

FROM THE DESK OF **Fr. Murphy**

Dear Friends,

Today, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, concludes the Christmas season. What a season it was at St. Saviour! Many, many thanks to all who made it so festive, so special.

The poinsettias this Christmas were in honor of Lexy Rettler, the 21 month old daughter of Chris & Luke Rettler of 10th Street. Lexy died very unexpectedly just before Christmas. Our prayers continue for her parents and 4 year old brother, Leander.

Today's bulletin contains a thank you letter from Rebecca Sklepovich to whom you were very generous. You were also very generous to St. Saviour this Christmas for which we are most grateful.

A few (among many!) events to look forward to:

- 1) Next Sunday come downstairs to the Parish Hall after Mass for refreshments and an opportunity to meet and mingle. This can be especially welcoming for our newer parishioners, so come on down!
- 2) Our high school gospel choir will lead us in worship at the 5 PM Mass on Super Bowl Sunday, February 6. Each Sunday our 5 PM Mass is a Jazz Mass but each year our high school gospel choir comes on Super Bowl Sunday to replace the Jazz Mass. You'll love them so come if you can.
- 3) Each year the 2nd Sunday of February is World Marriage Day. At the 11:30 AM Mass on Sunday, February 13, we'll renew the sacramental vows of married couples and bestow a special parish blessing on engaged couples, so all engaged couples and all married couples (no matter when you were married) are urged to come to this special Mass. Refreshments for all will follow Mass.

There's so much more happening at St. Saviour because we're so blessed here at St. Saviour.

Please pray for me. Thank you. God bless you.

*Love,
Fr. Murphy*

*"I'm trying to keep a level head.
You have to be careful out in the world.
It's so easy to get turned."*

Elvis Presley

Stewardship

January 1-2

Offertory **\$6,182.00**
Children's Envelopes **\$76.00**
Donations **\$295.00**
Attendance **550**

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.

2010 DONATION STATEMENT

Anyone interested in a statement of their 2010 donations to St. Saviour Church, please contact the parish house at 718-768-4055.

FAITH FORMATION ON THE WEB

Visit www.faithfirst.com to find interactive games, information, art projects, reviews and much more. Age appropriate activities are on this sight for all ages K through teen. Parents will also find a wealth of information that is most helpful.

ST. NICHOLAS TREE

A special thanks to all who contributed to make the St. Nicholas Tree a success. A total of \$ 2,600 was donated in snowflakes which will go toward helping in the cost of the new elementary school boiler. Once again Thank You and God Bless you in the New Year.

SUPER BOWL HDTV RAFFLE

Super Bowl 47 inch HDTV Raffle will be held on Sunday, January 30. Raffle tickets available at all Masses. Win the 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.

ST. SAVIOUR BOOK GROUP

The St. Saviour book group meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM in the parish house, and all are welcome. We will meet on January 12 to discuss *What Jesus Meant* by Garry Wills. Other upcoming selections include *Lumen Gentium*, from Documents of the Second Vatican Council (copies will be available at the January meeting, and are also available online) on February 9, and *Diary of a Country Priest* by George Bernanos on March 9. Please contact Amy Bielefeld at aeb2115@gmail.com with any questions.

CHRISTMAS NATIVITY

Thank you to the following children from both our schools, Elementary and School of Religion, who reenacted the Gospel on Christmas Eve: Jade Schoolcraft, Bradley & Christian Boolbol, Colin Hamingson, Brittany Haneman, Alana Martin, Sophia Ellerby, Tony Curtis, Isaiah Smith, Dylan Lorenzen, Stephen Jankowski, Patrick O'Beirne, Jr., Molly Walsh, Rhys Lester, Tara Bachman, Gabrielle & Serena Phillip. Also thank you to the Parents who helped: Gloria Jankowski, Vivian Boolbol, Mannie Schoolcraft, Alice & Maeve Farrell, Patrick O'Beirne, Sr.

It was a beautiful presentation and appreciated by all who attended the standing room only Mass. Thank you also to all the families in the Children's Ministry for my Christmas Eve surprise. I am always grateful to work with you & your children!

—Geri Anne O'Beirne

LETTER FROM REBECCA

Here's a letter from Rebecca Sklepovich who spoke at our Masses the weekend of December 19, asking for financial support for her 6 month Volunteer Mission:

To The Parishioners at St. Saviour;

I cannot begin to thank you enough for your incredible support with my trip to Tanzania. To say that I am beyond astounded by your generosity would be an understatement. Over the weekend, you contributed \$3,200 to my journey, placing me over halfway towards my goal. (This amount doesn't account for those of you who pledged contributions at a later point in time.) I don't know how to begin to express my gratitude other than to say that all of you are playing an invaluable role in making my dreams possible and changing the life paths of hundreds of children and teachers across Tanzania.

I will definitely keep you up to date on my travels by sending regular updates to Fr. Murphy and a link to my blog once it's established. May all of you an incredibly blessed New Year!

Best,
Rebecca Sklepovich

PARK SLOPE SINGERS

On Saturday January 29, at 3:00 PM, the Park Slope Singers will be presenting their Winter Concert in the Church. The program is Handel's Messiah Part I plus the Halleluiah Chorus. A reception with refreshments will take place in the Parish Hall afterward the concert. The 55+ member chorus rehearses in the Parish Hall every Monday evening during the year and several parishioners sing with the group. Tickets are \$10.00 (\$5.00 for senior citizens and students) and are available at the door 45 minutes before the concert.

PRAYER REQUEST

Please pray for these long time parishioners whose Funeral Masses were recently celebrated: Rosemary Maloney, Anna Clarke, Cono Gallo

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.

SUPPORT GROUPS

We welcome these support groups that meet weekly in our elementary school:

AA—Wednesdays and Saturdays at 7:00 PM

NA—Mondays at 8:00 PM

Alanon—Saturdays at 10:30 am

AL-ATEEN—Saturdays at 10:30 AM

Keep in Prayer

Jean Drudy	Sue Brady
Nick & Ann Veneziano	Michael DeVlieger
Sal DiFronzo	Diana Juliano
Lorraine Foley	Sue DeVlieger
Eleanor DiFronzo	Edward Quinn
Young Joseph Flaherty	Christine Runco
Lynne Tetlus	Nancy Cesarani
Inez Hourani	Peter & Kathy West
Geri Brady	Stephen & Melissa Hood
Chris Grant	

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

January 10-16

Sanctuary Lamp—Special Intention
Our Lady's Altar—Ruth Steeley
St. Joseph's Altar—A Special Blessing

Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 9

The Baptism of the Lord

8:30 AM—Renee M. Shadiack

10:00 AM—Baby Lexy

11:30 AM—Mary Puydak Velez R.N., *11th Anniversary*

5:00 PM—Tish Loughlin

Monday, January 10 · Weekday

6:45 AM—Francis J. Hennessy, *5th Anniversary*

9:00 AM—Benny Threatts

Tuesday, January 11 · Weekday

6:45 AM—Ruth Steeley, *Birthdays*

Remembrance

9:00 AM—Arcangelo DeVito, *Anniversary*

Wednesday, January 12 · Weekday

6:45 AM—People of the Parish

9:00 AM—Joseph Judge

Thursday, January 13 · Weekday

6:45 AM—Michael Sapienza, *Living/Birthday*

9:30 AM—Anna Clarke

Friday, January 14 · Weekday

6:45 AM—Denise Soccoa, *Living/Birthday*

9:00 AM—Renee M. Shadiack

Saturday, January 15 · Weekday

9:00 AM—Brady Family

5:00 PM—Sue & Geri Brady, *Living*

(Fr. Murphy)

Sunday, January 16

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM—Special Intention **(Fr. Murphy)**

10:00 AM—Reina & Octavio Guzman, *Living*

(Fr. Cush)

11:30 AM—Kenneth Holton / John &

Margaret Garrigan **(Fr. Cush)**

5:00 PM—Dr. Larry Feinman **(Fr. Frueh)**