

FROM THE DESK OF *Fr. Murphy*

Dear Friends,

Hope it's not too soon to share with you our Christmas Mass schedule:

Christmas Eve

4 PM—Fr. Tighe

6 PM Family Mass—Fr. Murphy (and special guest)

12 Midnight—Fr. Murphy

Christmas Day

9:30 AM—Fr. Cush

11:30 AM—Fr. Frueh

A wonderful way to prepare for Christmas is by going to confession. Our unique Advent penance service occurs on Tuesday, December 14, at 7:30 PM and I'll be in the reconciliation room on Saturday, December 18, from 4-4:45. As always you can call the parish house to set up an appointment with one of our priests for confession.

In addition to the blurb in this bulletin about domestic violence awareness we also have available for you a brochure entitled "When I Call For Help." They are on the tables in the narthex

"Christ Jesus, Our Hope!" is the theme of the reconfiguration process occurring in our diocese that will affect every parish. An insert in today's bulletin attempts to answer frequently asked questions about this.

In September we participated in the diocesan Increase Giving program. Since then, our weekly collection has increased on an average, of nearly \$1300 or about \$65,000 annually. Good! Thank you.

Next week in lieu of my bulletin letter we'll publish a summary of the November meeting of our Pastoral Planning Council.

Please pray for me during Advent—and whenever you can. Thank you. God bless you.

*Love,
Fr. Murphy*

Stewardship

November 27–28

Offertory **\$6,127.00**

Children's Envelopes **\$77.00**

Donations **\$350.00**

Attendance **905**

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Wednesday, December 8, is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Our Masses are at 6:45 AM, 9 AM, 12:05 PM, and 7 PM. Our parish house office will be closed.

DAY OF PRAYER

Our next Day of Prayer is Tuesday, December 21. We'll have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following the 9 AM Mass until Benediction at 9 PM. As a reminder, we have Exposition every Sunday afternoon following the 11:30 AM Mass until the 5 PM Jazz Mass.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK

Saturday, December 11 at 11 AM there will be Anointing of the Sick in the Church. All are welcome. More information to follow.

CONGRATULATIONS!

At our 5 PM Mass next Saturday, we'll have the joy of baptizing Nazareth Johnston. God bless him and his parents.

COMMUNAL PENANCE

Our unique communal penance service will be held on Tuesday, December 14, at 7:30 PM. Fr. Murphy will hear confessions in the reconciliation room in church on Saturday, December 18, from 4–4:45 PM.

GIVING TREE RETURNS

Please be sure to return all Giving Tree Gifts by next Sunday, Dec. 12. Hour Children Services need to pick up our gifts for distribution that week. Thank you for your generosity!

*No one cares how much you know
until they know how much you care.*

Dennis Ryan, S. J.

BABY'S 1ST CHRISTMAS

Baby's 1st Christmas will be celebrated at our 11:30 AM Mass on Sunday, December 19. If this is your baby's 1st Christmas, bring him or her, godparents, grandparents, family, and friends for a very special blessing. And if you know others whose children are celebrating their first Christmas, please invite them to this Mass.

BROWNBAGGERS: DECEMBER 12

On December 12, the St. Saviour Brownbaggers will bring 100 brownbag lunches plus thermal socks and wool hats—Christmas gifts from parishioners and volunteers—to Union Square Park and Thompkin Square Park in Manhattan. If you would like to donate thermal socks and hats but cannot attend the event, please bring them to the Parish Hall between 11–12 noon on December 12.

If you can attend the event, please RSVP with your full name and cell number to 646-467-0463 or maruchi@parhamsantana.com. Brownbaggers is 100% supported by volunteers and parishioners. Special thanks to Rose Dunn and Frank Carpenito for their financial support.

AN EVENING OF LESSONS & CAROLS

St. Francis Xavier Parish (Carroll Street and Sixth Avenue) invites you to the annual Advent "Lessons and Carols" on Monday, December 13, at 7:30 PM. The choir will present sacred Christmas music of several centuries and all will join in singing the traditional favorite carols. Welcome!

CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS

Attention all 20- and 30-somethings! Brooklyn Catholic Young Adults (CYA) has some great events this season! Join us for Lessons, Carols & Coffee on December 13, and save the date for our 8th Annual Epiphany dinner and cocktail party on January 8. To see all of our events, visit www.brooklyn-cya.org or call 718-783-3132 x26. We look forward to meeting you!

SAVE THE DATE

Friends of SSES are hosting a Christmas Cocktail Party Friday, December 10, at 7:30 PM at the Montauk Club. Please join us to celebrate Christmas and our school. Special Honoree Dennis Hamill. \$75 per person, all proceeds go to benefit SSES. Please send checks payable to: Friends of SSES, PO Box 24564, Brooklyn, NY 11202

MONTAUK CLUB HOLIDAY BRUNCH

This Sunday, December 5, at 12:30 PM, Kevin McGovern and designers will be performing with fresh cut balsam fir, berries, bows and a sparkle to give you ideas to make your home a holiday fantasy. The cost is \$29.95 per person. For reservations, call 718-638-0800.

LECTURE SERIES

Fr. John Cush, our weekend presider and a Theology instructor will present a series of lectures and discussions on the sacred Liturgy of the Church at 12:30 PM in the parish house on these dates: December 11, January 8, February 5, March 12, April 2, May 7, June 4.

PRAYER INTENTION BOOK

Beginning the first week of December, we will place a Prayer Intention Book at the rear of the Church before you exit into the Narthex. We encourage all parishioners to place their prayer petitions in the book and to remember your intentions as well as the other request that are there. We will remember all the intentions listed each Sunday during the Prayer of the Faithful. From now on, Father Murphy would like to include in the prayer of faithful:

We pray for all the intentions listed in our Prayer Intention Book that God may hear our prayers and grant our petitions through Christ our Lord, we pray to the Lord.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Domestic Violence is a pattern of abusive behavior that occurs between family members and/or intimate partners to gain power and control over another person. It occurs in every country, in families of all races, cultures, religions, and income levels. It can happen to people of all ages and in different forms including physical, emotional, sexual, financial, and spiritual abuse. This problem frequently occurs together with substance abuse. If you think you may be experiencing domestic violence, you are not alone and there is help available. Call the 24-hour hotline at 1-800-621-HOPE. No one deserves to be abused!

Keep in Prayer

Jean Drudy	Inez Hourani
Nick & Ann Veneziano	Geri Brady
Sal DiFronzo	Chris Grant
Lorraine Foley	Sue Brady
Cono Gallo	Michael DeVlieger
Young Joseph Flaherty	Sue DeVlieger
Lynne Tetlus	

Would you like to register as a parishioner of St. Saviour?

Dear Fr. Murphy, I would like to become a parishioner of St. Saviour.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE () _____

EMAIL _____

Please place in collection basket OR cut and return to:

St. Saviour Parish
611 8th Avenue · Brooklyn, NY 11215

Welcome!

HOMILY RECORDING

Fr. Murphy records a brief, three-minute homily each day (except Monday) based on the Scripture readings of that day's Mass. You can call (718) 768-2560 to listen.

ST. SAVIOUR WEB SITE

We've made improvements to our Web site: saintsaviourchurch.org. Check out the weekly Mass recordings, daily scripture readings, event photos, and links to the Brooklyn Diocese. All suggestions are welcome.

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

We ask you to please submit in writing all blurbs you wish in the bulletin by 9 AM on Monday and all announcements you wish priests to make by 9 AM on Friday. Thank you.

Candle Memorials

December 4-11

Sanctuary Lamp—Helen Ford

Our Lady's Altar—

St. Joseph's Altar—

Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 5

Second Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM—Tish Loughlin

10:00 AM—Thomas Belsito

11:30 AM—Ward & Reilly Families

5:00 PM—Elizabeth Fleming & Mary Ellen Galligan

Monday, December 6 · Advent Weekday

6:45 AM—In Thanksgiving

9:00 AM—Thomas McGovern

Tuesday, December 7

St. Ambrose—bishop & Church doctor

6:45 AM—Patrick Griffin, *Anniversary*

9:00 AM—Robert Candella, *Birthday*

Wednesday, December 8

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mother

6:45 AM—People of the Parish

9:00 AM—Maureen McNally

12:05 PM—

7:00 PM—Thomas Finegan

Thursday, December 9 · Advent Weekday

6:45 AM—

9:30 AM—Helen Ford, *Anniversary*

Friday, December 10 · Advent Weekday

6:45 AM—Deceased Members of the Murphy Family

9:00 AM—Brady Family

Saturday, December 11 · Advent Weekday

9:00 AM—Tom Ferris, *Birthday*

5:00 PM—Linda Maran, *Birthday* / Renee Shadiack / Francis McGovern (**Fr. Murphy**)

Sunday, December 12

Third Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM—Thomas Galvin (**Fr. Cush**)

10:00 AM—Al Bove (**Fr. Cush**)

11:30 AM—Lyons Family / Michael Griffin, *Anniversary* (**Fr. Murphy**)

5:00 PM—Nancy Nalven, *Living* (**Fr. Murphy**)