

From the desk of Fr. Murphy

Dear Friends,

You had to be there to realize just how wonderful it was: last Sunday's Winter Concert. A huge Tip of the Hat to all our music ministers who give so, so generously of their time—and of their extraordinary talent. And we are so blessed to have Iouri Grichetchkine as our Music Director Extraordinaire.

Talking about music, the preliminary work in restoring our organ is scheduled to start on January 4. Our parish finance committee did extensive research and spoke with several experts over many months. The conclusion is we absolutely need to do about \$25,000.00 worth of work just to have the organ minimally in service. We could go as high as about \$300,000.00 to do a quality restoration job. So we'll be able to do as much as you're able to contribute. In January we'll tell you much more about our hopes for the restoration and will then invite all of you to participate in this project.

Like so many of you and like so many in our city and country, we're trying hard to curtail our spending at St. Saviour. One example of this is that we're not going to have our annual festive Christmas dinner for our parish workers nor are we going to have our annual Appreciation Party for our many volunteers. Please know, both employees and volunteers, just how truly grateful we are to you.

There's so much more to share with you but we're running out of room. But there's always enough space for me to ask you to pray for me and to wish you all a very Merry Christmas! God bless you.

Love,
Fr. Murphy

Parish House Christmas Hours

December 24: 9 AM–12 PM

December 25–28: CLOSED

December 29: 9 AM Parish House reopens

*The heart of the giver makes the gift
dear and precious.*

Martin Luther

STEWARDSHIP

December 12–13

Christmas Offertory **\$9,672.00**

Children's Envelopes **\$113.15**

Attendance **867**



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 Feast of Mary, Mother of God

Fr. Murphy

***NOTE:** We will celebrate only 1 morning mass at 9 AM on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

Day of Prayer

Tomorrow, Monday, December 21, is a Day of Prayer at St. Saviour. We'll have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following the 9 AM Mass and concluding with Benediction at 9 PM. St. John Vianney tells us, "We should consider those moments before the Blessed Sacrament as the happiest of our lives." We also have Exposition each Sunday afternoon (except in cases of baptisms, weddings, concerts) following the 11:30 AM Mass until 4:30 PM.

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!

Christmas Cards

Our parish Christmas cards are completely sold out! Thank you for purchasing them, thank you to the students in our 3 parish schools for creating them and thank you to Lisa Mangano who put this whole project together so well.

Calling All Angels & Shepherds!

Join us at the Family Mass at 5:30 PM on Christmas Eve. Children can come dressed as a shepherd or angel. The children will be called up at a special time during the Nativity Gospel.



Giving Tree

On behalf of Hour Children and the Brownbaggers, thank you for your generosity with this year's Giving Tree. Your kindness has helped make Christmas a little brighter for those in need.

Little Christmas

Celebration for all parishioners new born through age of 4 is on Saturday January 9, from 10 AM to 12 PM in the Parish Hall. Reservation forms are available in the narthex as you exit church.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to our new Altar Servers who are members of our Parish Elementary School and School of Religion: Hope & Peter Barone, Arthur Gange, Elizabeth Giamboi, Julia Hunt, Gavin Mc Donough, Ian Markey, Isabella Manzi Caroline San Pietro, Gabriella Schwartz, and Andrew Whitehall

Super Bowl Sunday

Super Bowl Sunday is right around the corner. Join us on Feb. 7, take a chance on a 42" HDTV. Chances are \$10 each or 3 for \$25. Sales begins next weekend after all Masses. Join us for the party. \$20 advanced ticket sales includes food, refreshments and a raffle ticket, tickets at the door \$25.

We're privileged to pray for those listed in our bulletin who are sick. If a person, please God, has recovered, please let us know so we can remove that name. Thank you.

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

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

KEEP IN PRAYER

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| Jade Baio | Adam Lafortune |
| Jack Szigety | Kathleen Otero |
| Brittany Ventrice | Aliza Schwab |
| Ethel Thomas | George Wright |
| Gordon Gladden | Kristin Molini |
| Joseph Maro | Young Joseph Flaherty |
| Baby Andreas Leontiou | Matthew Gomes |
| Joyce Abrahamson | Aida Conde |
| Cono Gallo | Virginia Clarke |
| Craig Carly | Raymond Joseph |
| Jean Drudy | Sr. Lillian |
| John McDonald | Marie Burke |
| Diana Guliano | Barbara Esposito |
| 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 | |



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.



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!

Many, Many Thanks!

We are so blessed to have courtesy parking for our 3 Sunday morning Masses each week in the outdoor parking lot of Methodist Hospital (entrance on 6th Street, just East of 8th Avenue). Just tell the attendant you're coming to Mass at St. Saviour. We're deeply grateful to Mark Mundy, President and CEO of Methodist Hospital, for this privilege.

CANDLE MEMORIALS

December 20-27

Sanctuary Lamp—Eleanor Modafferi
Our Lady's Altar—Special Intention
St. Joseph's Altar—Special Intention

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 20

Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM—Walter Wasnieski
10:00 AM—Thomas Belsito
11:30 AM—Edward G. Dunn Sr.
5:00 PM—Jean Pfeiffer

Monday, December 21 · Advent Weekday

6:45 AM—People of the Parish
9:00 AM—Kay Markey, *Anniversary*

Tuesday, December 22 · Advent Weekday

6:45 AM—Catherine & Thomas Clarke
9:00 AM—Thomas Galvin

Wednesday, December 23 · Advent Weekday

6:45 AM—Wilson / McGuinness Family
9:00 AM—The Loughlin Family

Thursday, December 24 · Christmas Eve

9:00 AM—Maureen McNally
4:00 PM—Paula Hutton
5:30 PM—Myers Family
12:00 AM—Lark Pervin / Joseph DiPierno

Friday, December 25

The Nativity of the Lord

9:30 AM—
11:00 AM—

Saturday, December 26

Stephen—martyr

9:00 AM—Elizabeth Hutton
5:00 PM—Rosemarie DeBellis (Fr. Frueh)

Sunday, December 27

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph

8:30 AM—John Sullivan, *Anniversary* (Fr. Cush)
10:00 AM—Frederick Gembka,
Birthday (Fr. Cush)
11:30 AM—James Fitzpatrick / Francis Irwin
(Fr. Murphy)
5:00 PM—Maureen Cunningham (Fr. Tighe)