

From the desk of Fr. Murphy

Dear Friends,

Merry Christmas! No, it's not too late to say that. Christmas Day is an Octave (8 days) and the Christmas Season doesn't conclude until the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, this year on January 10. So, Merry Christmas!

We certainly had a merry Christmas at St. Saviour thanks to the extraordinary dedication of so many people: Iouri Grichetchkine and all our music ministers; Geri Anne O'Beirne and all who helped with the pageant; our lectors, sacristans, altar servers, hospitality ministers, extraordinary ministers of Communion; Joan Perchman and all who helped her decorate our Church; Michael Sapienza and all who helped decorate our outside grounds; Deacon Bill Williamsen and Fathers Frueh, Tighe, and Cush for celebrating our liturgies and preaching our homilies; and, of course, to you, for participating with faith and with joy.

Next Sunday is the Feast of the Epiphany, when Jesus, Mary, and Joseph welcomed strangers who came in search of a newborn King. Like the different kings who came to pay homage, St. Saviour too is a mix of cultures and nationalities. Like the Holy Family, may we also welcome new comers to our parish. Why not take a moment before or after Mass and introduce yourself or welcome someone you haven't seen before? If people are made to feel welcome, they will return.

Thank you so much for your many Christmas Masses, cards, gifts, good wishes-and especially for your prayers. Please keep them coming. God bless you.

Happy New Year!

Love,
Fr. Murphy

*We must make our homes centers
of compassion and forgive endlessly.*

Mother Teresa

STEWARDSHIP

Due to early our early holiday deadline, there is no stewardship report this week.



HOLIDAY MASSES

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 New Year's Eve.

Parish House Christmas Hours

December 25-28: CLOSED

December 29: 9 AM Parish House reopens

Feast of Mary, Mother of God

January 1 is the Feast of Mary, Mother of God. Our Masses for this Holy Day will be at 7 PM on Thursday, New Years Eve (also a Mass for World Peace) and at 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM on Friday, New Year's Day.

Little Christmas

Celebration for all parishioners, new born to age 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.

Over the Year

Over the course of 2009, St. Saviour had 74 baptisms, 20 weddings, and 36 funerals.

Mardi Gras

Save the Date! Our Mardi Gras Celebration will be held on Friday, February 5.

Welcome to St. Saviour!

We were thrilled to welcome these people who registered into our parish family in 2009:

Erin & Greg Alvarez	Nguyen-Krumme
Jolie Apicella	Ursula & Edward Ocampo
AmberArmanno	Lauren & Joseph O'Neill/ Scanlon
Renee Awusie	Erin Marie Osner
Olga & David Botero	Delia Pappas
Simona & Fahien Carruzzo	Dawanda & Tony Pearson/Curtis
Claudia Lamy Carter	Mr. & Mrs. Robert E. Pepper
Emily Chase	Dolores Phelan
Melissa & Ed Collins	David & Sharon Propson
Laura & Sean Colman	Bob & Alessa Quane Family
Joseph DeForte	Maria, Nicole, & Frano Santos
Patrick Fay	Susan E. Scully
Keara Frizell	Jonas & Nathalie Sison
Barbara Fusco	Francis Stansky
Mary Gray	Anthony & Maureen Stasi
Veronika Herrera	James Sullivan & Beth Storinge
Han Huank	Louise Tangredi-Ruiz
Kristin & Jeff Jarvis	Karen Taylor
Janice John	Adrienne Urbanski
Lauren Kaan	Mario & Abigail Valencia
Shiela Ko Yang,	Paula, Peter, & June Vitale
Timothy & Ann LaRose/O'Brien	Roxana & James Wagner
Jennifer Lenihan	Frank & Beth Wall
Jon & Rachel Mahoney	Chris & Leigh Walsh
Scott & Ronda Matthews	Richard & Coretta Whitehall
Patrick & Katie McHugh/Green	Gilliann Winn
Elizabeth Meiers	Susan & Alex Zartman
Kathleen Moffatt	Gina & Michael Zimmermann
Michael Mooney	Mary Zuber
Joan Moore	
Eddie Sonya	

A TIP OF THE HAT

A tip of the hat this week to Lisa Mangano who suggested the idea of having parish Christmas cards so we could draw out talent from students in our three parish schools. Lisa also produced the five different cards which were sold out! Thanks so much, Lisa.

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

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!

Super Bowl Sunday

Super Bowl Sunday is right around the corner. Join us on February 7, and 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.

CANDLE MEMORIALS

December 28–January 3

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 27

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph

8:30 AM—John Sullivan, *Anniversary*

10:00 AM—Frederick Gembka, *Birthday*

11:30 AM—James Fitzpatrick / Francis Irwin /
Gloria Pendernales

5:00 PM—Maureen Cunningham

Monday, December 28

Holy Innocents—martyrs

6:45 AM—People of the Parish

9:00 AM—William & Judy Kinane

Tuesday, December 29 · Day 5

Octave of Christmas

6:45 AM—Margaret Garrigan

9:00 AM—Thomas Brady

Wednesday, December 30 · Day 6

Octave of Christmas

6:45 AM—Gregory Fiasconaro

9:00 AM—Brady Family

Thursday, December 31 · Day 7

Octave of Christmas

9:00 AM—Vincent Paganucci

7:00 PM—Special Intention

Friday, January 1, 2010

The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God

9:30 AM—Peace in the World

11:00 AM—Special Intention

Saturday, January 2

9:00 AM—Thanksgiving for many blessings

4:00 PM—CONFESSIONS (**Fr. Murphy**)

5:00 PM—Deceased members of Driscoll
& Murphy Families (**Fr. Murphy**)

Sunday, January 3

The Epiphany of the Lord

8:30 AM—John Sullivan, *Anniversary* (**Fr. Murphy**)

10:00 AM—Frederick Gembka,
Birthday (**Fr. Cush**)

11:30 AM—James Fitzpatrick / Francis Irwin
(**Fr. Cush**)

5:00 PM—Maureen Cunningham (**Fr. Murphy**)