

The flowers in the Church today are dedicated to the Glory of God and given in loving memory of **John Ensor and Peg and Gawn Clemes**, remembered with great love by Mary Clemes Ensor, Bob, Kathy and Pattie and grandchildren Joshua, Zachary, Lexi and Matthew (Chancel) and in loving memory of **Betty and John Wilding, Gordon Wilding and Joan Sheppard** from Kenneth Wilding and family (Altar).

Eucharistic Ministers: (8:00) Pat Blythe, Pamela Smith (9:30) Drew MacDonald, Pat Blythe, Carol Seare Hanlon (11:00) Drew MacDonald, Jeffrey Cuthbert, Bruce Williams, Pat Blythe, Catherine Keating

Servers: (8:00) Pamela Smith (9:30) Katie Clark (11:00) Sally Maddix

Sidespeople: (9:30) Jim and Vicki Parrish (11:00) Wayne McLeod, Doug Ball, Gerald Wood, John Bannister

Coffee Hour Hosts: (8:00) Pamela Smith (9:30) TBC (11:00) Sylvia McConnell



THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Christmas Eve

Holy Communion – 5:30 p.m.
Cappuccino Social – 9:00 p.m. – Garnsworthy Room
Holy Communion – 10:00 p.m.

Christmas Day

Holy Communion – 10:00 a.m.

Thursday

Holy Communion – 10:30 a.m.

Sunday – 1st Sunday After Christmas – Naming of Jesus

Holy Communion – 8:00 a.m. - BCP
Baptism & Holy Communion – 10:00 a.m. – BAS



COLLECT OF THE DAY: Heavenly Father, who chose the Virgin Mary, full of grace, to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour, now fill us with your grace, that we in all things may embrace your will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

8:00 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION (BCP, p. 67)

Welcome & Announcements

First Reading: *Isaiah 7:10-16*

Reader: *Ron Denham*

Psalm 80:1-7

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Gospel:

Matthew 1:18-25

Sermon

Rev. Pat Blythe

Intercessions

Rev. Bruce Williams

Communion

Blessing



About This Week's Reading: We are called to be in a special relationship with God, a relationship as intimate as that of a child to its father, made possible for us through Jesus. This special relationship was foreseen and foretold by prophets, centuries before the birth of Jesus. Jesus promised, "Ask and it shall be given." Do we have the courage to ask or are we like Ahaz, who shrank from asking so much?

HOLY COMMUNION ADMINISTERED IN THE HOME

Anyone wishing to have Holy Communion administered at home, or if you know of anyone who is unable to leave their home and wishes Holy Communion, please let a member of the clergy know by calling the Church Office at 416-225-6611.



9:30 A.M.

HOLY COMMUNION (BAS, p. 185)

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

Hymn *Sing of Mary ...* (Screen)

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Candle of Love

“Christmas Angels” (Screen)

Greeting pg. 185

Opening Prayers – & **Collect** of the Day (screen) p. 185

Children’s Procession

(The children go to their Church School classes.)

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading: *Isaiah 7:10-16*

Reader: *Jay Burford*

Gospel (stand): *Matthew 1:18-25*

Sermon Rev. Pat Blythe

Prayers of the People

Confession and Absolution(screen)

Sharing of the Peace

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn #91 *People look East ...* (screen)

World Hunger Grace (screen)

Prayer Over The Gifts

Eucharistic Prayer #2 (screen)

Breaking of the Bread #5 (screen)

Lord’s Prayer sung (screen)

Communion Hymn #80 *We hail Thee now Lord Jesus...* (screen)

Anthem: *No Wind at the Window ...*

Prayer After Communion

Glory to God (screen)

Blessing

Hymn #95 *O Come Divine Messiah ...* (screen)

Dismissal / Response: *Thanks be to God.*

(Join us for fellowship and refreshments in The Garnsworthy Room.)

11:00 A.M.

HOLY COMMUNION (BAS, p. 230)

Prelude: *Suite Gothique - Prière à Notre-Dame** Léon Boëllmann

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

(Choir procession - please stand)

Processional Hymn #267 (628) *The God whom earth and sea and sky ..*

Welcome & Announcements

(The children go to their Church School classes.)

Opening Prayer p.230

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Collect of the Day

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading: *Isaiah 7:10-16*

Reader: *Barbara Hawkins*

Magnificat (Tone VI)* *Fauxbordon – Chas. Wood*

(please remain seated)

Gradual Hymn #708 (sung before and after the Gospel)

Gospel: *Matthew 1:18-25*

Sermon Rev. Pat Blythe

Nicene Creed p.234

Prayers of the People

Confession and Absolution p.238

The Peace

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn #362 *Tell out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord*

Prayer Over the Gifts p.272

Eucharistic Prayer A p.241

The Lord’s Prayer p.245

Breaking of the Bread p.246

O Lamb of God *Mass of St. Denis (CP#701)* B. Cabena

Hymns during Communion #48 *Let all Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

#133 From Heaven on High to Earth I Come

Anthem *Linden Tree Carol ...* arr. R. Jaques

POST COMMUNION

Prayers After Communion p.247

Blessing

Recessional Hymn #101 *Hail to the Lord’s Anointed ...*

Dismissal

Postlude: *Von Himmel Hoch (BWV 700)**

**Organist – Johan van’t Hof*

(Join us for fellowship and refreshments in The Garnsworthy Room.)

WE'RE BUYING A COW

Junior Church (Sunday School) will be collecting money to purchase a cow for \$600 through World Vision. The clergy and other staff invite you to direct your gift giving toward this cause if you wish. We are working on a way to ensure all donations over \$10.00 receive a tax receipt.



NEED A LAST MINUTE STOCKING STUFFER OR A GIFT FOR AN UNEXPECTED GUEST? Give our own wonderful Handbell CD "Ring in Christmas". Hear it (and purchase) in the Narthex on Dec. 23rd. It is always available from the church office. Just \$15 (tax included), \$12 for orders of 10. Thank you very much for your support. Thank you to all the ringers who have brought joy to so many at retirement homes and concert venues this season.

Carolyn

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CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICES TIMES

*****TONIGHT – RE-SCHEDULED ANNUAL
CAROL SERVICE 7:00 P.M.*****

DECEMBER 24TH, 5:30 and 10:00 P.M.

DECEMBER 25TH 10:00 A.M.

DECEMBER 30TH 8:00 AND 10:00 A.M.

THE CHANCEL GUILD wishes to take the opportunity to thank all those who helped with the 'greening of the Church'. We're looking for a few extra hands to help prepare the church for our Christmas Services. **If you are available on Monday, December 24th at 9:00 a.m.**, please meet Pamela Smith in the Narthex – there will be poinsettias to place, flowers to arrange, the Crèche to display, etc. There is still time to make a donation to our Festival Decorating fund as a memorial, thank offering, or in celebration of the Christmas season. Cheques should be made out to St. John's York Mills, with a note that the cheque is for the Christmas decorating by the Chancel Guild. Please drop them off in the Church office NOT on the collection plate. **Be sure to include your dedication information.**

E.B. COX: A LIFE IN SCULPTURE

Several copies of this book have been donated to the church, and for a donation to the church of \$20.00 a copy may be obtained. E.B. Cox was the sculptor of the baptismal symbols in the Baptistry, the Lamb of Christ figure over the chapel windows, and the bear sculpture in the garden opposite the north door. If you are interested in obtaining a copy, please speak with Jan Allward in the Church Office (416-225-6611).

ESPRESSO/CAPPUCCINO MACHINES NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS EVE!!!

Dana is hoping to borrow Espresso/Cappuccino machines on Christmas Eve for the Adult Social from 9-10pm, in order to avoid the cost of renting a machine for the evening. If you have a machine that we can borrow for one hour on Christmas Eve, would you please call Dana Hibbard at 416-827-0623. Thanks so much! Hope you will join us for fellowship and fancy coffees before the 10pm service on Dec. 24th!

The Church office will be closed from Dec. 25th to Jan. 1st and will reopen on Jan. 2nd. In the event of an emergency or illness, please leave a message in Fr. Drew's voice mail (416) 225-661, ext. 224 and your call will be returned.

CHRISTMAS DECEMBER 2007

**THE FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON ARE
DEDICATED TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND
GIVEN IN LOVING MEMORY OF:**

Norman Burnside

from Betty, Norma and Lynne

Bill, John, Frankie and Kay

from Gwen Denny

Harold and Henry Seare

from Margaret Seare

Nancy Oliver, Anna and Ken Windeler

from Peter & Lynda Oliver and family

**Canon Ralph Price, Barbara Price,
Ron and Audrey Pember and Janet McKnight**

from the family

our fathers, Bill Boxer and Ivan McWhirter

from Barb and Peter McWhirter

Lousie Sugrue and Ivy & Jim Mitchell

from Lauraine Wilding and Family

Hazel Ryan

friend of Bob

Frank and Nicky Hogan, John and Vi Burford and Ann (Mrs. J) Jones

from Jay, Pat, Meaghan and Jessica Burford

given in cherished memory of loved ones

Brendan and Betty Sweeney

St. John's Christmas Tree

lovingly donated by the Parrish family

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as a thank offering
from the McLeod family