



### *Third Sunday of Advent Reflection*

#### **December 12, 2010**

Is 35:1–6a, 10 / Jas 5:7–10 / Mt 11:2–11

When I was ten, my father died suddenly of a heart attack. Understandably, my mother—left alone to raise three adolescents—was devastated. At my father’s funeral, she cried to her mother-in-law that she didn’t know how to go on and raise us without her husband. My tough German grandmother, who had lost her own husband at age forty-five and raised five children on her own, looked my mother in the eye and said firmly, “You have no choice.” Though the words rang harsh to my mother’s ears, in the ensuing days and years she returned to those words again and again for motivation and the energy to move forward.

Now that I’m an adult, my grandmother’s words strike me as prophetic in that they spoke truth—hard truth—and challenged my mother to a new way of life. They were words she held on to for hope and inspiration.

The readings today are particularly concerned with prophetic words. The prophet Isaiah provides a hopeful vision for the people of Judah, who were besieged by foreign armies. God’s promises of future rejoicing, abundance, and healing—spoken through Isaiah—challenged the people to remain faithful to Yahweh. In the Gospel, Jesus praises John the Baptist despite John’s challenging words and the reality that he wasn’t the person his followers had expected to see.

Many times people speak prophetically to us—in words sometimes hopeful and sometimes challenging—but either way, they call us into a new way of life and, often, draw us closer to God. In this third week of Advent, as we rejoice with anticipation at the Lord’s drawing near, take some time to thank God for the people who have spoken prophetic words you hold on to for hope and inspiration.

*Janel Esker*



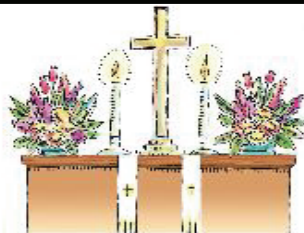
## *From The Pastor's Desk*

**The Church Bulletin, Inc.** is the name of the company that will be publishing our parish bulletin, beginning with this issue. They are located in West Babylon and publish the bulletins for a large number of parishes in the Diocese. I worked with them at one of the previous parishes where I served and they have always provided excellent, friendly service. I encourage you to notice our bulletin advertisers and to patronize them whenever possible. Some of our advertisers are our own parishioners and I thank you for assisting us in this way. The advertisers make it possible for us to have a weekly bulletin at no cost to the parish and, in fact, we receive a portion of the advertising revenue each year.

**Banns of Marriage:** The Church has had the practice of announcing when parishioners are planning to get married. Some of you can remember when this announcement was read orally and it went something like this: "*The banns of matrimony are read for (John Smith) and (Mary Jones). If anyone knows of any reason why they should not be joined in holy wedlock, please speak to the Pastor.*" This custom was more meaningful before the age of mobility when people had lived in the same parish possibly for several generations and people knew many other parishioners and were known by them. Much has changed. Now the banns are published in the bulletin and the same unexpressed request for pertinent information about the couple's freedom to marry is sought. Another very important purpose of announcing the banns which still applies today is that it is a request for the prayers of the whole parish that this couple indeed receive the blessing of Almighty God for a long and happy married life, one that will be blessed with children.

**Youth Choir:** Recently, I received a note from Wayne Dieterich who is the parish Music Director and the organist at the 5:15 Mass on Saturdays. He said, "A few weeks ago, we had a call for the youngest members of our church to join the Youth Choir. Luckily, we had about ten youngsters show up. These volunteers are really turning out to be a fine group. All of these young people have nice clear voices. They all match pitch well and are very good at learning the choral music they are trying to master. Most of them have exceptional abilities as beginning singers. Please let all parents know that if their child would like to join our Youth Choir, now is the time to be part of this group. Our rehearsals are at 5:30 p.m. on Monday nights, right after Religious Education classes end; parents are welcome to attend. The rehearsal is only 30 minutes long and we get a lot done. The children are also having a good time learning about the Church and the liturgical seasons. I am looking forward to seeing a few more new faces very soon."

*Father Rafferty*



Weekly

Masses



Please pray for all the faithful departed and especially for **Philip Bruno, Isabel Braun** and the souls in purgatory who have no one to pray for them. May God grant them eternal rest.

**Sunday, December 12, 2010**

**Third Sunday of Advent**

Isaiah 35:1-6a,10 James 5:7-10 Matthew 11:2-11

**Saturday Evening 12/11/10**

5:15 Deceased Members of the Kilduff & Hughes Families  
Mary D'Ambrosio  
Vincent Shallow  
Jack & Jaqueline Zuckerman  
Maria Scagliola

**Sunday, 12/12/10**

8:30 For the People of the Parish  
10:30 Maria & Vincenzo Coconato & Sons  
Deceased Members of the Rudzinski Family  
Alice Alberto  
Victor Casagrande  
Frank May

**Monday, 12/13/10**

**St. Lucy, virgin & martyr**

Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a Matthew 21:23-27

9:00 William & Mary Hough

**Tuesday, 12/14/10**

**St. John of the Cross, priest & doctor of the Church**

Zephaniah 3:1-2,9-13 Matthew 21:28-32

9:00 Special Intention

**Wednesday, 12/15/10**

Isaiah 45:6b-8,18,21b-25 Luke 7:18b-23

9:00 **L**— Luigi & Anthony Crispino

**Thursday, 12/16/10**

Isaiah 54:1-10 Luke 7:24-30

9:00 Ann Schmitt

**Friday, 12/17/10**

Genesis 49:2,8-10 Matthew 1:1-17

9:00 William Oetting



*Remember  
Our Sick*

Charlene Pennino, Anna Marturano, Bertha Langman, Michael Murphy, Christopher Choma, Kim Cirlincioni, Eamon Tubridy, Baby Alyssa & Mother, Jessica, Virginia Kutner, Helen McNamee, Charles Puglisi, James Cooper, Eileen Damato, Phyllis Montuori, Carol Shallow, Kathleen McDougall, Christopher Caporuscio, Isabella Souza, Gloria Lema, Paula Serani-Esposito, Jennifer Maresca, Marc Sanzeri, Anita Capilli, Debbie Lizza, Linda & Nancy Vorbach, Silvio Serani, Albert Pennino, Howard Morgasen, Patricia & Thomas Puglisi, Tina Scala, Alice Oehm, Mary Costarino, Mary Rose Colleluori. May God restore them to physical and spiritual health.

**Stewardship**

*As generous stewards of God's grace, put your gifts at the service of one another, each in the measure you have received.*

1 Peter 4:10

**...and of Treasure**

**Sacrificial Giving:**

Needed Target - \$6,100.00  
December 5, 2010 - \$4,388.00

**Second Collection:**

December 26, 2010: Regional Catholic Schools



### Word & Music Schedule

#### **The Third Sunday of Advent December 11 & 12, 2010**

Entrance Hymn: #482 - People, Look East  
 Kyrie: #290  
 Gloria: None  
 Readings: Section #976 - (Ritual Song Hymnal)  
 Offertory Hymn: #490 - On Jordan's Bank  
 Sanctus: #439  
 Memorial Acclamation: #440  
 Amen: #441  
 Agnus Dei: #305  
 Communion Hymn: #913 - I Received the Living God  
 Recessional Hymn: #628- The King of Glory

#### **Cantor**

December 11,	5:15pm	Diana Regino
December 12,	10:30am	Russell Lasneski
December 18,	5:15pm	Diana Regino
December 19,	10:30am	Russell Lasneski

#### **The Fourth Sunday of Advent December 18 & 19, 2010**

Entrance Hymn: #497 - The King Shall Come  
 Kyrie: #290  
 Gloria: None  
 Readings: Section #979 (Ritual Song Hymnal)  
 Offertory Hymn: #734 - Be Not Afraid  
 Sanctus: #439  
 Memorial Acclamation: #440  
 Amen: #441  
 Agnus Dei: #305  
 Communion Hymn: #493 - O Come, O Come Emmanuel  
 Recessional Hymn: #482 - People, Look East

### **Giving Tree**

This weekend is the deadline for bringing in your **Giving Tree** gifts. If you need a pickup of your gift or have any **questions, please call** Irene at (516) 822-3127.

**Please do not wait until  
December 15, 2010.**

Thank you,  
The Giving Tree Committee

### **Poinsettia Sale**


Our parish will again have our annual Poinsettia Plant Sale **this weekend, December 11 & 12, 2010** after all the Masses.



These plants are a beautiful symbol of the birth of Our Lord and enhance the Christmas Spirit within our homes. As you know from previous years, the proceeds of the sale go to help support the works of our Parish Social Ministry Committee, which has been called upon more than usual this year due to the economic times we are living in. Please help support the plant sale and know that you are also helping someone in need, which is the true spirit of Christmas.

The cost of each plant will be \$15.00.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
December 12 Poinsettia Sale Family Mass w/Pageant & CLoW (K-4) Visit w/St. Nick Return "Giving Tree Gifts"	December 13 <b>Rel Ed Classes</b> 4:15pm-5:30pm 7:15pm-8:30pm Youth Choir—5:30pm Practice Christmas Pageant—5:30pm	December 14 Teen Bible Study 7:00pm Adult Choir 8:00pm	December 15 Liturgy Committee Meeting 7:00pm	December 16	December 17 Eucharistic Adoration After 9:00am Mass Divine Mercy Prayer Group	December 18
December 19	December 20 <b>Religious Education Classes</b> 4:15pm-5:30pm 7:15pm-8:30pm Youth Choir—5:30pm	December 21 Adult Choir 8:00pm NO Teen Bible Study	December 22	December 23	December 24 <b>No 9:00am Mass</b> Confessions 10:30am—11:30am Masses at 5:15pm & 7:30pm	December 25 <i>Christmas</i> Masses at 8:30am & 10:30am No 5:15pm 
December 26	December 27 <b>NO Religious Education Classes</b> <b>NO Youth Choir</b>	December 28 NO Adult Choir NO Teen Bible Study	December 29	December 30	December 31 Eucharistic Adoration After 9:00am Mass No 5:15pm Mass	January 1, 2011 <b>The Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God</b> Masses at 10:30am & 5:15pm
January 2, 2011	January 3, 2011 <b>Religious Education Classes</b> 4:15pm-5:30pm 7:15pm-8:30pm Youth Choir—5:30pm	January 4, 2011 Teen Bible Study 7:00pm Adult Choir 8:00pm	January 5, 2011 Spiritual Life Committee Meeting 10:00am	January 6, 2011 Senior Club Meeting 10:30am	January 7, 2011 Eucharistic Adoration After 9:00am Mass Padre Pio Holy Hour 7:00pm	January 8, 2011

### Next Weekend's Mass Schedule

December 19, 2010 - Fourth Sunday of Advent  
Isaiah 7:10-14 Romans 1:1-7 Matthew 1:18-24

Day	Time	Mass Intentions	Celebrant	Communion Ministers	Reader	Altar Servers	Nursing Home Ministers
Saturday December 18	5:15 PM	Jean Pachter Ben Alberto Sylvia Russo William Blaine Dr. Richard pergola	Father Rafferty	Commisso P. Wentz Reilly	A. Montuori	A. Mariani	
	8:30 AM						
Sunday December 19	10:30 AM	For the people of the parish	Father Rafferty	Nacari Aufiero Mahony	D. Antonucci	J. Ferrante V. Ferrante	Aufiero Russell
		Valerie & Ann McKenzie Edgar Swendeman Nunzio & Emily Montuori Anthony & Fay Morelli Anthony & Ann Pinto	Father Rafferty	Medina Thorne Kopf	J. Thorne	I. Medina V. Medina	
	9:30 am & 12:00pm	Korean Mass	Father Tom				
<p><b>Reminder: If you are unable to serve at your scheduled Mass, please call for a replacement.</b></p>							



### Senior News

The Senior Club wishes you a Blessed Christmas

Our next meeting will be on

**Thursday January 6, 2011 at 10:30AM.**



We will have a **wine & cheese party** to ring in the New Year.

Mary Ann Forte,  
President

### Christmas Card & Gift Sale



The Spiritual Life committee would like to thank everyone who generously supported our recent Christmas Card & Gift Sale—those who worked, those who donated items and those who made purchases.

Each year while continuing to focus on offering almost exclusively Catholic items in the spirit of "Keeping Christ in Christmas", we try to include something a bit different from previous years. This year we had a raffle for a beautiful wreath decorated by Karen Herrera. The winner was Toni Romas, a member of our choir.

We also offered home-baked goods which were made and donated by our committee members and friends: Amy Pawliw, Jennifer Howard, and Jean and Kristin Andrews.

We want to thank Bernadette Fuller for making and donating the silk flower Thanksgiving and Christmas arrangements which were such a success.

And, as they did last year, Annette and Jack Micco supported our efforts by acting as cashiers for all the Masses on both weekends.

Thank you again, and  
Have a Blessed Christmas.



at

*Bishop Molly Retreat House*  
Passionist Spiritual Center  
Jamaica Estates, Queens

The men of Holy Name of Jesus Parish are welcome to participate in a retreat on the weekend of January 28-30, 2011. The retreat opens with Dinner on Friday at 7:00PM and concludes with Mass at 11:00AM on Sunday.

For further information, please call Bishop Molly Retreat House at (718) 739-1229 or your parish promoters:

Tony Montouri: (516) 433-4108  
Angelo Yodice: (516) 938-7638  
Al Matthews: (631) 367-6650



### Banns of Marriage



#### Second time:

Delia Hopkins - Holy Name of Jesus  
Thomas P. O'Connor - St. Brigid,  
Westbury