

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. 1 - Msgr. Thomas Caserta, St. Bernadette

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.

Dear Parishioners of St. Anselm,

Your response to our Thanksgiving Food Drive was overwhelming. My office was a "mini mart" for our people to shop.

Thank you for making this possible, especially during this difficult time.

Special appreciation is extended to Senator Marty Golden and La Bella Funeral Home for their donations of turkeys. God bless you.

With gratitude,
Sr. Regina Corde', O.P.



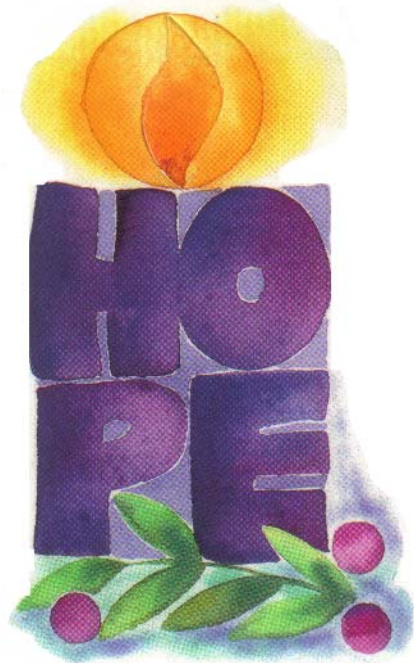
CHRISTMAS FLOWERS



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.



Advent (from the Latin word *adventus*, meaning "coming") is a season of the Catholic Church, the period of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus

Adventus is the translation of the Greek word *parousia*, commonly used in reference to the Second Coming. Christians believe that the season of Advent serves a dual reminder of the original waiting that was done by the Hebrews for the birth of their Messiah as well as the waiting that Christians today endure for the second coming of Christ.

MORNING PRAYER

Monday thru Saturday 10:40A.M.
in the Chapel

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.

THE PARISH GIVING TREE



Gift Tags will be available on November 21st and 22nd. We invite you to take **ONE TAG PER FAMILY.**

All gift tags are colored coded; please attach the tag to your unwrapped gift (No guns for children please). Gift Bags are acceptable wrapping, but please do not seal them. All gifts must be unwrapped before distribution

YOUR GIFT IS TO BE RETURNED NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 13. GIFTS WILL BE COLLECTED AFTER ALL THE MASSES ON THE 12th AND THE 13th.

SANTA'S HELPERS ARE NEEDED FOR THIS COLLECTION. IF YOU ARE AVAILABLE, PLEASE CALL MY OFFICE 718 836-0890. God bless you for your generosity especially during these difficult times. Sr. Regina Corde, O.P.

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

FIRST PENANCE

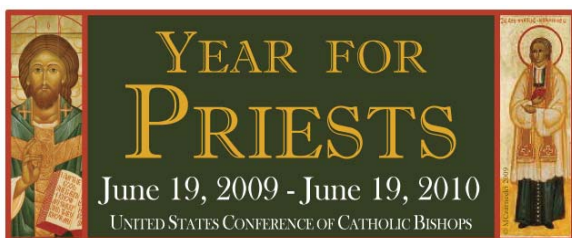
The First Holy Communion Class will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Saturday, December 5th at 1:00pm. Children are to report to the school at 12:30pm. Let us keep these young children in our prayer as the journey closer to that day when they will receive the Blessed Sacrament.

ADVENT MORNING OF REFLECTION

A morning of reflection will be held for all catechists on Tuesday, December 1 at 9:00am in the Colbert Center.

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.



BROOKLYNPRIESTS.ORG



For the Weekend of
Nov. 21st/Nov. 22nd

Due to Thanksgiving, our bulletin went to press without our usual tithing report. Next week we will report on the Sunday, November 21st/22nd Collection. Thank you.

**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.

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!

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**



Mary Coffey
Anne V. Chiarelli
Les Robbins
Elizabeth Siple
Anne Tierney
Robert Reilly
Tessie Arbeen

Anna Bellizzi
Don Ballinger
Laura Cassidy
Elias Owen
Ethel H. Mallory
Rosella Vigliotta
Lorraine Shaia



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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

Bridget Beck, Frances Borrelli, Suzanne Boutross, 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, John J. Maloney III, 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, November 29, 2009

8:00 - John Dibblee - Anniv.
10:00 - Purgatorial Society
12:00 - Helen & Lawrence Lehane
5:00 - Yolanda Gaglia - Anniv.

Monday, November 30, 2009

6:35 - Pro Populo
(For living & deceased people of St. Anselm)
11:00 - Mary Varholy - Anniv.

Tuesday, December 1, 2009

6:35 - The Touhey Family
11:00 - Mary & Seamus McLoughlin - Anniv.

Wednesday, December 2, 2009

6:35 - Patsy Sinapi
11:00 - Nancy Marie Scotto

Thursday, December 3, 2009

6:35 - Marie Zirkelbach - Anniv.
11:00 - Nunzio Proscia - Birth.

Friday, December 4, 2009

6:35 - Thomas Egan - Living
11:00 - Edna & John Ahlrich

Saturday, December 5, 2009

11:00 - Daniel Connor - Birth.
5:00 - Mr. & Mrs. Victor Malaspina & Bernard Malaspina

Sunday, December 6, 2009

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