

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 24, 2006
 NATIVITY OF THE LORD, DECEMBER 25, 2006
 HOLY FAMILY, DECEMBER 31, 2006
 MARY MOTHER OF GOD, JANUARY 1, 2006



*The entire staff of St. Ignatius wishes you a Blessed Christmas
 and
 A Happy New Year filled with peace and joy.*

The Readings for the Feast of The Holy Family are:

Sir. 3: 2-7
 Col. 3: 12-21
 Lk. 2: 41-52

The Readings for Sunday, January 7th The Epiphany of the Lord are:

Is. 60: 1-6
 Eph. 3: 2-3a
 Mt. 2: 1-12



Please Pray for



Sunday, December 24, 2006

8:00 Geo-Chen Family (Living)
 10:00 Palmira Tomei

Tuesday, December 26, 2006

12:15 Nancy, Domenic & Anne
 Regolino
 5:30 James J., James F. & Nora G.
 Ronan

Sunday, December 31, 2006

8:00 Susan Lind
 10:00 Antonio Avila Towes &
 Cyril Ging
 Noon Gertrude & James Donovan
 5:30 Maria Brestovanska

Monday, January 1, 2007

10:00 Bernadette Caney

Wednesday, December 27, 2006

12:15 Alan Forslund
 5:30 Anna Margaret Marchitelli

Thursday, December 28, 2006

12:15 Vito Teti
 5:30 Todd Fouch

Friday, December 29, 2006

12:15 Nicola Pereli & Nicholas
 Capodilupo
 5:30 Dr. Arthur J. O'Connor
 & Robert Wallwork

Saturday, December 30, 2006

9:00 Winnie Shaw
 4:00 Francis X. Downey

Tuesday, January 2, 2007

12:15 Nancy Cirillo
 5:30 Sheila Morrison

Wednesday, January 3, 2007

12:15 Alexander Twerago
 5:30 James Conway

Thursday, January 4, 2007

12:15 John & Philip Dowcett
 5:30 Bobby Terry, Jr.

Friday, January 5, 2007

12:15 Dan & Mary Madigan
 5:30 Sharon Harrington Brumleave

Saturday, January 6, 2007

9:00 The Norton & Joyce Families
 4:00 Louise Sousa



EPIPHANY, JANUARY 7TH – DO YOU SPEAK A SECOND LANGUAGE? For Epiphany, January 7th, we would like to say the Prayers of the Faithful in many languages. If you would like to be a part of this special observance, please sign up in the Sacristy .

Dear Parishioners,

It is time to celebrate another Christmas at St. Ignatius. I hope and pray that the Advent season held moments of prayer and profound reflection for you on the mystery of God's love for us in Jesus Christ. What we celebrate at Christmas time is really so marvelous! God, the eternal One, comes "in time", to be with us on our human journey. God does not keep a distance but comes again and again to say, "I am with you." In our prayers and our songs and our dances, we try to catch a glimmer of this remarkable reality that God is given to the human race as "gift." That is what it is all about. The giving and receiving of Christmas comes from the first and best Christmas gift which is Christ himself, born of Mary, and continuing to come to life in our love for our world and each other.

I have said it over and over and I will say it again, the experience of living at the heart of this parish as I do as your pastor is such a grace and a privilege. Your faith, your love and your generosity make me echo the song of Mary, "My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my savior." Thank you for being such an extraordinary revelation of the goodness of God in my life.

As you know, Christmas is not just a day. It is a season of light. To celebrate the season this year, the parish is planning a number of "Epiphany Parties" on the weekend of January 6th /7th. These parties will be hosted by parishioners in different geographical areas. This will be a chance to meet St. Ignatius parishioners who may live near you and whom you may not know. They will also be the "kick-off" for our Church Preservation Project. In planning for the future well-being of our beautiful church, we will be asking for your support. You will be hearing more about the Preservation Project at the Epiphany Parties and in the month of January.

If you do not receive an invitation to one of these Epiphany Parties and would like to attend, please call the rectory and we will give you the information you need regarding the gathering in your geographical area.

Again, let me assure you of my prayers and best wishes for this Holy Season.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert VerEecke".

Robert VerEecke, S.J.
Pastor

HOLIDAY LITURGIES



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

CHRISTMAS EVE

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

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



CHRISTMAS DAY

MONDAY, 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.

MONDAY, JANUARY 1ST

THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

THERE WILL BE ONE MASS AT 10:00 AM IN THE UPPER CHURCH
(This Feast is not a Holyday of Obligation this year)



THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

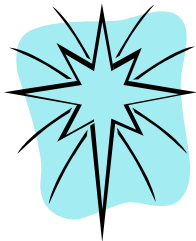
Wed., December 27 th	Children's Carol Choir – Choir Room	4:00 pm
“ “ “	Young Adult Discussion Group – Rectory 2 nd Fl.	7:30 pm
Friday, “ 29 th	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – Lannon Chapel	12:45 pm
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Sun., December 31 st	Contemporary Music Ensemble – Upper Church	4:00 pm
Wed. January 3 rd	Young Adult Discussion Group – Rectory 2 nd Fl.	7:30 pm
Friday, “ 5 th	Adoration 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 7th at Sandy Christison's house in West Roxbury from 4:00 pm until 8:00 pm. (Note the time change from previous years.) 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 Dafarra 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. 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

THIS SEASON



MEND A QUARREL.
SEEK OUT A FORGOTTEN FRIEND.
DISMISS SUSPICION AND REPLACE IT WITH TRUST.
WRITE A LOVE LETTER.

SHARE SOME TREASURE.

GIVE A SOFT ANSWER.
ENCOURAGE YOUTH.

MANIFEST YOUR LOYALTY IN WORD AND DEED.
KEEP A PROMISE.
FIND THE TIME.
FOREGO A GRUDGE.
FORGIVE AN ENEMY.
UNDERSTAND.

FLOUT ENVY.
EXAMINE YOUR DEMANDS ON OTHERS.
THINK FIRST OF SOMEONE ELSE.
APPRECIATE.
BE KIND.
BE GENTLE.
LAUGH A LITTLE.
LAUGH A LITTLE MORE.

DESERVE CONFIDENCE.
TAKE UP ARMS AGAINST MALICE.
DECRY COMPLACENCY.
EXPRESS YOUR GRATITUDE.
SAY A PRAYER.
WELCOME A STRANGER.
GLADDEN THE HEART OF A CHILD.

TAKE PLEASURE IN THE BEAUTY AND WONDER OF EARTH.
SPEAK YOUR LOVE. SPEAK IT AGAIN.
SPEAK IT STILL ONCE AGAIN.

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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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