

A child unborn, the coming year
Grows big within us, dangerous,
And yet we hunger as we fear
For its increase: the blunted bud
To free the leaf to have its day,
The unborn to be born ...
- Wendell Berry

I must be Mary and myself give birth to God,
would I possess – nor can I otherwise –
God's gift of everlasting happiness.
- Angelus Silesius

Madonna in Riverside Park, NYC
After the big snowstorm in January 2016



Looking Ahead - save the date!

World Pentecost Conference
June 2-6, 2017
in Den Bosch, The Netherlands
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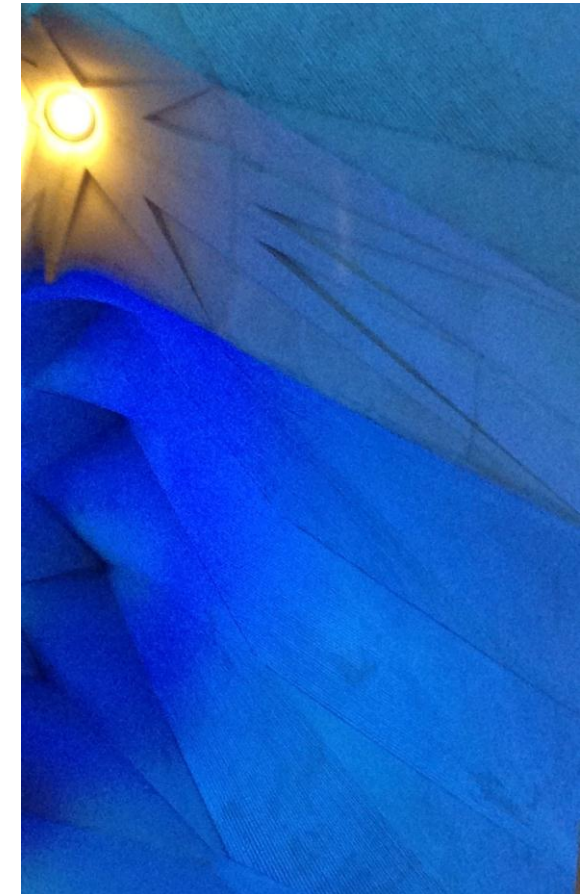
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ADVENT – CHRISTMAS – EPIPHANY
2016 - 2017

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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
Please call for dates 212 877-0208

ADVENT SEASON

Advent Conference

With Rev. Erk Ludwig, San Francisco

Sources of Worthiness

To Become Co-Workers of the Divine Saturday, December 3

10:00 AM The Act of Consecration

11:15 AM Talk: **THE REVELATION OF CHRIST**

12:30 PM Light lunch

1:30 PM Artistic activity

3:00 PM Talk: **IN REVERENCE OF CHRIST**

Followed by Conversation

Sunday, December 4

11:00 AM The Act of Consecration

12 Noon light lunch

12:45 PM Talk: **IN MINDFULNESS
OF CHRIST'S DEED**

CHRISTMAS SEASON

Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24

10:45 PM Christmas tree lighting and singing

The Threefold Celebration of the Act of Consecration of Man

Midnight Dec. 24-25 12:00 AM

Christmas Morning Dec. 25 8:00 AM

Christmas Day Dec. 25 11:00 AM

Christmas Service for Children 10:30 AM

This special service is celebrated only once a year.
Parents, please confirm that your child will attend

Weekday Services during the 12 days of Christmas

11:00 AM December 26, 27 and 31

9:00 AM December 28 – 30

Followed by light refreshments and Open Conversation
on themes related to the season

Sunday, January 1

11:00 AM The Act of Consecration

12 Noon light lunch

12:45 PM A Celebration of Beginnings

INITIO

With some contemplative thoughts, music and poetry

Jan. 5

9:00 AM Last Service of the Christmas Season

Followed by preparing the chapel for Epiphany

EPIPHANY SEASON

Incorporating the light of his grace

EPIPHANY DAY

Friday, Jan. 6, service at 11:00 AM

Sunday, January 29

11:00 Am The Act of Consecration

12 Noon light lunch

12:45 PM Talk and conversation

STAR MATTERS

Sunday, February 12

11:00 AM The Act of Consecration

12 Noon light lunch

12:45 PM **REV. OLIVER STEINRUECK VISIT**

Coordinator for North America

Sunday, February 26

11:00 AM The Act of Consecration of Man

12 Noon Light lunch

STAR CHILDREN

The Life of Opal Whiteley

A magically gifted child

Forgotten interpreter of nature

DEAR CONGREGATION,

Rev. Erk Ludwig is visiting December 3-4 with a rich program. Be sure to mark it in your calendar. As we go toward the close of the year it is good to look back and reflect upon all the gifts received. We have so much to be thankful for in the life of our congregation. There are the servers, two new ones joined the group this year and hopefully more will follow. There are the musicians, the members of the Board and all the hands that prepare and serve the food at our Sunday lunches. Our "Patterns" Fundraiser for retired priests was a great success and lots of fun. Many thanks to Robb Creese, he has already an idea for next year. Thank you also to all who support us financially with donations and pledges or with a prayerful presence in the celebration of the sacraments.

Sunday, February 12 Rev. Oliver Steinrueck will be with our congregation. He is the coordinator for the

Christian Community in NA. And he is looking forward to be with our congregation. Come and meet him.

THE THREEFOLD BLESSING of the Act of Consecration, Midnight, Morn and Day on Christmas is a unique experience. It is but one long breath bestowed upon us from the Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.