

## The 4th Sunday of Advent – December 21, 2008

THE READINGS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup> THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS , MARY & JOSEPH ARE:

*Gn 15:1-6*  
*Heb. 11: 8, 11-12*  
*Lk. 2: 22-40*

### Please Pray for

**Sunday, December 21, 2008**

8:00 Kristin Sweet Driscoll  
10:00 Beatrice Amrhein  
Noon Bernard J. Dwyer  
5:30 Elizabeth Landry  
Boyle

**Monday, December 22, 2008**

12:15 Antonio Bari  
5:30 Jordan Kelly

**Tuesday, December 23, 2008**

12:15 Joseph Barry  
5:30 Stanleigh Farrell

**Wednesday, December 24, 2008**

6:00 Helene & Henry Staniewski  
& Irene & Frank Snell

**Friday, December 26, 2008**

12:15 Anne Regolino  
5:30 Walter Goldstein

**Saturday, December 27, 2008**

9:00 Barbara Hawes  
4:00 Nicola Perelli & Dr.  
Nicholas Capodilupo

Dear St Ignatius Parishioners,

I am sure you are very busy with final preparations for your Christmas celebrations. Here at the parish we are doing all that we can to make your spiritual experience of Christmas as rich and wonderful as we can. I am always so grateful for the generosity of so many who give of their time and talent decorating the Church and preparing our liturgies. I am especially grateful to Sr. Diane and her team who organize the Christmas Gift Drive for the needy. This effort is quite remarkable, not only in its organization but in the generous response of so many of you who contribute to this worthy cause. Being pastor at St. Mary of the Angels, as well as at St Ignatius, gives me more first-hand experience of the needs of so many who do not have the resources to celebrate Christmas in the way they would hope to.

For me, one of the very special celebrations of the Advent/Christmas season has been my "labor of love", A Dancer's Christmas, which is coming to an end this Sunday, Dec. 21st. I can't even begin to express my gratitude to all who have made this an important part of their Christmas tradition. Although it has been the dancers and support staff who have given themselves so completely to this artistic work which expresses the "true meaning of Christmas", it has been the support of St. Ignatius parishioners as audience members over the years that has enabled us to continue for so many years. I know that had I not been Pastor here for the past 21 years, the theater would never have been as full as it has because of your presence and support.

May God bless you during this season of Hope, Light and Love!

Christ's peace!

Fr. Bob

**ADVENT TAIZE PRAYER**—Join us for of Advent Taize Prayer this Monday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:15 pm in the Upper Church.

  
*A Dancer's Christmas*

Last chance to see A Dancer's Christmas! The final performance, after twenty-eight years, will be this Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 3:00 pm. Tickets are available at the box office, 617-552-4002

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, Dec. 21 <sup>st</sup>	Book Group Meeting – Rectory 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Contemporary Music Ensemble – Upper Church	11:15 am 4:30 pm
Monday, Dec. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Advent Taize Prayer – Upper Church	7:15 pm
Friday, Dec. 26 <sup>th</sup>	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – Lannon Chapel	12:45 pm

### LITTLE ROCK BIBLE GROUP HOLIDAY



**PARTY-** Just when you thought the holidays were over, there's one more party to go to. The Little Rock Holiday Pot Luck party will be held on Sunday, January 4<sup>TH</sup> at Sandy Christison's house in West Roxbury from 4:00 pm until 8:00 pm. There will be music, food, singing of Christmas carols and a Yankee swap. All participants from the Bible Group (past and present) are welcome. For

more information, directions and what to bring, call John Daffarra at 781-899-9540.

### 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. Please call Fr. Bob at the rectory or email [frvereecc@bc.edu](mailto:frvereecc@bc.edu) for more details.



### BECOME AN ELF FOR CHRISTMAS!

Come help decorate the church for Christmas on Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:00 a.m. Come for a little time or come for the whole time: All ages and experiences are welcome to come!

For more information, contact Catherine Downing at 617-782-5812.

### 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.

## OUTREACH MINISTRIES

# THANK YOU VERY MUCH!



*REMINDER: We strongly urge our parishioners and visitors not to leave their belongings in the pew when they leave to receive Communion. Please take them with you.*

## Signs and Symbols of the Season



*Our Advent journey comes to an end and we look forward to the Christmas season, when we celebrate the birth of our Savior. The Church becomes bedecked with colors which reflect the joy of the season.*

*White*, the color of purity and new life, celebrating the joy of the birth of Our Lord, announced by angels. *Gold*, symbolizing the royalty of the Magi, on the Feast of Epiphany, honoring this child as the savior of the world. *Red*, to recall the sacrifice of Our Lord, God's Word made flesh. *Green*, the color of life and renewal, recalling the eternal love of God for his people.

*We also adorn the church with plants and flowers, each with a meaning and a message for the season, including:*

*Poinsettias*, sometimes known as *Flores de Noche Buena* or *Flowers of the Holy Night*, bloom on the altar, carrying the message "be of good cheer". *Casablanca lilies*, also used at Easter, symbolize the majesty and purity of our Lord. *Evergreens*, expressing the persistence of life in the cold of winter, including: *pine* representing "boldness" or "courage"; *juniper* representing "succor" or "sustenance"; and *cedar* representing "incorruptibility".

*From the Art & Environment Committee*



### FAITH FORMATION NEWS

#### Christmas Pageant

Rehearsal schedule is as follows:

December 21 <sup>st</sup>	1:30 – 2:30	Full rehearsal (no costumes)	Upper Church
December 23 <sup>rd</sup>	3-4:30pm	Full dress rehearsal	Upper Church

*Children participating in the pageant should be in the Lannon Chapel on Christmas Eve no later than 5:30pm.*

#### **Help for Haiti**

Middle School students – Save the Date for a party, the proceeds of which will go towards providing water purificators for Haiti. Purchase an entrance button for \$10 after the 10am liturgies on December 14 and December 21.

When: January 10, 2009 - Time: 7:00-9:00pm  
Where: The Hyde Centre, Lincoln Street, Newton Highlands

HOLIDAY



LITURGIES

## CHRISTMAS EVE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

4:00 PM – Upper Church

6:00 PM – Special Children's Mass and the Christmas Pageant  
Upper Church

11:30 PM Prelude – Upper Church

12:00 – Midnight Mass (Bilingual)

*If you are attending Midnight Mass, please come to church by 11:15 PM*



## CHRISTMAS DAY

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25TH

8:00 AM    10:00 AM    12 NOON

*The church will be closed after the 12 Noon Mass*

*There will be NO 5:30 PM Mass today*

*The special Collection will be directed for the support of Jesuit priests to provide for their sickness and retirement needs. Your assistance is especially needed for those priests who are permanently retired or disabled.*

## SOLEMNITY OF HOLY MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

WEDNESDAY, December 31<sup>st</sup> – 5:30 PM – Lannon Chapel

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1<sup>st</sup> 10:00 AM Upper Church



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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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