

FROM THE DESK OF

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There are so many wonderful things happening at St. Saviour Elementary School. It is a place where learning occurs in a warm and supportive atmosphere, where dedicated teachers and staff work side by side with parents who generously volunteer their time and where the message of Jesus guides us in all we do.

We recently started a fund raising a program called "Pizza Friday" where parents donate money to cover both the cost of pizza for their child and a donation to CHIPS (Christian Help in Park Slope). The children have a warm lunch in school and they are helping those who are less fortunate. Another initiative we are excited about is "Kids Helping Kids", an elective moderated by Rose Santangelo, our French teacher, where our students identify charities involving children and create fund raisers to support them.

In January we expect to introduce an after school enrichment program offering students classes in cooking, art, chess, drama and more. In September of 2010, we hope to expand the school to include three year olds which, together with our Pre-K and Kindergarten classes, will ensure a solid preschool foundation in Catholic education.

As I stand at the top of the stairs each morning, greeting the children as they eagerly enter school, I feel blessed to be working in such a wonderful environment. I invite you to come see for yourself.

Tours for families interested in joining our school next year will begin Thursday, November 19. To make a reservation for a tour or for more information about any of our programs please call us at 718 768-8000 or e-mail me at [mlorenzen@stsaviourschool.org](mailto:mlorenzen@stsaviourschool.org).

Thank you for your continued prayers.

Sincerely,  
Maura Lorenzen

**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.

**STEWARDSHIP****November 7-8**Offertory **\$5,771.00**Children's Envelopes **\$129.88**Attendance **1063****A Tip of the Hat** 

This week our Tip of the Hat goes to the parish house staff: Denise, John, Mark, and Cassie who are overworked and underpaid, but never fail to do whatever is asked of them, even when it is not part of their job. We can't thank them enough!

**Thanksgiving Masses**

Give God thanks for so many blessings by celebrating Thanksgiving Eve Mass with us at 7 PM and Thanksgiving Day at 9 AM. At each Mass we'll take up a collection for C.H.I.P.S. Our elementary school is also assisting C.H.I.P.S.

**ADVENT SERVICE**

All are welcome to attend our Advent Prayer and Reflection Service. There will be 3 Monday evening programs: November 30, December 7, and December 14, in the parish house beginning at 7:15 PM. Our focus will be on the "Coming of the Lord."

**Upcoming Baptism**

Next Sunday we'll have the joy of baptizing Maddyx Christina Uzomaka Uzonwanne at our 10 AM Family Mass.

**Fiscal Health**

Next weekend at all of our Masses, a member of our parish finance committee will give us an update on the fiscal health of St. Saviour.

**CHURCH HOURS**

Our church is open from 6 AM-2 PM on weekdays, and 8 AM-6 PM on weekends. Feel free to come in for a visit. Each Sunday afternoon we have Exposition following the 11:30 AM Mass until 4:30 PM.

## Happy Birthday Jazz Mass!

Please join us today Sunday, November 15, for wine and cake as we celebrate our Jazz Mass first anniversary! Thank you to our Jazz Mass ensemble members: Frank Bolton, trombone/vocals; Iouri Grichetchkine, music director/piano; Bill Gray, electric bass guitar; Aubrie Fennecken, vocals; and Michael Delouis, vocals. Our Mass sacristan Frank Carpenito and greeters Geoff Collins and James Guido. Our wine and cheese volunteers: Nelson Conde and John Parham, and to all parishioners who have made this Mass their home.



## 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.

## Giving Tree



Once again, we are beginning our "Giving Tree" this weekend for the benefit of Hour Children. Hour Children is an organization that helps families of women who have been incarcerated. St. Saviour has donated to Hour Children for several years. The "Giving Tree" in the narthex of the Church is decorated with "gift tag ornaments" that are marked with the gender, age, (for children's sizing and age appropriate gifts), and a request for a garment or a toy. Unwrapped gifts with the tags taped to them should be returned no later than Sunday, December 13. Please put your gifts under the "Giving Tree" but NOT in the Toys for Tots box.

## Parish Retreat

The Parish Retreat at the Carmel Retreat House in Mahwah, NJ last weekend was a special time of prayer and reflection. A group of 20 parishioners and friends shared a spiritual journey lead by Fr. Murphy. The location, facilities, and unique background of each participant provided the opportunity for spiritual refreshment. Each participant expressed a strong desire to make this a yearly event and we have tentatively scheduled next year's retreat for November 19–21, 2010. Please consider participating in this important Parish function!

## Brownbagger Homeless Outreach!

Our efforts to distribute brown bag lunches to homeless and those in need continue. We are booked for the November 22 date, but we're still recruiting for our next two winter dates:

**December 13 & January 24.**

We will meet at 12 noon in the Parish Hall, leave for Manhattan via subway at 12:40 PM, and return to St. Saviour by 4:00 PM. 20 volunteers are needed for each trip and the spots fill up fast! Call or e-mail Maruchi at 646-467-0463 or maruchi@parhamsantana.com. Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

## Christmas Cards

Aren't our parish Christmas cards terrific? They were all created by students for our elementary and high schools and School of Religion. You can purchase yours after all Masses for the next several weeks. Many thanks to Lisa Mangano for coordinating this project for our parish.

## 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 |                       |

## SCRIPTURE STUDY

Spend one hour with us once a week studying each of the Sunday Mass readings to understand better what the writers intended and how that applies to our own lives. We meet Saturdays from 11 AM to 12 noon in the parish house. Contact Madeline at mlee1024@nyc.rr.com, call 718 636 1492, or just show up. You will be welcome.

## PRAYER FOR THE MILITARY

Please pray for our Parishioners, Family Members, and Friends who are in Active Military Service. We ask our Lord to bless and protect them wherever they are serving and to watch over their families while they are away. We pray for their safe return and the end of all war. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

ALICEAN ANDOLINA—ARMY  
 JEFF BATTLE—AIR FORCE  
 GAIL BENJAMIN COLVIN—AIR FORCE  
 CHARLES CADET—NAVY  
 MICHAEL CORTES—NAVY  
 ROBERT DIXON—MARINES  
 FRANK GARCIA—NAVY  
 ANTHONY LEONE—ARMY  
 BILLY LEMBO—AIR FORCE  
 ERIC LYNCH—ARMY  
 MARC LYNCH—MARINES  
 KERRY MAHON  
 DOUG NICKOLLS—MARINES  
 VINCENT REA—AIR FORCE  
 ANGELA SUPINA—AIR FORCE  
 MAILINA SUPINA—AIR FORCE  
 MICHAEL WHELAN—MARINES

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The sick need God's grace during this critical time in their lives. The sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is administered to people suffering from spiritual or bodily illness. The Spirituality Committee invites anyone in need of healing to attend a parish-wide celebration of the Anointing of the Sick at Mass at 11:00 AM on Saturday November 21, 2009. Please come and receive God's loving grace.

## CANDLE MEMORIALS

**November 15–21**  
 Sanctuary Lamp—  
 Our Lady's Altar—  
 St. Joseph's Altar—

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Sunday, November 15

#### Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM—Eleanor Modafferi  
 10:00 AM—Thomas Belsito  
 11:30 AM—Francis Irwin /  
 Marion O'Loughlin Braxl  
 5:00 PM—Josephine LaDuca

### Monday, November 16 · Weekday

6:45 AM—Neusa Maragliano  
 9:00 AM—Victor Kassar

### Tuesday, November 17

#### Elizabeth of Hungary

6:45 AM—Margaret Shovelin, *Living*  
 9:00 AM—James Fitzpatrick

### Wednesday, November 18 · Weekday

6:45 AM—People of the Parish  
 9:00 AM—Jerome (Jerry) McGovern

### Thursday, November 19 · Weekday

6:45 AM—Francisca Mosquera  
 9:00 AM—Brady Family

### Friday, November 20 · Weekday

6:45 AM—People of the Parish  
 9:00 AM—Victor Kassar

### Saturday, November 21

#### Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 AM—Margaret Griffin, *Birthday*  
 5:00 PM—Landa Martin / Angelina Carpenito  
 & Joseph Mangner (Fr. Cush)

### Sunday, November 22

#### Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

8:30 AM—Mary Alice McNamara  
 (Fr. Murphy)  
 10:00 AM—Bridget Walsh /  
 Maureen McNally (Fr. Murphy)  
 11:30 AM—Francis Irwin /  
 Marion O'Loughlin Braxl (Fr. Cush)  
 5:00 PM—Sophia Stoll (Fr. Murphy)