## PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

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| **VISIT OUR PARISH WEB SITE** | **http://www.sblb.org** |
| **PARISH COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN** | Nancy Eilers **493-1491** |
| **SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - 4545 E. 4th St. (Monday & Wednesday)** | Pat McGlynn **439-1802** |
| **CONFIRMATION COORDINATOR** | Cindy Rodriguez **431-2414** |
| **RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)** | Earl Lovett **439-3198** |
| **RESPECT LIFE COUNCIL** | Dave McCaughey **438-3263** |
| **LEGION OF MARY** | Margherita Hoehne **438-9843** |
| **MEN'S CLUB & USHERS** | Ron Fawl **494-3342** |
| **PARISH MUSIC DIRECTOR AND ORGANIST** | Brian Archambault **208-8222** |
| **LECTOR /EUCHARISTIC MINISTER COORDINATORS** | Ken & Colette Santucci **439-6970** |
| **COMMUNITY GROUP** | Julie Souverielle **434-5831** |
| **ALTAR SERVERS** | Chris Ahumada **434-3461** |

**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 SENSE OF THE SEASON

December is the time for expressing the hopes and strengthening the dreams that will carry us through the next year. Advent is the way we as a Church express our hopes. Prophetic visions, prayers and songs calling for the Lord to come to help us to hope profoundly. Advent allows us to see in the coming Lord the answer to our dreams. In our tradition, Advent means singing songs of expectation, of our hopes and longing, before we enter into the joyful praise of Christmas Carols. Advent has a two-fold character. During the beginning of Advent we await Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. The later part of Advent we prepare more directly for the coming of Christ as a child, born of the Virgin Mary.

### PENANCE SERVICE

Communal Reconciliation Service, Thursday, December 15th, 7:00pm, in the Church. Many priests will be available for Confession.

### ALTAR SERVERS

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| Dec. 10 | 5:00 | Bebeks |
| Dec. 11 | 8:00 | Stonick/Parkin |
| | 9:30 | Baldemors |
| | 11:00 | Scolamieri/Cowan |
| | 12:30 | White/Hayes |

### LECTORS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Dec. 10 5:00 DiLeo/Smith—Svilich/Pew
Dec. 11 8:00 Souverielle/Montgomery—Hooper/Kehoe/Kehoe
9:30 Bodnar/Sullivan—Team 2
11:00 Villa-McDowell/Bright—Team 2
12:30Rogers/Armstrong—Ward/Thometz

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass schedule is Wednesday, December 7th, 5:00pm Vigil Mass; Thursday, December 8th, 8:00am, 12:15pm, 7:00pm.

### ADVENT PAMPHLETS

We have available in the Vestibule of the Church an assortment of Advent pamphlets. Some of the titles you will find: Mini-meditations for Advent; O Radiant Dawn; Praying with Scripture during Advent; Season of Hope; Advent and Me; and many others. Also, you will find some folded leaflets entitled "Advent Prayers for Busy People" - Advent Wreath Prayers that you can pray together as a family.

### SPECIAL COLLECTION

Next week is the annual **Retirement Fund for Religious appeal.** Almost 33,000 women religious and more than 5,500 men religious are past age 70. Though they may withdraw from compensated, full time ministry, religious continue to visit the sick, tutor children, and volunteer in parishes and among refugee populations. Your donation helps alleviate the spiraling costs of health care. Envelopes can be found in the pews.

### FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Bernie Rollinger, Shirley Wood, Pat Schuck, Lucy Svimonoff, Nina Paterson, Sarah Fries, Maxwell Smith, Harry Fehner, Charles Ward, Chris Shulberg, Larry Sauter, John Swanson, Francesco Marinetti, Fabio Marinetti, Sandra Shadden, Frank Risica, Jeanie Kaufman, and MaryAna Finks.

### THE DECEASED OF OUR PARISH

Jean Torpey

**Second Sunday of Advent**
**December 4, 2005**

Prepare the way of the Lord,
Make straight His paths.

*- Mark 1:3*

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

Altar Flowers this week-end are donated by Don and Iris Blackmore in memory of their daughter, Celeste Bryant.

**A QUIET WAY TO PREPARE FOR CHRISTMAS**

Join us this Wednesday, December 7th, at the monthly Centering Prayer gathering of parishioners and friends. This is a gift to give to yourself—a wonderful opportunity to quietly prepare for Christmas. Centering Prayer is a simple form of meditation with an ancient Christian heritage and does not require any previous experience. Our meeting begins at 7pm at the St. Bart's Youth Center, 4545 E. 4th Street (between Park & Ximeno). As interest in Centering Prayer increases we are planning to meet more often after the first of the year. For more information, please contact: Pat Metzger (562)433-2452; or, patmetzgerCB@aol.com.

**BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

**3rd** Angelo Grospe and Mona Lisa Perez

Thanks to all of you, another great Christmas is on its way for New Life Beginnings, the home for mothers and children in crisis in Long Beach. Let's make sure all the angels on the 2 Christmas Trees are taken since they represent the wishes and needs of real-life mothers and children. There are 30 children this year! Next Sunday, Dec. 11th, Rebecca Younger, the founder of NLB, will speak at the Sunday Masses, and some of the mothers will be in the Hall, with Scrip to sell to supplement the Food Drive. Please stop by and say hello. Questions? Call: Alison Cameron (438-4032), or Christine Woznicki (987-0216).

**ORDINARY INCOME**

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| November 26th/27th | $13,136.00 |
| **THANKSGIVING** | $ 1,167.00 |

**There will be no Coffee and Donuts after the Masses this Sunday due to the Christmas Concert.**

**WOMEN'S COUNCIL**

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT WITH THE Long Beach Chorale—** This Sunday, December 4th, 3:00pm, in the Social Hall. Happy Hour, food, holiday desserts and coffee—$22.00 (includes raffle ticket for the centerpiece). Tickets available at the door.

**ANNUAL SEE'S CANDY CHRISTMAS SALE**

Take the stress out of Christmas and shop with us. Order forms can be found in the Vestibule and the entrance to the Chapel, as well as in the Social Hall. Please place the forms in the designated bags. Orders will be taken up to December 11th, and pick-up will be after all Masses on Sunday, December 18th. For more information, please call:
Carolyn Mackprang (562)594-0460; or,
Pam O'Leary (562)433-7565.

**MONTHLY BRIDGE**

This Wednesday, December 7th, 12 noon, in the Social Hall. All are invited.

**HOW CAN WE AS A COMMUNITY HELP THE NEEDY?**

On Sat. Dec. 10th, at 6:00pm, a group of volunteers from the RCIA, the Community Group, and students from St. John Bosco High School, will be hosting a "FREE" Mexican Dinner in the Social Hall (after 5pm Mass). All we ask is for a donation to go towards a Holiday Party at St. John Bosco High School for needy children and their families. This party will be held on Dec. 17th. Your donation at the dinner will benefit children from the Long Beach area as well as surrounding LA areas. The children will not only get to attend a great party but will also receive Christmas gifts as well. As this is the season of thanksgiving and reflection, let us be the light of Christ to those in need. Please RSVP by Dec. 5th to (562)596-1091. If you leave a message, please indicate how many will attend.

**ST. BART'S CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS—**on sale after all the Masses this wseek-end in the Vestibule.

**2006 Church Calendars** are available at all Church and Chapel entrances.