

From the desk of Fr. Murphy

Dear Friends,

Less than 3 weeks to go. Please God, we're preparing ourselves inwardly, spiritually, for the feast of Christmas.

Here's a great gift idea you may wish to consider: pay for a relative or friend (or your spouse!) to come on our next parish retreat the weekend of November 12-14 at Carmel Retreat in Mahwah, New Jersey. The total cost is \$225 per person which includes round-trip bus transportation. We will have exclusive use of the entire facility. Each person (or couple) will have a private room with a full bath and individual thermostat. The food is good, the grounds are spacious, the surrounding mountains are beautiful and best of all-the chapel is open for us 24 hours each day. What a great gift for someone-or for yourself.

Sure hope you're planning on attending next Sunday's Christmas concert starting in Church at 2:30 PM. Music Director Iouri Grichetchkine and all our talented music ministries will present a wide variety of Christmas music. There will be a free will offering which will go toward our organ restoration fund.

On Thanksgiving we were able to donate \$1,021.00 to C.H.I.P.S. Thank you. And thank you for your prayers. Please keep them coming. God bless you.

Love,
Fr. Murphy



CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve

4 PM: Fr. Cush

5:30 PM Family Mass: Fr. Murphy

12 Midnight: Fr. Murphy

Christmas Day

9:30 AM: Fr. Murphy

11:30 AM: Fr. Cush

*If everyone took only what they needed
and gave the rest to those in need,
there would be no such thing as rich or poor.*

St. Basil the Great

STEWARDSHIP

November 28-29

Offertory **\$5,571.85**

Children's Envelopes **\$83.50**

Attendance **784**

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

This Tuesday, December 8, is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. We'll celebrate Mass on Tuesday at 6:45 AM, 9 AM, 12:05 PM, and 7 PM. Our parish house office will be closed for this holyday.

Day of Prayer

Monday, December 21, is a Day of Prayer. We'll have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following the 9 AM Mass and concluding with Benediction at 9 PM.

Advent Service

All are welcome to attend our Advent Prayer and Reflection Service. The second program will be on Monday, December 14, in the parish house beginning at 7:15 PM. Our focus will be on the "Coming of the Lord."

CONFESSION

Fr. Tighe will hear confessions next Saturday and Fr. Murphy will hear them on Saturday, December 19 from 4 to 4:45 PM. Our advent communal penance service occurs on Tuesday, December 15, at 7:30 PM.

A Tip of the Hat

Our Tip of the Hat this week goes to Nick Caputo. For years Nick ran our sports programs, spending countless hours each week coaching and selling refreshments. And each year (this year it's next weekend) he works so hard selling Christmas trees, wreaths and plants to help raise money for us. You're in a league of your own, Nick!

Christmas Cards

Your response to our parish Christmas cards has been very positive! You can still purchase them in the narthex after all our weekend Masses. Lisa Mangano has done a terrific job in bringing out the talent of the students in our 3 parish schools to create these cards.



Parish Choir Concert

The various music ministry groups at St. Saviour—Adult Choir, Children's Choir, Contemporary Mass Ensemble and Jazz Mass Ensemble—will all present a concert on Sunday, December 13, at 2:30 PM in the church. The proceeds from the free will offering at the door will be given to the organ restoration project.

The concert will include the groups performing collectively as well as some solo performances. It will also include music composed by various members of the different groups, including some music not necessarily composed for liturgical use.

Considering coming to the concert and then attending the 5 PM. Jazz Mass afterwards. All are welcome, so feel free to invite friends who are not parishioners.



Toys for Tots

The Toys for Tots program has started again, running from Thanksgiving until Epiphany, which is also known as Little Christmas. The collection boxes have been setup in the back of church and around the Park Slope area. Financial times remain tentative in many areas and will affect the holidays for children. We had a tremendous impact with this program last year and hope to repeat it this year.

Montauk Club Holiday Brunch

On Sunday, December 6, at 1:00 PM, Kevin McGovern and designers will be performing with fresh cut balsam fir, berries, bows and asparkle to give you ideas and help to make your home a holiday fantasy. The cost is \$29.95 per person. For reservations, call (718) 638-0800.

Extra-Ordinary Collection

We like to thank you for your generosity in this year's Extra-Ordinary collection. We received a total of \$10,600.00 as of 11/30/09. Your support in this collection and though out the year is extremely generous and we thank you again.

The Giving Tree

Giving Tree gifts are due under the Giving Tree on Sunday, December 13. All gifts should be left unwrapped. Thanks for your generosity.

Brownbagger Homeless Outreach!

Now recruiting for January 24, 2010!

To reserve a spot, contact Maruchi Santana at (646) 467-0463 or maruchi@parhamsantana.com

At the Brownbaggers December 13 event, our volunteers will prepare lunches and donate thermal socks and hats to those in need at Tompkins Square Park in Manhattan.

The Brownbaggers food is 100% donated by our volunteers. Thank you to: Amy Bielefeld, Frank Carponito, Jessica Cole, Teresa Keefe, Jennifer Lenihan, Jean Marie Littlefield, Tish Loughlin, Bill Lorenzen, Dan Napolitano, Cyndi Ocava. Thanksgiving long sleeve t-shirts donated by: Patty and Joseph Cavallo

CHRISTMAS Bazaar!

Come downstairs to the Parish Hall after all our Masses next weekend to purchase Christmas wreaths, trees, plants, garland. All proceeds will go to our organ restoration fund.

KEEP IN PRAYER

Jade Baio	Kathleen Otero
Jack Szigety	Aliza Schwab
Brittany Ventrice	George Wright
Ethel Thomas	Kristin Molini
Gordon Gladden	Young Joseph Flaherty
Joseph Maro	Matthew Gomes
Baby Andreas Leontiou	Aida Conde
Joyce Abrahamson	Virginia Clarke
Cono Gallo	Raymond Joseph
Craig Carly	Sr. Lillian
Jean Drudy	Marie Burke
John McDonald	Barbara Esposito
Diana Guliano	Sr. Mary
Margaret Rudloff	Mary Slominsky
Lita Marie Flynn	Rev. Thomas Kelly
Diane Claire	Emma Augell
Dennis Abbott	Salvatore DiFronzo
Robert Lewis	Jolanta Stefaniak
Chris Grant	Carmen Corton
Angelo Gentile	Teresa Dennehy
Pete Koenig	Margaret Horn
Paul Belanger	Lynne Tetlus
Madeline Figeria	Donna Doremus
Helen Ryan	Margaret Boolbol
Lou Gaeta	David Gardner
Michael & James Carew	Baby Esme Hailey Collon
Adam Lafortune	



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. We will meet to discuss the following books in December and the first half of 2010.

- **December 9:** *Come be My Light* by Mother Teresa (now out in paperback)
- **January 13, 2010:** *Gilead* by Marilynne Robinson
- **February 10:** *The Constitution on the Church in the Modern World*. This is a document from the Second Vatican Council, available online at http://www.vatican.va/archive/hist_councils/ii_vatican_council/documents/vat-ii_const_19651207_gaudium-et-spes_en.html
- **March 10:** *Called Out of Darkness* by Anne Rice
- **April 14:** *The Parables of Peanuts* by Robert Short
- **May 12:** *The Death of Ivan Ilyich* by Leo Tolstoy

Please join us for any or all of these discussions, and please contact Amy Bielefeld at aeb2115@gmail.com with any questions. All are welcome!

Baby's First Christmas

Please invite the family of any baby you know who was born in 2009 to our celebration of Baby's 1st Christmas at the 11:30 AM Mass on Sunday, December 27.

Broadway Theater Group

Mid-Winter we are planning an evening on Broadway to hopefully see "Finian's Rainbow"—the reviews have been excellent! A deposit of \$25 per person is requested so the correct number of tickets may be purchased. We want to avoid over ordering. For more information please call Rose Dunn (718) 768-4241 by January 3.



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.

CANDLE MEMORIALS

December 6-12

Sanctuary Lamp—Patrick Griffin, *Anniversary*
 Our Lady's Altar—Helen Ford, *Anniversary*
 St. Joseph's Altar—

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 6

Second Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM—Lee Mugavero

10:00 AM—Eugene Fitzpatrick

11:30 AM—James Fitzpatrick / Francis Irwin

5:00 PM—Elizabeth Fleming &
 Mary Ellen Galligan

Monday, December 7

Ambrose—bishop & doctor

6:45 AM—Diana DePasquale

9:00 AM—Patrick Griffin, *Anniversary*

Tuesday, December 8

Immaculate Conception

of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:45 AM—

9:00 AM—Maureen McNally

12:05 PM—Walter F. O'Loughlin

7:00 PM—Anne V. Chiarelli

Wednesday, December 9 · Advent Weekday

6:45 AM—TJ Edwards

9:00 AM—Helen Ford, *Anniversary*

Thursday, December 10 · Advent Weekday

6:45 AM—

9:00 AM—Brady Family

Friday, December 11

Damascus I—pope

6:45 AM—People of the Parish

9:00 AM—Tom Ferris, *Birthday Remembrance*

Saturday, December 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

9:00 AM—Michael Griffin, *Anniversary*

4:00 PM—**Confessions (Fr. Tighe)**

5:00 PM—Victor Kassar (**Fr. Tighe**)

Sunday, December 13

Third Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM—Ruth Steeley (**Fr. Murphy**)

10:00 AM—Eugene Fitzpatrick (**Fr. Tighe**)

11:30 AM—Francis Irwin / Ben & Bertha
 (**Fr. Tighe**)

5:00 PM—Tamam Bassil (**Fr. Frueh**)