

The 2nd Sunday of Advent – December 7, 2008

THE READINGS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14TH THE 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT ARE:

Is. 61: 1-2a
1Thes. 5: 16-24
Jn. 1: 6-8

Please Pray for

Sunday, December 7, 2008

8:00 Susan & Eugene
McAuliffe
10:00 Daniel McLaughlin
Noon Patrick K. Burns
5:30 Frank Tibaldeo

Monday, December 8, 2008

12:15 Frederick Griffin
5:30 Patrick J. Bowdring

Tuesday, December 9, 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



MONDAY, DECEMBER 8TH – FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

MASS SCHEDULE

12:15 PM – LANNON CHAPEL

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ADVENT TAIZE PRAYER

Invest Some Time in Your Prayer Life! – We have begun another season of Advent Taize Prayer for the Monday nights in Advent at 7:15 pm in the Upper Church.

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 20th, 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 13th -14th and 20th -21st

Saturday, December 13th and 20th at 3:00 pm and 7:30 pm

Sunday, December 14th and 21st at 3:00 pm

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

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

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/.

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



ADVENT PROGRAM

Please join us as we once again welcome Marsha Mirkin, Ph.D., on Saturday, December 13th from 10:00 am – Noon in the Friary Room. A description of her presentation follows:

As Moses and the Israelites travel for forty years through the wilderness toward the Promised Land, a nation in relationship with God is born.

Join us as we personally connect with the hopes, despair and recognition of oneness and unity that help define this journey. Since forty represents weeks of gestation, we are reminded that a birth awaits...but that birth is never easy. We will connect this journey to Advent and the themes of sacred birth and hope for the future.

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 18th – 26th. 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 7th 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 or call 617.552.6103. A deposit of \$50 is required.

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

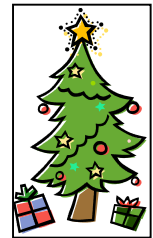
Sunday, Dec. 7 th	New Parishioner Tea – 130 Beacon St. Contemporary Music Ensemble – Upper Church	4:00 pm 4:30 pm
Monday, Dec. 8 th	Advent Taize Prayer – Upper Church	7:15 pm
Tuesday, Dec. 9 th	Spiritual Life Commission – Rectory	7:15 pm
Wed., Dec. 10 th	Children's Carol Choir – Choir Room Parish Choir Rehearsal – Friary Room Young Adult Discussion Group – Rectory 2 nd fl.	4:30 pm 7:15 pm 7:30 pm
Friday, Dec. 11 th	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – Lannon Chapel	12:45 pm



OUTREACH MINISTRIES

THANK YOU for your donations of food, money and time for the Shattuck Holiday Meal. The Shelter Guests are always so very grateful for our ministry to them.

CHRISTMAS GIFT DRIVE This is the last weekend that ornaments will be on the tree. 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. Gifts should be returned next weekend - just put them under the tree! Thank you.



FAITH FORMATION NEWS



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Parents and children who are interested in participating in this year's Christmas Pageant, which takes place at the Christmas Eve Vigil Mass at 6pm in the Upper Church, should come to an organizational meeting on **Sunday, December 7th** in the Lannon Chapel immediately after Family Mass. The pageant is open to students age five to the seventh grade. Students are assigned roles based on age; children will be selected to play the singular parts (i.e. Mary, Joseph, etc.) by submitting their name to be drawn from a hat.

Rehearsal schedule is as follows:

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

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

FAMILY MASS GIVING TREE

Items should be returned no later than December 14th (gift cards should be in small gift bags) to the Lower Church. **MANY THANKS!**

Signs and Symbols of the Season

Our Advent journey is also reflected in the the crèche scene, changing and growing from week to week during Advent.



From the French, crèche means crib, the place where Our Lord was placed after his birth. Saint Francis of Assisi is widely credited with the introduction of the crèche, a three dimensional re-enactment of the Nativity scene. The scene would include statues or costumed actors, surrounding a straw filled manger and sometimes included livestock, such as a donkey or ox. In 1562, the [Jesuits](#) put up a crib in [Prague](#) which is considered the first crib of the modern kind.

In [Italy](#) it is known as [presepe](#) or [presepio](#); in [Portuguese](#) it is known as [presépio](#), in [Catalan](#) as [pessebre](#), in [Spanish](#) the name goes between [El Belén](#) (for [Bethlehem](#), where Jesus was born) and also [Nacimiento](#), [Portal](#) or [Pesebre](#). In [Poland](#) it is known as [szopka](#), from Polish for "small crib", in the [Philippines](#), it is called a [Belén](#) (due to Spanish Influence). The Dutch name [kerststal](#) refers to the stable in which Jesus was born.

The figures in the upstairs crèche scene at Saint Ignatius were made in post-World War II Germany, which means that they date back to the time that the church itself was built. Each of the figures is carefully and individually carved, with marvelous details. We encourage you to take the time to look closely at them to see their beauty and also to watch how the scene changes from week to week, continuing through the Christmas season.

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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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