

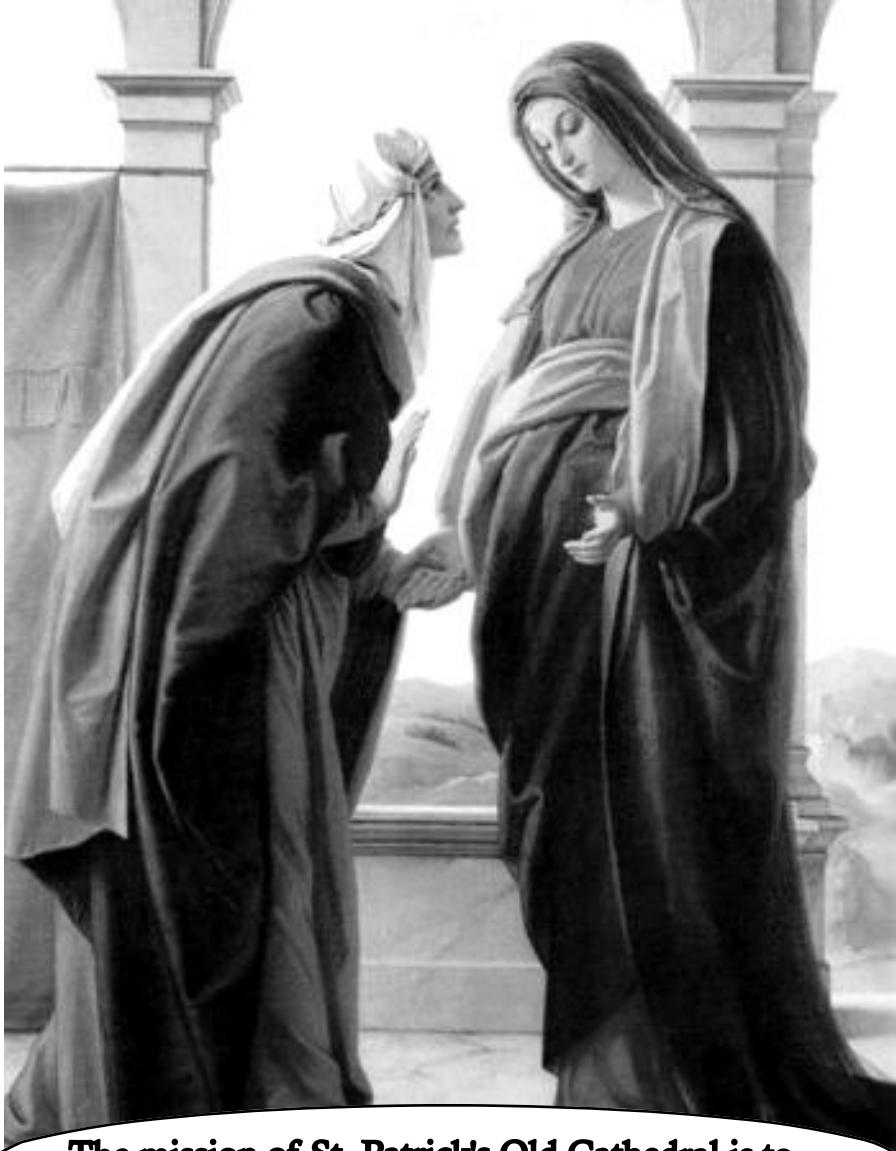


St. Patrick's Old Cathedral

Bulletin

~ The corner of Mott & Prince Streets, New York City ~
Fourth Sunday of Advent ✕ December 20, 2009

“Blessed are you among women, and



The mission of St. Patrick's Old Cathedral is to
proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ
to the people of our community - its residents, workers and visitors.

The Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth.

Luke 1, 43

Fourth Sunday of Advent

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Saturday/Sabado-December 19

5:30PM (Eng) For: Mary & Pat De Bonis
By: Daughter, Antoinette

Sunday/Domingo-December 20, Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:15AM (Eng) For: Mary Ann Richardson
10:15AM (Chinese) For: All souls in family
By: Mary Chen
11:30AM (Sp) Por los Cursillistas y
Por Maria Rita Nuñez y Manuel de Jesus
Nuñez Invita Altagracia Nuñez
12:45PM (Eng) For: Margaret La Porta
By: Daughter, Jennie & children
7:00PM (Eng) For: Joan Vasapolo
By: Margaret McEvoy

Monday/Lunes-December 21, Peter Canisius, priest & doctor

9:00AM (Eng) For: Helen & Louis Bonica
By: Francine & Janet Bonica

12:10PM (Eng) For: Caroline Balzano
By: Sarah Spinosa

Tuesday/Martes-December 22, Late Advent Weekday

9:00AM (Eng) For: Louise Forlini
By: Carolyn & Karl Agro

12:10PM (Eng) For: Albert Russo
By: Dale Chapman

Wednesday/Miercoles-December 23, John of Kenty, priest

9:00AM (Eng) For: Maria A. Fernandez
By: Ann Marie Sunday

12:10PM (Eng) For: Sara & Frank De Leo
By: Son & Daughter- in- law

Thursday/Jueves-December 24

9:00AM (Eng) In thanksgiving to Michael the Archangel
5:30PM (Eng) For: Marisa Sarubbi By Mom

11:00PM Midnight Mass

In Thanksgiving to Jesus By: Philip Thi

Friday/Viernes-December 25

9:15AM (Eng)

10:15AM (Chinese) In Thanksgiving to Holy Family

11:30AM (Sp)

12:45PM (Eng)

Saturday/Sabado-December 26, Stephen, first martyr

9:00AM (Sp) Por el alma de Francisco y Daniel Nuñez
Invita Angelina Nuñez

5:30PM (Eng) For: Ella & Vincent Spota
By: Daughter, Ann

Pastor's Corner

Msgr. Donald Sakano

A Merry
and blessed
Christmas
to all!



While the Christmas tree is not an ancient Christian symbol it has became very popular in the United States since the late nineteenth century. It originates from Germany. The lights and ornaments placed on its green boughs represent the dawning light of Christ. He is the source of new life entering into a deadened world.

The birth of the Savior is celebrated on December 25 close to the winter solstice (the time when the proportion of darkness and sunlight during the day reverses in favor of more daylight). This is in recognition of Christ overcoming the forces of sin and death by being the LIGHT OF THE WORLD.

Sunday Offerings

The collection last Sunday was \$3,370.00

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Parochial Vicars ~ Rev. Andrew Thi & Rev. Jonathan Morris, LC

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Parish Council: Santiago Ugarte~President Christopher Luis~Chair

Chris Flatz ~ Parish Manager

Rosa Jimenez ~ Secretary & Wedding Coordinator

Jacqueline Rodriguez ~ Assistant Secretary

John Grodzki & Eddie Rowe~ Operations

Jared Lamenzo ~ Organist Josh South ~ Cantor

Sister Dorothy Collins, CND DRE

Deacon Hector Rodriguez Elva Ugarte, Augustina Rodriguez ~ Rel. Ed.

WEEKDAY MASSES

(Lower Church—Entrance on Mulberry Street)

Monday to Friday ~ 9:00 AM & 12:10 PM

Friday Evening ~ 7:30 PM (Spanish)

Saturday Morning ~ 9:00 AM

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil ~ 5:30 PM

Sunday ~ 9:15 AM (English)

10:15 AM ~ (Chinese)

11:30 AM ~ (Spanish)

12:45 PM ~ (English)

7:00 PM ~ (English)

Confessions ~ Saturday, 4:30 - 5:15PM

The Permanent
will move back to
**263 Mulberry
Street**
in
January, 2010.

Temporary Office

We are in the
old convent while the
parish office is
renovated.

Visit us at

32 Prince Street

Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament

Every Friday after the 12:10PM Mass to 3:00 PM with Benediction (Lower Church)

First Fridays (Lower Church)

9:00 AM ~ Mass 11:00 AM ~ Mass (Chinese)

12:10 PM ~ Mass (English) followed by Adoration and Benediction at 3:00 PM

7:30 PM ~ Mass in Spanish followed by Adoration until 9:30 PM

Spanish Prayer Group gathers every Friday after Mass to 9:30 PM

Baptisms

on Sundays after the 12:45 pm Mass
Begin by enrolling in the Baptism Class on
the first Monday of the month.

Matrimony

Consult our Wedding Coordinator, Rosa Jimenez, as
soon as you are engaged. In addition, please consult
our website at www.oldcathedral.org



Parish Bulletin Board

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Friday (Lower Church)

Exposition begins after the 12:10 PM Mass and concludes with Benediction at 3:00 PM
~ In the Lower Chapel - Mulberry Street ~

Christmas

Christmas Eve ~ 5:30 PM (English)

Midnight Mass

Caroling ~ 10:30 PM

Mass ~ 11:00 PM

Closing Prayer & Blessing ~ Midnight
Music ~ *Amor Artis*

Christmas Day

9:15 am (English)

10:15 am (Chinese)

11:30 am (Español)

12:45 pm (English)



Christmas Flower Fund

This year Fr. Andrew Thi is in charge of adorning the sanctuary for Christmas. Please help him by making a contribution to our

Christmas Fund. You can make your gift in memory of someone you love, living or deceased. With a \$10 donation, the donors and the names of those who are remembered will be published in the Bulletin for Christmas.

The Parish House, 263 Mulberry Street,
is due to complete its two-year restoration by
January 1.

The building, once the home and office of Bishop Dubois, Archbishop Hughes and Cardinal McCloskey, is the oldest rectory in the Archdiocese of New York.

Three floors are dedicated to promoting parish and community spirit by providing rooms for meetings and other activities, including an occasional movie.

Beginning in January, the pastoral offices will be a in three locations: 362 Mulberry (Msgr. Sakano and Fr. Morris), 268 Mulberry St (Fr. Thi); 32 Prince Street (Deacon Rodriguez, Sr. Dorothy & Mr. Lamenz).

Young Adult Continued Faith Formation

On Wednesday, January 6th

we will begin a 24 week series for parishioners interested in learning more about the Bible and our Catholic Faith. It will feature a fabulous video presentation titled "The Bible Time Line", presented by nationally known speaker and evangelist, Jeff Cavins, as well as ample time for questions and discussion about all areas of living our faith. The group will meet every Wednesday night from 7:30pm – 8:45pm. All are welcome! There is no need to make a commitment to attend all 24 weeks. Please send an e-mail to Martin Tomlinson (martin.tomlinson@aya.yale.edu) to sign-up.

Mass for Young Adults & Friends ~ Sundays at 7:00 PM

Facebook

We invite parishioners to join the parish's new Facebook page "St. Patrick's Old Cathedral" for event updates and to meet other parishioners..
In addition, click into our website at www.oldcathedral.org

Visit our Christmas Tree for Kids

In the foyer of the church there is a real tree with real cards pinned on the branches containing suggestions of gifts for kids whose Christmas will be brighter if you bring him/her that gift and put it under the tree. We'll make sure it gets to a real kid.

We are Collecting Gloves and Socks until December 26

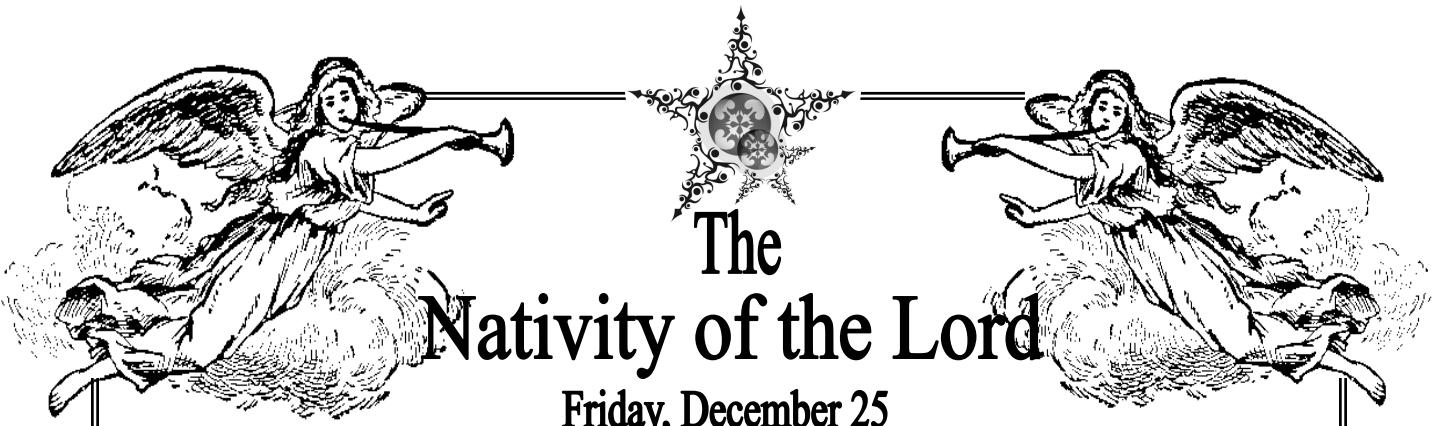
The youngsters in our Parish Education Program have decided that they will spearhead a collection of gloves, socks and scarves for homeless people in time for the cold weather.

For the next two Sundays there will be a basket in the back of the church to receive donations of new gloves, socks or scarves that you can bring to church. The young people will bring the gifts to one of the shelters for homeless people located in Lower Manhattan.

Baptism Class

If you are interested in having a child baptized or are preparing to be a Godparent at a Baptism in another parish, you can attend our Baptism Preparation Classes. If you are not a member of the Parish, you need to obtain a letter from your Pastor.

The next class is **Monday, January 4 at 7:00pm**. You must call and register for the class. For more information and to register for the class, call the parish office - 212-226-8075



The Catechism of the Catholic Church

THE MYSTERIES OF JESUS' INFANCY

The preparations

522 The coming of God's Son to earth is an event of such immensity that God willed to prepare for it over centuries. He makes everything converge on Christ: all the rituals and sacrifices, figures and symbols of the "First Covenant".¹⁹⁵ He announces him through the mouths of the prophets who succeeded one another in Israel. Moreover, he awakens in the hearts of the pagans a dim expectation of this coming.

523 *St. John the Baptist* is the Lord's immediate precursor or forerunner, sent to prepare his way.¹⁹⁶ "Prophet of the Most High", John surpasses all the prophets, of whom he is the last.¹⁹⁷ He inaugurates the Gospel, already from his mother's womb welcomes the coming of Christ, and rejoices in being "the friend of the bridegroom", whom he points out as "the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world".¹⁹⁸ Going before Jesus "in the spirit and power of Elijah", John bears witness to Christ in his preaching, by his Baptism of conversion, and through his martyrdom.¹⁹⁹

524 When the Church celebrates the *liturgy of Advent* each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Savior's first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for his second coming.²⁰⁰ By celebrating the precursor's birth and martyrdom, the Church unites herself to his desire: "He must increase, but I must decrease."²⁰¹

The Christmas mystery

525 Jesus was born in a humble stable, into a poor family.²⁰² Simple shepherds were the first witnesses to this event. In this poverty heaven's glory was made manifest.²⁰³ The Church never tires of singing the glory of this night:

The Virgin today brings into the world the Eternal And the earth offers a cave to the Inaccessible. The angels and shepherds praise him And the magi advance with the star, For you are born for us, Little Child, God eternal!²⁰⁴

526 To become a child in relation to God is the condition for entering the kingdom.²⁰⁵ For this, we must humble ourselves and become little. Even more: to become "children of God" we must be "born from above" or "born of God".²⁰⁶ Only when Christ is formed in us will the mystery of Christmas be fulfilled in us.²⁰⁷ Christmas is the mystery of this "marvelous exchange":

O marvelous exchange! Man's Creator has become man, born of the Virgin. We have been made sharers in the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share our humanity.²⁰⁸

195 *Heb 9:15.*

202 Cf. *Lk 2:61.*

196 Cf. *Acts 13:24; Mt 3:3.*

203 Cf. *Lk 2:8-20.*

197 *Lk 1:76; cf. 7:26; Mt 11:13.*

204 *Kontakion* of Romanos the Melodist.

198 *Jn 1:29; cf. Acts 1:22; Lk 1:41; 16:16; Jn 3:29.*

205 Cf. *Mt 18:3-4.*

199 *Lk 1:17; cf. Mk 6:17-29.*

206 *Jn 3:7; 1:13; 1:12; cf. Mt 23:12.*

200 Cf. *Rev 22:17.*

207 Cf. *Gal 4:19.*

201 *Jn 3:30.*

208 *LH*, Antiphon I of Evening Prayer for January 1st.

Desde el Despacho del Pastor

Msgr. Donald Sakano

FELIZ NAVIDAD A TODOS !



Mientras que el árbol de Navidad no es un antiguo símbolo Cristiano, se ha convertido en algo muy popular en los Estados Unidos desde los finales del siglo XIX. Tiene su origen en Alemania. Las luces y los adornos colocados en sus ramas verdes representan la luz del amanecer de Cristo. El Es la fuente de vida nueva que entra a un mundo muerto.

El nacimiento del Salvador se celebra el 25 de Diciembre cerca del solsticio de invierno (el momento en que la proporción de la oscuridad y la luz solar durante el dia se invierte a favor de mas luz del dia). Esto es en reconocimiento de Cristo superando las fuerzas del pecado y la muerte por ser la LUZ DEL MUNDO.

El Boletin Board

Adoracion Al Santisimo Todos los Viernes

La Exposicion comienza despues de la Misa de las 12:10 PM y concluye con El Benedicto a las 3:00PM
-En la capilla—calle Mulberry

Fondos Para Flores Navideñas

Este año el Padre Thi estará encargado de ardonar el altar para Navidad. Por favor ayudalo haciendo una contribución hacia los fondos para flores Navideñas. Haga su donación en honor a un ser querido, vivo o fallecido. Con una donacion de \$10, los nombres serán publicados en nuestro boletin el dia de Navidad como todos los años anteriores.

Casa Parroquial, 263 de la Calle Mulberry

Esta a punto de completar sus dos años de restauracion el dia primero de Enero. El edificio, una vez la casa y oficina del Obispo Dubois, Arzobispo Hughes y el Cardenal McCloskey, es la rectoria mas vieja del Arquidiocesis de New York.

Tres pisos estan dedicado para promover el espíritu de la parroquia y comunidad con cuartos para reuniones y otras actividades, incluyendo de ves en cuando una pelicula. Comenzando en Enero, las oficinas pastorales estaran en tres localizaciones: 263 de Mulberry (Msgr. Sakano y Padre Morris), 268 de Mulberry (Padre Thi), 32 de Prince (Diacono Rodriguez, Sr. Dorothy & Mr. Lamenco)

Celebrando el Año Sacerdotal, presentamos Una Noche de Alabanza!

Sabado, 19 de Diciembre a las 7:00 PM

La Antigua Catedral de San Patricio Habrá musica de alabanza y adoración por varios ministerios de musica, invocación al Espíritu Santo, predica por el renombrado Padre Tomás del Valle, Fundador de "Descubriendo el Siglo XXI", y Exposición del Santísimo y oración de sanación. Favor de traer escrito el nombre del sacerdote por quien desea orar y su petición. Todos están invitados.

Navidad

Nochebuena ~ 5:30 PM (Inglés)

Misa de Medianoche

Villancicos ~ 10:30 PM

Misa ~ 11:00 PM

Oracion Final & Bendicion ~ Medianoche

Musica *Amor Artis*

Dia de Navidad

9:15 am (Inglés)

10:15 am (Chino)

11:30 am(Español)

12:45 pm (Inglés)

Continuacion de Formacion de Fe para Jovenes Adultos

Miercoles, 6 de Enero

Iniciaremos una serie de 24 semanas para los feligreses interados en aprender mas sobre la Biblia y la Fé Catolica .

Con la presentacion de un fabuloso video titulado "El Tiempo de la Biblia," presentado por un comentador y Evangelista bien reconocido nacionalmente, Jeff Cavins. Al igual habrá tiempo amplio para hacer preguntas y discutir sobre todas las areas de como vivir nuestra fe. El grupo se unirá todos los Miercoles por la noche de 7:30 PM hasta las 8:45 PM. Todos estan invitados! No hay necesidad de hacer un compromiso de asistir a las 24 semanas.

Por favor, manda un mensaje a Martin Tomlinson a su correo electronico a (martin.tomlinson@aya.yale.edu) para registrarse.

Misa para Jovenes Adultos y amigos~todos los Domingos a las 7:00 PM.

Facebook

Invitamos a nuestros feligreses a unirse a una nueva página en Facebook de nuestra parroquia llamado "St. Patrick's Old Cathedral", que tundra actualización de eventos y para conocer otros feligreses.

Las Colectas de Guantes y Medias hasta el 26 de Diciembre

Los jovenes de nuestro Programa Educativo de la Parroquia decidieron organizar una colecta de guantes, medias y bufandas para personas sin hogar para el invierno.

Los dos Domingos antes del día de Acción de Gracias empezando el Domingo, 8 de Noviembre habrá una canasta detrás de la iglesia para recibir las donaciones de guantes, medias y bufandas nuevas que puedes traerlos a la iglesia. Los jovenes los llevarán a unos de los refugios para las personas sin hogares localizado en Bajo Manhattan.

Visíte nuestro Arbol de Navidad de Niños

En la entrada de nuestra iglesia tenemos un arbor real con tarjetas real puestas en las ramas que contienen sugerencias para regalos para niños cuales sus Navidades se le haran mas felices si usted le hace un regalo y lo coloca debajo del arbol. Les aseguramos que el regalo llegara a un niño real.

Clases de Bautismo

Si usted esta interesado en bautizar su niño(a) o se quiere preparar para ser padrino en un bautizo en otra Iglesia, usted puede asistir a nuestra Clase de Preparacion aqui en nuestra parroquia.

Si usted no es miembro de esta parroquia, ud. debe traer una carta de su Pastor para bautizar aqui.

La proxima clase es Lunes, 4 de Enero a las 7:00pm. Llame a nuestra oficina para registrarse al 212-226-8075.