

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.

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.

JAZZ MASS HOSPITALITY

Hospitality evening on December 19, after the 5 PM Jazz Mass will not take place. Cheers! And Happy Holidays!

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!

BULLETIN QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Here are some responses we've received about the 3 questions we posed in the bulletin a few weeks ago:

Q: What one thing do you think would make the biggest difference in the spiritual life of our parish?

A: Have more outreach programs; We need ways to give back, ways that are new, not the same stuff; Brownbaggers has been a hit because it was a new concept.

Q: What one thing do you think is the greatest need in our parish?

A: How about a Father's Club? They could plan and execute new activities such as a pancake breakfast, a hiking day, a camping trip, a fishing expedition etc.

Q: If you could give all the people of St. Saviour an injection of some spiritual gift, what would it be?

A: Peace and hope; You are never alone; God is always with you; Perseverance; Never give up; Thankfulness; To give thanks daily.

Stewardship

December 4-5

Offertory **\$6,475.18**

Children's Envelopes **\$93.21**

Donations **\$945.00**

Attendance **913**

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.

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.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve

4 PM—Fr. Tighe

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

12 Midnight—Fr. Murphy

Christmas Day

9:30 AM—Fr. Cush

11:30 AM—Fr. Fueh

GIVING TREE RETURNS

Please return all Giving Tree Gifts by today, Sunday, December 12. Hour Children Services need to pick up our gifts for distribution this week. Thank you for your generosity!

Keep in Prayer

Jean Drudy
Nick & Ann Veneziano
Sal DiFronzo
Lorraine Foley
Cono Gallo
Young Joseph Flaherty
Lynne Tetlus

Inez Hourani
Geri Brady
Chris Grant
Sue Brady
Michael DeVliieger
Diana Juliano
Sue DeVliieger

FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

The first meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) with our five new members recently chosen at the discernment process was held on Tuesday Nov. 2, 2010. The new members, Sandy Maskell, Charlie Pigott, Regina Ryan, Gregory Smith, Gillian Winn joined the returning and ex-officio members in what was a very informative and busy meeting. Although there isn't enough space to cover all the items discussed in detail, the following summary is intended to give our parishioners a sense of the major items discussed, the general format of the meeting, and a feeling of the role the PPC plays in the Parish.

After the opening prayer by Fr. Murphy, Tom Meany (Chair of PPC) briefly discussed the role of the Council, some of the work it has performed, and the recent rotation of terms that led to the five new members being chosen for the PPC. Then the new members of the Council gave brief descriptions of themselves and their work in the parish. Two major items were discussed in Fr. Murphy's Parish Report: the announcement of a Sister Parish, in Chile and an update on the Diocesan Strategic Planning Commission and Parish Task Force plans for Reconfiguration of Parishes (the "Christ Jesus Our Hope" process).

About one year ago, Joe Giamboi addressed the PPC with the idea of forming an alliance with a sister parish, either inside or outside the United States. He explained how he first learned of this type of relationship and distributed information about such relationships with various ministries throughout the world. Sister Valeria mentioned that her order, the School Sisters of Notre Dame (SSND) had missions that our parish could work with, and that in the past the Sisters from the high school had set up a mission in Africa. It was decided that Mr. Giamboi meet with Sister Valeria, Maura Lorenzen, and Sue Walsh to discuss the matter further and to report their findings to the PPC. Fr. Murphy reported this process led to establishing a relationship with Santa Rosa parish in Los Andes, Chile and that Sr. Pat Ferrick (SSND) would be our contact there. Fr. Murphy said that he would be announcing this relationship at our Masses this weekend (Dec. 11-12).

Fr. Murphy then gave us an update of the work the diocese has been performing based on the Self-Study Plans all parishes submitted to the Bishop in May 2010. Essentially he told us a Commission was formed that contained priests, diocesan staff, and lay people to develop a strategic plan for the diocese's 197 churches. He told us that although all parishes had some concerns, 19 parishes were picked for the first phase of the Reconfiguration project. Members of the Commission visited the parishes and asked the parishes to develop plans to address their concerns, and a time to implement the plans. After this phase was completed approximately thirty parishes would go through a similar process in phase 2, and eventually all parishes in the diocese would be asked to develop plans to address their concerns. (Actually, the first phase of the reconfiguration process was announced in November with the pastors of effected parishes being informed on Nov. 12, and announcements to the parishioners on Nov. 14 with information also being posted on the diocese website. In addition, the Nov. 20, 2010 Tablet contains several articles on the reconfiguration).

Sister Valeria gave a report on the High School; Maura Lorenzen gave a report on the Elementary School; and Geri Anne O'Brien reported on the parish ministries. These reports covered status, recent liturgical and social events. Open houses and tours of the schools.

A short discussion of the Strategic Plan developed by the PPC in 2008 and the Self-Study Plan of 2010 documents, which were distributed to the new members, was held.

The meeting concluded with some administrative tasks including providing a summary of PPC meetings in the Bulletin, setting dates for future meetings, reviewing the Diocesan meeting schedule for new members of the PPC.

“Don't let the fear of striking out hold you back.”

Babe Ruth

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 12-18

Sanctuary Lamp—Patrick Griffin
Our Lady's Altar—Francis McGovern
St. Joseph's Altar—Francis McGovern

Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 12

Third Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM—Thomas Galvin

10:00 AM—Al Bove

11:30 AM—Lyons Family / Michael Griffin, Anniversary

5:00 PM—Nancy Nalven, *Living*

Monday, December 13

St. Lucy—virgin & martyr

6:45 AM—In Thanksgiving

9:00 AM—James G. Harvey, *Anniversary*

Tuesday, December 14

St. John of the Cross—priest & doctor of the Church

6:45 AM—People of the Parish

9:00 AM—Francis McGovern

Wednesday, December 15

Advent Weekday

6:45 AM—Tamam Bassil

9:00 AM—Francis McGovern

Thursday, December 16

Advent Weekday

6:45 AM—Giuseppe Cacnioli

9:30 AM—Joseph & Ann Flanagan

Friday, December 17

Late Advent Weekday

6:45 AM—Special Intention

9:00 AM—Thomas Brady

Saturday, December 18

Late Advent Weekday

9:00 AM—Francis McGovern

5:00 PM—Hugh J. Myers Sr. / Joan Imperiale, *Anniversary* / Harry Gurran (**Fr. Murphy**)

Sunday, December 19

Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM—Daniel & Nancy Kinane (**Fr. Cush**)

10:00 AM—Eugene Fitzpatrick (**Fr. Murphy**)

11:30 AM—Kenneth Holton (**Fr. Murphy**)

5:00 PM—Tish Loughlin (**Fr. Murphy**)