

## PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

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**NOTE:** All announcements for the Bulletin must be submitted to the Rectory Office by Monday at 2:00 pm. The deadline for Pulpit Announcements is Friday evening. **DO NOT** come to the Sacristy before Mass to request an announcement.

### A NEW ORDER

"O, Little Town of Bethlehem." A Philadelphia clergyman named Phillips Brooks penned these popular words back in the mid-1800s, but the prophet Micah could have used them first. Micah knew that from small packages great treasures come. In today's first reading, he knew that from tiny Bethlehem would come the Lord.

The writer in Hebrews explains that Christ came to us to do the will of God by establishing a new order and by becoming our perfect sacrifice. And Luke tells us that Elizabeth and John, the infant in her womb, understand that great and wondrous things are at hand with the coming of the Lord.

This is the Fourth Sunday of Advent. Tomorrow we celebrate anew the fruit of Mary's womb. As we are told in Hebrews, Jesus' new order is being established even today. And as Micah proclaims, his greatness is reaching even now to the ends of the earth.

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### ALTAR SERVERS

Dec. 30	5:00	Roberts
Dec. 31	8:00	Parker
	9:30	Ramos
	11:00	Ficarra/Sweeney
	12:30	Sanchez/Abboud/Hammeras

### ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar Flowers this week-end are donated by Erinn and Lacey Separa to commemorate the 18th wedding anniversary of their parents, Tom and Maren.

### CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

#### Sunday, December 24th

4:30pm Children's Mass

7:30pm Vigil Mass

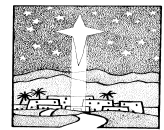
12:00 Midnight Mass

#### Christmas Day

8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm

#### Confessions

Saturday, December 16th 3:45-4:45pm



### PARISH CHOIR

Our Parish Choir will provide music for both the Christmas Midnight Mass (with special carols starting at 11:40pm) and at the Christmas Day 10:00am Mass (with carols starting at 9:40am).

### LECTORS—EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Dec. 30 5:00 Svlich/DiLeo—Team 2

Dec. 31 8:00 Myrtle/Metzger—Team 2

9:30 Griffith/Bodnar—Team 1

11:00 Bauch/Thompson—Team 1

12:30 Goodman/Arnold—Team 1

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED

Additional Eucharistic Ministers are still needed for the 8:00am and the 12:30pm Sunday Masses. Please consider this ministry to God and our community. Call Colette Santucci (562)439-6970.



## Fourth Sunday of Advent December 24, 2006

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



### THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Colby Curtin, Shirley Wood, Lucy Svimonoff, Nina Paterson, Sarah Fries, Maxwell Smith, Harry Fehner, Charles Ward, John Swanson, Fabio Marinetti, Frank Risica, Jeanie Kaufman, Joanne Stewart, Seth Weissman, Louise Millican, Julie Ann Grosso, Hailey Vassilaros, Tom Cammarano, Sam Di Leo, Keith Johnson, Pat Schuck, Mark Lott, Calvin Carlson, June Rozier, Gary Valentine, Marilee Martin, Don Wiltz, and Bill Serhan.

*(As of the 1st of the new year, we will be updating the list of "The Sick of our Parish" in the bulletin. Please call the Rectory if you wish to have a name included).*

### BANNS OF MARRIAGE

3rd Patrick Sullivan/Johanna Wise

### O COME, DIVINE MESSIAH

Dear Savior, haste; come, come to earth,  
Dispel the night and show your face,  
And bid us hail the dawn of grace.  
O come, divine Messiah,  
The world in silence waits the day  
When hope shall sing its triumph,  
And sadness flee away.

—Simon J. Pellegrin, Tr. by Mary of St. Philip

### LEGION OF MARY

Meets every Wednesday, 8:45am, in the Jubilee Room. Everyone is welcome.

### COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY

"Life "Changes" - Study of the Book of Acts. Every Thursday, 7:00pm, in the Jubilee Room. For more information, call: Patricia Goodman (562)434-7434.



### Dear Parishioner:

It is very important for all parishes to have an up-to-date Parish Census. Looking to the future, whether or not a parish has a resident priest will be determined based on the number of families in the parish. Here at St. Bartholomew it is essential to be a registered parishioner in order to be married in our church, or to have a baptism here. It is for this reason that I ask all who did not receive a Christmas Schedule in the mail to please fill out the Supplementary Envelope that can be found in the pews, and place it in the collection basket. Thanking you for your cooperation.

*Sincerely in Christ, Father Bernie*

### WITH GRATITUDE

In a special way we recognize and show our appreciation to all those who made our Advent and Christmas Liturgies truly a beautiful, prayerful and inspirational place to celebrate this holiday season. Thank you to our wonderful Priests, the Choir, Cantors, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Altar Servers, to our Liturgy Committee, and to those volunteers who helped to decorate our Church. Thank you to each and every one of you who so generously gave of your time, talent, and treasure to make Christmas at St. Bartholomew's so special. May God bless you.

### CONFIRMATION DANCE LESSONS

Learn to Tango, Cha-cha, and Foxtrot. The classes run for 6 weeks beginning February 9th—Friday evenings, 7:00-8:30pm, in the gymnasium at St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School, 6200 E. Willow in Long Beach. The cost is \$100.00 per couple and all proceeds go towards the building or a home, or two homes, that our Confirmation Candidates and Sponsors do every year in the spring in Mexico through the Corazon Organization. Please call the rectory to register. Register early as these are popular classes. All are welcome to join in the fun.