

PARISH BULLETIN

January 8, 2006

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday

7:00 Joann Giroux
9:00 Gloria Esposito

Tuesday

7:00 Lucille Nichter
9:00 Catherine McGann

Wednesday

7:00 Marcella Bingham
9:00 Charles Ferling

Thursday

7:00 Maria Rodriguez
9:00 Joseph Giamelli

Friday

7:00 Joyce Corcoran
9:00 Rosemary Ford

Saturday

9:00 Dec. Mem. Maloney & Camillone Families
5:00 Ed Eaton, Jr.

Sunday, January 15, 2006

7:30 Peter & Florence Cossa and Domenico Stratta
9:00 Charles Murray
10:30 Marion (Betty) Downey
12:00 Robert Morley
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.

Celebrating these past holy days, I realized more clearly how we all are members of the Catholic (universal) Church. We are not just a small community here in Irvington. What responsibility does that impose on us or call to us?

I am thinking and praying over the lack of peace and justice in our world and I would like to designate our Church (our worshipping community) as a "Peace Church". In doing so we would all dedicate ourselves to Peace ~ Peace in our hearts, Peace in our families, Peace in our community, Peace in our world.

How would we celebrate this? How would we emphasize this? How do we promote this?

I urge everyone to pray and consider this and I invite your comments.

More to come!

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Parish Collection...\$11,678 was received the weekend of December 31/January 1. Thank you for your continued support.

Christmas Collection...Thank you for your generosity this Christmas Season. Our Christmas collection was \$52,359. An additional \$2,935 was collected bringing the total to \$55,294. 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.

Upcoming Meetings

...Advisory Board...Monday, January 23 at 8:00 p.m.

...Parish Council...Thursday, February 2 at 8:00 p.m.

Immaculate Conception School News...

...Open House ...Wednesday, February 1 from 9:00 –11a.m. Please invite your friends to come and see what we are all about!

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

As we prepare for the 100th Anniversary of 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.

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

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.

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.

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...

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

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.

Lectors needed...If you would like to become a lector at the weekend Masses, please call the Rectory at 591-7480.

If you or a loved one is in the hospital...Due to the enactment of the Health Insurance Portability/Accountability Act (or the Privacy Act, as it is sometimes referred to) many area hospitals will no longer be printing parish/congregation lists in the Pastoral Care Department or at the Information Desk. Therefore, we recommend that a family member call the rectory when someone is hospitalized, if the person would like to be visited by a parish priest.