



# St. Joseph's Church Yorkville

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## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 5 DECEMBER 2004

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### FAMILY MASS

Next Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, the 9:45 AM Mass will be celebrated as a Family Mass. Children and adults will serve as ministers at the Mass. We are asking each family to bring a new, unwrapped toy to be given at the Offertory. The toys will be distributed to children who are in need of Christmas gifts.

Parishioners of every age are welcome to attend. A reception will be held in the school auditorium immediately after the Mass.

### THE PROPHETS OF ADVENT

On 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.

### RETIREMENT FOR RELIGIOUS

The annual collection for the retirement needs of the Religious of the Archdiocese will be taken up next weekend, December 11/12. Each of our lives has been touched in one way or another by the ministries of religious brothers and sisters. We have encountered them in parochial schools and in hospitals. We can thank the religious women and men who dedicated their lives to serving us in so many ways by being generous in next week's collection.

### 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<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM we will have an Advent Penance Service with the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

### 2005 CHURCH CALENDARS

We are grateful to Nagel Funeral Home for their donation of calendars for the year 2005. The calendars are available in the back of the church this weekend.

### THANKSGIVING DINNERS

We are grateful to the many parishioners who donated money and who participated in the preparation and delivery of the dinners for people who are homebound, elderly or poor in the Yorkville Community.

### YOUNG ADULTS MEETING

This Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, immediately following the 6:00 PM Mass, the Young Adults Group will hold their monthly meeting in the Rectory Meeting Room. New members are encouraged to attend.

### ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE

This weekend and next, December 11-12, 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. All donations will be used for purchasing toys and clothing for local needy children associated with 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.

### THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation because Mary, under the title of the Immaculate Conception, is the Patroness of the Church in the United States.

The Mass schedule for that day will be as follows: Tuesday: 6:00 PM (anticipated), Wednesday: 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 12:15PM and 7:00 PM. The school children will attend the 9:00 AM. There will be music at the 9:00 AM, 12:15 PM and 7:00PM Masses.

### 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 Third Sunday of Advent, please sign up on the form located in the back of the Church.

## 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 use the envelope that has been inserted into the Newsletter this weekend. 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.

## HOLIDAY AND SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

St. Joseph's Home School Association is sponsoring its Annual Holiday and Scholastic Book Fair this Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM in the school auditorium. Admission is free.

## CHRISTMAS CONCERT

On Friday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM, Grades 1-8 students will have their Annual Christmas Concert in the school auditorium. A donation of \$5.00 per person (3 years old and above) will be asked at the door's entrance, no tickets are needed.

## SCHOOL ADMISSIONS FOR SY 2005-06

St. Joseph's School-Yorkville has scheduled its admission testing process for interested applicants for incoming grades Pre-K3 through 7 for SY 2005-06 on Monday, January 24, 2005 at 8:30 AM. For requirements and fees, please call the school office during school hours at 212-289-3057.

## YORKVILLE COMMON PANTRY

The Yorkville Common Pantry would appreciate donations of peanut butter, jelly, hot cereal, and hot chocolate. Non-food items requested are new, unwrapped toys plus gift wrap and winter hats.

## ADVENT SCRIPTURE SERIES

St. Stephen of Hungary Parish  
St. Jude Shrine (in the rear of the Church)  
Sundays, December 5<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>

All presentations will begin after the 11:45 AM Mass

## CHRISTMAS FAIR

Sunday, December 5, 2004  
St. Ignatius Loyola School Auditorium & Cafeteria  
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

### SCRIPTURE: A LOOK AHEAD

#### NEXT SUNDAY – 12 DECEMBER 2004

**Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10.** Isaiah tells us that when Christ comes, the weak will be made strong, the deaf will hear, the blind will see, and, above all, "sorrow and mourning will flee."

**James 5:7-10** As the farmer waits patiently through winter and spring for the "yield of the soil" so, too, must we wait patiently for the coming of the Messiah.

**Matthew 11:2-11** While in prison, John sends a messenger to Jesus to ask, "Are you He who is to come or do we look for another?" Jesus replies by citing the miracles he has performed for the blind, the deaf, and the crippled. He concludes by identifying John as the messenger He has sent to prepare the way.

## 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 6

7:00 AM Hazel Kinnears  
9:00 AM George Comatas  
12:15 PM Firsching Family

### Tuesday, December 7

7:00 AM Mary Jane Russo  
9:00 AM Alexander & Helen Waldmann  
12:15 PM Nicolo Florio

### Wednesday, December 8

Immaculate Conception of Mary  
Holy Day of Obligation  
No Private Mass Intentions

### Thursday, December 9

7:00 AM Michael Farrell  
9:00 AM Linda Della Noce  
12:15 PM Nicolo Florio

### Friday, December 10

7:00 AM John Lyons  
9:00 AM Adelaide Jones  
12:15 PM Anabel & Thomas Mulligan, Jr. & Sr.

### Saturday, December 11

8:00 AM Manuel Blas  
12:15 PM William O'Connell

## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOSEPH'S

### Monday, December 6

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

### Tuesday, December 7

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

### Wednesday, December 8

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

### Thursday, December 9

Prayers for Peace, 6:30PM, Church

### Friday, December 10

Prayers for Peace, immediately after the 12:15  
Mass

Dan Cougar's Basketball, 6:30PM, School Gym  
Christmas Concert, 7:00PM, School Auditorium  
Narcotics Anonymous, 7:30PM, Parish Hall

### Saturday, December 11

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**

## ANDROGOGY

### Staying Balanced in Advent

I confess to being a bookstore junkie. On one recent excursion I found a table full of books written by women for women. I didn't think Barnes and Noble would mind so I leafed through them. One of them began with Alexis De Toqueville's observation 150 years ago that we Americans are a people in a hurry. (As the French say: "The more things change, the more they remain the same"). Mine was hardly a scientific survey but I got the impression that the books were all written to help women bring some balance into their hectic lives.

As I read through those books, I recalled a line my mother had written in the margins of her cookbook. "A woman," she wrote, "is a balancer of lives." She must have been thinking of balancing the demands of two kids, a husband and a job. For many years she managed a large apartment building on Chicago's West Side. She seemed to relish her multiple roles as wife, mother and bread-winner. She aspired to be a "balancer of lives."

I suspect that she had intuited what religious psychologists would only articulate much later. If people are to stay balanced, they need something to believe in and something to belong to. She found them both in the leisure her Sundays afforded her.

Leisure time is not idle time, those mindless hours we spend watching television. Leisure time is the time we come together with spouses and children, companions and friends. It is a time for relaxing and for strengthening our minds and bodies. It is a time when we are most ourselves, most creative, most human. It is a time for cultivating our cultural and religious life. It is a time for balance. My mother saw Sunday Mass as an essential part of that program.

The Mass meets our needs to believe, to belong and to be creatively human. The Liturgy of the Word tells us that we are children of the earth (and this is good); and that we are children of God (and that is better still). The Liturgy of the Eucharist fashions us into the Body of Christ – a community of love and service. It ends with a command to bring that love and service to the world we inhabit.

That injunction lays out a program for the Advent season we begin today. What better way to prepare for Christ's coming than by love and service? The program demands balance, however; and that demands that we "keep holy the Sabbath."

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 87<sup>th</sup> Street (between 1<sup>st</sup> and York Avenues)  
Reception to follow program

Suggested donation \$10

For more information please call (212) 289-6030

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