

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, NOVEMBER 27, 2011

THE READINGS THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT ARE:

Is. 40: 1-5

2Pt. 3: 8-14

Mk. 1:1-8

Please Pray for

Sunday, November 27, 2011

10:00 Tucker Critchley

Noon Mary Murphy

5:30 Maria Brestovanska

Monday, November 28, 2011

12:15 Roland Boucher

5:30 Umberto & Creusa Orsini

Tuesday, November 29, 2011

12:15 Carlo & Giuseppina Biondi

5:30 Maria Barros

Wednesday, November 30, 2011

12:15 Vincent Scavo

5:30 Alma & Lino Biondi

Thursday December 1, 2011

12:15 Vito & Carmela Teti

5:30 Fred Teti

Friday, December 2, 2011

12:15 Martina & Filomena Orsi

5:30 Donald Farrell

Saturday, December 3, 2011

9:00 Daniele & Apollonia Tomei

Sunday, December 4, 2011

8:00 Mieczyslaw Pilat

10:00 Renee Donohue

Noon Richard C. Stewart

5:30 Mary Dafarra

ADVENT TAIZE PRAYER

On Monday evening, November 28th at 7:15 pm and on each Monday evening of Advent, we will pray together in candlelight, with simple singing, hopeful seasonal scriptures and peace-filled silence. Please join us in the Upper Church any Monday of Advent for this forty-five minute escape from your busy life and enter into the peace of the season.



Christmas Reflections

Fr. Bob will raise the curtain again on a performance of Christmas Reflections that celebrates the true meaning of Christmas through story, music and dance. Christmas Reflections weaves together new works and favorites from A Dancer's Christmas with Irish Step dances choreographed by Helen O'Dwyer. The Cast includes nearly 100 dancers of all ages, including students of the O'Dwyer School of Irish Dancing.

December Performance Dates

Friday, 16th at 7:30 pm-Saturday, 17th at 3:00 pm-Sunday, 18th at 3:00 pm

For Tickets call: 617-552-4002 or online - General Admission: \$15

Robsham Theater Arts Center Boston College

www.blde.org

Christmas Cheer

A festive Reception will follow the December 17th performance at the Jesuit Residence, 130 Beacon Street from 5:00 - 7:00 pm. A \$100 donation includes two tickets to the performance and the reception. Please contact the rectory 617-552-6102 or email:

ignatius@bc.edu.

Dear Parishioners,

Knock, Knock!

Who's There?

Isaiah

Isaiah Who?

Isaiah again, Knock, Knock!

I began my family Mass homily with some Knock, Knock jokes like the one above to illustrate that there are certain automatic responses we use. You don't have to think about them at all. I then said "the Lord be with you!" and everyone responded "and also with you". That's another automatic response. Beginning the first Sunday of Advent, we as an English speaking church are not going to be able to fly on "automatic" pilot. We'll have to think about our responses since some of the language will be changing. At the family Mass we practiced the new /old response "and with your spirit" And after a few practice dialogues, the community was responding with great energy and "spirit" ☺

I know that the month of December is a very busy time for everyone with holiday preparations but I would like to ask and invite you to make the Sundays of Advent a high priority on your "to do" list. Why? First of all, Advent is one of the most beautiful liturgical seasons of the year. The readings from the prophet Isaiah (my choice of knock, knock joke!), the gospel stories of John the Baptist, Mary, Joseph, Elizabeth and Zechariah, prepare us for the celebration of the Lord's Nativity. Just as we make so many preparations for our holiday parties, dinners, family traditions, we also need to prepare ourselves spiritually for the celebration of Christmas. This year, with the changes in the language of the liturgy, your presence and participation in the Advent liturgies is so important to our parish community. We want you to feel "at home" with our liturgical prayer at St. Ignatius or wherever you may be for Mass on Christmas Day and during the Christmas season.

Knock, Knock!

Who's there?

Bunny

Bunny Who?

Bunny you should mention that!

I do need to mention again our Annual Support Program, "Pledge for the Greater Glory". We met as a Finance Council this past week and are concerned that there are still so many members of the parish who have not signed on to the program although it is the mainstay of our parish life. As you read in my letter, or heard from the Finance Council members who spoke at the liturgies, the growth of the Parish Staff and programs to meet the needs of a vibrant parish community calls for an increased level of participation and support for our Annual Appeal. We are hoping and praying that everyone who considers St. Ignatius their spiritual home will be part of the program. If you are not part of the program, please consider signing up. If you are already one of the "faithful 500", please consider increasing your pledge to help us "close the gap" between our income and expenses. As always we are grateful for your generosity.

Knock, Knock!

Who's There?

Happy

Happy who?

Happy New Year!

Sincerely,
Fr. Bob

JOIN US IN THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE!

On Sunday, December 11, our parish will celebrate the colorful and traditional feast of the patroness of the Americas. At noon in the Upper Church, a bilingual Mass with mariachis will be followed (after communion) by a 10-min representation of the "Cofradia" - a traditional religious dance from Guatemala. All are invited to participate in a fantastic luncheon in the Lannon chapel offered by the Latino community, a gastronomic experience of rich and typical dishes, specialties from Argentina to Mexico! A \$10 donation per lunch for an adult will be useful to fund the acquisition of a new sound system for the lower church. Mariachis will play during the fiesta. Please join us in this unique celebration that allows us to see the richness of the traditions of our Latino community!

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, November 27 th	Contemporary Music Ensemble – Upper Church	4:30 pm
Monday, November 28 th	“With Open Arms” – Friary Room	7:15 pm
Tuesday, November 29 th	Little Rock Bible Group	7:15 pm
Wednesday, November 30 th	Transitions – Friary Room	1:00 pm
	Children’s Carol Choir – Choir/Media Room	4:30 pm
	Parish Choir Rehearsal – Choir/Media Room	7:15 pm
Friday, December 2 nd	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – Lannon Chapel	12:45 pm

FOUNDATIONS OF IGNATIAN PRAYER

“Foundations of Ignatian Prayer,” offering ways to deepen our knowledge and experience of Ignatian prayer, will conclude Sunday, December 4th. The program will be held in the Choir/Media Room in the Lower Church from 4:00 – 5:15 pm. The program will be offered again this coming February.



BRINGING THE CELEBRATION HOME: FROM THE ALTAR TO YOUR TABLE

Join us for a Hands-On Workshop with Eric M. Haydel, Designer for the Liturgical Art and Environment Group at St. Ignatius, presenting wonderful ideas to bring the beauty of the season from the church to your house on Thursday, December 8th, 7:00 pm in the Friary Room. RSVP:

Catherine Downing at cfdesq@hotmail.com or 617-782-5812.

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

SHATTUCK HOLIDAY MEAL SIGN-UPS: As we go to press, almost every food donation card has been taken and we have a full crew of kitchen prep helpers and Meal servers. It's all systems go for our December 3rd Meal! Thank you so much for your generosity in this outreach effort. **Reminder:** the Meal is on Saturday (not Sunday as in years past). We'll be providing the Shelter Guests with a home-cooked meal (with all the trimmings) and delicious desserts, along with ice cream.



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CHRISTMAS GIFT DRIVE 2011: Gift ornaments are on the tree in the Gathering Space of the upper church. Please look at both sides of the ornament so that you will know both what to bring and when to bring it. We request that you bring your gifts(s) on the *designated weekend only* - December 10th/11th. Thank

FOOD CARDS: The temperatures are dropping and we are seeing an increase in the number of persons who come seeking assistance so that they can provide their family with healthy, nutritious food. You can help by donating gift cards from Stop & Shop or Shaw's/Star. \$10 gift cards would be great! You may bring your donation to the Parish Office or just drop it in the collection basket on the weekend. Thank you!



HOW DEEP CAN YOU GO? Join us in the Friary Room on **Saturday, December 17th from 10:00am to Noon** as we make

another excursion into the Hebrew Scriptures with Marcia Mirkin. Our Advent theme will be “Finding God in Hidden Places.” Those of you who have not joined us before will be amazed at the depths of meaning that lie within Scripture passages and stories with which you may think you are already familiar. Marcia’s approach is brilliant, yet highly accessible to everyone. If you have an interest in bringing God’s word into your life in a more meaningful way, you will find this session to be a gift.

PROJECT RACHEL - Do you know someone who is carrying sorrow over past abortion? Project Rachel is the post-abortion ministry of the Church to help

women and men dealing with the pain of abortion. Project Rachel is offering Saturday healing and prayer days on Dec. 3rd and Jan. 21st from 9 am to 5 pm. Call Project Rachel at 508-651-3100 or e-mail help@projectrachelboston.com. All contacts and inquiries are confidential.

THE IMAGE AND LIKENESS OF GOD: SEEING GOD IN WOMEN AND WOMEN IN GOD

This prayer liturgy, created by parishioner, Trudy Ernst, will take place on Monday, November 28th at 6:00 pm in the BC School of Theology and Ministry Chapel. The liturgy uses participation in the divine image. Both women and men are invited. The chapel is on the first floor of the main building of the School of Theology and Ministry at 9 Lake Street, across the street from St. Ignatius.

LESSONS AND CAROLS



Saturday, December 10th, Church of St Ignatius of Loyola, 1:30pm - YOU'RE INVITED! Join the musicians from Boston College and the St. Ignatius parish community as we present, for the third year in a row, a traditional Nine Lessons & Carols concert with a twist: everything in Romance Languages! Lessons from the Christmas story read in Latin, French, Spanish, Italian, and Portuguese. A chance for everyone to sing along in your preferred language to “Silent Night”. Presented in collaboration with the St. Ignatius Music Ministry, Romance Languages and Literatures Department and Graduate Student Association, Boston College Office of Residential Life, and the Maison française and Casa hispánica at Boston College. FREE (suggested donation of \$5 for production costs and charity fundraiser).

ST. IGNATIUS TRANSITIONS GROUP

TRANSITIONS NEEDS YOU - For almost three years now, I have been helping to facilitate the work of the St. Ignatius Transitions Group. Being available to provide support and assistance to those hit by the recession has been rewarding on many levels -- personal, spiritual, and professional. So many of us have family and/or friends who have lost jobs and are struggling to find work -- from all indications, it will be some time before the situation improves. In a few months, I will be leaving to spend a semester overseas: thus I turn to you for help in this effort. Currently, the group meets weekly on Wednesdays from 1:00 to 2:30 PM in the Friary Room. Between the meetings, there can be 1-3 hours of additional responsibilities maintaining the e-mail distribution list and, occasionally, contacting a speaker and arranging for him/her to meet with the group. Other facilitators provide technical assistance such as resume writing and interview prep to the job seekers. Please consider contributing your time to this worthwhile and rewarding effort. If you are interested and/or have any questions, please contact me, Eileen Connor, at econnor@bu.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 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, FAMILY LITURGY 12:00 MISA EN ESPANOL EN LA CAPILLA LANNON
WEEKDAY	12:15 PM, 5:30 PM – LOWER CHURCH
SATURDAY	LOWER CHURCH 9:00 AM, UPPER CHURCH 4:00 PM (Vigil)

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 begins in Grade 1 and includes classes, retreats 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

ANointing OF THE SICK by arrangement.

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