

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
January 7th, 2007

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday January 6th
5:00 pm Michael Devaney

Sunday January 7th
8:30 Angelica Ancona
10:30 Rosary Society
12:00 Eleanor Asero (L)
1:15 Andres Weslke
 Fanny Chiquito Dume
 Carmen Zavala De Cando

Monday January 8th - The Baptism of the Lord
7:00 Amanda Nepomuceno
9:00 Michael & Emma Rafti

Tuesday January 9th
7:00 Gregorio Blanco & Family (L)
9:00 Nilda Martinez (L) and Melba Santiago (L)

Wednesday January 10th
7:00 Ernest D. Maranan (L)
9:00 Margaret Browne

Thursday January 11th
7:00 Eugenio Lim
9:00 Butch Gamboa

Friday January 12th
7:00 Carolina Ortiz
9:00 Oscar Perez

Saturday January 13th - St. Hilary, Bishop, Doctor
9:00 Amanda Nepomuceno
 Trinidad Garcia

Please pray for the sick of our parish:



Vicky Evangelista, Nora Devaney, Dora Smith, Maria C. Morgan, Anthony Carriero, John Gill, Josephine Filomia, Elisa Marquina, Sheila Alghretti, Kevin, Tara, Krysia, Maureen, & Jim Benish, Karen Raynor, Patrick Fass, Kathleen O'Shea, Sheila Murray, Dennis Murray, James Roeder, Eizabeth Vicente & Family, Michael Flynn, Buddy, Kristen, & Sheila Benish, Zarba Family, Sean Reddin, Helen Wilson, Mary Feidhl, Ruth Reyes, Valentina Chavez, Ida Nacpil, Mary O'Sullivan, Desmond Flynn Sr., Gertrud Fletcher, Eleanor Asero, Imelda Pereira, Claire Rocchi, Carmencita Fiesta.

Prayers for the Deceased

Loretta Kwiat Mary Longres Anna Losson

**Congratulations to Reverend William Chacon,
 Administrator of All Saints Church, Brooklyn,
 effective December 1st**

FAREWELL & MASS RECEPTION
SUNDAY, JANUARY 21st, 2007
MASS 12:30 P.M.

Reception will follow immediately after the Mass at the Parish Center

*Our prayers and best wishes are always with him and
 All Saints Parish*

*"Faith is the beginning,
 love is the end,
 and the union of
 the two together
 is God."
 St. Ignatius of Antioch*

*My Sincere and heartfelt
 gratitude
 for your thoughtfulness
 and kindness
 on the occasion of
 my 25th Anniversary
 Sunday, November 26th, 2006*



**Letters from A Former Parishioner
 and
 Students from Faith Formation Class**

Dear Father,

I was a member of Ascension parish when I was a little girl many, many years ago. I always felt that I got a wonderful foundation from my years there.

Now I am blessed in many ways, but I always remember where I came from and the many positive influences from my past.

Please accept this modest donation as a small token of my thanks.

Wishing everyone there a joyous Christmas and a New Year of good health and peace.

A Former Parishioner

Dear Father Vito,

This (money) is our Christmas Gift for Baby Jesus. We hope He likes it.

*With Love,
 Class 1A*

THANK YOU



The Priests and Parish Staff would like to thank all those who brought food, baked goods, etc. to the Rectory during Christmas time. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.



Anderson NEWS

The *Ascension Rosary Society* will **NOT** meet on First Sunday, **January 7th** but will **gather** at the **10:30 A.M. Mass** on the following Sunday, **January 14th, 2007**. There will be a meeting and hospitality in the Lower Church immediately following the Mass. The **guest speaker** will be **Sister Ave Clark**. **All Ladies are welcome.**

MEMORIALS

January 7th - January 13th

Altar Bread and Wine

have been donated for:

Living and Deceased Members of
ROSARY SOCIETY

Requested by: *The Rosary Society*

Sanctuary Lamp

will burn in Loving Memory of:

KIKI & ADLI GHALI

Requested by: *Daughter, Magda*

Altar Candles

will burn in Loving Memory:

CARMEN ZAVALA DE CANDO

Requested by: *Isabel Cando*

MEMORIALS ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY & MASSES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY. Please contact the Rectory Office during business hours.

ACTIVITIES / MEETINGS

Sat.	1 / 7	Christmas Drawing	6:30 P.M.	Lower Church
Mon.	1 / 8	Line Dancing	7:00 P.M.	L.C.
Tues.	1 / 9	Spanish Prayer Group	7:00 P.M.	L.C.
Wed.	1/10	Catechist Meeting	7:00 P.M.	Parish Center
Thurs.	1 / 11	Golden Age Club	1:00 P.M.	L.C.
Mon.	1/15	No Line Dancing - Martin Luther's Civil Holiday		
Tues.	1/16	Spanish Prayer Group	7:00 P.M.	L.C.
Thurs.	1/18	Golden Age Club	1:00 P.M.	L.C.

SECOND COLLECTION This weekend, **January 6th & 7th** will be for **our Fuel expenses**. Kindly be as generous as possible to offset the cost of heating our Church during these winter months.

National Vocation Awareness Week

January 8-12, 2007



The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord celebrates the beginning of Jesus' Public ministry. Jesus is consecrated as the servant of God through baptism. How appropriate that this feast of the Baptism of the Lord is the beginning of National Vocation Awareness Week, January 8-12, 2007, whose **theme** this year is "**Baptized for Service**." As we renew our baptismal vows and strengthen our covenant with God, we ask for the Spirit to guide us as we respond to God's call to service.

Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany and Monday, the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. This week, January 8-12, is the **National Vocation Awareness Week**, a special time in which the Church prays for the renewal and strengthening of vocations with dedicate people as married and single people, and men and women to serve as priests, deacons, brothers, and sisters. Choose to make a difference!

Next Monday, **January 15th** is **Martin Luther King Day**, a **Civil Holiday**. There will be **NO 7:00 A.M. Mass**. The Rectory Office is **closed** on this day and will **reopen** on Tuesday, January 16th. There will be **NO RCIA** class on **Monday, January 15th**.



READINGS FOR THE 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME January 14th, 2007

Isaiah 62:1-5 – As a bridegroom rejoices in his bride so shall your God rejoice in you.

Psalm 96 – Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations.

1 Corinthians 12:4-11 – To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.

John 2:1-11 – At a wedding at Cana in Galilee, Jesus revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him.



From
the Pastors Desk

What is a Parish Pastoral Council?

The Parish Pastoral Council is a leadership body within the parish whose role is to develop and implement a mission-focused pastoral plan for the parish.

As servants to the wider community, Parish Pastoral Councils provide parishioners with forums for consultation and reflection on the mission of the Church in light of the signs of the times in the local neighborhood and the world.

Parish Pastoral Councils develop pastoral plans, based on the insight of the community, to enable the faith community to continue to live out the mission of the Gospel.

Parish Pastoral Councils then call forth leaders from the parish to implement and achieve the goals of the pastoral plan.

How long is the pastoral planning process?

Pastoral planning is ongoing in the life of the parish and the Diocese. Planning will continue to be necessary as long as the world around us continues to change or until the Christian mission is accomplished. The Parish Pastoral Councils that are now being formed and those that already exist are ongoing consultative bodies in the life of the parish.

With this said, the initial pastoral planning process and the formation of parish pastoral plan should take about one year from the beginning of the process to the end. At this point, the cluster planning process will begin.

Parishes are entering the process in a staggered manner. Cycles of pastoral planning will begin in Fall 2005, Winter 2006 and Spring 2006. All parishes have been invited to enter into one of these three cycles.

What do parish pastoral councils do?

Parish Pastoral Councils are charged with creating and implementing a pastoral plan in the life of the parish. Pastoral planning begins with a parish-wide dialogue on the mission of the Church, the perceptions of the community, and the current reality of the parish. This dialogue is facilitated by the Parish Pastoral Council.

When completed, the information gathered from these dialogues is taken by the PPC and the pastor and used to create a pastoral plan for the future. The pastoral plan articulates the goals and priorities of the parish community for the coming years.

The Parish Pastoral Council also calls forth individuals from the community to implement the goals of the pastoral plan. In this way, the Parish Pastoral Council members are parish leaders charged with developing other leaders.

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FAITH FORMATION INFORMATION

(RELIGIOUS EDUCATION INFORMATION)



Parents and Guardians

Faith Formation is a lifelong process. If your child attends a Public/Private non-Catholic School (Grade 1-8) he/she should attend Faith Formation (Religious Education) classes on a continuous basis before and after reception of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation. Not attending classes continuously will delay the reception of the Sacraments.

The Diocesan Sacramental Guidelines of 2002 state:

– It is imperative that there be a sense of unity in the areas of Sacramental preparation and celebration. The celebration of the Sacraments is a PARISH event (1.65).”

- In the Diocese of Brooklyn, children of elementary catechetical age prepare for the celebration of the sacraments of (first) Penance, (first) Eucharist and Confirmation in THEIR OWN PARISHES (1.36).”*

Faith Formation Classes

Faith Formation classes will **NOT** meet on Sunday, January 14th, 2007 in observance of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. Classes will **RESUME** on **Sunday, January 21st, 2007 at 8:30 A.M.** in the Parish Center.



THANK YOU and CONGRATULATIONS to the young people in our Parish who enacted the Nativity account in Luke's Gospel at the 5:00 P.M. Christmas Vigil Mass on Sunday, December 24th:

*Joseph Aherne
Kenny Cortes
Jackeli Padilla*

*Sidney Chacón
Kaylie Malone
Maryfaith Tigson
Madeline Toledo*

*Adriana Cortes
Jamie Nicolo
Jessica Toledo*

Catechist Meeting
Wednesday, January 10th
7:00 P.M. Parish Center



IN GOD'S IMAGE
HELPING OUR YOUNG PEOPLE
DISCOVER THEIR MORAL COMPASS
March 15th The Grand Prospect Hall
263 Prospect Ave., Brooklyn.

No Fee. Pre-registration REQUIRED

Deadline: 3/1/07 - Call Ascension Rectory for Form

- A workshop for youth ministers, DRE's and religious teachers who teach pre-teens, early adolescents and adolescents.
- Overviews of Catholic Morality and Catholic Social Teaching are at the heart of this presentation.
- Through a process of small group hands-on activities and large group discussions, participants will explore effective teaching strategies.
- Dinner Included

Our faith community of Ascension Parish welcomes you. If you are interested in knowing more about us, please complete the section below. Detach and place in collection basket or return to the Rectory by mail or in person. Thank you. PLEASE PRINT.

Name _____

Address _____

Zip _____

Occupation _____

Telephone (h) _____ (w) _____

E-mail _____ Fax _____

_____ I would like to register as a parishioner.

Date: ____ / ____ / ____

I would like information on:

Education

Sacraments for Adults

_____ *Becoming a Catholic (R.C.I.A.)*

_____ *Confirmation for Adults*

Activities for Children

_____ *Religious Ed Program (1-8)*

_____ *After School Programs (K-8)*

Ministries

_____ *Lector*

_____ *Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion*

_____ *Singing with volunteer music groups/choirs*

_____ *Hospitality / Welcoming*

Activities

_____ *Adult Education*

_____ *Parish Response to the elderly and needy*

To stay informed of Parish Activities, please consult the Sunday Bulletin.

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