

The Solemnity of Christ the King November 26, 2006

The Readings for December 3rd The First Sunday of Advent are:

Jer. 33: 14-16
1Thes. 3: 12-4
Lk. 21: 25-28



Please Pray for



Sunday, November 26, 2006

8:00 Betsy Luz
10:00 Mass for the People
Noon John Di Monda
5:30 Maria Brastovanski
Monday, November 27, 2006
12:15 Nicola Sirica
5:30 Nora G. Ronan

Tuesday, November 28, 2006

12:15 Diana Wells
5:30 Todd Fuch

Wednesday, November 29, 2006

12:15 Special Intention
5:30 Ines Jaramillo Tirado

Thursday, November 30, 2006

12:15 Lawrence Smith
5:30 Ada Hurstak

Friday, December 1, 2006

12:15 Bernadette Coney
5:30 Yusuf – Blessings on
His 5th Birthday

Saturday, December 2, 2006

9:00 James Grady
4:00 Margaret Treacy

A Dancer's Christmas

Opening night December 8th – 7:30 P.M. This Advent Season, the St. Ignatius Parish Pastoral Council invites you to experience the awe, joy and wonder of the Christmas Spirit at “St. Ignatius Night at A Dancer’s Christmas.” Immediately following the opening night performance, enjoy the camaraderie of our parish family at a complimentary wine and dessert reception at 130 Beacon Street hosted by our pastor Fr. Bob. Order your tickets now from the Robsham Theater Arts Center Box Office at 617 - 552 – 4002. When you order your ticket, please be sure to tell the Box Office you are attending our parish night at A Dancer’s Christmas so you may be counted as a guest for the after-theater reception. Visit our new website: www.adancerschristmas.com for photos and additional performance details.

2007 PARISH SUPPORT PROGRAM – PLEDGE FOR THE GREATER GLORY – UNDER WAY

The Pledge Campaign is the method that St. Ignatius Parish uses to collect your regular contributions in support of the parish. You can contribute by credit card, automatic bank transfers, or other means that you choose. Over 500 parishioners are now participating in this program. Many parishioners are making their contributions by credit cards and bank transfers, which is particularly helpful to the parish on those weekends when stormy weather or vacation schedules prevent people from attending Mass and putting cash in the basket. But if you prefer to contribute by envelope, you can do that, too.

Please do your part to support this wonderful parish by signing up for the Pledge for the Greater Glory if you are not now signed up. And, if you are currently participating, please consider increasing your pledge.

Parish Financial Results for October 2006

Operating income:	\$91,956
Operating expenses:	\$82,716
Operating surplus (deficit):	\$ 8,880

THE PLEDGE CAMPAIGN – QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

As you should now know, our 2007 Pledge for the Greater Glory Campaign is in full swing. You should have received your pledge materials in the mail and you have heard Fr. Bob and members of the Finance Committee discuss the program at recent liturgies. The following Q & A should help those who may still have questions about the campaign.

WHAT IS THE ANNUAL PARISH SUPPORT PROGRAM (PLEDGE FOR THE GREATER GLORY)?

This program is the way in which parishioners *make a commitment to support the parish throughout the year* by pledging an amount of money to be contributed over the course of the year. The Pledge can be your weekly offertory amount or can be a monthly amount that is paid by check, cash, or credit card. Or, a lump sum contribution can be made.

This is the **fifth** year of the program. If you did not receive your pledge materials in the mail, materials are available at the back of the church or by contacting the rectory.

WHY SHOULD I PLEDGE?

The funds raised by the program support the ongoing operating costs of the parish, which total over \$1,000,000 per year. By making a pledge to the program, you allow the parish to better budget and plan for the year.

Also, by choosing to contribute via credit card or automatic bank transfer, you do not need to worry about writing a check or having cash to contribute each week at Mass.

I AM CURRENTLY CONTRIBUTING TO THE 2006 PLEDGE. DO I NEED TO SEND IN THE REPLY CARD TO CONTINUE MY CONTRIBUTION?

No. If you wish to maintain your current contribution level and payment method, you do not need to return the reply card. However, if you wish to increase your pledge or change payment method, then please return the card indicating the necessary changes.

HOW IS THE MONEY RAISED, SPENT? WHAT WILL MY PLEDGE SUPPORT?

Your pledge will support not only the salaries and benefits of the parish staff and the costs of routine maintenance and utilities for the parish buildings, but also the work of the many ministries that make St. Ignatius so special. These include:

- Social Ministries and Outreach such as The Family Van, Shattuck Shelter, St. Francis House, Julie's Family Learning Program and Mother Caroline Academy.
- Our Religious Education Program, including the Arts Based and Preschool programs.
- Our beautiful Music Ministry which enhances our liturgies and prayer services.
- The many Parish Life Commission Ministries, providing hospitality and support to parishioners.
- Spiritual Life activities, such as the parish retreats and the many programs for adults which are offered during the year.

Your financial support supplements the support of the hundreds of people who volunteer their time to make these important ministries successful.

DOES THIS PROGRAM COVER THE COST TO RENOVATE OR REPAIR THE PARISH'S BUILDINGS?

This program does not cover the capital or long-term needs of the parish such as the new accessibility ramp and lifts. The parish is undertaking a separate effort, the Church Preservation Project, to fund critically needed improvements to the church infrastructure.

WILL MY CONTRIBUTION BE USED FOR ANY PURPOSES OUTSIDE OF THE PARISH?

St. Ignatius contributes 6% of our Offertory collection directly to several local Catholic schools in support of their educational mission. Otherwise, all contributions are used exclusively for St. Ignatius Parish routine expenses. Any parishioner who wishes to designate their contribution exclusively for parish expenses may do so by indicating this on the Pledge card.

SPIRITUAL LIFE OPPORTUNITIES

St. Ignatius offers many opportunities to develop your spiritual life through prayer groups, retreats, days of prayer, etc., but sometimes people don't think that they know enough about prayer and spiritual direction to engage themselves in these wonderful experiences of personal and spiritual development. So, why not take advantage of some of the ongoing and special opportunities and see if they are for you?



TAIZE PRAYER RETURNS FOR ADVENT on Monday evenings at 7:15 pm in the Upper Church, beginning Monday, December 4th.

ADVENT OPPORTUNITY – MARSHA MIRKIN, PH.D., will present “Tamar, Judah and Opportunities for Redemption” on December 9th from 10:00 – Noon in the Friary Room of the Lower Church. The study of Tamar and Judah will explore the opportunities for redemption that we make possible for each other. It is a story of how mirrors are held up to us and how, if we take an honest look, change and redemption are feasible. We will see how this opportunity for redemption, if embraced, can lead to a sacred future and impact future generations. Please join us for this time of reflection.

PRAYER GROUPS – Meet with a group of your fellow parishioners to reflect on Sunday scriptures and share your faith. One group meets at 7:00 am every other Tuesday morning at the Rectory. Most other groups meet on weekday evenings at the Rectory. For more information, contact Fr. Bob at 617-552-6110, email: frvereec@bc.edu.

SPIRITUAL CONVERSATION – What's it all about? You may have heard that it's good to have a spiritual director, but are not sure what

that means. Why not come to a monthly gathering of parishioners who are interested in learning more about prayer and spiritual direction. This is especially opportune for those who might be interested in doing the Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life which will be held on Tuesday evenings December 19th at 7:15 – 9:00 pm. For more information, contact Fr. Ken Loftus at 617-552-6113, email: loftuske@bc.edu or Richard Moynihan at 617-552-6117, email: moynihar@bc.edu

COPING WITH LOSS DURING THE HOLIDAYS – The loss of a loved one is difficult any time of the year, but the holidays can be especially challenging for those struggling with the loss of someone beloved. If grief has changed your experience and expectations of the holidays, if the peace and joy of the season seem far removed, you are not alone. Please join us for prayer and companionship in the Lannon Chapel on **Sunday, December 10th from 6:30 to 8:30 pm**. Those who attended this program last year are warmly welcome, as are friends and family members of St. Ignatius parishioners, as well as members of other worshipping communities.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT – All children are invited to participate in the Christmas Pageant. A brief organizational meeting will be held following the 10:00 am Family Mass in the Lannon Chapel to select parts by drawing names of interested children. The Pageant takes place at the 6:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass in the Upper Church. There will be two rehearsals for the performance (dates will be announced on December 3rd).



MUSIC MINISTRY

EVER WONDER WHAT THE MUSIC WILL BE FOR MASS THIS SUNDAY? Now you can check out the Liturgical Music programs for the month of November on our Webpage: <http://BC.EDU/ST-IGNATIUS> under upcoming events

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, Nov.	26 th	Contemporary Music Ensemble – Upper Church	4:30 pm
Monday, "	27 th	RCIA – Friary Room	7:15 pm
Tuesday, "	28 th	Parish Life Commission – Rectory	7:15 pm
Wed.	29 th	Children's Carol Choir – Choir Room	4:00 pm
"	"	Parish Choir Rehearsal – Friary Room	7:15 pm
"	"	Little Rock Bible Group – Lannon Chapel	7:15 pm
Friday, December 1 st		Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – Lannon Chapel	12:45 pm

OUTREACH MINISTRIES



SHATTUCK HOLIDAY MEAL: Sign-ups are now in progress for volunteers and food donors. This is the last weekend to sign up. See the display in the Gathering Space!

THE CHRISTMAS GIFT DRIVE has begun! Ornaments are on the tree in the Gathering Space. And please take the sheet with gift return instructions and the list of agencies we are serving this Christmas season.



4th TUESDAY SHATTUCK SHELTER DINNER AND DESSERT – Please contact Jim Carroll (617-327-4519) if you would like to help serve dinner at the Shattuck Shelter this month (or any future 4th Tuesday of the month). Parishioners meet at the rectory at 4:45 pm and return by 6:30 pm. Donations of desserts are always welcome and may be dropped off at the rectory by 4:00 pm on Tuesday. The 4th Tuesday dinner and Dessert this month will be held on Tuesday, November 28th. There is always a need for desserts. We really appreciate your help.

TRANSPORTATION TO MASS ON WEEKENDS – Frequently we receive a request from parishioners for a ride to Mass on Saturday or Sunday. Anyone who would be interested in helping occasionally should call Sr. Diane at 617-552-6107 or email: vallerio@bc.edu.



YAHOO E-MAIL ACCOUNT HOLDERS: We have not been able to successfully send any emails to YAHOO addresses for the past several weeks. BC is working to remedy the situation. If you have a YAHOO account but also have an alternate email address, it would be very helpful (especially to Religious Ed and Outreach Ministries) if you could get that alternate address to us. See Staff email addresses in this bulletin. Thank you!

CATHOLIC GAY AND LESBIAN CONCERNS In an effort to facilitate conversation for our Gay and Lesbian parishioners, as well as parents and family members of Gay and Lesbian Catholics, we are providing an informal context in which people feel free to talk about their questions and concerns. If you are interested in coming together for support, education and faith-sharing, please contact Fr. Bob at the rectory or robert.vereecke@bc.edu

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THE CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST

SUNDAY UPPER CHURCH 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 NOON, 5:30 PM

LOWER CHURCH (Sept.-June) 10:00 AM, Family Liturgy

WEEKDAY LOWER CHURCH 12:15 PM, 5:30 PM

SATURDAY LOWER CHURCH 9:00 AM, UPPER CHURCH 4:00 PM (Vigil)

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

LOWER CHURCH FRIDAYS 12:45 - 5:00 p.m.

THE SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM

Adults are baptized at the Easter Vigil as part of the Rites of Christian Initiation for Adults. Infant and child baptisms are by arrangement.

FIRST EUCHARIST

Preparation occurs in Grade 2 and includes classes, retreat and home instruction.

CONFIRMATION

Our Confirmation program begins in the 9th grade. Students are confirmed in the Spring of the 10th grade. Young adults who have been catechized but are not yet confirmed should contact the rectory for an alternative program.

MATRIMONY

Must be registered as a parishioner six months prior to beginning Marriage arrangements.

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 3:15 - 3:45 PM Upper Church or by arrangement

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