

SAINT DUNSTAN PARISH

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MASSES:

Weekdays: 6:30, 8:00 a.m. & 5:10 p.m.
Saturdays: 8:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m. (for Sunday)
Sundays: 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 a.m., & 5p.m.
Eve of Holy Days: 5:10 p.m. Vigil
Holy Days: 6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.,
5:10 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

BAPTISM: Sundays at 12:30 pm preceded by instruction for the parents and godparents. Please call the rectory to register for classes.

MARRIAGE: Arrangements for the marriage preparation program must be made at least six months prior to the date of marriage. Call the Rectory for an appointment.

ANOINTING THE SICK: Call the rectory when you know of anyone who is ill at home, in the hospital, scheduled for surgery or homebound.

DEVOTIONS: Morning Prayer Monday through Saturday at 7:15 am. The Rosary will be recited in the church Monday through Friday at 7:40 am. The novena in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help is held every Tuesday morning after the 8:00 am Mass, followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, First Friday devotions include a Holy Hour from 4:00 - 5:00 pm, followed by Mass. First Saturday devotions as requested by Our Lady of Fatima, are held in the church from 7:00 - 8:00 am followed by Mass. Come and let our parish pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

REGISTRATION IN THE PARISH: Our warmest welcome



Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 20, 2009

O LORD of hosts, look down from heaven and see;
take care of this vine, and protect what your right hand has planted.— *Psalms 80:15-16*

Dear Parishioners,

Today is the final Sunday in Advent. Two personalities have dominated the Advent season - Mary and John the Baptist. The Christian tradition always had a difficulty about John the Baptist. What was his relationship to Jesus? Was Jesus a disciple of John? He was baptized by him. The initial preaching of Jesus - followed the line first proclaimed by John - of a baptism for repentance. The early church seemed to be in competition with the followers of John. What would have happened if John was not taken out of the picture by his martyrdom by Herod?

Whatever the relationship all the writers of the Gospels felt compelled to mention John the Baptist. In Mark's gospel, Jesus is superior to John because he will baptize with the Holy Spirit. Matthew followed Mark. Luke makes John to be a kinsman of Jesus. In John's Gospel Jesus is proclaimed by John the Baptist as the "lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.... He is the chosen one of God".

The other great character of Advent is Mary. "Whoever does the will of God, is brother and sister and mother to me" (Mk 3,33). Being a kinsman of Jesus in not what is significant. It is doing God will makes you family with Jesus. In John's gospel Mary is portrayed as the ideal disciple. Her message at the wedding feast is "do whatever he tells you". Such a determination is an excellent way to put your heart right for Christmas. Fr. Raymond Brown has written a short little book called "An Adult Christ at Christmas". The birth of Jesus in Bethlehem, the angels, shepherds, the Magi - all can be presented in a very sentimental way. In some Christmas pageants a real baby is laid in the manger!! Fr. Brown appeals to us to give our attention to the meaning and significance of Christmas. "How do the infancy narratives convey the good news of salvation, so that they are truly and literally "gospel".

What do you make of the opening of Matthew's gospel with his long list of Jesus' genealogy? "Abraham begot IsaacDavid begot Solomon ...etc etc. What is the significance of including in this list the names of women - Tamar, Rahab, Ruth and Uriah? We grow in our understanding of Jesus of Nazareth when accept his Jewishness and his rootedness in the Old Testament. He belonged to a people who understood themselves as chosen by God. Even though some of these ancestors were great sinners, marginalized people even non Jews.

Brown points out that the story of the Magi echoes the bible's account of Moses coming into the promised land (Numbers 22-24) he meets with a wicked king, who like the Pharaoh of Egypt, tried to destroy him. The wicked king summoned a 'magi' (seer) called Balaam, from the east and asked him to curse the Israelites. Instead Balaam prophesied that he saw "a star shall rise from Jacob, and a man shall come from Israel".

All of the stories of the birth of Jesus in Matthew and Luke echoes events and personalities. The deeper we understand the Old Testament - the better we are prepared to understand who Jesus is, and the salvation he offers.

Have a great Christmas. Fr. Casey

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT ST. DUNSTAN PARISH....

- Monday, December 21** **Baptism Preparation Class** in the convent at 6:30 pm
- Tuesday, December 22** **Novena** in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, **Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament** after the 8 am Mass
No CCD classes today
- Wed., December 23** **RCIA** in the convent at 7 pm
Choir Rehearsal 7 pm in the church
- Thursday, December 24** **Christmas Eve**
4:30 pm Children's Mass
11 PM Christmas carols
11:30 pm Mass
- Friday, December 25** **Christmas Day Masses at 7 am, 8:30 am, 10:00 am & 11:30 am**



- Monday thru Saturday** Morning Prayer in the church at 7:15 am
- Monday thru Friday** Rosary recited in the church at 7:40 am

PRAYER-DISCUSSION GROUP Would you like to try a faith-sharing group that includes a blend of praise, song, scripture, petitions, talk, etc.? This group meets on Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 9 pm .at Marymount Green Hills Retirement Center. Call Fran or Joe Sigona at 692-2466.

If any of your loved ones have been hospitalized, we ask that you please call the rectory to let the priests of the parish know so that they are able to visit them. The hospitals do not inform us when one of our parishioners has been admitted, so it is up to their family members to let us know. Thanks for your help!

ST. DUNSTAN GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP - NOW IN ITS 6th SUCCESSFUL YEAR

If you or someone you know is struggling with the loss of a loved one, please join the St. Dunstan Grief Support Group for ongoing sessions to help process your grief and loss issues. For more information please call Barbara Cappel, L.C.S.W. at 692-7543 or Carol Hensley at 692-1488.

Christmas Celebrations at St. Dunstan 2009

Saturday, December 19

8:30 – 9:00 am Confessions
3:30 – 4:45 pm Confessions

Monday, December 21

Masses at 6:30 am, 8:00 am & 5:10 pm

Tuesday, December 22

Masses at 6:30 am, 8:00 am & 5:10 pm

Wednesday, December 23

Masses at 6:30 am, 8:00 am & 5:10 pm

Thursday, December 24

8:30—9:30 am Confessions

Christmas Eve Masses:

4:30 pm Children's Mass with Pageant
11:00 pm Christmas Carols
11:30 pm Christmas Mass

Christmas Day Masses:

7:00 am, 8:30 am, 10:00 am and 11:30 am
No 5:00 pm Mass on Christmas Day

One of the greatest pleasures of the Christmas Season is the opportunity to send our thoughts and prayers to those whose friendship and goodwill we value so highly. The priests and staff of St. Dunstan Parish join in wishing you a very blessed Christmas. May the gift of faith, the blessing of hope, and the peace of God's love be with you and yours throughout the New Year.

- Fr. Diarmuid, Fr. Joe, Fr. Paddy, Fr. John, Fr. Jim and staff

CHRISTMAS TV FROM ROME, WASHINGTON

EWTN telecasts include Midnight Mass with pope Benedict XVI on December 25 at 5 am and 1 pm. Choral singing and the Solemn Mass of Christmas Eve will air December 24 at 7 pm from the National Shrine in Washington, DC. Encores of the Pope's Christmas Message to the World air December 25 at 8 pm and 10:30 pm, and December 26 at 3 pm. EWTN is carried 24/7 on Comcast Ch 229, AT&T Ch 562, Astound Ch 80, San Bruno Cable Channel 143, DISH Satellite Ch 261, and Direct TV Channel 370.

BABY IN WOMB AT HALFWAY POINT During this fifth month your spiritually adopted baby will grow to 12 inches as he passes the halfway point of her gestation. Baby is very active now, can suck his/her thumb and mother can feel him/her move, stretch and kick. Each side of his/her brain has millions of nerve cells. Thanks to advances in neonatal medicine, babies born prematurely at five months often survive. Your daily Spiritual Adoption Prayer is strengthening the mother's resolve to nurture the human life in her womb. Please see the new unborn baby poster in the Hall of Saints.



**Last weekend's
Regular Collection:**
\$8,361.00

Last Weekend's Retirement Fund for the Religious
Collection: \$3,798.00

This weekend's Second Collection is for the Parish
Maintenance & Development Fund

Thank you for all your support!

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent
Monday: St. Peter Canisius; Winter begins
Wednesday: St. John of Kanty
Thursday: The Vigil of Christmas
Friday: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
Saturday: St. Stephen; First day of Kwanzaa

Many thanks to those who served as Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers this weekend:

Sat. December 19

5:00 PM Lector: *L. Clothakis*

Eucharistic Ministers: J Clothakis, E Danli, J Ryan, F Axiaq, C Orfino

Altar Servers: Leung, Lum, Panopio

Sun. December 20

7:00 AM Lector: *H. Connolly*

Eucharistic Ministers: S Nussbaum, B Penner, M Wyman

8:30 AM Lector: *E. Linak*

Eucharistic Ministers: D Lawson, M Anderegg, P Lucero, M Leland, M Ocafrain

Altar Servers: Linak, Peralta, Alvarado

10:00 AM Lector: *F. Sigona*

Eucharistic Ministers: J Sigona, R Garrison, K Burns, A&D Vogl, T Herbeck

Altar Servers: Burns, Burns, Pramono

11:30 AM Lector: *T. Dizon*

Eucharistic Ministers: C Cannizzaro, C Caimotto, J Rensch, R Barrera, T Restrivera

Altar Servers: Plume, Puzon, Pucci

5:00 PM Lector: *P. McLaughlin*

Eucharistic Ministers: M McLaughlin, H Santana, F Gutierrez, L Saavedra, B Cappel

Altar Servers: Quilici, Robles, Ronquillo

Special thanks to all of our ushers for their dedicated service at our weekend Masses.

Mass Intentions for the Week
December 20 - December 26, 2009

<u>Sunday</u>	7:00 am	For Parish
	8:30 am	Paul Priolo
	10:00 am	Ursula Mendoza (living)
	11:30 am	Salvatore Alioto
	5:00 pm	Bertu "Bart" Chetcuti
<u>Monday</u>	6:30 am	Pat Naughton
	8:00 am	Mae Soukup
	5:10 pm	D'Ascoli Family (liv/dec)
<u>Tuesday</u>	6:30 am	Jay John Wilson & Imelda Concepcion (living)
	8:00 am	Ryan Kono
	5:10 pm	Deceased Members of the Carcione & Santora Family
<u>Wednesday</u>	6:30 am	Fr. Jerry Calhoun
	8:00 am	Mary Halligan
	5:10 pm	Christopher Taylor
<u>Thursday</u>		Christmas Eve
<u>Friday</u>		Christmas Day
<u>Saturday</u>	8:00 am	Frank Agius
	5:00 pm	Baptiste Etchepare

We pray for the sick members of our parish family and for those who care for them: Madison Kitz, Lisa Kitz, William Dill, Ted & Eileen Damian, Pat Saracini, Bill Barca, Helen & Vicky Noceti, Kyong Cruz, Ciera Whipple, Dorothy Rives, Elsie Noceti, Steve Bacho, Mary Farr, Karen Shirley, Jose Conrado Vasquez, Lucy Garcia, Frances Snyder, Jack & Rene Sagrafena, Mrs. Larry Duggins, Antoinette Ramos, Joe Hamilton, Pauline & Joseph Burgio, Noralee Gelhaar, Martin Hidalgo, Gloria Giannini, Maxine Coutts, Jonathan Cerezo, Nick Cannuli, Kathy Montiel, Susan Silvera-Dunn, George Rodriguez Jr, Nafal Jweinat, Michael Coffaro, Diedra Bradshaw, Irma Sweeny, Esther Litton, Jan Diamond, Viola Burdick, Ronald Reyes, Josephine Muscat, Patricia O'Neill, Michael Wisherop, Helen Maternia, Bernice Malloy, Wayne Devora, Beverly Buhs, Rita Gilmore, Judy Marks, Rita Bartolo, Gerda Altherr, Stephen Petinak, Richard Castro, Donald Clancy, Rene Tiamson, Dondon Pasco, Dotty Mandiloff, Robert Weldon, Joseph Conrad Rodriguez, Raymond Reudy, Mona Pasco, Mike Casella, John Costa, Rita & Roberta Berry, Sr. Theresa Antoinette, Rachel Sanchez, Sue Furrer, Emily Marshall, Kathy Perl, Susan Negueloua, Domenica Rossi, Alma Cozzolino, Erika Kiel, Harry Aubright, Joseph Caruana, Madeline Burwell, Nelson Mayo, Joe Manuele, Mrs. Lina U. Dowell, Stephen Coughlan, Dennis McManus, Dave Keegan, Victoria Guinasso, Ursula & Greg Mendoza, Francis Axiaq

We pray for the deceased members of our parish family: