

FROM THE DESK OF
Fr. Murphy

Dear Friends,

Did you know that the Church celebrates Christmas for 8 days? It's called the Octave of Christmas. So it's certainly not too late to wish you a Merry Christmas. By the way, the season of Christmas doesn't conclude until the feast of the Baptism of the Lord; this year it's January 9.

There are so many people to thank at Christmas! Geri Anne O'Beirne who coordinated The Giving Tree and the Christmas Eve Family Mass Pageant. Audrey Belsito who coordinated The St. Nicholas Tree. Tom Miskel who coordinated Toys for Tots. Joan Perchman, Michael Sapienza, and Kelly and Tim Henning who decorated our church with wreaths and poinsettias. All the children who participated in the Pageant—as well as 7 year old Lillie Tyroler who spoke to us so nicely. And how about Santa himself who visited us during the Christmas Eve Family Mass! Our sacristans and presiders. Our deacon. Our hospitality ministers, lectors, and extraordinary ministers of Communion. Iouri Grichetchkine and all our music ministers. And so many others.

Thank you too for all your Christmas cards and gifts. And especially for your prayers. Please keep them coming throughout 2011.

God bless you!

Happy New Year!

*Love,
Fr. Murphy*

*The greatest honor you can give God
is to live joyfully because
of the knowledge of His love.*

Julian of Norwich

Stewardship

Due to the Christmas holiday, there is no stewardship report this week.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

Looking for a 2011 New Year's resolution? You could decide to call the homily line whenever you can. Early every morning (except Mondays) Fr. Murphy records a 3-minute homily based on the daily Mass scripture readings. Call 718-768-2560 anytime, 24/7.

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 31 until 9 AM on Tuesday, January 4, 2011.

ST. SAVIOUR IN 2010

In 2010 we had 14 weddings, 27 funerals, and 80 baptisms.

LITTLE CHRISTMAS

Little Christmas for Little Parishioners will be held on Saturday January 8 in the Parish Hall from 10 AM–12 noon. Babies thru first grade are welcome to attend as we celebrate the arrival of the Three Kings and the birth of our Saviour. Children will hear a story, watch a movie, and enjoy a snack. Free will donation.

WWW.FAITHFIRST.COM

Visit www.faithfirst.com to find interactive games, information, art projects, reviews, and much more. Age appropriate activities are available for all ages K–Teen. Parents will also find a wealth of helpful information.

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 6th Street just below 8th Avenue) that you're coming to Mass at St. Saviour. Thank you Mark Mundy, President and CEO of Methodist Hospital, for this.

SUPER BOWL HDTV RAFFLE

Our annual Super Bowl HDTV Raffle will be held on Sunday, January 30. Beginning this weekend, raffle tickets are available at all Masses or return the tear off to the Parish House at any time in an envelope marked Super Bowl Raffle. Win the 47-inch TV and have it in time to watch the game at home! 3 Raffles for \$25, 1 Raffle for \$10. All proceeds benefit Youth & Family Ministry.

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.

DIOCESAN SUBSTANCE ABUSE HOTLINE

For those who struggle with alcohol and substance abuse, the holidays can be a hard time. Call the Diocesan Substance Abuse Hotline at 1-800-659-1603 if you or your loved one needs assistance. Our weekly hours are: Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday (8:30 AM-8:00 PM), Tuesday and Friday (8:30 AM-5:00 PM), Saturday (9:00 AM-1:00 PM). Someone on the other end is waiting to assist you or your loved one in starting a new life recovery. If you need immediate assistance, please call Alcoholics Anonymous New York Intergroup for support and meeting information: 212-647-1680. Telecom Device for Deaf Only: 212-647-1649.

THE PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS THE CALL TO REBUILD HIS CHURCH

(Adapted)

Lord, make us instruments of your peace...
Where there is despair—Let us feel the presence of the Holy Spirit and renew our faith.

Where there is hurt—Let us feel your comforting presence and respond with trust.

Where there is anger—Open our hearts to the grace to respond to the challenges that You ask your followers to embrace.

Where there is doubt—Let us know that you are with us, as you have been with countless generations of Christians before us... To show us the way...to forge new beginnings.

O Divine Master—Grant that we may seek not to weep over what has been—but to embrace new vision of what can be.

That we may seek not so much to be consoled but seek to support one another. To understand—yes—but to respond boldly to what needs to be done... to rebuild your Church as you asked a humble Francis.

For it is forgiving—that we defy despair.

And it is in dying to yesterday—that we rise today to create tomorrow. Amen.

Keep in Prayer

Jean Drudy	Geri Brady
Nick & Ann Veneziano	Chris Grant
Sal DiFronzo	Sue Brady
Lorraine Foley	Michael DeVlieger
Cono Gallo	Diana Juliano
Eleanor DiFronzo	Sue DeVlieger
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 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 26–January 1

Sanctuary Lamp—Ken Holton
Our Lady's Altar—Special Intention
St. Joseph's Altar—DiFronzo Family

Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 26

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph

8:30 AM—Elizabeth Hutton

10:00 AM—Donald Ambersley

11:30 AM—Edward G. Dunn Sr.

5:00 PM—Eloina Yulfo

Monday, December 27

St. John—apostle & evangelist

6:45 AM—Mrs. Rendegas

9:00 AM—John M. Sullivan, *Anniversary*

Tuesday, December 28

Holy Innocents—martyrs

6:45 AM—Thomas DeAngelo

9:00 AM—Francis McGovern

Wednesday, December 29

The Fifth Day in the Octave of Christmas

6:45 AM—Margaret Garrigan, *Anniversary*

9:00 AM—Thomas Brady

Thursday, December 30

The Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas

6:45 AM—Daniel S. Murphy Sr.

9:30 AM—Brady Family

Friday, December 31

The Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas

6:45 AM—NO MASS

9:00 AM—Al Bove

7:00 PM—Thanksgiving (**Fr. Tighe**)

Saturday, January 1

The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God

9:30 AM—Maureen McNally (**Fr. Murphy**)

11:30 AM—Tish Loughlin (**Fr. Murphy**)

5:00 PM—NO MASS

Sunday, January 2

The Epiphany of the Lord

8:30 AM—Intentions for all in Prayer Book
(**Fr. Cush**)

10:00 AM—Elizabeth Ahearn (**Fr. Murphy**)

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

5:00 PM—Christmas Novena (**Fr. Frueh**)