

ADVENT EVENING HOLY HOURS

Come and join us as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Lord. Evenings at 7:30PM. *Come and join us for One Hour:*

- Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- Preached Evening Prayer
- Benediction



Tuesday, Dec. 15 - Deacon Alonzo Cox, Transitional Deacon
Tuesday, Dec 22 - Fr. Joseph Fonti, Vicar for Pastoral Life

Friday periods of adoration are cancelled for Advent.

PARISH FAMILY TREE

The Lighting and Blessing of our Parish Family Tree will take place on Saturday, December 12, following the 5:00 P.M. Mass. Once again, we invite all the children of our Parish to bring an ornament and decorate the tree Sunday, December 13, after the 10:00 A.M. Mass.



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS



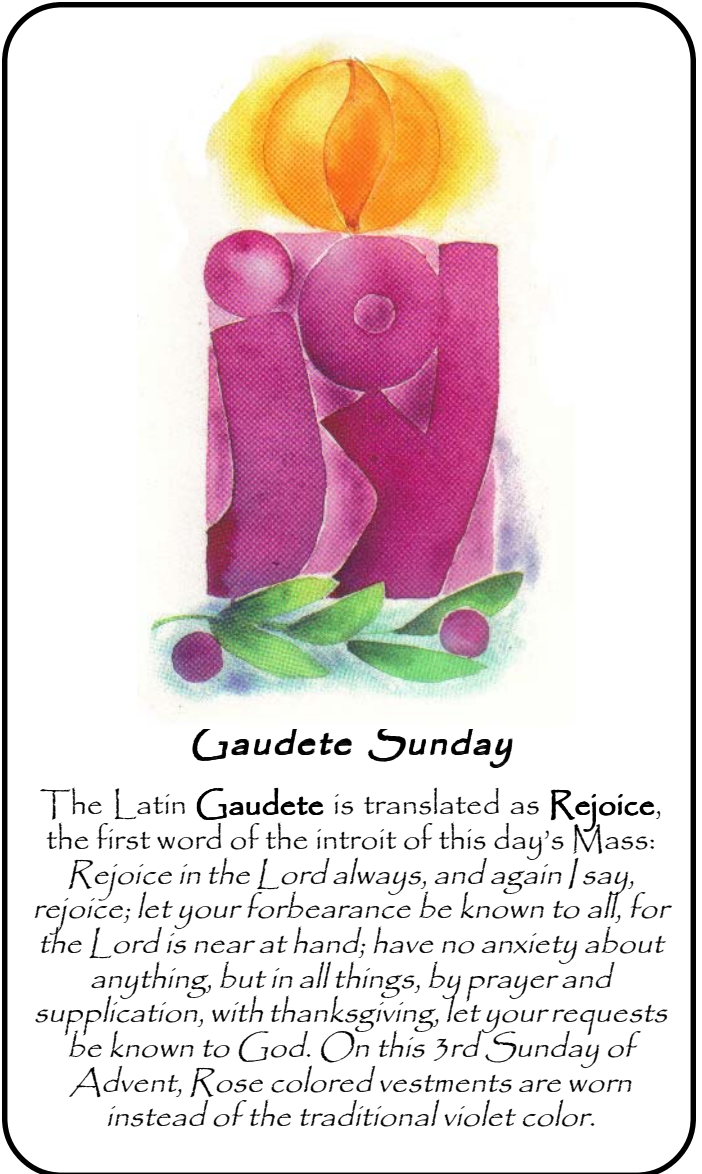
As customary, we are asking for donations to our **Christmas Flower Fund**. Envelopes are available in Church and may be returned in the collection basket. All we ask is that you indicate in a clear and firm script, printing preferred, your name and address and the name of the one in whose memory the donation is being made. This is a free will offering.

CHRISTMAS CONFESSION

Saturday, December 19, 2009
12 - 1:00 P.M. All priests available
Last opportunity before Christmas

TREES OF LIGHTS

We will continue to light six Trees of Lights for your intentions to be placed in the sanctuary of the church. Each light can be dedicated. This is a very unique and thoughtful gift giving opportunity which people will love to receive. All intentions will be remembered at our Tree of Lights Remembrance Mass, January 1, 2010, at 12:00 noon. Forms are available at the rectory or in the church. Monsignor Maloney will bless and light the trees at the Christmas Midnight Mass.



Gaudete Sunday

The Latin **Gaudete** is translated as **Rejoice**, the first word of the introit of this day's Mass: *Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, rejoice; let your forbearance be known to all, for the Lord is near at hand; have no anxiety about anything, but in all things, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be known to God. On this 3rd Sunday of Advent, Rose colored vestments are worn instead of the traditional violet color.*

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve (Thursday,, December 24)
5:00 P.M. 12:00 Midnight

Christmas Day (Friday, December 25)
8:00 A.M. 10:00 A.M. 12 Noon

There will not be a 5:00 P.M. Mass

CHRISTMAS NOVENA

We will have our annual Christmas Novena of Masses starting on Saturday, December 26, 2009. Those wishing to enroll their loved ones, living or deceased, may do so by filling out a Novena envelope. Please return it before Christmas in the special box provided in the center aisle or in the collection basket.

CONFIRMATION SERVICE PROJECTS

The following confirmandi attended Mass at St. Francis Church, NYC and volunteered at the Holy Apostles Soup Kitchen on December 8th 2009, helping to serve 1,200 meals to those in need.

NICHOLAS ARENA
PETER FIELDS
JONATHAN LIEVANO
MADYSON MASTROCOVI

KEVIN CEVALLOS
BRIANNA GENEROSO



CARDS FOR OUR SOLDIERS FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION

If you go to this web site, www.LetsSayThanks.com you can pick out a thank you card and Xerox will print it and it will be sent to a soldier that is currently serving in Iraq. You **CAN'T** pick out who gets it, but it will go to a member of the armed services. How AMAZING it would be if we could get everyone we know to send one!!! It is FREE and it only takes a second.

BLOOD DRIVE

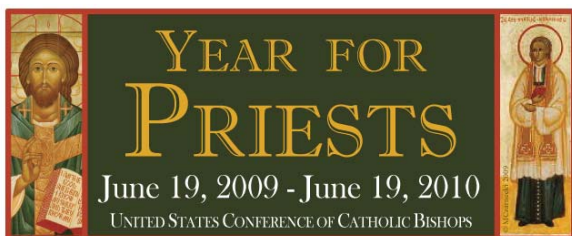
Due to the urgent need for blood in holiday winter months, a Blood Drive will be held on Sunday, December 13, 2009, from 8:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Donations will be made in a Blood Busmobile parked in front of the Church.



Donors must present Photo ID with signature, have a minimum weight of 110 lbs. and be between 16 - 75 years of age.

PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS

We thank all who reserved advance orders of the new parish Christmas Cards. The Christmas cards are available for sale in the vestibule of the Church after the Sunday Masses and throughout the week at the Rectory Office. Cards come 20 cards to a packages for \$15.



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FINANCIAL		For the Weekend of Dec. 5th/Dec. 6th	
	Weekly Expenses	\$13,000.00	
	Plate Offering	\$10,086.00	
	Faith Direct	\$ 2,000.00	
	NEWS		
	Total Parish Collection	12,086.00	
		- \$	914.00
	Parish Collection - 12/6-7/08		\$12,040.00

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION THE MSGR. COLBERT CENTER Brother Robert 718-745-0077

Parish Library - Our library schedule for December is: Sundays, December 13 & 20 after the 10:00 am Mass, Wednesdays at 7:00 pm, Thursdays after the 11 am Mass. (closed December 23, 24, 30, 31). Books and videos are available on Christ, Mary, scripture, prayer and the saints for adults and children.

Living The Word - Scripture Study of the Sunday Mass Readings. Come and explore the Bible in the Catholic tradition. Mondays: 12:30 pm, Wednesdays: 7:00 pm, Thursdays: 12:00 pm (cancelled December



on of Adults - Have you a Catholic? Classes are 0 pm. All are welcome.

- Did you get baptized and nion, but not the sacrament / classes for those in high ges begin on February 21.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

A DAUGHTER'S LOVE:

St. Thomas More and His Dearest Meg

by John Guy

Thursday, January 21st, 7:00 PM in the Colbert Center

2010 CONFIRMATION CLASS

The first combined faith formation class for all confirmandi in the Class of 2010 will be today at 8:30 am with instruction by Fr. Kull. All will be present at the 10:00 am Mass.

HONORING AND PRAYING FOR OUR OWN



May God protect and reward our parishioners serving our country during this time of war: LTJG Victor Baldoni, PFC Steven Giordano,

Sgt. John J. Roache, Cpl. Patrick C. Waage

**SAINT ANSELM
PURGATORIAL
SOCIETY
ENROLLMENT**



Dorothy Oliva
Mr. Owen
Ellen Murphy
Dr. Edward Reilly
Jack Burke
Tilda McNelis
Maureen E. Bennegna

John J. Moloney
Delores Fiordaliso
Cedric T. Lovell
Marika Lilikakis
Lily Mulcahy
Theresa Paczkowski
Eileen Fallon

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:

Frances Borrelli, Suzanne Boutross, Mary Connors, Eileen Daly, Evelyn Diaz, Peter Ferguson, Baby Jessica Gallagher, Betty Gimbel, Sylvia Hernandez, Sandra Kelly, Susan Kennedy, Rev. David Kessinger, Phyliss Kessinger, Baby Christina Khaled, Brenda Latronica, Brooke Latronica, Floria Lettieri, Roseann Lettieri, Ted Macri, Teresa Manfreda, Joe Pezza, Noreen Rammairone, Jennifer Ramsawalk, John Stellwaggen, Elizabeth Tolton, Mary Touhey, Eugene Walsh, Molly Zisk

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 11:00 AM Mass

St. Anthony: Tuesdays after the 11AM Mass with relic on first Tuesdays

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, December 13, 2009

8:00 - Jenne Guyette
10:00 - Purgatorial Society
12:00 - John Moran - Anniv.
5:00 - Dec. Membs. Gennaoui & Zelhof Families

Monday, December 14, 2009

6:35 - Pro Populo (Living & deceased people of St. Anselm)
11:00 - Aniello Pignatano - Birth.

Tuesday, December 15, 2009

6:35 - Joseph K. Kelly
11:00 - Dec. Membs of the "Young at Heart"

Wednesday, December 16, 2009

6:35 - Henry Moderacki - Anniv.
11:00 - In Memory of Dec. Benefactors of St. Anselm

Thursday, December 17, 2009

6:35 - Dec. Membs Smilovich & Frankola Families
11:00 - Cataldo Sforzo - Birth.

Friday, December 18, 2009

6:35 - Anne Lavin Coleman
11:00 - Kenneth P. Hennessy - Anniv.

Saturday, December 19, 2009

11:00 - Anthony Marchese
5:00 - Dec. Membs Fadel & Varela Families

Sunday, December 20, 2009

8:00 - Mary J. Morris - Birth.

