

Who does not want to sing at Christmas 'Joy to the World...'? But this 20th century Madonna and Child bronze relief, on the outside of a church in Dachau, evokes a different response. It is a mother and child acquainted with grief through eons of time. Heavy is the expression of both faces. Noble the inward gaze with eyelids weighted down by sorrow. Equally heavy appear headgear and cloak. They almost look like armor.

There is a tradition going back to the Middle Ages of Mary wearing a soldier-like mantel of protection. And shelter and refuge are granted to all who seek it under her cloak.

Close to her heart, near the place where she carried the child, she, Mater Dolorosa, carries the world's suffering, the crucible of future wisdom.



Please -

We would like to grow our e-mail list so we can save postage and be able to communicate with you more easily regarding changes or additions to the program, including reminders when appropriate. Please send your email address to christiancommunitynyc@gmail.com. We do not share our email list with anyone.

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Priest absences and visits
Rev. Gisela Wielki will visit the congregations in South Africa, Jan. 27- Feb 24, 2015
Rev. Erk Ludwig will be in New York City during her absence. His phone number is: 415-430-5446



ADVENT, CHRISTMAS, EPIPHANY
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SERVICES

The Act of Consecration of Man
Sundays at 11:00 AM
Thursdays at 9:00 AM

The Sunday Service for Children
Sundays at 10:30 AM
Call for dates 212 877-0208

ADVENT SEASON

Sunday, December 7

12:45 PM Advent Contemplation
'BEWILDERED BY THE POUNDING OF THE WAVES ...
THEN THEY WILL SEE'

Sunday, December 14

9:30 AM
ADVENT FESTIVAL
The Star Child Draws Near
For children and parents
Sunday Service for Children at
10:30 AM

Sunday, December 21

12:30 PM
Come and discover the joy of many hands setting
up the chapel for Christmas.
Everyone welcome

CHRISTMAS SEASON

CHRISTMAS EVE, Wednesday, December 24
10:45 PM Festive Hour with music, poetry and
singing followed by the three Christmas Services
Midnight 12:00 AM
Early morning 8:00 AM
Daytime 11:00 AM
Christmas Service for Children 10:30 AM
This special service is celebrated only once a year

Services during the 12 days of Christmas

December 26, 27, 29, 30 at 10:00 AM
Dec. 28 and New Year's Day, Jan. 1 at 11:00 AM

NEW YEAR'S EVE GATHERING

6:00 - 8:30 PM
With serious fun around the Christmas tree as we
bid farewell to the old and welcome the New Year

Sunday, January 4th

12:45 PM
HARP MUSIC FOR THE HOLY NIGHTS
A program of classical solos, story and song,
including the Hebridean "Christ Child's Lullaby" and
"The Three Kings" - words by David Spangler
Performed by Rita Costanzi, Concert Harpist

EPIPHANY SEASON

EPIPHANY DAY
Tuesday, Jan. 6, service at 9:00 AM

Sunday, January 11th
9:30 AM
EPIPHANY STAR FESTIVAL
For children and parents
Sunday Service for Children at
10:30 AM

Sunday, January 18

12:45 PM
Discipleship Tasks Then and Now:
MENDING THE NETS
ATTENDING TO THE WEB OF DESTINY

Sunday, February 8

9:45 AM WINTER FESTIVAL
For children and parents
10:30 AM Sunday Service for Children

Sunday, February 15

12:45 PM
ON THE WAY TOWARD HUMANITY
Talk by Rev. Erk Ludwig, San Francisco

Friday evenings Study Group

Dec. 5, 12, Jan. 9, 16 at 6:30 PM
IMAGES TO LIVE WITH FOR THE
ADVENT, CHRISTMAS, EPIPHANY SEASON

Looking Ahead

Sunday, March 8

12:00 Noon "A CHEROKEE BRUNCH"
Fundraising Event for the Priests' Retirement Fund
A special meal followed by an exploration of the history,
culture and language of a Native American nation
Details will be provided separately