

SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH + YORKVILLE

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Now that the Christmas Season has come to an end, which it did on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord this past Monday, a word of thanks is due to those who contributed to making that season beautiful here at St. Joseph's Church. On the Third Sunday of Advent, December 17th, we had our Advent-Christmas Service of Readings and Carols; its success was the result of the superb musicianship of our music director, Alistair Reid, and our choir. The same is true of the music at Christmas itself. Many thanks, then, to Alistair and the choir. And at the 5:00 pm Mass on Christmas Eve we had our traditional Christmas Pageant, which fills the church with a joyous (and vociferous) crowd. Sincere gratitude to the parents who put the pageant together and to the children who played in it. What would our Christmas be like without the pageant? And to the volunteers who put up and took down the Christmas decorations, under the warm direction of Jordon Carroll: your labor of love is appreciated not only by our parishioners but by all who drop in to our lovely church. Thank you! Finally, sincerest gratitude to those who participated in our Christmas Masses, parishioners and visitors alike, particularly our lectors, eucharistic ministers, altar servers, ushers and those who were generous in their giving to St. Joseph's during this time. May this still young year bring you all many blessings!

You may have noticed that at the top of this page it says that this is the 200th issue of the weekly newsletter. The present format—a two-paged single sheet as opposed to the old format of six pages folded in three parts—started with the outbreak of covid at the end of March 2020. It was originally intended to be merely a temporary replacement for the older newsletter and to provide weekly information about the Archdiocese of New York's response to the pandemic and, on the local level, about how our own parish was responding to it. Eventually, as the threat of covid seemed to diminish, I decided not to return to the previous format. Instead, I came to view the new-style newsletter as an opportunity for informing the parish about aspects of our Catholic faith and culture. For example, during the period 2020-2021 I devoted nearly a whole year to discussing the parts of the Mass, and this past year I spent several months on the topics of church architecture and the papacy. Of course, some newsletters are mostly just informational, like this one. In addition to whatever appears on the front page of the newsletter, the second page lists all the public Mass intentions, which have to be published. The drawback to the present two-page format is that there generally isn't room for anything else, like what is being offered in other parishes or in the archdiocese at large; but some of that information appears on the bulletin boards in the vestibules in the back of the church.

It takes a lot of time to come up with interesting topics to feature in the newsletter, and then to research and write about them. But it's a good exercise for me to reflect on some things that I already know and to discover some things that I didn't know. The response that I have received has been very positive, and I am grateful to those who have told me that they have learned something useful from my efforts. I'll keep at it as long as I can!

Not to forget: all the newsletters are available on our updated website.

This coming Monday, January 15th, is Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, a federal holiday. In observance of the holiday, the rectory will be closed all day, and the church will be closed soon after the 12:15 Mass.

Father Boniface

Mass intentions for the period from January 13th to 21st

Saturday-Sunday, January 13th-14th

4:00 pm: Ignaz Martin (D)
8:00 am: St. Joseph's Parishioners
10:00 am: Fundador Santiago (D)
12:00 noon: Maryanne Meyer (D)
2:00 pm (Hungarian): Franciska Harangozo (D)
6:00 pm: Kyong "Kay" Won Dorcheus (D)

Monday, January 15th (Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)

7:00 am: Thomas Stubits (D)
12:15 pm: Josephine Romero (L)

Tuesday, January 16th

7:00 am:
12:15 pm: Maggie Daley (D)

Wednesday, January 17th

7:00 am:
12:15 pm: Kevin Kirby (D)

Thursday, January 18th

7:00 am: Eileen Kaporch (D)
12:15 pm: John Catanzaro (D)

Friday, January 19th

7:00 am: Giuseppe Cristofalo (D)
12:15 pm: Tanya Roszkowski (D)

Saturday, January 20th

8:00 am:
12:15 pm: The Living and Deceased Members of the Batory Family
4:00 pm: Ignaz Martin (D)

Sunday, January 21st

8:00 am: Marlon and Camille Amedee (L)
10:00 am: Kevin Kirby (D)
12:00 noon: Thomas Dooner (D)
2:00 pm (Hungarian): Franciska and Ferencz Harangozo (D)
6:00 pm: St. Joseph's Parishioners