

January 4, 2009 - Epiphany of the Lord

## DO YOU MISS US YET?

As you read this, Fr. Gelfant and members of our parish are on pilgrimage to various sites in Italy. We invite you to join us by logging onto our website [www.starcc.net](http://www.starcc.net) and click on the Pilgrimage link. They are posting daily videos



of some of their pilgrimage so join in the pilgrimage and follow them. You never know what you will see, especially with Fr. Gelfant filming...Most importantly, pray for them as they are remembering the parish at all of their Masses. On Wednesday, January 7th, our group will be at the Papal Audience with the Holy Father. Pope Benedict XVI will announce our presence to the 3,000 gathered faithful. This truly will be a highlight for our parish pilgrimage.

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## PARISH PASTORAL PLANNING

The faith formation committee that has been implementing the goals of the parish library and the block rosary will meet in the Colbert Center on **Monday, January 5 at 7:30 P.M.**

## WHERE IS THE CRUCIFIX?



That is the question some observant parishioners have asked referring to the crucifix that was in the hands of the statue of St. Therese. The answer: Some one stole it from the statue and a new one has been commissioned from the sculptur in Italy. It is on the way. May we all remain vigilant while visiting the church.

## 2009 BOWL-A-THON

### Get Ready, Get Set, BOWL

We will once again have a bowl-a-thon to be held at Maple Lanes on February 7, 2009 at 3pm. This was a huge success last year and we all had fun. Registration can be picked-up at the Rectory office, the School Office or the Home School Office. The Priests and Sisters will be bowling again and they will be looking forward to your pledges. We encourage all of our families to attend and join us. Not only did we raise needed money, but we all had a great time.



## THANK YOU!

**To all Parishioners,  
Students of St. Anselm Catholic School  
and CCD Program  
and McLaughlin Funeral Home**

Your response to our Thanksgiving Food Drive and our Christmas Giving Tree was extraordinary. The families who received food and a voucher for a turkey donated by McLaughlin's Funeral Home wish to thank you for your generosity and be assured that you will be remembered by them.

Thank you also to Santa's Helpers who gave of their time to receive the gifts after the Masses the weekend of December 13th. Can you imagine the smile on the faces of the children and adults who will receive these Gifts?

Those who received your gifts.

**St. Anselm Parish Community**

**Neighbors Together**  
volunteer workers for the soup kitchen

**Neighborhood Counseling Center**  
families in need

**Hour Children**  
children of incarcerated mothers

**St. Mary Star of the Sea/St. Gertrude  
Far Rockaway**  
families in need

Again, you made all this possible. Msgr. Phillips and the Parish Staff thank you for your generous and outstanding support as we continue to put out into the deep and help others

## CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

Parents of children preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation must attend a faith formation meeting on **Wednesday, January 20, 2008 7:30 P.M.** in Meletia Hall



## BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP



**THE SHACK**  
by William P. Young  
Thursday, January 15th,  
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM. Colbert Center

FROM THE



Monsignor Phillips

PASTOR

***A New Year Greeting***

As we end the Year of Our Lord 2008, we look forward to the New Year 2009. May it be a year filled with blessings and grace for our parish and our parishioners. May it be a year to grow in Love of God and neighbor. May it be a year also to grow in faith and in awareness of God's Presence in our lives and in our world. May it be a year of strength so we may overcome the obstacles we will face in our daily lives in 2009. Most of all, may it be a year in which we experience God's saving presence and love in our daily lives.

As we look forward to the New Year we also look back on the old year and say a word of thanksgiving to God for the blessings and graces we have experienced in 2008.

Finally, as pastor of St. Anselm, I know I am grateful to God and to all our parishioners for all the graces and support I have received. Thank you. Be assured of my prayers. May God bless us all in this New Year.

**SAY GOODBYE TO THE PRAYER CHANNEL AND HELLO TO NET (NEW EVANGELIZATION TELEVISION)**

Channel 97 on Time Warner Cable  
Channel 30 on Cablevision

Our Local Catholic TV Station sponsored by the Diocese of Brooklyn. Tune in as our new station begins their first season of brand new shows.



# Tithes

Budgeted Weekly Expenses	\$13,000.00
Plate Offering 12/21/08	\$8,715.00
Faith Direct	<u>2,000.00</u> <u>10,715.00</u>
Deficit	(\$ 2,285.00)

Parish Education

December 2008	\$3,668.00
December 2007	\$3,709.00

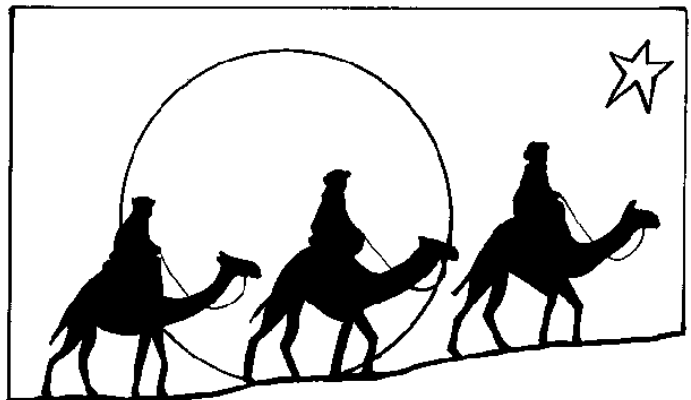
Thank you for your generosity in all our Collections throughout the year. Without your support the work of our Parish Ministry would not have been such a success. Thank you and God bless you.

**OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION  
THE MSGR. COLBERT CENTER**

Brother Robert 718-745-0077

**Parish Library** - Our library will open again on **Sunday, January 11, after the 10 AM Mass and every Thursday after the 11 AM Mass.** Books and videos in the areas of theology, scripture, and saints, are available for adults and children.

**Living The Word** - *Scripture Study of the Sunday Readings.* Come and explore the Pauline Epistles, and grow



on Sunday, February 1, 2009 at 10:00 A.M.

## ADULT CONFIRMATION

Formation for Catholics in high school, college, or older will be on **Sundays beginning February 22nd from 11:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.** in the Colbert Center. Confirmation will be administered on Pentecost Sunday, May 31, 2009.

## HONORING AND PRAYING FOR OUR OWN

May God protect and reward our parishioners serving our country during this time of war:



Pvt. Eddie Azzolino, LTJG Victor Baldoni, PFC Steven Giordano, Sgt. John J. Roache, LtCpt Patrick C. Waage, Cpt. Thomas Woolveton

**SAINT ANSELM  
PURGATORIAL  
SOCIETY  
ENROLLMENT**



Rosario Colombo  
Angelo Loggia

**Our Mission Statement**  
*We, the Body of Christ: St. Anselm Parish in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, rejoice in our parish's more than 80 years of service to God, our Church, our country, and our community.*

*As Christ is Priest, Prophet, and King, we celebrate the sacramental life of the Church, proclaim the Word of God, and serve the needs of our parishioners and neighbors always with faith, hope, and charity.*

*Walking with Christ, we accept the challenge to call all people to worship, to teach all nations His Truth, and to love one another as He has loved us.*



**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

**All who are ill are remembered in all of our prayers and Masses.**

Anthony Aiello, Basconcelo Family, Terrence Begley, Anthony Castaldo, Marie Castaldo, Bob Clinton, Roberto Concepcion, Eileen Daly, Helen DeMairo, Joyce Sinapi Esposito, Florence Flynn, Sarah Fodera, Baby Chloe Grissith, David Herbert, Sylvia Hernandez, Edward Jakubowski, John Johnson, Frank Kelly, Margaret Kelly, Susan Kennedy, Rev. David Kessinger, Phyllis Kessinger, Anthony & Florio Lettieri, Mary LoGuidice, Anthony & Teresa Manfredo, Ana Marsico, Florence Moore, Julia Morris, Lawrence Murphy, Mary Nader, Taylor Olson, Noreen Rammarione, James Thompson, Elizabeth Tolton, Eugene T. Walsh.

**PLEASE NOTE:** In the event of recovery or improvement, please contact the rectory. A person's name will be deleted after three weeks unless notification to remain is received.

**NOVENAS**

Miraculous Medal with the relic of St. Catherine Labouré: Mondays after 11:00AM Mass

St. Anthony: Tuesdays after the 11AM Mass

St. Jude with the relic of St. Jude: Wednesdays after 11:00AM Mass

**DEVOTIONS**

**Morning Prayer:** at 10:40AM in the Rosary Chapel.

**Rosary:** Prayed after 11:00AM Daily Mass in the Rosary Chapel.

**Eucharistic Adoration for Vocations:** Every Friday after the 11:00AM Mass until 2:45PM. Benediction at 3:00PM.

**Mass Intentions**



**Sunday, January 4, 2009**

- 8:00 - Joseph K. Kelly - Anniv.
- 10:00 - Purgatorial Society
- 12:00 - Eugene Sergio, Sr. - Anniv.
- 5:00 - Joseph Herbert - Birth.

**Monday, January 5, 2009**

- 6:35 - Pro Populo  
(For living & deceased people of St. Anselm)
- 11:00 - Christmas Novena

**Tuesday, January 6, 2009**

- 6:35 - Christmas Novena
- 11:00 - Howard E. Franciscus

**Wednesday, January 7, 2009**

- 6:35 - Nunzio Proscia - Anniv.
- 11:00 - Edward Jakubowski

**Thursday, January 8, 2009**

- 6:35 - Rose Duffy
- 11:00 - Sarah Henderson

**Friday, January 9, 2009**

- 6:35 - Francisca Frankola - Anniv.
- 11:00 - Kevin Gulbransen

**Saturday, January 10, 2009**

- 11:00 - Mary Visser
- 5:00 - Marie Coppola - Anniv.

**Sunday, January 11, 2009**

- 8:00 - Catherine & Sal Trollo - Wedd. Anniv.
- 10:00 - Purgatorial Society
- 12:00 - In Memory of the Deceased Benefactors of St. Anselm
- 5:00 - Claude Furey - Birth.