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Second Sunday of Advent
December 4, 2016

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5:00 p.m.

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8:00, 9:30,
11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m.

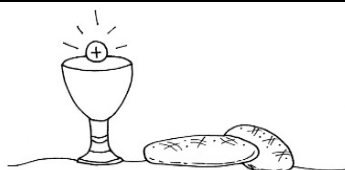
Monday thru Friday:
8:00 a.m. & 12:00 noon

Saturday:
8:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Penance
Saturday:
4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

Sacrament of Marriage
Make arrangements six months
prior to wedding

Sacrament of Baptism
Every Sunday
after the 12:30 Mass



MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

Saturday, December 3, 2016

Vigil: Second Sunday of Advent

5:00 p.m. For the Deceased Members of the
Burke Family

Sunday, December 4, 2016

Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. Susan Gan -- living
9:30 a.m. Mass for the Parishioners of
St. John the Baptist

11:00 a.m. R.A.S./H.N.S. Mass -- Marina Corbellini
12:30 p.m. Harry and Marie Bova

Monday, December 5, 2016

8:00 a.m. Denis Quill
12:00 noon Louis Casagrande -- 1st Anniversary

Tuesday, December 6, 2016

Feast of St. Nicholas, Bishop

8:00 a.m. Mary Quill
12:00 noon DiMarzo and Madio Families and
Vivian and Dan Siano

Wednesday, December 7, 2016

Feast of St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:00 a.m. Peter and Helen Duggan
12:00 noon Joseph and Connie O'Leary -- Living

Wednesday, December 7, 2016

Vigil: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

5:00 p.m. For the Deceased Members of the
Gaudio and Urrico Families

Thursday, December 8, 2016

Feast of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 a.m. Anthony Capobianco -- Birthday
12:00 noon James Mullin
7:30 p.m. Angelo DeLuccia

Friday, December 9, 2016

Feast of St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

8:00 a.m. Peter, Kathleen, Bernie and Eileen Fitzsimons
12:00 noon Jaime Pineiro

Saturday, December 10, 2016

8:00 a.m. James Mullin

Saturday, December 10, 2016

Vigil: Third Sunday of Advent

5:00 p.m. Esterina and Giacomo Magretti

Sunday, December 11, 2016

Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. Sante Zangrilli
9:30 a.m. Anthony J. DelGiudice -- 46th Anniversary and
Anthony Trotter -- 7th Anniversary
11:00 a.m. Mass for the Parishioners of
St. John the Baptist
12:30 p.m. Conte Family, Daniel Fama, Robert Brescia
and Edward Makowski



Wedding Banns

II. Salvatore Fragale and Sonia Zoida

WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR

Saturday, December 3rd

K.O.C. Magnet Sale -- following Mass -- exits of the Church
Christmas Wreaths -- following Mass -- exits of the Church

Sunday, December 4th

K.O.C. Magnet Sale -- following Mass -- exits of the Church
Christmas Wreaths -- following Mass -- exits of the Church
Children's Mass -- 9:30 a.m. -- Church
Coffee and Craft Hour -- following Mass -- Cafeteria
R.A.S./H.N.S. Mass -- 11:00 a.m. -- Church

Monday, December 5th

R.A.S. Christmas Party -- 7:00 p.m. -- lower Church

Wednesday, December 7th

Senior Club -- following 12:00 noon Mass -- lower Church
R.E. Grades 1st through 5th -- 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. -- School
R.E. Grades 6th through 8th -- 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. -- School
Choir Rehearsal -- 6:30 p.m. Church

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, December 3rd

5:00 p.m. -- M. Colaiacovo and D. Odume

Sunday, December 4th

8:00 a.m. -- N. Crisp and M. Loughran
9:30 a.m. -- J. Corcoran and R. Corcoran
11:00 a.m. -- D. Liberatore and S. Osso
12:30 p.m. -- S. Joyce and N. Leo

Saturday, December 10th

5:00 p.m. -- C. Castaldi and N. DeMatteo

Sunday, December 11th

8:00 a.m. -- C. Komosinski and R. Rica
9:30 a.m. -- E. McLaughlin and D. Vanadia
11:00 a.m. -- N. Camacho and K. McGarvey
12:30 p.m. -- F. Albano and J. Velasquez



The Immaculate
Conception
of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Day: The Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a holy day of obligation is celebrated on Thursday, on December 8th. This is the title by which we honor Mary as Patroness of the United States. Our Masses for the Feast are as follows: Vigil Mass Wednesday, December 7th, at 5:00 p.m. Masses on Thursday, December 8th are at 8:00 a.m., 12:00 noon and 7:30 p.m.



S.J.B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 4, 2016

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT: Advent is a season of hope. The readings for the second Sunday of Advent are filled with hope-filled messages. The prophet Isaiah, in a few poetic verses, rich in biblical symbolism, describes the rule of the coming Messiah as a new Eden where justice reigns and all are at peace, where the calf and the young lion browse together, led by a little child. St. Paul reminds us of the need for patience and perseverance in the face of life's inevitable pain and difficulty; he reminds us as well that all the lessons of scripture were given so that we might find in them "hope and encouragement." Even the call of John the Baptist for repentance and conversion is filled with hope and possibility. John's message reinforces the fact that we are really capable of preparing our minds and hearts for the coming of the Lord; with the help of God's grace we can seize the opportunity to change our lives – to become all that God wills us to be.

SPECIAL SAINTS' DAYS – ADVENT WEEK TWO

Tuesday, December 6th – St. Nicholas

The great popularity of St. Nicholas is evident in many churches that carry his name and frequent use of Nicholas as a Christian name. Yet we know very little about him, beyond the fact that he was a fourth century archbishop in Asia Minor. The memory of his charity and Christ-like love for children remains with the Church as we observe this feast. Pray today for children, especially those who do not know the love and care of parents and family.

Wednesday, December 7th – St. Ambrose

This fourth century doctor of the Church is revered for his teaching and for his role in converting St. Augustine. He was an eloquent preacher and an original thinker who was able to use the ideas of the great Greek and Roman philosophers to support Christian truth. He was one of the great examples of the Catholic tradition of respecting faith and reason in the authentic search for truth.

Friday, December 9th – St. Juan Diego

Canonized by Pope John Paul II in July, 2002, this native Mexican was the humble, holy worker to whom Our Lady appeared in the 16th century. Revered throughout the Americas as Our Lady of Guadalupe, she miraculously impressed her image on Juan's cloak.

Special Christmas Schedule



Saturday, December 24th – Christmas Eve

Vigil Mass – 5:00 p.m.

Midnight Mass – 12:00 a.m.

(Choral Prelude at 11:30 p.m.)

Sunday, December 25th – Christmas Day

9:00; 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

There is no evening Mass on Christmas Day



Sunday Report: Last weekend 1,258 parishioners attended Mass; our collection totaled \$7914.00; average contribution: \$6.29. Thank you for your continued financial support of St. John's and its many needs. Your generosity is essential and greatly appreciated.

Rest in Peace: Let us pray for Ann Fama, Anthony DeBruin, Rae Tavernia and Emil Singlar -- who were buried from our church this past week. Our prayers go out to their families and friends.

Latin Chant: During Advent at our sung Sunday Masses, we will use traditional Gregorian Chant whenever the Sanctus and Agnus Dei are sung. The chant melodies are very easy to sing and the words of these responses are so familiar in English that the Latin shouldn't pose a problem, even for someone who has never studied Latin. Moreover, it gives us an opportunity (however small) to recapture the long tradition of singing Gregorian Chant. The text of and music for these acclamations can be found in the Music Issue: Sanctus (#841); Agnus Dei (#845).



Lessons and Carols Concert: Next Sunday December 11th, our talented and dedicated choirs (along with some of our eloquent lectors) will present "Lessons and Carols: An Evening of Sacred Christmas Music" under the direction of Mr. John Stufano. The program will include both well-known classical works and traditional carols along with scripture readings in an effort to help us make a prayerful preparation for the Christmas season. Come support the Parish choir, Children's choir, and all of whom have worked faithfully to prepare for this event. The program begins at 5:00 p.m. and light refreshments will follow. All are welcome.

Rosary Altar Society: This Sunday, we welcome members of the R.A.S. to our Mass at 11:00 a.m.



R.A.S. Christmas Party: Let's kick off this special season at the Rosary Altar Society's annual Christmas Party on Monday, December 5th at 7:00 p.m. in the lower Church. Tickets are \$25.00 for members and \$30.00 for non-members. The cost includes a buffet dinner, desserts and soda (B.Y.O.B.); door prizes and DJ entertainment. Dark Secret and 50/50 raffle tickets will be sold throughout the evening.

Monthly Maintenance: Since this Sunday is the first Sunday of the month of December, we will take up our regular "First Sunday of the Month" second collection after Communion this week. This collection helps with the upkeep, maintenance, and cleaning of our beautiful church. Please be generous.



Special Celebration: This December, Msgr. Maloney is celebrating his 50th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood. Msgr. Maloney was ordained in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome on December 17, 1966. On Sunday, December 18th, Msgr. will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving at St. John's at 11:00 a.m. and a reception for our parishioners with light refreshments will follow in the lower church. All are invited!



Special Children's Mass: This Sunday at our 9:30 a.m. Mass, we once again welcome younger boys and girls to a special Mass where they will be excused after the Opening Prayer and go to the Church Hall for a special Liturgy of the Word. After this Mass please join us for a Family Coffee and Craft Hour in the school cafeteria at which we will have refreshments and make crafts for the family. We are very grateful to the parent-leaders (as well as some older children) who are assisting with this program.

K. of C. Sale: This weekend after all our Masses the Knights of Columbus will be selling "Keep Christ in Christmas" car magnets and window decals. Suggested donation is \$5.00.



Christmas Traditions: *The Christmas Tree* - This Christmas tradition is usually traced to pre-Christian pagan sources. Its specifically Christian origin is unclear – although many suggest that St. Boniface who evangelized the Germans in the 8th century may have been the first to use it. As an "evergreen" tree it was an obvious symbol of life and a connection to the Cross as the "tree of eternal life" was easy to make. The Lutheran Reformer, Martin Luther, is said to have been the first to put candles on the tree to symbolize the light of Christ. The custom of hanging figures on the tree seems traceable to a period when cookies in a variety of shapes were put on the tree – the cookies suggesting the bread of the Eucharist made life giving when it is transformed into Christ's Body and Blood in the Mass.

Confessions in Advent: In addition to our regular confessions on the next two Saturdays (December 10th and 17th) from 4:00 to 4:45 p.m., we are participating in an Archdiocesan Program, "Reconciliation Monday in Advent" on Monday, December 19th. Confessions that day will be from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the afternoon and from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the evening. This special opportunity for confessions is being done in conjunction with most of the parishes in the Archdiocese. (N.B. There will be no confessions on Christmas Eve – Saturday, December 24th.)

Hanukkah: In the Jewish Calendar, this "Festival of Lights" usually falls early in the Advent season. This year the eight day celebration begins on December 25th. The celebration centers around the lighting of the menorah (an eight-branched candelabrum) that recalls the rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem by Judas Maccabeus in 165 B.C. (see 1 Maccabees 4) It is interesting that only Catholics include the Book of Maccabees in the Canon of Sacred Scripture. Though we do not observe the Hanukkah prayers and traditions, we respect its meaning as a moment of new insight, light and happiness for the Jewish people. The image of light brought forth with the lighting of a new candle each day makes it a time of progressive growth in love and generosity.



Christmas Envelopes: For anyone who did not receive a Christmas envelope in the mail, they are available at the exits of the Church and in the sacristy. Christmas is traditionally a time for giving – because we are especially aware at this holy season of everything that God has given us through His Son. Your special sacrifice at this time of year does so much to insure that St. John's will be able to meet the many needs of our people and continue to be such a special church in which to pray, to hear God's word, and to receive the sacraments. God bless you for your goodness.

Retired Religious: Next Sunday (December 11th) we will take up the annual collection to assist our Retired Religious. Over 40,000 religious men and women – many with no pension and only minimal Social Security benefits – depend on this collection to assist with their living expenses and health care costs. This is an opportunity to give back to those who have given their lives to the Church. Please be generous.

Catholic Widows/Widowers: The Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers will hold their monthly meeting at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 15th, in the Fr. Anthony Hall, next to St. Ann's big Church, 31 College Place, Yonkers. Coffee and cake will follow after the meeting. Our guest speaker will be Jessica Kiely and the topic will be "Trusts." New members welcome. For further information, please call 914-476-4436.



Christmas Wreaths: After all the Masses this weekend members of the Home School Association will be selling fresh balsam wreaths – with the proceeds going to support our school. If you are in the market for a wreath, please consider getting one here at St. John's!

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dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus
Christ, in atonement for our sins and
those of the whole world.*

*On the HAIL MARY BEADS you will say
the following words:*

*For the sake of His sorrowful Passion
have mercy on us and on the whole world.*

*In conclusion THREE TIMES you will
recite these words:*

*Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy
Immortal One, have mercy on us and
on the whole world.*

*From the Diary of the Servant of God Sr. Faustina -
Note Book I, p 197*

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