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**MASSES FOR THE WEEK****SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7:**

8:30	Peter Ianniello
10:00	Francesco Costa
10:00	SPANISH MASS – Lower Church
11:30	PURGATORIAL SOCIETY & Vincenzino Pitino, Corrado Pitino, Raffaella Pumillo
6:00	Vito & Anna Vavallo

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 8:**

7:00	Lucy Lorippo
9:00	Arthur Donatelli
NOVENA AFTER MASS	

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9:**

7:00	Deceased of the Richter Family
9:00	Maria Tucci

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10:**

7:00	Salvatore, Philip & Josephine Vitale
9:00	Mary Tuohy De Mola

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11:**

7:00	Madeline Greco, Anthony and Dave D'Amico
9:00	Charlotte Lynch

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12:**

7:00	Maria & Giovanni Mallozzi
9:00	Honor of the Holy Trinity and the Speziale Family

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13:**

9:00	Lucy Lorippo
MASS IN HONOR OF ST. LUCY WITH SPECIAL BLESSING OF THE EYES ROSARY FOR LIFE – AFTER MASS	
10:30	Pasqua Caputo Lepore, Memorial Mass in ITALIAN
5:30	Joseph Schicchi

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14:**

8:30	HOLY NAME SOCIETY
10:00	Christine & Joseph Niciforo
10:00	SPANISH MASS – Lower Church
11:30	PURGATORIAL SOCIETY
11:30	Pietro e Guglielmo Renno, Santo & Giuseppa Di Giacomo, Francesco Marzella - ITALIAN
6:00	Henry Pranzo

**PASTORAL CARE** Please don't forget to inform us if you are going to be hospitalized so one of our priests can visit. Provide us with your name, hospital, room number, phone number and, when possible, how long you will be hospitalized. If you are unable to attend Mass, due to poor health, illness or advanced age, please call so a Eucharistic Minister can bring Communion to you. Anointing of the Sick may be requested because of scheduled surgery or treatment for a life-threatening illness. Call us prior to your surgery or treatment. Directly inform one of our priests or leave this information on Ext.24

**WANT OUR WEEKLY BULLETIN EMAILED TO YOU?**

Send us an Email (StAPastoralMin@aol.com)

**OUR CHURCH IS OPEN FROM 6a.m. until 3p.m., Monday through Saturday.** The MAIN DOOR on Bay Parkway will be open.

**HOSTS FOR THE WEEK** – *donated in loving memory of Joseph, Emma, Prudence & Philip Centorrino by Ann Centorrino and Michael & Eleanor Damiano.*

**WINE FOR THE WEEK** – *donated in loving memory of Anna Barlow by Ann Marie Prideaux.*

**CANDLES FOR THE WEEK** – *donated in loving memory of Frank Hoffman by Jean Kelly.*

**ADVENT WREATH CANDLES**

For faith, love & peace- the greatest gifts of life, requested by Enza Messina.

In loving memory of MICHAEL CHIARINI. We love you & miss you. You will forever be in our hearts. Love Lisa, Matt & Brian Donlon.

In loving memory of FRANCESCA & LUIGI ZUCO from the Zuco Family.

For LOVE & PEACE and those Families who are affected by war. May God pour love & peace on the world. From the Religious Education Program's students.

**ADVENT PULPIT & PROCESSIONAL CANDLES**

In memory of RICHARD MICHAEL FELCETTO requested by Helen & Michael Felcetto.

**SUNDAY COLLECTION ENVELOPES** Every parishioner is encouraged to use the Sunday collection envelopes. We invite you & your family to register at the rectory by stopping in, up until 8p.m., for a "Welcome Packet."

**As each has received a gift, employ it for one another as good stewards of God's grace." (1 Peter 4:10)**  
CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

COLLECTION – 11/30/2003: \$7,177.00  
Last Year \$7,355.00

**AVG. WEEKLY EXPENSES \$10,500**

**CALLING ALL COOKS!** Our **FAITH & FAMILY COOKBOOK** is in need of your recipes. You can submit them in one of these ways: (1) Place your recipe in an envelope marked FAITH & FAMILY COOKBOOK, placing it in the Sunday collection (2) Drop off your recipe at the rectory (3) Mail your recipe to the rectory (4) E-mail your recipes to [StAPastoralMin@aol.com](mailto:StAPastoralMin@aol.com) in the context of an e-mail (or in MS Word).

**ATTENZIONE CUOCHI E CUOCHE!** Siete dei bravi cuochi? Parenti e amici accettano con piacere il vostro invito al pranzo natalizio? Avete una ricetta particolare? Se la risposta e' "si", siete pregati di darci la vostra ricetta preferita per il libro di cucina che la nostra parrocchia sta' preparando "FAITH & FAMILY COOKBOOK". Potete fare ricapitarci la vostra ricetta in uno di questi modi: (1) in una busta con scritto sopra "libro di cucina" e metterla nel cestino delle offerte la Domenica. (2) spedirla in rettoria (3) venendo in rettoria (4) via posta elettronica al seguente indirizzo: [StAPastoralMin@aol.com](mailto:StAPastoralMin@aol.com) (possibilmente scritta con il programma MS Word).

**WE HAVE PURCHASED A LIFE SIZE NATIVITY TO BE PLACED AT THE CORNER OF 61<sup>ST</sup> & BAY PARKWAY & WE NEED YOUR HELP.** Bottles labeled PENNIES FROM HEAVEN have been placed at the doors of the church, so we can raise the money to pay for this set. Of course, we will accept all types of change and paper currency as well.

**CHRISTMAS TREE OF LIGHTS, to the LEFT of the RECTORY** is being added to our Holiday Decorations. You can purchase a light on this tree for that "difficult to shop for" someone. Gifts can be in honor of someone or in memory of a loved one or in celebration of a marriage anniversary or engagement. We will provide you with a gift card and all intentions will be placed on a plaque next to the tree. This tree will be lit on Sat. Dec. 13 & remain lit until Jan. 11, 2004. **The TREE OF LIGHTS REQUEST FORM is included in this bulletin to reserve your lights. PLEASE RESERVE YOUR LIGHTS NO LATER THAN THURSDAY DEC. 11.** Any lights purchased after Dec. 11 will not appear on the plaque next to the tree.

**ADVENT GIVING TREE** We invite you to take an ornament off our Advent Giving Tree, next to St. Joseph's Altar this weekend and next weekend. Yellow tags are for infants & toddlers, green tags for boys & red tags for girls. These gifts are for the struggling families of our sister parish ST. JOHN CANTIUS in East New York. Please attach your ornament to your gift & place it in front of St. Joseph's Altar, inside the altar rail. Gifts will be picked up by St. John's parish on Monday Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> so all gifts are needed by Dec. 14. If you choose a gift that you find too expensive, you may share the cost with others or return the ornament & choose another.

**MONDAY DEC. 8 is the SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION AND IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION.** Masses in English will be celebrated at 7am, 9am, 11am & Mass will be celebrated in English & Italian at 8p.m. **MASS INTENTIONS ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR THE 11am & 8pm MASSES ON IMMACULATE CONCEPTION.** Donation \$ 25. Come to the rectory MONDAY.

**MASS INTENTIONS AVAILABLE FOR CHRISTMAS EVE & DAY:** 9:30p.m. Christmas Eve (Upper Church) Mass in Spanish, donation \$50. Christmas Day 10a.m. (Upper Church) Mass in English, donation \$50.

**THE LIGHTING OF OUR CHRISTMAS TREES & OUR NEW TREE OF LIGHTS** takes place this Saturday at 6:30p.m. After the TREE LIGHTING, join MARISSA IUCULLO & FRIENDS in the AUDITORIUM for a CHRISTMAS CONCERT followed by hot chocolate and cookies, provided by St. Athanasius School.

**STEVEN LAPLANTE, our Director of Music,** will play the organ for **REGINA PACIS'** annual Festival of Lessons & Carols at REGINA PACIS CHURCH Sun. Dec. 7 at 3p.m. Why not show Steven our support by attending.

**BLESSING OF THE EYES & CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST OF ST. LUCY** will take place on Saturday December 13 at the 9a.m. Mass. Blessing & anointing of the eyes, with the oil of St. Lucy, will take place during the mass.

**In your kindness please pray for those who are sick**

Grace Albano, Louise Antrino, Steven Bruntetti, Rosa Calabrese, Cameron Calderon, Jose Camacho, Frank Cambria, Marie Carante, Carmine Cava, Erica Cavallieri, Peter Cianciotta, Judy Cuda, Bruce Dalton, Giavonna Marie Darcy, Rachel DePinto, Mary Dowgiallo, Doreen Ganley, Rose Gaccicone, Olga Garbat, Michael Grieco, Thomas Hannafin, Julia Iachetta, Marie Jensen, Jean Kelly, Lawrence Klein, Rose Kirnard, Scott Liell, Camille Liberti, Rosemarie Liberti, John Henry Loria, Msgr. John McCullagh, Trudy McGranaghan, Beatrice McKenna, Lucia Montella, Marie Mucia, James Noland, Cathy Petrik, Silvana Pintielli, Margaret "Rita" Pinckney, Oronzo Pistanza, Robert Presstia, Mary Re, Caterina Ruggeri, Frances Ryan, Elisa Sciascia, Mildred Scimeca, Ryan Shaughnessy, Eileen Smyth, Guy Speranza, Francesco Sale, Rose Varano, Maria Verfenstein, Ana Williams

**In your kindness please pray for those who have died...**

Edith Rinaldi, Lee Palier, Eva Gallo  
**We send our prayers & condolences to the deceased's family.**

**WE ARE CALLED TO PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER.** Please keep in your prayers the sick, those who have died & those grieving. **If you wish someone to be added to the sick list,** leave their name on extension 24 of the rectory, spelling it slowly, no later than Monday of each week. **In order for us to keep our list up to date, we ask you to call each week with the name of the sick person.**

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**AROUND ST. A's**

**Monday December 8** at 8:15 p.m.  
Pastoral Council meets in rectory

**PICTURES WITH SANTA AT BERTA'S** at 67<sup>th</sup> Street & 18<sup>th</sup> AVE each Saturday from 11am-4p.m. to benefit ST. A'S PARISH! All moneys will be donated to us!!

**PLEASE TURN OFF ALL BEEPERS, PAGERS & CELL PHONES IN ORDER TO BE IN PREPARATION FOR PRAYER & WORSHIP.**

**ROSARY FOR LIFE** is prayed every Saturday after the 9a.m. Mass for an end to abortion. **THIS WEEK'S INTENTION:** That Christians may prepare for the Lord's coming by fostering a commitment to respect human life, both born and unborn, we pray to the Lord.

**THURSDAY MORNING SCRIPTURE REFLECTION GROUP** is held every Thursday after the 9a.m. Mass, in the Nazareth Institute.

**PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS** We are all aware of the urgent need for vocations to the priesthood, the permanent diaconate, religious life, and lay ministry but sometimes we forget just how powerful praying for an increase in vocations can be. **THE ELIJAH CUP** provides a focal point as your family comes together in prayer for vocations. To participate, a family, individual, or couple is called forward at the end of Mass to receive the chalice. The following week that same family or single person returns the chalice and brings it to the altar with the gifts of bread and wine. To schedule your week, please call the Pastoral Ministry Office at extension 24 or email [StAPastoralMin@aol.com](mailto:StAPastoralMin@aol.com).

**This week SARAH & FRED RUBINO accept the Cup.**

**CSJ RETREAT FOR WOMEN IN COLLEGE, GRADUATE SCHOOL, & 20 SOMETHING** Explore the charism of the Sisters of St. Joseph. Jan 9-11 at St. Joseph's Renewal Center, Brentwood NY, Friday 7pm to Sunday Jan. 11 at 1p.m. Donation is \$125. College Students \$ 65. Scholarships available. Register with Sr. Mary Walsh by calling 516-536-0551 or e-mailing [vocationscsj@aol.com](mailto:vocationscsj@aol.com)

**ARE YOU CALLED TO SERVE AS A DEACON?** The Diocese will present the requirements & expectations of the educational & spiritual formation to all men who are interested in beginning the preparations in the Fall of 2004. **If you are interested, please speak to Msgr. Cassato.**

**DIVORCED & SEPARATED SUPPORT GROUP** meets this Wed. Dec. 10 at 7:30p.m. in the Nazareth Institute.

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### **ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS HERE !**

#### **SUNDAY DEC. 21 at 4p.m. in the Upper Church**

Combined choirs from St. Finbar's, St. Mary Mother of Jesus and St. Athanasius will enhance our Advent & Christmas Season. This is an event not to be missed, especially that it is here at St. A's!

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**SUNDAY DEC. 14 MARIO VACAARO OF LA CASA DEL CORREDO WILL BE IN OUR UPPER CHURCH NARTHEX (Vestibule) SELLING RELIGIOUS ARTICLES.** The profit will be donated back here to us at St. A's.

**Why not consider DONATING A LEAF OR STONE ON OUR ST. ANTHONY-ST. JOSEPH TREE OF LIFE?** It's a wonderful way to maintain a family legacy for those individuals who mean so much to you. Memorials & tributes have been made to honoring friends & loved ones, both living and deceased. A gold leaf is available for a donation of \$1,800, a copper leaf for \$1,000 and small stones for \$10,000. All memorials can be paid on an installment plan.

#### **New leaves have been placed on the Tree**

In memory of CESARIO RICCIO

By the Riccio Family & Friends

DERRICK BRACCO

In loving memory of JOHN JOSEPH MAGINO

**ADVENT THURSDAY EVENING SCRIPTURE REFLECTION GROUP** *Looking to do something for Advent?* These gatherings will be a time of faith sharing, rather than lecture, bible study, or debate. Our goal is to hear from each other. In turn we hear how each person understands next Sunday's Scriptures & how we recognize what God is saying to us. There are no wrong answers. Because we are all different, we can look forward to hearing a variety of ideas and insights. The ADVENT THURSDAY EVENING SCRIPTURE REFLECTION GROUP meets from 7:30p.m.-9:00p.m., in the Nazareth Institute, ending with Compline. (Night Prayer) on December 11 & 18.

**VATICAN II GETTING A BAD RAP LATELY? WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT VATICAN II? JOIN US FOR AN ADVENT MONDAY MORNING VIDEO SERIES ENTITLED: VATICAN II: A CIVILIZATION OF LOVE** beginning with Morning Prayer at 8:45am, followed by Mass at 9am. After mass we meet in the Nazareth Institute on December 8, 15 & 22 for a viewing of a video & a short discussion until about 11a.m. Videos include Liturgy, The Role of the Laity, & After the Council: The Period of Changes.

**SEASONAL MISSALETTE, TODAY'S MISAL MUSIC ISSUE & THE HERRITAGE MISSAL ARE AVAILABLE FOR MEMORIALIZATION.** Intentions can still be placed on all three worship books, for the period of one year, for a donation of \$25. Memorialization forms are located next to the bulletins. We hope to memorialize as many as possible to defray the cost. Please consider helping us out.

**ST. A'S HOLY NAME SOCIETY'S ANNUAL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY** immediately follows the 11:30a.m. Mass Sunday Dec. 14 in the auditorium. We ask that one adult per family be present. **We heard Santa will visit!**

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**PLEASE HELP US DECORATE OUR CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS.** Flower envelopes have been included in the mailing of weekly envelopes. If you are not on our mailing list, please consider taking an envelope from next to the bulletins.

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**MY CHRISTMAS GIFT TO THE PARISH** can be returned by Sunday Dec. 21, but you will be able to give during the holiday season. Please do not forget the financial needs of the parish. We ask you to consider giving a generous gift, using this special envelope.

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