

# The First Sunday of Advent – November 30, 2008

THE READINGS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup> THE 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT ARE:

*Is. 40: 1-5*  
*2Pt. 3: 8-14*  
*Mk. 1: 1-8*

## Please Pray for

### Sunday, November 30, 2008

8:00 Robert Caniff  
10:00 Adelaide Trigg  
Noon Julia & John Mansfield  
5:30 Chuck Coemon

### Monday, December 1, 2008

12:15 Anna Lynch  
5:30 William O'Connell

### Tuesday, December 2, 2008

12:15 Thomas Cosgrove  
5:30 Mary Ann & Arlene  
Bowdring

### Wednesday, December 3, 2008

12:15 Gerard Moynihan  
5:30 Emily & Daniel Sullivan

### Thursday, December 4, 2008

12:15 Nancy Joyce (Recovery)  
5:30 Kristin Sweet Driscoll

### Friday, December 5, 2008

12:15 Agnes Murphy  
5:30 Steve Vatcher

### Saturday, December 6, 2008

9:00 George Engdhal  
4:00 Walter Bari



### ADVENT TAIZE PRAYER

**Invest Some Time in Your Prayer Life!** – We are preparing another season of Advent Taize Prayer for the four Monday nights in Advent at 7:15 pm in the Upper Church, starting December 1<sup>st</sup>. Mark your calendars now!

***What is Taize Prayer?*** Taize Prayer is a quiet, simple way of prayer designed for people of all Christian traditions. These meditative candle lit services include simple chants sung repeatedly, rich silence and prayers of praise and intercession.

## *A Dancer's Christmas*

Fr. Bob has decided to bring the curtain down on this beloved Christmas tradition that celebrates the true meaning of Christmas through the ages. We want to honor the years of joy and laughter *A Dancer's Christmas* has brought to so many – and – we want to honor and thank Fr. Bob for expressing his creative spirit and faith through dance.

***Hold December 20<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 PM!*** Everyone is invited to *attend St. Ignatius Night at A Dancer's Christmas* and enjoy our annual reception après show at 130 Beacon Street. ***Order tickets now through the Robsham Theater Arts Center at Boston College - 617 – 552 – 4002. Be sure to tell the Box Office you are part of the St. Ignatius Night Party.***

### PERFORMANCES

December 13<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup>

Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm and 7:30 pm

Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> at 3:00 pm

\$30 Adults – \$20 Seniors/Students - \$15 Children

\$75 Family Special (2 adults, 2 children) - Group rates available

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday marks the advent of another liturgical year. It is a "new year" in the life of the Church and our parish. With all the challenging world and local news that confront us on a daily basis, my hope is that we can take comfort in the promise of our God to be with us. My hope and prayer is that God's spirit will guide us in ways that help us to continue to respond to the mission of love and service we have been given.

I believe that this is a time when we need a very special connection with our community of faith and with our God who reveals himself so powerfully and beautifully in this Advent season. I invite you to join us for prayer on Monday evenings at 7:15 in the upper church. This sung prayer in the Taize style will invite us into a profound stillness and silence that I am sure will benefit each of us in these turbulent times.

In addition to our Taize prayer and our Eucharistic liturgies, there are many opportunities to engage in faith sharing and reflection on the Scriptures of the Advent season. I sincerely hope you will take some time from your holiday preparations to prepare your own heart and soul for the special gifts of this Advent and Christmas season.

May this New Year be filled with God's blessings!

Fr. Bob



### PARISHIONER WELCOMING TEA – SUNDAY, DEC 7, at 4 P.M.

Have you joined the parish in the last year? Have you been a registered parishioner for a while but would like an opportunity to meet and get to know other parishioners? All parishioners are invited to a welcoming tea on Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m. . **Please note that the tea will be held in the Jesuit Residence at 130 Beacon St, Chestnut Hill.** This will be a wonderful opportunity to get to know some of your fellow parishioners, clergy and parish staff in an informal setting. Light refreshments will be provided, and children are welcome. Please RSVP to the rectory at 617-552-6102 or by email to [Ignatius@bc.edu](mailto:Ignatius@bc.edu) by Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup>.

### PARISH FINANCIAL RESULTS

The 2009 annual parish support program, The Pledge for the Greater Glory, is now under way. The goal of the annual support program is to have every parishioner pledge his/her contribution to the parish for the 2009 calendar year. Contributions via this program are used to cover the operating expenses of the parish, including staff salaries and benefits, utilities, and the cost of our liturgies, including musicians.

You should have recently received a letter from Father Bob regarding the program. If you need a Pledge form, they are available at the back of the church and online at [http://www.bc.edu/bc\\_org/prs/stign/](http://www.bc.edu/bc_org/prs/stign/).

Our financial performance since the beginning of our fiscal year in July 2008 is summarized below. We ask that you continue to support the parish, and increase your support if possible, to help us cover what we expect will be much higher operating costs over the remainder of 2008 and into 2009.

#### JULY THRU SEPT 2008

Operating Income	\$280,243
Operating Expense	\$235,563
Operating Surplus	\$44,680

### LITURGY LECTURE SERIES

**Mark Your Calendars!** On Tuesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:15 pm in the Lannon Chapel, Thomas Burke (Tom the Cantor), Doctoral candidate in Systematic Theology at Boston College, will present "The Eucharistic Prayer – Become What You Receive: The Pledge and Promise of the Church's Central Prayer." All are welcome!

## Signs and Symbols of the Season



*This Advent, the readings invite us to find that which is hidden within us as we journey through this season, from darkness into the light of Christmas. You will see various signs and symbols throughout the Church, which reflect that journey.*

*The first of these is the Advent Wreath.*

*The symbolism of the Advent Wreath is beautiful. The wreath is made of evergreens, signifying continuous life and the circle itself, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul and the everlasting life found in Christ. Four candles, representing the weeks of advent, rest within this circle: three violet ones, representing the good works undertaken during the season, and one rose, to signify the joy of the midpoint of Advent, when our preparation for the coming of Christ is halfway through. The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding Our Lord's first coming into the world and the anticipation of his return.*

*We encourage you to bring this powerful symbol to your home, setting up your own Advent wreath at home and using it to reflect on the season, to let it help you bring light into your home.*

*From the Art & Environment Committee*

### JAMAICA HELLO!

Once again this year, we are planning a parish trip to Jamaica to work with our sister parish, St. Anne's. The dates are January 18<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>. Parishioners are responsible for their airfare and the cost of food and lodging. If you are interested in finding out more about the trip, there will be an informational meeting next Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> after the 10:00 am Mass.

### COME AWAY FOR THE WEEKEND

This coming winter, St. Ignatius will be offering a women's retreat at the Sacred Hearts Retreat Center in Wareham. Women

of all ages are invited to a weekend away from 3pm on Friday, February 20 through lunch on Sunday, February 22, 2009. Unlike the parish retreats, this retreat will not be silent, and will feature opportunities to relax, rest, pray, and talk with other women about life's experiences. The cost of the weekend is \$145 per participant and includes lodging and all meals. To register for this retreat, please email Amy Chapman at [chapmaab@bc.edu](mailto:chapmaab@bc.edu) or call 617.552.6103. A deposit of \$50 is required.

### BOOK DISCUSSION

On Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:15 am, there will be a discussion of Elizabeth Johnson's Quest for the Living God in the Rectory Living Room. If you missed the previous discussions of this fascinating book, or want further discussion, please feel free to join us.

### MINISTERIO PARA LA COMUNIDAD LATINA EN SAN IGNACIO DE LOYOLA

MINISTRY FOR THE LATINO COMMUNITY AT ST. IGNATIUS: La Misa en Espanol: Cada Domingo en la Capilla Lannon a las 12:00. Estamos invitando a los miembros de la comunidad Latina a organizar grupos de oración, grupos de compartimientos de la Fe y estudios biblicos inmediatamente despues de la Fé y liturgia.

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, Nov. 30th	Contemporary Music Ensemble – Upper Church	4:30 pm
Monday, Dec. 1 <sup>st</sup>	Advent Taize Prayer – Upper Church	7:15 pm
Tuesday, Dec 2nd	Lecture on “The Eucharistic Prayer” –Lannon Chapel	7:15 pm
Wed., Dec. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Children’s Carol Choir – Choir Room	4: 30 pm
	Parish Choir Rehearsal – Friary Roon	7:15 pm
	Young Adult Discussion Group – Rectory 2 <sup>nd</sup> fl.	7:30 pm
Friday, Dec. 4 <sup>th</sup>	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – Lannon Chapel	12:45 pm



## OUTREACH MINISTRIES

**SHATTUCK HOLIDAY MEAL** Our holiday outreach to the Guests at Shattuck Shelter will be on Sunday, December 7th. Materials for food donations and sign-ups for kitchen prep and serving are on the Outreach table. **This will be your last chance to sign on for food.**

**CHRISTMAS GIFT DRIVE** The ornaments are on the tree and yours for the taking! Please be sure to stop at the tree in the gathering space and select as many ornaments as you would like. Also, please pick up the sheet with return procedures .



**ST. COLUMBKILLE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR** will be held on Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm at the school, 25 Arlington Street, Brighton. There are many attractions, including: Hand decorated wreaths; Cookie Room; Children’s Room; Flea Market/ Gift Shop/ Full lunch menu; Class Christmas Baskets; Silent Auction and Raffles, prizes include: Red Sox Tickets and Airline Tickets.

we light a candle in memory of each child. The service begins at 7:00 pm at St. Theresa, 2078 Centre Street, West Roxbury. It will be followed by a reception in the church hall for refreshments and sharing. All are welcome!  
For further information or directions, please call Barbara Waters 1-508-384-6663.

**25<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL LIGHTING SERVICE OF THE PIETA** AT ST. THERESA OF AVILA, WEST ROXBURY will be held on Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> in remembering all dearly loved children of any age, who have died. Bishop John Dooher will gather with parents to honor the lives of our precious children. We will all come together in prayer, song and support as

**ST. JOHN’S SEMINARY SCHOOLS** presents its Annual Christmas Festival of Lessons and Carols on Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm and a repeat performance on Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm. The concerts will take place in the Seminary Chapel, 127 Lake Street, Brighton. The performances are free and all are welcome. For more information, call 617-254-261

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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.  
12:00 MISA EN ESPANOL EN LA CAPILLA LANNON

**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** - FRIDAY, 12:45 – 5:00 PM

## 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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