8:00 AM	12:30 PM
9:45 AM (German)	6:00 PM
11:00 AM	

Reconciliation Service and Confessions

Wednesday, December 15 at 7:30 PM

Confessions

Saturday, December 18 from 3:30 PM – 4:00 PM

*Mary, Mother of God is **NOT** a holy day of obligation because it is on a Saturday this year.

PARISH COUNCIL

The Council will meet this Tuesday evening at 6:00 PM in the school conference room. Parishioners are most welcome to attend.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE

Final Weekend to Give!!!

Members of the Young Adults Group will be collecting cash donations for the Annual Holiday Toy Drive in the rear of the church following all Masses this weekend. All donations will be used for purchasing toys and clothing for local needy children assisted by the Yorkville Common Pantry and for children assisted by the New York Foundling. Please give generously so that we can brighten the Christmas season for some very special children.

RETIREMENT FOR RELIGIOUS

The second collection this weekend is the annual collection for the retirement needs of the Religious of the Archdiocese.

We can thank the women and men who dedicated their lives to serving us in so many ways by being generous in this collection.

THE PROPHETS OF ADVENT

On this Monday evening, December 13, Father Gerard Rafferty, professor of Sacred Scripture at St. Joseph's Seminary (Dunwoodie) will lead us into an understanding of Israel's prophets and their message for our season of Advent. His presentation will include a reflection on the Sunday prophetic readings of Advent, Year A and those of Christmas. The presentation is scheduled for 7:00 PM in St. Joseph's School auditorium. Please note the change of date from what was previously announced.

ADVENT WREATH

At each of the Masses on the four Sundays of Advent parishioners will light the candles on the Advent wreath. If you are interested in volunteering for the Fourth Sunday of Advent, please sign up on the form located in the back of the Church.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

One special way of preparing for the celebration of the Solemnity of the Birth of Christ is to spend some time reflecting on our relationship with the Lord. On Wednesday, December 15 at 7:30 PM we will have an Advent Penance Service with the opportunity for prayerful reflection and to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS

If you would like to make a donation toward the cost of our Christmas decorations in memory of a deceased loved one, please take an envelope that can be found in the back of the Church. The names of those in whose memory you make a donation will appear in our Newsletter of December 19 if they are received by December 15. If names are received after that date they will appear in the newsletter of December 26.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

St. Joseph's needs volunteers to help with decorating the Church for Christmas on:

Wednesday, December 22 from 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Thursday, December 23 from 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Friday, December 24 from 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

If you are interested in volunteering, please call or e-mail the rectory and leave your name, telephone number, or e-mail and the day you can help.

THE NEW YORK FOUNDLING

The New York Foundling is celebrating 135 years of caring for children and families of New York City and Rockland County. Please remember The Foundling in your prayers during the season of Advent. For information on The New York Foundling, please call 212-886-4041 or visit www.nyfoundling.org.

WALL STREET CATHOLIC ADULTS

Wall Street Catholic Adults is hosting its Christmas Party on Friday, December 17, 2004 from 6:30 PM to 10:30 PM at Fraunces Tavern Restaurant, located at 54 Pearl Street. The cost is \$65 at the door. For more information, please call 212-517-1722 or visit our website at WSCYA. Org or e-mail us at Wscab@aol.com.

FAMILY LIFE & RESPECT LIFE OFFICE

Do you have all the support, discipline skills and information you could have for living out your calling from God to raise children? Leadership Training in Education for Parenting promotes the important nurturing your sacred vocation deserves. In 2005, Saturdays 1/22, 2/5 and 3/12 are dates at St. Joseph's Seminary in Yonkers. Winter registration deadline is January 13. Call the Family Life Office at 212-371-1011, Ext. 3191 and ask for Eileen Murphy for a brochure or more information.

SCRIPTURE: A LOOK AHEAD

NEXT SUNDAY – 19 DECEMBER 2004

Isaiah 7:10-14. Ahaz receives from Isaiah a prophecy that he will be successful in war and is urged to ask for a sign that the prophecy is true. The sign is "The virgin shall be with child and bear a son and shall name him Emmanuel."

Romans 1:1-7. Paul greets the Romans by pointing out that Jesus is the Christ who was promised to them in Scripture. He, Paul, is the apostle favored with the task of spreading the name of Christ to all.

Matthew 1:18-24. In a brief, straightforward, simple narrative, Matthew recounts the events leading to Jesus' birth. He details the appearance of the angel in a dream to Joseph and stresses that "All this happened to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophets."

PARISH STAFF

Msgr. Lawrence Connaughton, Pastor
Rev. Matthew Yatkaukas, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Emmanuel Nartey, Parochial Vicar

Mr. Stephen Black, Director of Music/Organist
Mr. Richard Gratton, Cantor
Ms. Jennifer Behnke, Assistant Cantor

Mrs. Gladys Dichoso-Sicat, School Principal, PK3- 8th Grade

Ms. Pauline A. Sebastian, Office/Facilities Manager

TRUSTEES

Ms. Roseann DeGennaro
Mr. Bruce Lafranchi

PARISH COUNCIL

Ms. Nancy Florio, Chairperson

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MASS SCHEDULE

Sundays: (Saturday) 4:00P.M; (Sunday) 8:00, 9:45, 11:00*, 12:30, 6:00PM. *(Choir sings at the 11:00 AM Mass)

Weekdays: (Monday-Friday) 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 12:15 PM
8:00 AM & 12:15 PM (Saturday)

German Language Mass: 9:45 AM 1st Sunday of the month.
Confessions in German before Mass.

Family Mass: 9:45AM 2nd Sunday of the month. (Sept-June)

Holy Days: 6:00 PM (Anticipated); 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 12:15, 7:00 PM.

RAMP ACCESSIBLE



BAPTISMS

2nd & 4th Sundays of each month. By appointment.
Instructions – 1st Saturday of each month.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions – 12:00 Noon, Monday – Friday, Saturdays
3:30PM – 4:00 PM. Communal Reconciliation Services each
Advent and Lent.

MARRIAGES

Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

(RCIA) October – April.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN K-8

Inter-parish Religious Education Program at St. Ignatius.

HOLY HOUR

First Friday following the 12:15PM Mass. (Sept – June)

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA

Following the 9:00AM Mass on Monday.

HOLY COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

Contact the Rectory.

NEW PARISHIONERS

New parishioners are invited to register at the Rectory and to participate in the ministries and committees of St. Joseph's.

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 13

7:00 AM Emil Russo
9:00 AM Wassaff Khoury
12:15 PM Aloise Dulmovits

Tuesday, December 14

7:00 AM Jeanne A. Gorski
9:00 AM Maura Mannion
12:15 PM Deceased Members of Guardian
Angels Society

Wednesday, December 15

7:00 AM Hazzard & McSherry Families
9:00 AM Waldmann & Rada Families
12:15 PM Virginia Hertel

Thursday, December 16

7:00 AM Richard Christofferson
9:00 AM Martin & Robert Frei
12:15 PM Annelie Hamacher

Friday, December 17

7:00 AM Sam Jr. & Sachiel Sanclemente
9:00 AM Chris Christofferson
12:15 PM Anthony Indellicati

Saturday, December 18

8:00 AM Frank & Lucy Thelen
12:15 PM Margaret Murphy & Family

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOSEPH'S

Monday, December 13

Brownie Girl Scouts, 5:00PM, Parish Hall
Prophets of Advents, 7:00PM, School Auditorium
Men's Basketball, 7:00PM, School Gym
RCIA, 7:00PM, Parish House

Tuesday, December 14

Parish Council, 6:00 PM, School Conference Room
Girl Scouts, 6:30PM, Parish Hall
Men's Basketball, 7:15PM, School Gym

Wednesday, December 15

St. Joseph's Choir Rehearsal, 7:30PM, Church
Advent Penance Service, 7:30 PM, Church
Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30PM, Parish Hall
Men's Basketball, 7:30 PM, School Gym

Thursday, December 16

Prayers for Peace, 6:30PM, Church

Friday, December 17

Prayers for Peace, immediately after the 12:15
Mass
Dan Cougar's Basketball, 6:30PM, School Gym
Narcotics Anonymous, 7:30PM, Parish Hall

Saturday, December 18

YYAA, 9:00AM, School Gym

REMEMBER YOUR PARISH WITH A BEQUEST IN YOUR WILL

For more information, speak to your Pastor or call
the Planned Gifts Office
212-371-1011, Ext. 3317

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Imagination

Orthodox Judaism recognizes 613 commandments. The Church's Code of Law lists 1752. Both Jews and Christians agree, however, that they can all be reduced to two. We are to love God with all of heart, mind, being and strength and our neighbor as ourselves. (Dt. 6:5; Luke 10:25) Contemporary writers have begun to explain the role that our imaginations play in obeying the two great Commandments (Timothy O'Connell, *Making Disciples*).

Imagination is not only a way of recasting experience. It is itself a powerful source of experience. We need only think of the books, movies, plays and music that made us laugh or cry or changed the way we looked at ourselves or the world. Clearly the imagination can have a powerful impact on our moral and spiritual lives. Jesus was aware of this.

He spoke imaginatively of the Kingdom of God, comparing the Kingdom to a net thrown into the sea, a treasure buried in a field, a pearl of great price, a woman scouring the house for a lost coin.

He spoke of birds and foxes and wolves and sheep, of lilies and grape vines and wheat fields. He used water for baptism and bread and wine for the Eucharist. Jesus was also a storyteller. His parables of the prodigal son, the Good Samaritan and the crooked manager evangelized both the minds and the imaginations of his listeners.

The Catholic Church shares this reverence for the imagination. It gives us candles, incense, flowers, statues, stations and stained glass windows. All creation, it believes, is sacramental, speaking of, pointing to God. And so the Church rejoices in creation and celebrates it.

Laughter is a special gift of the imagination, capable of giving us an unusual glimpse into the life of God. Meister Eckhardt, 16th century master of the spiritual life, put it this way: "The Father laughs at the Son. The Son laughs back at the Father. The laughter gives pleasure, the pleasure gives joy, the joy gives love and that love is the Holy Spirit.

But if imagination can be useful it can also be troublesome. And this can be especially true of memories. But we will see more of this next week.

St. Joseph's Church Yorkville presents

Advent Vespers and Candlelight Carols

St. Joseph's Parish Choir

Joined by the St. Joseph's Family Mass children's choir
And
Members of the East Side Orchestra

Gerald Finzi *In terra pax*, Michael Haydn *Magnificat*, and other seasonal music and carols

Sunday, December 19, 8:00 PM

St. Joseph's Church Yorkville
404 East 87th Street (between 1st and York Avenues)
Reception to follow program

Suggested donation \$10

For more information please call (212) 289-6030

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