



# SAINT ISAAC JOGUES PARISH

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*Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God*

**Holy Family Sunday  
December 28, 2008**

## New Year's Eve: Two Memories

*For auld lang syne, my dear,  
For auld lang syne,  
We'll tak' a cup o' kindness yet  
For auld lang syne!*

How do you spend New Year's Eve? There are many customs and traditions surrounding New Year's Eve. Bells, noise-makers, the "countdown" in Times Square, funny party hats, representations of "Father Time" and "Baby New Year"... and that's only a beginning. If you could choose a place to celebrate New Year's Eve would it be in Vienna with the music of Johann Strauss, Jr.? Would it be at Versailles at a very elegant Ball, rubbing shoulders with Baron de Rothschild and Catherine Deneuve? Would it be with kith and kin at a large family house party? Would you prefer Dixieland Jazz or old Guy Lombardo hits? Over the years, I have personally chosen a quiet and, sometimes a solitary "vigil," to Midnight. Last year I fell asleep before the "witching hour." I had to postpone my Champagne split and herring. Are you one of those who grew up with herring at Midnight? It's supposed to bring good luck for the coming year. Salty things like herring are symbols of good luck probably because Roman legionnaires were paid with a ration of salt--hence the expression being "worth your salt."

I have two favorite memories of New Year's Eve. The first was a parish New Year's Eve Dance that aimed to be elegant. The decor and semi-formal attire suggested variations on a theme of "Black and White." There was ample domestic Champagne to create the illusion that this was the "real thing." The holiday buffet was candlelit and the music mellow. The whole idea for the dance was an "inspired memory" of an authentic English New Year's Eve Ball. Nostalgic and hopelessly romantic, it was still a good experience. The high point for me, after noisemakers and confetti, was "Auld Lang Syne."

My English friend had explained the custom to most of us. "**Auld Lang Syne**" - literally "Old Long Ago" - symbolizes feelings of "remembered friendships, family and home on New Year's Eve." In England and Scotland, the time honored way to sing "**Auld Lang Syne**" is to gather in a large circle, crossing arms and linking hands all around, the participants sing. Moving in and back from the circle's center or swaying from side to side, the rite concludes. I've only experienced "**Auld Lang Syne**" in

such a dramatic way once, but it was unforgettable.

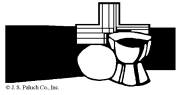
My second memory is very different. It is my preferred way to spend New Year's Eve-- alone. Setting the mood isn't difficult-- recorded classical music, candlelight, a light supper and real Champagne. An all-important part of my personal ritual is my appointment book for the past year. It is a kind of meditation. I review the highs and lows, new people I have met, old friendships, family gatherings, challenges and blessings. I usually conclude with a prayer of thanksgiving and a prayer of trust. If I can stay awake until Midnight, I pray recorded bagpipe music, toast the New Year and fulfill the "herring obligation." Occasionally, depending on my mood, I add one more song-- Vaughan Williams' setting of Tennyson's "*In Memoriam*" or Peggy Lee's "Is that all there is." I prefer the former! HAVE A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

- Fr. Luczak



Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky!  
Ring out the old, ring in the new,  
Ring, happy bells, across the snow:  
Ring in the nobler modes of life  
With sweeter manners, purer laws.  
Ring out old shapes of foul disease,  
Ring out the narrowing lust of gold;  
Ring out the thousand wars of old,  
Ring in the thousand years of peace!  
Ring in the valiant man and free,  
The larger heart, the kindlier hand!  
Ring out the darkness of the land,  
Ring in the Christ that is to be!

- "*In Memoriam*," Alfred, Lord Tennyson



SPIRITUAL LIFE

### A PRAYER FOR FAMILIES ON THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

*(Gathered around the dinner table or some other place join hands and pray the Our Father. Then someone prays:)*

O God, you have created us in love and saved us in mercy. You have established the family and willed that it should become a sign of Christ's love for his Church. Shower your blessings on this family gathered here in your name. Enable us, who are joined by one love, to support one another by our fervor of spirit and devotion to prayer. Make us responsive to the needs of others and witnesses to the faith in all we say and do. We ask this through Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*(If you have holy water, each may make the sign of the cross over themselves with it.)*

### EPHIPHANY WEEKEND

We are looking for assistance with the **petitions at the 5 p.m. Mass on Saturday, January 3**, so they can be offered in **different languages in addition to English**. If you are willing and able to translate a petition and offer it in another language, please sign-up in the Holy Family Room today or call the RE Office at 847/966-1180. A **pot-luck dinner will follow** after that 5:00 p.m. Mass in the Holy Family Room. In addition to dinner perhaps we'll sing carols! Again please **sign up in the Holy Family Room or call the RE Office by Monday, December 29<sup>th</sup>**. Let us know how many are coming and what you will bring--an entrée, salad, veggies, other side dishes, desserts, etc.

Our **Music Ministry will have a concert at 3 p.m. on Sunday, January 4**. Hospitality will follow in the Holy Family Room. We invite you to **bring one of your traditional Christmas treats to share**. Also, if you have a **nativity scene or other Christmas art of your culture or ethnic group** that you would like to bring before the concert and set up for people to enjoy during the hospitality, you are welcome to do so. Please call the RE Office and let us know so that we have enough display space. Thank you!

### READINGS FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalms 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13

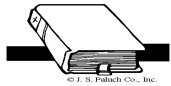
Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Matthew 2:1-12

### ABOUT NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

ISAIAH: "The last part of the book of Isaiah contains the words of a prophet who lived after the Jews returned from exile. They found their temple destroyed and the city leveled. But with great faith the prophet envisions a wonderful future for Jerusalem."

EPHESIANS: "The Ephesians were a community in which Jewish converts to Christianity lived side-by-side with Gentile converts. The author of this letter confirms that God's saving grace is available to everyone, whatever their background."



**EDUCATION**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

\*Monday night RE classes will not meet December 29<sup>th</sup>.

\*Kindergarten RE resumes next Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup>.

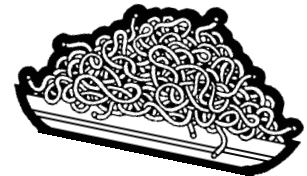
**ST. ISAAC JOGUES WOMEN'S CLUB  
IMPORTANT DATES TO SAVE AND REMEMBER  
FOR ALL MEMBERS OF THE PARISH.**

**MEN AND WOMEN ARE ALL INVITED**



THERE WILL BE A **CARD AND BUNCO PARTY** IN THE HOLY FAMILY ROOM ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 13<sup>TH</sup>. TICKETS WILL BE \$10.00 THERE WILL BE POPCORN AND SODA DURING AND THEN DESSERT AFTER THE GAMES. A TABLE PRIZE FOR EACH TABLE WILL BE AWARDED. TICKETS WILL BE SOLD THROUGH THE WOMEN'S CLUB. TICKETS WILL GO ON SALE AFTER THE FIRST OF THE YEAR.

ALSO THERE WILL BE ANOTHER **PASTA DINNER** IN THE HOLY FAMILY ROOM ON MARCH 14<sup>TH</sup>. MORE INFORMATION ON THIS EVENT WILL FOLLOW SOON.



MaryKoleen Baltazar Carrillo, daughter of Mark Anthony Carrillo and Kristine Baltazar

**Share the Gift of Learning**

Many adults need help with basic English reading, writing, or speaking skills. Share the gift of learning! Call Oakton Community College at 847-635-1426. Three part training will be on

**Collections**

Stewardship.....Sunday Collection

Weekly (this year) 12/14/08—\$9,543.41 (last year) 12/16/07—\$9,066.28

In the first reading, God promises King David that his house and his kingdom will endure forever. It is through Mary's "Yes" - "I am the handmaid of the Lord. Let it be done to me as you say." - that the promise finds fulfillment.

BAKE SALE - NOVEMBER 22/23



Sunday, December 28

- 7:30 am Felomena Paz
- 9:00 am Ed Brezinski
- 10:30 am Sophie Aguiar & Loretta Corrigan
- 12:00 pm For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Isaac Jogues & their Families; Richard Chmielewski, Jr.

Monday, December 29

- 8:00 am Purgatorial Society; Stephen J. Lis

Tuesday, December 30

- 8:00 am Charles Falco

Wednesday, December 31

- 8:00 am Michael Gutsell
- 5:00 pm Joel Zajac

Thursday, January 1– Mary, Mother of God

- 9:00 am Anthony J. Angello Family
- 10:30 pm Anne Tamburrino

Friday, January 2

- 8:00 am Terry Dyja

Saturday, January 3

- 8:00 am Communion Service-No Intentions
- 5:00 pm Mary Jane Polinski

Sunday, January 4

- 7:30 am For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Isaac Jogues & their Families; Bruno Demko
- 9:00 am Edward Puisis, Natalie Ainsworth
- 10:30 am Moran & Mellett Families
- 12:00 pm Elakkattu Family

Liturgies next weekend  
January 3 — 4  
Presider



- 5:00 pm Fr. Luczak/ Deacon Paul
- 7:30 am Fr. Kennedy/ Deacon Paul
- 9:00 am Fr. Kennedy/ Deacon Bob
- 10:30 am Fr. Stagaman/ Deacon Bob
- 12:00 pm Fr. McGlynn/ Deacon Rod

Altar Servers

- 5:00 pm Christian & Christy Manaos, Anna Koziol, Adam Ratner
- 7:30 am James Herrera, Cassie Baloue, Rachel Nieva, Bryan Roque
- 9:00 am Olivia Ellsworth, Carlo Lasco, Athena Lasco, Nilakshi Fernando
- 10:30 am Pamela Lerias, Matthew Jaroslowski, Caroline & Paul Jaroslowski
- 12:00 pm Joana Hidalgo, John Hidalgo, Audrey Rementilla, Kathy Janik

Wednesday, December 31 (New Year's Eve)

- 5:00 pm Roshan & Rino Muringothu, Bryan Roque

Thursday, January 1 (New Year's Day)

- 9:00 am Matthew, Caroline & Paul Jaroslowski
- 10:30 am Tom Malitz, Christina Jimmychan, Audrey Rementilla

Sacristy Committee

Diane Bauer, Janet Grant

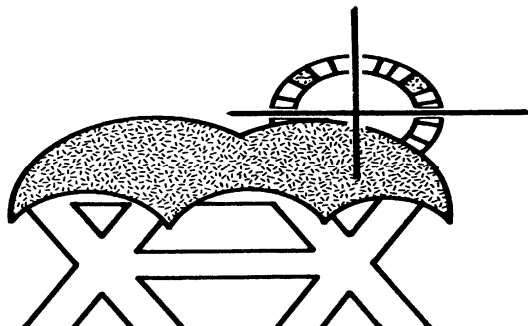
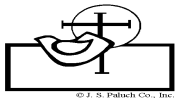
Relatives & Friends

Please remember the sick and hospitalized:

- Wilma Anapa, Bob Arns, Shirley Arns, John Arns, Jr.
- Andre Baros, Noah Baros, Linda Bennett, Shawn Bong, Genevieve Conway, Heidi DeMeo, Marian De Meo, Mary Genvaldi, Shirley Klein, Mark Koz, Maria Ladd, Megan Lawler, Lillian McCloud, Bob Meyers, Marilyn Michaels, Pat Olech, Tammy Heffernan Propst, Tony Romito, Linda Bong Sanchez, Paul Sitkowski, John Terzakis, Pat Terzakis, Pat Walter, Chuck Watson, Mary Zimmiewicz, Megan Zimmiewicz Upshaw.

Reconciliation

Fr. McGlynn



REST IN PEACE

Charles (Buddy) Gries,  
husband of Patricia

My eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all peoples.

**PASTOR:** Rev. Andrew Luczak

**PASTORAL STAFF:**

Deacon Bob Kerls, Parish Business Administrator  
Mrs. Dolores Stanton, Director of Religious Education  
Mrs. Patricia Kellen, Parish Nurse  
Mrs. Lisa Hall, Music Director

**DEACON COMMUNITY:**

Deacon & Mrs. Robert C. O'Keefe  
Deacon Rod Ranola  
Deacon & Mrs. Paul M. Stanton

**WEEKEND LITURGY PRESIDERS:**

Rev. Ron Kalas  
Rev. Larry Janowski, O.F.M.  
Rev. Bernard Kennedy, O.F.M.  
Rev. Philip McGlynn, O.S.M.  
Rev. David Stagaman, S.J.

**Eucharistic Celebrations:**

Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30, & 12:00 Noon  
Monday - Friday: 8:00 AM  
Saturday: 8:00 AM & 5:00 PM

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Saturday, 11:00 - 12:00 Noon or anytime by request.

**Sacrament of Matrimony:** Must be registered for six months prior to setting the wedding date with an additional six months for necessary preparation. Note: The following wedding times can be scheduled:

Friday at 5:00 p.m.;  
Saturday at 1:00 and 3:00 p.m.;  
Sunday at 3:00 p.m. (Ceremony only)

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Second and fourth Sunday of each month at 1:30 PM. Baptism Preparation Session must be completed before Baptism. Contact the Parish Office as soon as possible for details.

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**ADDING NAMES TO THE PARISH SICK LIST**

It has always been the policy of St. Isaac Jogues to offer our parish community an opportunity to pray for those parishioners who are ill and in need of our prayers. We have tried to keep close track of these names for our Bulletin as they are made available to us.

However, now we face an important privacy issue, very much like the issues faced by hospitals, health institutions, and certainly by other parishes.

**We cannot (by law) publicly let our parish community know the health status of any of our members without their permission.**

We appreciate the fact that often friends, neighbors, and acquaintances wish to do something special for a person who is ill, and ask to place their name on the list to be prayed for. While their intentions are surely good, we simply can no longer accept names in this manner.

We will institute a new process regarding calling in names for the Bulletin list.

**Names for the sick list placed in the Bulletin have to be called in by the person who is ill, or by a member of their family.** At the time they call in the name, they will be asked whether they are the sick person him/ herself, or a member of their family, and if they give permission for the name to be placed on the list. They will be asked for the **correct spelling** of the sick person's name. If a **family member**, they will be required to give **their** name for our records.

Thank you for your patience regarding this new process. We wish to do all we can to offer our parish community the opportunity to offer prayers for those who are ill — but we must also be cognizant of the fact that all members of our congregation are entitled to their privacy in this regard.

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