



# St. Joseph's Church Yorkville

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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 19 DECEMBER 2004

### RECTORY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The rectory will be open on Christmas Eve, December 24<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 noon until 6:00 pm and a receptionist will be available during those hours. The rectory will be closed on Christmas Day, December 25<sup>th</sup>, New Year's Eve, December 31<sup>st</sup> and New Year's Day, January 1<sup>st</sup>. On Sundays, December 26 and January 2<sup>nd</sup>, the rectory will be open from 9:30 AM until 1:30 PM.

A priest can be reached in case of an emergency at any time by calling the rectory telephone and then calling the number given in the recording.

### CHRISTMAS FAMILY MASS

The first Mass of Christmas will be celebrated at 5:00 PM on Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup>. It will begin with the Nativity Pageant, which will be narrated and performed by some of the children of St. Joseph's School. All parishioners are invited to attend the Pageant and the Mass at which we will celebrate the awesome gift of God's love for us and for all people, the gift of His Son, Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

### 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.

### GERMAN MASS

The German Mass will be celebrated on January 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Feast of the Epiphany by Father Elder at 9:45 AM with traditional music in Latin and German. The homily, petitions and announcements will be in English. All are heartily welcome. The Mass will be followed by a Christmas celebration.

Frohe Weihnachten und Ein Gesegnetes Neues Jahr

### BANNS OF MARRIAGE

William Patrick Fox & Hercilia Maia Cavalcante

### 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	

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

### THANK YOU

Donations from parishioners for the annual appeal for toys and clothing for children amounted to \$3,400. Members of the Young Adults shopped at Toys R Us and Old Navy last Wednesday evening. Children affiliated with the New York Foundling and the Yorkville Common Pantry will have a brighter Christmas because of our generosity.

## ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL APPEAL

We are grateful to everyone who has donated to the special needs of St. Joseph's School. As of Monday, December 13, the school has received donations amounting to \$37,178 from 123 gifts of parishioners. St. Joseph's School is a "Rising Star" among the schools in the Yorkville community. They will use your financial support to rise higher and shine more brightly for the good of hundreds of children.

## EASTERN RITES & THE MARONITES

The Catholic Church is comprised of 22 autonomous Churches (or Rites). The "Roman" or "Latin" Rite is the only Western Church or Rite. The remaining Churches or Rites are all Eastern or "Oriental" in origin. Each of these Churches uses language and prayers that are unique to its history and culture. But all observe the same faith and sacraments. Although some of our fellow-Catholics in the Middle East are members of our Roman or Latin Rite, most belong to one of the Eastern Rites or Churches.

The Maronite Catholic Eastern Church is one of the oldest communities. To this day it continues to use Aramaic, the language of Jesus and his apostles, in its liturgy. The Catholic bishops of the Maronite Rite in the United States are asking for all Maronites to register in a Maronite census. One can go online to [www.maronitecensus.net](http://www.maronitecensus.net) or call 1-718-237-9913 to receive a census form by mail. For more information, e-mail the census office at [use@maronitecensus.net](mailto:use@maronitecensus.net).

## EAST 91<sup>ST</sup> STREET MARINE TRANSFER STATION

The Sanitation Department will conduct a public hearing on the environmental impact of the proposed reopening and expansion of the East 91<sup>st</sup> Street Marine Transfer Station on Monday, December 20<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5:30 PM at the New York Blood Center, 310 East 67<sup>th</sup> Street. It would have the capacity to process 4,290 tons of residential and commercial waste each and would operate 24 hours per day, six days per week. The Gracie Point Community Council is encouraging everyone who is concerned about the impact the proposed station could have on the neighborhood to attend the meeting. Further information is available at [www.graciepointcc.org](http://www.graciepointcc.org) or can be obtained by calling the Gracie Point president, Tony Ard at 212-426-5823.

### SCRIPTURE: A LOOK AHEAD

#### NEXT SUNDAY – 26 DECEMBER 2004

**Sirach 3:2-7, 12-14.** This passage from Sirach details the duties children owe to father and mother. Their life-long devotion will not be forgotten and "will take lasting root." **Colossians 3:12-21.** Paul urges Christians particularly in the setting of the family to "clothe" themselves with kindness, patience, humility and mercy to forgive; and above all, to love.

**Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23.** An angel of the Lord, appearing in a dream to Joseph, urges him to flee with Jesus and Mary to Egypt to escape the murderous schemes of Herod. Later, in another dream, an angel tells Joseph to go with Jesus and Mary to a town called Nazareth in the region of Galilee, thus fulfilling the Scriptures: "He shall be called a Nazarean."

## 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- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Ms. Pauline A. Sebastian, Office/Facilities Manager

## TRUSTEES

Ms. Roseann DeGennaro  
Mr. Bruce Lafranchi

## PARISH COUNCIL

Ms. Nancy Florio, Chairperson

## RECTORY

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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 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month.  
Confessions in German before Mass.

**Family Mass:** 9:45AM 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of each month. By appointment.  
Instructions – 1<sup>st</sup> 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 20

7:00 AM Frank & Lucy Thelen  
9:00 AM Henry Gerberding  
12:15 PM Irma Solomon

### Tuesday, December 21

7:00 AM Nelly & Shay Wall  
9:00 AM Vera & Leonard Kreppel  
12:15 PM Trudie Krell

### Wednesday, December 22

7:00 AM Deceased Members of the  
Balanlayos Family  
9:00 AM Marian Condon  
12:15 PM Dominic Coletti & Parents

### Thursday, December 23

7:00 AM Grace, John J. & John A. McSherry  
9:00 AM Frank & Lucy Thelen  
12:15 PM Alfred Broglia

### Friday, December 24

7:00 AM Maura Mannion  
9:00 AM Manuel Blas  
12:15 PM Kathryn Callahan

### Saturday, December 25

Nativity of the Lord  
Holy Day of Obligation  
No Private Mass Intentions

## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOSEPH'S

### Monday, December 20

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

### Tuesday, December 21

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

### Wednesday, December 22

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

### Thursday, December 23

Prayers for Peace, 6:30PM, Church

### Friday, December 24

Prayers for Peace, immediately after the 12:15  
Mass

Christmas Family Mass, 5:00PM, Church

### Saturday, December 25 – Christmas Day

No Meetings

## 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**

## ANDROGOGY

### Memory and Imagination

Memories are the imaginative recreation of past experiences. They are also experiences in their own right – sometimes very powerful ones. Memories can leave us joyful and exhilarated. They can also leave us angry and vengeful, shaken or depressed. They carry a carload of emotions both positive and negative. Jewish memories of the Samaritans carried a lot of bitter baggage accumulated over centuries. Jesus told his story of the Good Samaritan to heal those memories. His parable replaced the image of the Ugly Samaritan with that of the Good Samaritan. Recent research validates his strategy. It also provides us with some valuable insights into how our memories work. They may be useful in healing our own painful memories.

Recalling past experiences we tend to view positive and negative memories in very different ways. When recalling happy or successful moments in our lives, we do so from some little distance. It is as though we were playgoers sitting in the audience watching the memory unfold on a stage in front of us. Our experience of painful memories is quite different. When we recall moments of embarrassment or failure, we do not see them taking place at a distance. To the contrary we are center stage playing the lead role. We make totally our own the regret, grief or guilt conjured by the memory.

This painful experience need not be totally negative. Embracing a scalding memory may energize us to a salutary decision. If we have been the object of violence, ridicule or jest, we may vow never to subject another person to the pain that we felt.

Even when we have made that choice, however, the pain of the memory may persist. Here two strategies suggest themselves. One is to reverse the way we look at positive and negative memories. We can train ourselves to fully embrace the first while striving for some objective distance from the second. How do we achieve that distance?

Psychologist Carl Jung hinted that we might envision Christ playing our role in the painful experience. See him on the stage of our memory suffering the violence, grief or embarrassment that makes the memory so painful to us. Then let us comfort him. If we can minister to Christ in the least of our brothers and sisters, asked Jung, why can we not do as much for his suffering within us?

# *CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS*

## *DONATIONS WERE MADE IN MEMORY OF*

Fred Cassi  
Dec. Members of the Astorina and Carbone Families  
Dec. Members of the DeSantis Family  
The Brooks Family and Friends  
Arturo and Robert Haddock  
Herbert & Mary St. Germain  
Thomas Francis Regan  
Mary McLaughlin  
Leibfried & Rafter Families  
Ernest and Lucy Ragucci  
Brady and Jantzen Family  
Felix (Phil) Risi  
Anthony, Rose and Ralph Bracco  
Annette and Frank Lento  
Frank and Anna Risi  
Natan Family  
Joan Ross  
Mabel and James Halpin  
Olympia and Theodore Belden  
Edna and George Lussier  
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Grabarits  
McLean and Cantwell Family  
Anteo Fiorentin  
Julia M. Durdock  
Harold and Kathleen Herrick  
James McLoughlin  
Aloise and John Dulmovits  
The Cash-Cholson-Movroydis Families  
Ryan and Kucera Families  
My Loved Ones  
Mary, Peter, Dorothea Slapikas  
Ana, Lorenzo and Henry Villanueva  
Albert and Carola Sartorius  
Joseph Sartorius  
Katsuko Saito and Grace Schachner  
Kovac and Zerjav Families  
Maria Aufiero  
Lucy Maresco  
Rose and Angelo Cavalleri  
Anthony Salerno  
Michael Salerno  
Albertina Johnston  
Antonia Ducusino  
Lim Si Pia Ong  
Dorothy and Richard Chrzanowski  
Frank DeFina  
Thomas B. Baker  
Hynes and Kelly Families  
Kathryn Callahan

Frank Christoforo  
Robert and Leah Fitzgerald  
Joseph Gibeu  
Mary Hooper Norwood  
Mary Brennan  
Frank & Margaret Florio  
Judy Seidenberg  
Nick Torracco  
Dec. Members of the Balanlayos Family  
Antonio Caranglo  
Nick Vultaggio  
Ann Vultaggio  
Anabel & Thomas Mulligan, Sr. & Jr.  
Dec. Members of the Boehm and  
Trapp Families  
Jane McKenna  
Francis Kerins  
Valerie Pavlovich  
Michael and Anna Pavlovich  
Tirsa DaCosta  
Rosalie Maldonado  
Joseph E. Melanson  
Joseph A. Melanson  
Martin White  
Mac Carlson  
For the Glory of God  
Dr. Peter Nuccio  
Matteo and Anna Lattanzio  
Russell and Margaret Fricke  
Nora Ashe  
Elizabeth O'Connell