

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



Friday, Dec. 11 - Msgr. Andrew Vaccari, *St. Mary, Mother of Jesus*
Tuesday, Dec. 15 - Deacon Alonzo Cox, *Transitional Deacon*
Tuesday, Dec 22 - Fr. Joseph Font, *Vicar for Pastoral Life*

Friday periods of adoration are cancelled for Advent.

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.

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.

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 will be available at the rectory or in the church Thanksgiving weekend. Monsignor Maloney will bless and light the trees at the Christmas Midnight Mass.



...as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah:
 A voice of one crying out in the desert:
 "Prepare the way of the Lord,
 make straight his paths.
 Every valley shall be filled
 and every mountain and hill shall be made low.
 The winding roads shall be made straight,
 and the rough ways made smooth,
 and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

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 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.

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.

THE PARISH GIVING TREE

Gifts are to be returned on December 12th and 13th. All gift tags are colored coded, please attach the tag to your unwrapped gift. Gift Bags are acceptable wrapping, but please do not seal them.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

A DAUGHTER'S LOVE:

St. Thomas More and His Dearest Meg
by John Guy

Thursday, January 2st, 7:00 PM in the Colbert Center

COMMUNITY NEWS

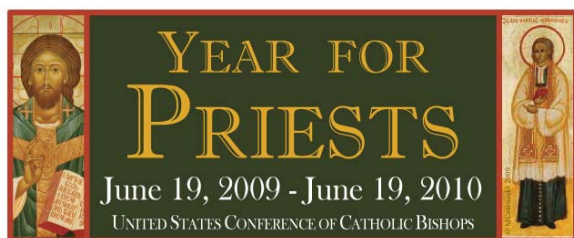
Catholic Charities - Our Lady of Angels Human Service Center and St. Andrew The Apostle Church
present:
SENIOR DAY!

Where: 6713 Ridge Blvd. (Between 67 & 68 Street) Kiernan Hall on Monday, December 7, 2009, 10AM - 1 PM.

A day filled with information and workshops on: Rent Assistance, Senior Housing Options, Healthy Cooking, Information on Fun Trips & Activities, Raffles & More...Please call 718-680-6344 for more information!

PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS

We thank all who reserved advance orders of the new parish Christmas Cards. The Christmas cards should be delivered to the parish by November 30th, 2009. We will also make the cards available for sale in the vestibule of the Church on those weekends. Cards come 20 cards to a packages for \$15.



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FINANCIAL		For the Weekend of Nov. 21st/Nov. 22nd	
		Weekly Expenses	\$13,000.00
		Plate Offering	\$12,507.00
		Faith Direct	\$ 2,000.00
		Total Parish Collection	14,507.00
			+ \$ 1,507.00
		Parish Collection - 11/22-23/08	\$10,969.00
		<u>Campaign For Human Development</u>	
		November 2009	\$2,984.00
		November 2008	\$2,784.00
NEWS		For the Weekend of Nov. 28th/Nov. 29th	
		Weekly Expenses	\$13,000.00
		Plate Offering	\$10,283.00
		Faith Direct	\$ 2,000.00
		Total Parish Collection	12,283.00
			- \$ 717.00
		Parish Collection - 11/29-30/08	\$11,143.00

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

Parish Library - Our library schedule for December is: Sundays, December 6, 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 23, 24, 30, 31).

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults - Have you thought about becoming a Catholic? Classes are every Wednesday at 7:00 pm. All are welcome.

Confirmation of Adults - Did you get baptized and receive your first communion, but not the sacrament of Confirmation? Sunday classes for those in high school and adults of all ages begin on February 21.

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**



Adelaide Kassenbrock
Dr. Edward T. Reilly
Kathryn Walsh
Carlos Francois
Ellis Mannis
Attilio Scotto
Olinda Colecchia

Annie Salmon
Helen Williams
Mario Ferraro
Vivienne Ayoub
Robert Ford
Mickey Dunning
Ralph Marino



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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

Bridget Beck, Frances Borrelli, Suzanne Boutross, Mary Connors, Eileen Daly, Evelyn Diaz, John DeCicco, Peter Ferguson, Baby Jessica Gallagher, Betty Gimbel, Krzysztof Gworek, Sylvia Hernandez, Matthew Houston, Sandra Kelly, Susan Kennedy, Rev. David Kessinger, Phylliss Kessinger, Baby Christina Khaled, Brenda Latronica, Brooke Latronica, Floria Lettieri, Roseann Lettieri, Ted Macri, Teresa Manfredo, Eileen McClung, Gerald Parrott, Joe Pezza, Noreen Rammairone Jennifer Ramsawack, Joyce Mari Sinapi, 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.

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.

Mass Intentions



Sunday, December 6, 2009

8:00 - Cornelius Sullivan
10:00 - Purgatorial Society
12:00 - Margaret & Philip Whitcome
5:00 - Ronnie & Harry Schneeberg - Anniv.

Monday, December 7, 2009

6:35 - Pro Populo
(For living & deceased people of St. Anselm)
11:00 - Daniel Hennessy
7:30 - Franco Marsillo - Birth.

**HOLY
DAY
OF**

Tuesday, December 8, 2009

6:35 - Mary & Patrick Connors
11:00 - Kathleen Jennings - Anniv.
7:30 - Maria LoGozzo

OBLIGATION

**SOLEMNITY OF
THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

Wednesday, December 9, 2009

6:35 - Altero Smilovich
11:00 - Daniel Dever, Jr. - Birth.

Thursday, December 10, 2009

6:35 - Michael Lyden & Family
11:00 - Anna Varholy - Anniv.

Friday, December 11, 2009

6:35 - Henry Roberts - Anniv.
11:00 - Salvatore Giammarino & Angelina Giammarino

Saturday, December 12, 2009

11:00 - Helen Lynch
5:00 - Patricia Diamond - Anniv.

Sunday, December 13, 2009

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