

FROM THE DESK OF *Fr. Murphy*

Dear Friends,

In lieu of my letter this week, we'll publish the minutes of this month's PPC meeting. The bulletin of January 29–30 will contain a letter from Maura Lorenzen, Principal of our elementary school.

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

Love, Fr. Murphy

TWENTY-SOMETHINGS & THE CHURCH

Fordham University is hosting *Twenty-Somethings and the Church*, a forum that explores the data, issues, and dilemmas, as experienced in the cultural, economic, and religious contexts of twenty-somethings. This conference, free and open to the public, will be held at the Lincoln Center Campus, 113 West 60th Street, on Friday, January 28 from 6–8 PM and on Saturday, January 29 from 9:30–5 PM. For complete program information, visit www.fordham.edu/host or call 718-817-4457.

PARK SLOPE SINGERS

On Saturday January 29, at 3:00 PM, the Park Slope Singers will be presenting their Winter Concert, Handel's Messiah Part I plus the Halleluiah Chorus, in the Church. A reception with refreshments will be held in the Parish Hall following. Tickets are \$10 (\$5 for senior citizens and students) and are available at the door 45 minutes before the concert.

GOSPEL CHOIR

Our high school gospel choir will lead us in worship at the 5 PM Mass on Super Bowl Sunday, February 6.

THANK YOU

Many many thanks to one of our cantors, Michael Delouis, for organizing last Saturday night's concert to benefit Haiti. About 115 people attended and the free will donations totaled \$2,102.00. Wow! Thank you all for your generous spirit. And thanks too to all our parish music ministers and Music Director Iouri Grichetchkine for making this concert so successful.

CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS

Join Brooklyn Catholic Young Adults for "Explain the Mass" talk on Wednesday, February 16, at 7:30 PM at the Oratory Church of St. Boniface in MetroTech. Learn and ask questions. Invite friends. Visit www.brooklyn-cya.org for details.

Stewardship

January 15–16

Offertory **\$5,757.00**

Children's Envelopes **\$57.65**

Donations **\$395.00**

Attendance **652**

RELIGIOUS RECOGNITION

Sunday, February 6, is Religious Recognition Day when we honor and thank the Sisters who have served our Church so long and so well. At our 11:30 AM Mass, Sr. Ann Lally, Campus Minister at our high school, will speak.

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY

World Marriage Day is Sunday, February 13. We invite all married and engaged couples to our 11:30 AM Mass that morning. The homily will be about marriage. Married couples will receive a special blessing. Refreshments for all in Parish Hall after Mass.

UPCOMING BAPTISM

At our 10 AM Family Mass next Sunday, we'll have the joy of baptizing Connor Ahearn and at our 11:30 AM Mass, Abigail Smith. May God bless both Connor and Abigail along with their parents and godparents.

50/50 WINNERS

This month's 50/50 winners are Mr. and Mrs. Evan Serton, who won \$160. The next drawing will be Sunday, February 20. Please submit envelopes by Sunday, February 13.

Keep in Prayer

Jean Drudy	Sue Brady
Nick & Ann Veneziano	Michael DeVliieger
Sal DiFronzo	Diana Juliano
Lorraine Foley	Sue DeVliieger
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	

Worrying does not empty tomorrow of its troubles. It empties today of its strength. —Mary Engelbreit

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: JANUARY 4, 2011 MEETING

With the Christmas season and its preparations, the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) decided to schedule its next meeting on January 4, 2011. After the opening prayer and the acceptance of the minutes of the previous November 2, 2010 meeting, the first item on the agenda had to do with continuing this PPC bulletin report. We had done a trial report on the last meeting and decided to continue the practice and determined some guidelines on format and length of report.

Father Murphy began the parish report by telling us that Dr. Richard McCorry would be attending and observing the January 9 Sunday Masses as a follow-up to work he had done about three years ago. At that time, he was observing various parishes to determine how "welcoming" they were to their congregations at the weekend Masses, and we at St. Saviour's volunteered to be one of the first parishes to be observed. We were given a report that was favorable to us, and we also implemented some of his suggestions to become more welcoming to our parishioners and guests. Now Dr. McCorry is planning to write an article for the "Saint Anthony Messenger" and wishes to get some more current data.

Fr. Murphy and Geri Anne O'Beirne combined to give us an update on our sister parish, St. Rosa in Los Andes, Chile. As Fr. Murphy had mentioned at the December 11-12 Masses, we interchanged packages with much of the material that we sent prepared by students in our three schools. There were essays (some in Spanish from the high school Spanish classes), photos, and a 55 slide PowerPoint presentation providing an overview of St. Saviour's. Santa Rosa, which is a cathedral with a set of satellite churches, provided information about their church and a 53 slide presentation. Sister Valeria, Maura Lorenzen, Joe Giamboi and Fr. Murphy will be meeting in late January to develop future plans for what should be a rewarding relationship for both parishes.

Sister Valeria, Maura Lorenzen, and Geri Anne O'Beirne respectively gave reports on the high school, elementary school, and ministries. The major current item for the high school is the admission process for the class entering in September. The administration has been performing the evaluation of test scores and school records and will follow-up with interviews before making the final decisions in a few weeks. Maura reported that the 5th-8th Grade Christmas concert went well, tours of the school were continuing, and they were preparing for the candy drive, which is their major fund-raiser. She said that the new boiler was installed successfully, but that some additional work was planned (new thermostats, steam traps). She also mentioned that they had received a generous donation toward the boiler costs, and Sr. Valeria said that the high school also had received a generous gift from the same benefactor. Geri Anne reported that there

were three upcoming parish events: the Super Bowl TV Raffle, a Mardi Gras event, and the Cyclone game in June. She also gave us statistics on the Jazz Mass (the attendance has been in the 170-200 range), The Toddler's Group, which meets each Sunday in the Parish Hall after the 10 AM Family Mass, has about 30 families who participate at different times, and that we had 84 Baptisms in 2010.

The final item of consideration was the discussion of the letter and feedback form we received from the Office of Stewardship and Pastoral Planning on December 21, 2010. The letter stated that they had reviewed the documents we had provided for the parish self-study sent to Bishop DiMarzio in May 2010 and that we were to prepare an amended parish pastoral plan by May 2011. The feedback form contained a series of affirmations of our parish strengths, areas of concern, and recommendations that we should consider in developing the amended plan.

We discussed several of the areas of concern and recommendations made for St. Saviour, so that we could better understand the points they were making and what our approach to developing the amended plan would be.

We decided on the following:

- Make the feedback form available to the parish as an insert in the bulletin.
- Distribute the financial forms that were mentioned in the feedback form to the PPC members so they could review them before our next February 1 meeting.
- Have a joint meeting with the PPC, Trustees, Welcoming Team, Finance Committee on February 9 to plan the development of the amended plan which we have to produce by May.

We will update you in subsequent PPC reports and wish everyone a blessed New Year.

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

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE () _____

EMAIL _____

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

SUPER BOWL HDTV

Our annual Super Bowl HDTV Raffle will be held on Sunday, January 30. Raffle tickets are available at all Masses. 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.

ANNUAL FUEL COLLECTION

First weekend of February is our annual Fuel Collection. This has been a very cold winter and fuel prices have risen. We have three large buildings to heat and we predict our annual fuel cost will be well over \$25,000. We thank you for your continued support.

NEW SCHOOL BOILER

Maura Lorenzen, Principal of our elementary school, will speak after Holy Communion at all of our Masses next weekend asking for donations to help pay for the boiler the school had to purchase in November. Your support is much appreciated.

FREE HEALTH CONSULTATION

Summer is just around the corner! Lose those unwanted pounds now! Call for your free consultation (718) 686-6213 Tim Maher & Associates, parishioner of St. Saviour.

Candle Memorials

January 24–30

Sanctuary Lamp—Mary McCabe, *Anniversary*

Our Lady's Altar—Special Intention

St. Joseph's Altar—

Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 23

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM—Anna Clarke / Renee M. Shadiack, *Birthday*

10:00 AM—Lexy Rettler

11:30 AM—Brian Spence / Joan Esposito

5:00 PM—For All College Students

Monday, January 24

St. Francis de Sales—bishop & doctor of the Church

6:45 AM—People of the Parish

9:00 AM—Richard O'Leary

Tuesday, January 25

Conversion of St. Paul—apostle

6:45 AM—Murphy & Driscoll Families

9:00 AM—Francis Rudloff

Wednesday, January 26

St. Timothy & St. Titus—bishops

6:45 AM—Murphy & Driscoll Families, *Living*

9:00 AM—Pazarus Family

Thursday, January 27 • Weekday

6:45 AM—Sisters & Priests of St. Saviour, *Deceased*

9:30 AM—Donald McGovern

Friday, January 28

St. Thomas Aquinas—priest & doctor of the Church

6:45 AM—Sisters & Priests of St. Saviour, *Living*

9:00 AM—Mary McCabe, *Anniversary*

Saturday, January 29 • Weekday

9:00 AM—Margaret Patterson, *Anniversary*

5:00 PM—Joan Esposito (**Fr. Tighe**)

Sunday, January 30

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM—Thomas Belsito (**Fr. Tighe**)

10:00 AM—Cono Gallo (**Fr. Murphy**)

11:30 AM—Hugh J. Myers Sr. (**Fr. Murphy**)

5:00 PM—(**Fr. Tighe**)