

From the desk of Fr. Murphy

Dear Friends,

Let's start with a lovely letter we received recently:

*Dear Fr. Murphy,
My fiancé and I would like to deeply thank you for all the warmth and hospitality that you and the parish have bestowed upon us. We are new to the area and have been trying to figure out where it is that we belong. We really wanted to feel welcomed by the parish that we would be joining. We had sought out several different churches and none of them had extended the same amount of warmth and compassion like you and St. Saviour did. It's sometimes hard to constantly show people that sort of kindness, with all the hustle and bustle. However, after attending Masses at St. Saviour and speaking with you as well as Fr. Tighe, Fr. Cush, and Fr. Frueh, we knew we'd found the place where we belonged! Again, thank you and the parishioners for all of your kindness.*

Warm and welcoming. Friendly and inclusive. Good liturgy and good spirit (and Spirit). Please God St. Saviour can be all of that and much more.

And please God you're having a holy Advent, availing yourself of some of the opportunities our parish is offering. And please God you're praying for us. Thank you. God bless you.

Love,
Fr. Murphy

Choir Christmas Concert

Join us this Sunday afternoon at 2:30 PM in church for our Christmas concert. A free will offering will be taken which will go to our organ restoration fund.

What is the worst thing that Satan can accomplish? To make a person forget that he or she is a child of God.

Rabbi Shelomo of Karlin

STEWARDSHIP

December 5-6

Offertory **\$5,943.00**

Children's Envelopes **\$124.45**

Attendance **852**



HOLIDAY MASSES

Christmas Eve

4 PM Fr. Cush

5:30 PM Family Mass Fr. Murphy

A special guest may visit this mass!

12:00 AM Midnight Fr. Murphy

Christmas hymns will be sung by our choir prior to the Midnight Mass.

Christmas Day

9:30 AM Fr. Murphy

11:30 AM Fr. Cush

New Year's Eve

7 PM Mass for World Peace Fr. Murphy

New Year's Day

9:30 AM Fr. Cush

11:30 AM Fr. Murphy

Advent Penance Service

This Tuesday night (12/15) at 7:30 PM we'll have an Advent Communal penance service; this Saturday (12/19) Fr. Murphy will hear confessions from 4 to 4:45 PM

Day of Prayer

Our next Day of Prayer will be next Monday, December 21. Spend some quiet time preparing for Christmas before the Blessed Sacrament from 9 AM to 9 PM.

Advent Service

All are welcome to attend our Advent Prayer and Reflection Service. The third 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."

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.

An Evening of Lessons & Carols

St. Francis Xavier Parish, (in Park Slope at Carroll Street and Sixth Avenue) invites you to the annual Advent "Lessons and Carols" on Monday, December 14, at 7:30 PM. The choir will present sacred Christmas music of several centuries and all may sing the traditional favorite carols that celebrate the birth of Christ. All are welcome!



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.

Baby's First Christmas

The celebration of Baby's 1st Christmas for all babies born in 2009 will be at the 11:30 AM Mass on Sunday, December 27. All are welcome!

Students of the Month of November

- K1 Isabella Chavez & Sigourney Heaton
- K2 Annique Bien-Aime & Katherine Cornet
- 1A Lily Manzi & Walter Gange
- 2A Sinead Fitzgibbon & Roberto Toledo
- 2B Nicole Palmetto & Jack Haigney
- 3A Gabriella Schwartz & Arthur Gange
- 4A Victoria Licata & Serena St. Clair
- 5A Alexandra Rowland & Gia Thurton
- 5B Lauren Safford & Matthew Ruiz
- 6A Tess Abbot & Victoria Nilsen
- 6B Kelsey Pruitt & Robert Denninger
- 7A Samantha Flores & Brandon Buono
- 7B Mya Sylvester & Michael Player
- 8A Rema Alexander & Solomon Ammons
- 8B Christiane Crawford & Kevin Holliday

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

Parish Social

Next Sunday enjoy refreshments downstairs in the Parish Hall after all our Masses. And next weekend will be your final opportunity to purchase our unique parish Christmas cards.

KEEP IN PRAYER

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| 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 | Mary Slominsky |
| Margaret Rudloff | Rev. Thomas Kelly |
| Lita Marie Flynn | Emma Augell |
| Diane Claire | Salvatore DiFronzo |
| Dennis Abbott | Jolanta Stefaniak |
| Robert Lewis | Carmen Corton |
| Chris Grant | Teresa Dennehy |
| Angelo Gentile | Margaret Horn |
| Pete Koenig | Lynne Tetlus |
| Paul Belanger | Donna Doremus |
| Madeline Figeria | Margaret Boolbol |
| Helen Ryan | David Gardner |
| Lou Gaeta | |
| Michael & James Carew | |
| Adam Lafortune | |



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 TO ST. SAVIOUR PARISH!

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.

CANDLE MEMORIALS

December 13-19

- Sanctuary Lamp—
- Our Lady's Altar—
- St. Joseph's Altar—

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 13

Third Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM—Ruth Steeley

10:00 AM—Eugene Fitzpatrick

11:30 AM—Francis Irwin / Ben & Bertha

5:00 PM—Tamam Bassil

Monday, December 14

John of the Cross—priest & doctor

6:45 AM—Arsenio Paez

9:00 AM—Harold Bergen, *Anniversary*

Tuesday, December 15 · Advent Weekday

6:45 AM—

9:00 AM—Tamam Bassil,

Birthday Remembrance

Wednesday, December 16 · Advent Weekday

6:45 AM—TJ Edwards

9:00 AM—Joseph & Ann Flanagan

Thursday, December 17

Late Advent Weekday

6:45 AM— People of the Parish

9:00 AM—Thomas Brady

Friday, December 18

Late Advent Weekday

6:45 AM—James G. Harvey

9:00 AM—Jerome (Jerry) McGovern

Saturday, December 19

Late Advent Weekday

9:00 AM—Joan Imperiale, *Anniversary*

4:00 PM—**Confessions (Fr. Murphy)**

5:00 PM—Stella Pastore, *Anniversary*

(Fr. Murphy)

Sunday, December 20

Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM—Walter Wasnieski **(Fr. Cush)**

10:00 AM—Thomas Belsito **(Fr. Cush)**

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

5:00 PM—Jean Pfeiffer **(Fr. Murphy)**