

FROM THE DESK OF **Fr. Murphy**

Dear Friends,

In our November 7 bulletin we asked you to ponder these 3 thought provoking questions:

- 1) What one thing do you think would make the biggest difference in the spiritual life of our parish?
- 2) What one thing do you think is the greatest need in our parish?
- 3) If you could give all the people of our parish an injection of some spiritual gift, what would it be and why?

If you wish to share your opinions on any or all of those questions, just write them or e-mail them to me. Periodically we'll publish some of your remarks, always anonymously. Thank you.

Next Sunday at our 11:30 AM Mass we'll bestow a special blessing on all expectant parents. So if you're expecting a child through pregnancy or adoption, please plan on participating. And please invite everyone you know who is expecting to this Mass.

Looking ahead, on Sunday, December 19, at our 11:30 AM Mass we'll celebrate Baby's 1st Christmas! So if this is your baby's 1st Christmas make sure you bring her/him to this Mass for a special blessing. Feel free to invite your family also, especially godparents and grandparents. Of course tell others you know who had or adopted a baby this year to join us. Refreshments for all downstairs in the Parish Hall after Mass.

Talking about Christmas—even though it's not even Advent yet, God forgive us—we received early word that a very special guest will try hard to join us at our 6 PM Family Mass on Christmas Eve!

Please pray for me during Adven—and whenever you can. Thank you. God bless you.

Happy Thanksgiving!

*Love,
Fr. Murphy*

Stewardship

November 13–14

Offertory **\$6,876**
Children's Envelopes **\$169.86**

Attendance **904**

MEMORIAM BOOK

You are invited to put the names of all your beloved deceased in the Memoriam book located in the rear of church. They will be prayed for throughout November.

THANKSGIVING DAY

Please join us on Thanksgiving Day for Mass at 9:30 AM. On Friday, November 26, the day after Thanksgiving, we will celebrate just 1 Mass, at 9 AM. Our parish house office will be closed on both these days.

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 CARDS

Order forms for religious Christmas cards designed by a prisoner, with proceeds going to help children in need, are available from Sister Camille D'Arienzo's e-mail, cherilife@aol.com. For more info or order forms by mail, call Gwen Jackson at 718 622-5750 ext. 0

LECTURE SERIES

Fr. John Cush, our weekend presider and a Theology instructor in several diocesan programs, will present a series of lectures and discussions on the sacred Liturgy of the Church at 12:30 PM in the parish house on these dates: December 11, January 8, February 5, March 12, April 2, May 7, June 4. All are welcome!

“Silent gratitude isn't very much to anyone.”

Gertrude Stein

ST. SAVIOUR BOOK GROUP

The St. Saviour book group will meet on December 8, to discuss *Plan B, Further Thoughts on Faith* by Anne Lamott. Because this date is a Holy Day, the parish house will be closed, so we will meet at a group member's home. Please contact Amy (email below) for details if you are interested in attending for the first time in December. Looking ahead to the new year, we will also discuss *What Jesus Meant* by Garry Wills on January 12, 2011, and we will be back in the parish house. All are welcome at the book group's monthly meeting, held on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM. Please contact Amy Bielefeld at aeb2115@gmail.com with any questions.

ST. NICHOLAS TREE

Next weekend we begin the St. Nicholas Tree. By purchasing and donating a snowflake ornament for \$10, the tree is a wonderful way to honor and remember your family, living and deceased, during Advent. We will put the ornaments on the tree and your loved ones will be listed in a book near the tree which will be lit on Christmas Eve at the 6 PM Family Mass.

"TREVOR" FILM SCREENING

We are all invited to Kiernan Hall (church basement) of St. Andrews the Apostle, 6713 Ridge Blvd in Bay Ridge, to view the award-winning short film, "Trevor" on Sunday, December 12, at 3 PM "Trevor" is a comedy/drama about a gay teenager but it's not just what it's like to grow up gay; it's about anyone who has ever felt different. Discussion follows the movie. Refreshments will be served.

SUPPORT GROUPS

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

AA—Wednesdays & Saturdays at 7:00 PM
 NA—Mondays at 8:00 PM · Alanon—Saturdays at 10:30 AM
 AL-ATEEN—Saturdays at 10:30 AM

SAVE THE DATE

Friends of SSES are hosting a Christmas Cocktail Party Friday, December 10, at 7:30 PM at the Montauk Club. Please join us to celebrate Christmas and our school. Special Honoree Dennis Hamill. \$75 per person, all proceeds go to benefit SSES. Please send checks payable to:

Friends of SSES · PO Box 24564 · Brooklyn, NY 11202

UPCOMING BAPTISM

Next Sunday we'll have the joy of baptizing Makayla Vasquez at the 11:30 AM Mass. God bless her and her family!

BROOKLYN 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 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 ext. 26. We look forward to meeting you!

SCRIPTURE STUDY

Scripture Study meetings occur Saturdays, at 11 AM until 12 noon in the parish house. Please join us as we study the readings for each week. Contact Madeline at mlee1024@nyc.rr.com, call 718 636 1492, or just show up. You will be welcome.

BAKE SALE SUCCESS!

Our Junior Girl Scout troop Bake Sale was a success! We sold \$665 of homemade goods! All proceeds are for our Washington DC trip in the Spring.

BLOOD DRIVE

The St. Saviour Methodist Hospital Blood Drive held on November 14 was successful. A total of 27 pints of blood were donated—this does not include 8 donors whose blood could not be drawn.

EXTRA-ORDINARY COLLECTION

We thank those who this week contributed another \$1,450 to this collection, for a grand total of \$11,104. This is an increase of over \$1,500 compared to last year.

Keep in Prayer

Jean Drudy	Lynne Tetlus
Nick & Ann Veneziano	Inez Hourani
Sal DiFronzo	Geri Brady
Lorraine Foley	Chris Grant
Cono Gallo	Sue Brady
James Iozzio	Michael DeVlieger
Young Joseph Flaherty	Sue DeVlieger

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

November 21–27

Sanctuary Lamp—Ken Holton
Our Lady's Altar—Janet Tetlus, *Living, Birthday*
St. Joseph's Altar—

Mass Intentions

November 21

Our Lord Jesus Christ The King

8:30 AM—Tish Loughlin

10:00 AM—Margaret Griffin, *Birthday*

11:30 AM—Kenneth Holton / Hugh Scott

5:00 PM—Mugavero Family

Monday, November 22

St. Cecilia—virgin & martyr

6:45 AM—People of the Parish

9:00 AM—Francis McGovern

Tuesday, November 23 · Weekday

6:45 AM—Mollie Driscoll

9:00 AM—Carmen Fischetti

Wednesday, November 24

**St. Andrew Dung-Lac—priest & martyr,
& his companions**

6:45 AM—Maureen McNally

9:00 AM—Thomas Killen, *Anniversary*

Thursday, November 25 · Weekday

6:45 AM—NO MASS

9:30 AM—Jacob Laczek

Friday, November 26 · Weekday

6:45 AM—NO MASS

9:00 AM—Fitzpatrick Family

Saturday, November 27 · Weekday

9:00 AM—In Thanksgiving

5:00 PM—Charles Haddad, *1st Anniversary* /
Mildred Donahue (**Fr. Tighe**)

Sunday, November 28

First Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM—Thomas Galvin, *5th Anniversary*
(**Fr. Cush**)

10:00 AM—Rose Rocerino (**Fr. Murphy**)

11:30 AM—Jose (**Fr. Murphy**)

5:00 PM—Francis McGovern (**Fr. Frueh**)