

FROM THE DESK OF  
**Fr. Murphy**

*Dear Friends,*

Merry Christmas! It's not too early to say that, is it? Less than a week to go!

One of the nicest compliments that we receive is that we are a welcoming, inclusive parish. Good! Thank God and thank you. We do try hard to welcome all visitors and new parishioners. It's not easy to join and then feel comfortable in a parish—were sensitive to that and try to make you feel part of our (growing!) family. And we do try hard to be inclusive not only with regard to each one's personal life and circumstances but also by trying to connect in some way with people of all ages and backgrounds, with people who have lived here their whole lives and with people who just recently moved here. Each weekend we celebrate a Family Mass and a Jazz Mass as well as a more traditional choir Mass. We're blessed to have 4 priests and a deacon, each with a different style and approach, to preside and preach at our Masses. We're the only parish in the diocese to have a high school. We have a sister parish in Chile. And we have so so many activities and ministries! Thank God and thank you.

Hopefully I'll see you at Mass on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day but just in case I don't I'll tell you now: it is a joy and a privilege being your priest. You not only bless St. Saviour Parish but you also bless me in so many ways. Thank you! God bless you at Christmas and always.

Please pray for me.

*Love,  
Fr. Murphy*

*You cannot do a kindness too soon  
for you never know how soon it will be  
too late.*

Ralph Waldo Emerson

## Stewardship

December 11–12

Offertory **\$6,335.19**  
Children's Envelopes **\$93.96**  
Donations **\$570.00**  
Attendance **860**

## 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.

## CHRISTMAS MASSES

**December 24, Christmas Eve**

4 PM—Fr. Tighe  
6 PM Family Mass—Fr. Murphy (special guest)  
12 Midnight—Fr. Murphy

**December 25, Christmas Day\***

9:30 AM—Fr. Cush · 11:30 AM—Fr. Frueh  
\*There is NO Saturday 5 PM Mass  
on Christmas Day, December 25.

## NEW YEAR'S MASSES

The Feast of Mary, Mother of God  
**December 31, New Year's Eve**  
7 PM—Fr. Tighe

**January 1, New Year's Day\***

9:30 AM & 11:30 AM—Fr. Murphy  
\*There is NO Saturday 5 PM Mass  
on New Year's Day, January 1.

## PARISH HOUSE HOURS

The Parish House will be closed from 12 noon on December 24 until 9 AM on Tuesday, December 28. It will also be closed from 12 noon on December 31 until 9 AM on Tuesday, January 4, 2011.

## UPCOMING BAPTISM

At our 5 PM Jazz Mass next Sunday we'll have the joy of baptizing James Evangelista. God's blessings on him, his parents and godparents.

## BROWNBAGGER HOMELESS OUTREACH

Thank you St Saviour Elementary and parishioners for the Brownbagger donations of socks, hats, and gloves! We will distribute them on January 23 at our next Brownbagger Event. Any additional donations please bring to the Parish Hall at 12 noon on Sunday, January 23.

## PRAYER INTENTION BOOK

We now have 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.

## COURTESY PARKING

We're so privileged to enjoy courtesy parking each Sunday morning for our 3 Masses. Just tell the attendant at the outdoor doctor's parking lot of Methodist Hospital (entrance on 6<sup>th</sup> Street just below 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue) that you're coming to Mass at St. Saviour. Thank you Mark Mundy, President and CEO of Methodist Hospital, for this.

## CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS

Attention all 20- and 30-somethings! Brooklyn Catholic Young Adults (CYA) has some great events this season! 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](http://www.brooklyn-cya.org) or call 718-783-3132 x26. We look forward to meeting you!

## 50/50 RAFFLE

Each month St. Saviour's has a 50/50 raffle for the parish. The winner is drawn on the third Sunday of each month. It costs \$10 a raffle and the envelope is included with your monthly packet. Extra envelopes are available in the narthex. Last month's winner was the Lorenzen Family who donated their winnings of \$190 to the Elementary School Boiler Fund.

## EMAIL ADDRESSES

We are in the process of formulating an email list of all parishioners in order to better keep everyone informed of parish news and events. Please update you email address and place in Sunday basket or email us at [stsaviourchurch@aol.com](mailto:stsaviourchurch@aol.com).

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

## WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE CATHOLIC?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is an engaging program for individuals who desire to learn more about the catholic faith. The program is a gradual process paced at the needs of the individual. RCIA welcomes anyone who seeks to be baptized into the Catholic Church. Also, anyone baptized in Christian tradition other than Roman Catholic who would like to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church is invited to attend. In addition, RCIA welcomes individuals who are baptized Catholics and have never received First Communion, First Reconciliation, or Confirmation. If you or someone you may know is interested, please contact the parish house at 718-768-4055.

## LECTURE SERIES

Our Lecture Series on the sacred Liturgy of the Church presented by Fr. John Cush, our weekend presider and a Theology instructor, will continue after the new year. Please join us at 12:30 PM in the Parish House on these dates: January 8, February 5, March 12, April 2, May 7, June 4.

## Keep in Prayer

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| Jean Drudy            | Geri Brady         |
| Nick & Ann Veneziano  | Chris Grant        |
| Sal DiFronzo          | Sue Brady          |
| Lorraine Foley        | Michael DeVliieger |
| Cono Gallo            | Diana Juliano      |
| Eleanor DiFronzo      | Sue DeVliieger     |
| Young Joseph Flaherty | Edward Quinn       |
| Lynne Tetlus          | Christine Runco    |
| Inez Hourani          |                    |

## 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 19-25**

Sanctuary Lamp—Teece Carter  
Our Lady's Altar—Carmen Rosa Tricoche  
St. Joseph's Altar—Tish (Elizabeth) Loughlin

## Mass Intentions

**Sunday, December 19**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

8:30 AM—Daniel & Nancy Kinane

10:00 AM—Eugene Fitzpatrick

11:30 AM—Kenneth Holton

5:00 PM—Tish Loughlin

**Monday, December 20 · Late Advent**

6:45 AM—Patrick Touhey

9:00 AM—Virginia Clarke

**Tuesday, December 21 · Late Advent**

6:45 AM—Michael Griffin, *Anniversary*

9:00 AM—Kay Markey, *Anniversary*

**Wednesday, December 22 · Late Advent**

6:45 AM—People of the Parish

9:00 AM—Carmen Fischetti

**Thursday, December 23 · Late Advent**

6:45 AM—Jordan Gatti

9:30 AM—Michael Reilly

**Friday, December 24 · Late Advent**

6:45 AM—NO MASS

9:00 AM—Maureen McNally

4:00 PM—Paula Hutton / Deceased

Members of the Burns Murphy Family

**(Fr. Tighe)**

6:00 PM—Edward O'Brien / Myers Family /

Harry Gurrán **(Fr. Murphy)**

12:00 AM Midnight—Kitty & Eugene

Fitzpatrick / Mary & John Carroll

**(Fr. Murphy)**

**Saturday, December 25**

**Nativity of the Lord / Christmas Day**

9:30 AM—Christmas Novena **(Fr. Cush)**

11:30 AM—Christmas Novena **(Fr. Frueh)**

5:00 PM—NO MASS

**Sunday, December 26**

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph**

8:30 AM—Elizabeth Hutton **(Fr. Cush)**

10:00 AM—Donald Ambersley **(Fr. Tighe)**

11:30 AM—Edward G. Dunn **(Fr. Tighe)**

5:00 PM—Eloina Yulfo **(Fr. Tighe)**