

PARISH BULLETIN

January 1, 2006

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, New Year's Day

7:30 Frederick J. DesMarais
9:00 Vasile Frecateanu
10:30 Mary Brereton
12:00 Dolores O'Connell

No 5:00 p.m. Mass

Monday

7:00 Lucille Nichter
9:00 Paulina & JesuAlexander

Tuesday

7:00 Anthony Monti, Jr.
9:00 Kevin & Edward O'Neill

Wednesday

7:00 Lydia Agro
9:00 William Rosson, Sr.

Thursday

7:00 Pierino Levanti
9:00 Pamela Thorpy

Friday

7:00 John Davin
9:00 Louise Monaco

Saturday

9:00 Mary McNamara
5:00 Louis & Daniel Mazza

Sunday, January 8, 2006

7:30 Frank Kilroy
9:00 John T. Rokee
10:30 Rose Vecchione
12:00 Paul Dunham
5:00 Joseph Giamelli

Please pray for the sick and terminally ill: Donna Domic, Joseph Lydon, Margarita Ho, Nilda Muniz, Susan Fischer, Bill McGahran, Kathleen McDonald, Sherry Plumridge, Deoarine Srikishun, Mary Cecchini, Florence Frischmann, Lini Hauser, Ursula Sbordone, Lissette O'Leary, Ethel Thomas, Gordon C. Gladden, Karen Biolsi, Sunil Kannampala, Sister Eleanor Singer, Betty Knudsen, Josephine Carrano, Patrick Padian, Kristina Wheeler, Carmen Mattai, Bill Talbot, Evelyn Jones, Diane DeAngelo, Jane Alfini, Bill Sheluck, Sarah Olsen and Lucylee Chiles, Abraham Kallarackal.

2006 Religious Calendars...are available in the vestibule of the Church compliments of the Dwyer Funeral Home, Tarrytown. Please take one per family as you leave the Church today.

*In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.*

*What came to be through him was life,
and this life was the light of the human race and the
light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has
not overcome it.*

*We have celebrated the birth of Jesus as the
light of the world and the Prince of Peace. As we
enter this New Year we are surrounded by darkness
and violence, yet we are people of hope.*

*May our New Year's resolution be about a
sincere effort to pursue peace in our own hearts and
to follow the light of Christ to help all to share
justice and peace in our world.*

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*From the Priests and Rectory staff, we wish all our
parishioners a very Happy, Healthy and Blessed
New Year.*

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Schedule of Masses

New Year's Day, January 1, 2006

*7:30, 9:00, 10:30 a.m. &
12:00 Noon*

No 5:00 p.m. Mass

Please note that there will be a 10:30 a.m. Mass.

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*Christmas Collection...Thank you for your
generosity this Christmas Season. Our Christmas
collection was \$52,359. This Christmas collection
will remain open for a few more weeks to allow our
parishioners who have been away to make their
Christmas offering. We sincerely appreciate your
continued support.*

Have you moved to the area recently? Do you attend Mass here regularly? Please speak to one of the priests or contact the Rectory office during the week to register as a member of the parish. Please let us know of a change in address or phone number.

Our Centering Prayer Group meets every Monday 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Cry Room. Call 591-3073.

Immaculate Conception School is closed for the Christmas Recess. Classes resume Tuesday, January 3, 2006.

Toys for Tots...Thank you again for your continued generosity. Many of the toys were shared with St. Peter's Pantry, Yonkers and the Bedford Hills Correctional Facility as well as some local families.

Become a Mentor...Abbott House, Irvington is a residential care facility for boys who have been abused, neglected or abandoned. Call 591-7300 ext. 3090.

Parish Prayer Chain ~

...Need prayer support for a special need for yourself or others? Call Helen 591-9677 and/or Jane 591-3073. Leave prayer request on answering machine, if necessary. They in turn will pass your request to the members of the Prayer Chain. God Is Love...***Believe in the power of prayer!***

...If you would like to join the prayer chain please call Helen 591-9677 and/or Jane 591-3073.

Immaculate Conception School...Calling All Alumni...Please email your name, address, phone number, etc. to immacon.icc@verizon.net. We would also appreciate your help in locating your classmates who no longer live in the area.

...Visit our website at www.icsirvington.net to learn more about what goes on at ICS.

Remember, Your Church...If you hold long-term stocks or mutual funds (held more than one year) that have appreciated significantly, a possible way to avoid Capital Gains taxes is a gift to the Church. Please consider gifts to the church as you do your yearend tax planning.

Sights and Sounds...*Contributions to help defray the cost of our beautiful Christmas decorations and the additional musicians who play for our Christmas liturgies may be sent to the Rectory or placed in the Church offertory box. Envelopes are available on the table in the Church vestibule.*

Phelps Hospice Bereavement Support Group...eight weeks support group for adults...Wednesdays, 2:00-3:30 p.m. or 6:30-8:00 p.m. beginning on January 18. Suggested donation: \$50 for 8 weeks. Pre-registration is required, please contact Joyce Bluestone or Bess Steiger at 366-3325.

We encourage all our parishioners to patronize the businesses who have been kind enough to take Bulletin Ads. Thank you!

Religious Education News...

...Classes resume Tuesday and Wednesday, January 3 & 4.

...Feast of the Epiphany...Family Mass...Sunday, January 8 at 9:00 a.m.

...*This Christmas Season is a time to remember family and friends. Immaculate Conception Parish has been blessed with wonderful children, great religious education teachers who have always been there for all our parish children.*

It is so hard to express our sincere "Thank You" for all the kindness shown to both Laura and myself.

I would like to wish our families a blessed New Year, one filled with happiness and joyful days. Let us look forward to a wonder new year, 2006.

Jackie O'Rourke

Important Notice...Safe Environment Program...If you work closely with children in the parish/school and have **not** yet filled out a background check form or have **not** yet gone to a training session please call the Rectory. All volunteers and employees of the parish must do so. *If a person has not completed both the background check and the training requirements they may not come into contact with minors in any Archdiocesan school, program or activity until they have done so. **Urgent...Please note: Any one who has not completed the requirements for this program will not be allowed to return to their position after January 1.**

Bequests In Your Will...Help the Church continue its mission of caring for and serving God's people. Consider specifying your gift to go the Endowment Fund. Packets are available at the Rectory for any one who is interested in Estate and Will Planning.

Give the "Gift of Life" this Christmas Season...Phelps Hospital Center Blood Donor Services... Call 366-3916 for info or to make an appointment.

Volunteers Needed:

...**Cabrini Nursing Home, Dobbs Ferry.** Please call Roberta Mick at 693-6800.

...**St. Vincent Hospital Westchester, Harrison.** Please contact Grace Mastoras at 925-5563.

Angels Have Wheels – All Medicare recipients should now be aware that if they suffer from conditions such as arthritis, cardiovascular disease, respiratory disorders and have difficulty walking or propelling a standard wheelchair, they maybe eligible to receive an electric wheelchair paid for by Medicare. For info call Gregory at 1-800-810-2877.