

PARISH BULLETIN

December 24, 2006

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, December 24, 2006

7:30 Evelyn Guinta
9:00 Peter & Florence Cossa and Domenico Stratta
10:30 Assunta & William Sbordone
12:00 Daniel O'Sullivan and Family

Christmas Eve

5:00 p.m. For all the people of the parish
9:00 p.m. For all the people of the parish
Midnight For all the people of the parish

Monday, Christmas Day

7:30 For all the people of the parish
9:00 For all the people of the parish
12:00 For all the people of the parish

No 10:30 a.m. or 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday

7:00 Mary Praylow
9:00 Carmen Caporale

Wednesday

7:00 Keith R. Cerrato
9:00 Fr. Abraham Kallarackal

Thursday

7:00 Mary Cecchini
9:00 Anna Geoghegan

Friday

7:00 Marguerite Keane
9:00 Sophia & Edmund Pereis

Saturday

9:00 Raymond Fernandez
5:00 Anthony Alessi

Sunday, December 31, 2006

7:30 Josephine M. Turturro
9:00 Malachy Brennan
10:30 Leonard Balducci
12:00 John McNamara

New Year's Eve

5:00 p.m. Donard Reilly (*living*)

Please pray for the sick and terminally ill: Donna Domic, Joseph Lydon, Margarita Ho, Susan Fischer, Kathleen McDonald, Sherry Plumridge, Deoarine Srikishun, Lini Hauser, Ursula Sbordone, Lissette O'Leary, Ethel Thomas, Gordon C. Gladden, Karen Biolsi, Sunil Kannampala, Sister Eleanor Singer, Betty Knudsen, Kristina Wheeler, Carmen Mattai, Diane DeAngelo, Jane Alfini, Bill Sheluck, Bruce Paul, Pam Perricone, Lucylee Chiles, Angelina Bencivenga, Thomas DePaoli, Andrea Wenesch, Monica Quick, Richard Smith, Theresa McNulty, Theresa DiBernardo, Paula Miles, Caroline Norelli, Joseph Bencivenga, Fr. Ray Byrne, Helen Plunkett, Ammal Kannampala, Helen Mondelli, Terry Rosson and John Gilroy, Sr.

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone.

For there is a CHILD born for us, a son given to us; and this is the name they give him Wonder-Counsellor, Mighty-God, Eternal-Father, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:16

It seems to me that the wonderful story of Christmas has not yet been told. We have heard it many times but the evidence is over-whelming that it has not yet touched the hearts and moved the will of we who say we believe.

The children of God continue to kill one another in war, abortion and starvation while the song of the angels "Peace on earth to all of good will" goes unheard.

We all need to commit ourselves again and again to Peace and Justice for all. Teach our children that God embraces all people by his birth and urges all to live as caring brothers and sisters in this conflicted world.

The "Kingdom of God" begun in Christ is coming about oh so slowly. Each of us in our own way needs to hurry it along.

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Christmas Mass Schedule
December 24th – 5:00 and 9:00 p.m.
& Midnight Mass
December 25th – 7:30 and 9:00 a.m. and 12 Noon
***There will be no 10:30 a.m. or 5:00 p.m.**

New Year's Mass Schedule
December 31st – 5:00 p.m.
January 1st – 7:30, 9:00 and 10:30 a.m.
12:00 Noon
***There will be no 5:00 p.m. Mass.**

Confession Schedule...While confession is held every Saturday from 3:45 – 4:45 p.m., you may also call the Rector for an appointment.

Christmas Greetings...to all our parishioners and families. It is the hope and prayer of the priests and staff of our parish that the peace of Christ is in your hearts and homes today and always.

Merry Christmas!

On behalf of the faculty, staff and students of Immaculate Conception School, may you have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year!

Parish Collection...\$8,366 was received the weekend of December 16/17. **Thank you for your continued support.**

Immaculate Conception School News...

...School reopens...Tuesday, January 2, 2007.

...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.

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

Irvington/Dobbs Ferry...FISH...is a group of dedicated volunteers who help people with no means of transportation to and from medical appointments, treatment centers, etc. In order to keep this program available to those in need, we are asking for volunteers to sign up for this very worthy cause that benefits mostly senior citizens. Call Marion or Bob Connick at 591-4915.

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.

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

Give Comfort, Give Heart, Give Time...Hospice Care in Westchester & Putnam is looking for volunteers. Bilingual skills are a plus. Call 666-4228 ext. 326.

Homebound, Sick and Elderly...If you know any one who would like to receive Communion, please call the Rectory at 591-7480, so that they can be placed on the Communion Call List.

Religious Education News...

...Classes resume...Tuesday & Wednesday, January 2 and 3, 2007.

...Mark Your Calendar ~

...Thurs., January 11, 2007...Mandatory First Eucharist Parent Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Church.

...Thurs., February 8, 2007...Mandatory Confirmation Parent & Sponsor Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Church.

Parish Prayer Chain ~

...Need prayer support for a special need for yourself or others? Call Helen 591-9677 or Jane 591-3073.

...If you would like to join the prayer chain please call Helen 591-9677 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!*

Cabrini Caregiver's Support Group...held on the first Thursday of every month at St. Cabrini Nursing Home, Msgr. Terence Attridge Adult Day Center, Dobbs Ferry. For info call 693-6800 ext. 852.

Volunteers Needed:

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

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

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.

Holy Hour ~ You are welcome to join with some of our parishioners who will spend one hour before the Blessed Sacrament each Tuesday following the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

***Save Dobbs Ferry Community Hospital...**Please sign the petitions, which are available on the table in the vestibule of the church and returned them to the Rectory as soon as possible. Thank you!

Adoption...Baby girls in China need homes. Call Barbara Salvesen at 845-623-5277. Older parents and singles welcome. Infants and toddlers available.

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

Important Notice...Safe Environment Program...

Urgent...Please note: Any one who has not completed the requirements for this program will not be allowed to return to their position....Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by priest, deacons, religious or laypersons serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Msgr. Desmond O'Connor at 212-371-1000 ext. 2931 or Sister Eileen Clifford, O.P. at 212-371-1000 ext. 2949. both may also be reached via e-mail at victimassistance@archny.org Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website, <http://www.ny-archdiocese.org>. In keeping with the Archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.

...All employees and volunteers working with children in the parish MUST fill out a background check form and attend training session.

At the request of the Archdiocese, we have been asked to explain the procedure for obtaining a Mass card ~

A Mass card is a positive expression of your concern for the immortal soul of a person who has died, and a kindly way of sharing the sorrow of a family that has lost a loved one. Giving a Mass card to the family of someone who has died is a consoling custom among Catholic people. A Mass card can be obtained at our Church Rectory. The usual donation for an "Announced Mass" one that will be offered in our church at a scheduled time and with the Mass intention "announced" in the weekly bulletin is \$15. An "Unannounced Mass" can be a useful alternative if there is a long wait to reserve a Mass in our Church. These Masses are said by retired priests or missionary priests. The donation for an "Unannounced Mass" is \$10. If you have any further questions, please call the Rectory at 591-7480.