

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 17th, 2006

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday December 16th
5:00 pm Kuria Family (L & D)

Sunday December 17th
8:30 Margarita Vida (L)
10:30 Zenaida Huelva
12:00 Rose Vota
1:15 Justo E. Salas
Lourdes Avila (L)
Jose Hernandez

Monday December 18th
7:00 Tom & Minda
9:00 Valeriano & Filomena Bernabe

Tuesday December 19th
7:00 Nemesio A. Bañez
9:00 Mike & Emma Rafti

Wednesday December 20th
7:00 Gullermo & Concepcion Aguilar
9:00 Bob Hammer

Thursday December 21st - St. Peter Canisius, Doctor
7:00 Peter, Luigia & Battista Gagliardi
9:00 Virginia Jablonski

Friday December 22nd
7:00 Simplicio & Susana Maganis
9:00 Romeo & Lydia Caibal (L)

Saturday December 23rd - St. John of Kanty
9:00 Joseph Tan Tiong Tick
Imelda Pereira

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, Elizabeth 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, Sister Dorothy O'Donnell.

Prayers for the Deceased:

Amanda Nepomuceno
Reverend Anthony J. Maceli
Reverend James E. Sullivan

SIMBANG GABI NOVENA OF MASSES

Our Filipino Advent Novena of Masses began on **Thursday, December 14th** at 7:30 P.M. until **Friday, December 22nd**. A Hospitality will follow after Mass on the **First (Dec. 14th)** and **Last (Dec. 22nd)** night in **Lower Church**. All are **WELCOME** to join!
Please make the time to participate in these spiritual opportunities that are being provided for all during this **Advent Season**.

Rectory Holiday Schedule

Rectory Office will be **CLOSED** on the following days:

Monday	December 25th	Christmas Day
Tuesday	December 26th	Day after Christmas
Monday	January 1st	The Solemnity of BVM
Tuesday	January 2nd	Day after The Solemnity of BVM

ADVENT SCRIPTURE SERIES
"Experience the Nativity Story"



Tuesday, December 19th
8:00 P.M. Lower Church
Discussion of Film, Faith Sharing and
Light Refreshments
"The Nativity Story"
*Ordinary People Whose faith allowed them to be part of
a Miracle*

2006 CHRISTMAS
MASS & CONFESSION SCHEDULE

CONFESSIONS

Saturday, December 23rd
4:00 P.M. - 4:45 P.M.

No Confessions Sunday, December 24th

MASS SCHEDULE

There are two separate Obligations to attend Mass.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Regular Sunday schedule of Masses
5:00 P.M. Vigil Mass, **Saturday, December 23rd**
8:30, 10:30 A.M., 12:00 Noon & 1:15 P.M.
- and -

Christmas Eve

Sunday, December 24th
5:00 P.M. Vigil
12:00 A.M. - Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

Monday, December 25th
8:30 A.M., 10:30 A.M., 12 Noon
No 1:15 P.M. Mass and No Evening Mass

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Sunday, December 31st

Regular Sunday schedule of Masses
5:00 P.M. Vigil Mass, **Saturday, December 30th**
8:30, 10:30 A.M., 12:00 Noon & 1:15 P.M.
No Vigil Mass

The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God
Monday, January 1st

9:00, 10:30 A.M., 12:00 Noon
No 1:15 P.M. Mass and No Evening Mass

MEMORIALS
December 17th - December 23rd

Altar Bread and Wine
have been donated for:
CARMEN MOREDO (L)
In Thanksgiving

Sanctuary Lamp
will burn for:
FRANCIS MONTGOMERY
Requested by: *Mother*

Altar Candles
will burn in Loving Memory:
IMELDA PEREIRA
1 Month Anniversary of Death

ADVENT CANDLES
will burn in Loving Memory:
CANLAS AND MADLAMBAYAN FAMILIES

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

ACTIVITIES /MEETINGS

- Mon. 12/18 **NO LINE DANCING UNTIL JAN. 2007**
Tues. 12/19 **NO Spanish Prayer Group UNTIL JAN. 2007**
Tues. 12/19 "Nativity Story" 8:00 P.M. L.C.
Discussion, Faith Sharing & Light Refreshment
Fri. 12/22 Simbang Gabi after 7:30 Mass L.C.
Hospitality to follow

CHRISTMAS DAY SECOND COLLECTION

All **Christmas** Masses, starting with the Vigil Mass on December 24th, there will be a **Second Collection** for **Diocesan Catholic Charities**.



2006 Christmas Gift To My Church
Weekend of December 16th & 17th

This weekend, **Saturday, December 16th & Sunday, December 17th**, there will be a **SPECIAL COLLECTION** for the **Christmas Gift to My Church** at **ALL** the Masses.

Christmas Mass Remembrance
and Christmas Flower

Envelopes are also available in the Church and Rectory for your intentions and contributions.



It is never too late to remember your Parish in your giving now and throughout the New Year.

Make a Stock Gift
They opened their bags and offered Him
their gifts of gold, incense and myrrh.

Matthew 2:11



READINGS FOR THE 4th SUNDAY
OF ADVENT - December 24th 2006

Micah 5:1-4a – From Bethlehem-Ephrathah shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel.

Psalm 80 – Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Hebrews 10:5-10 – We have been consecrated through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Luke 1:39-45 – Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken by the Lord would be fulfilled.

PURGATORIAL MASSES

Our Parish will continue annual enrollment of Mass intentions in a Purgatorial Society effective from the day they enroll for 1 year. Those enrolled will share in the spiritual benefits of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass to be offered on the First Saturday of each month after the enrollment. The donation is \$25. Please call or visit the Rectory Office.

2006 ASCENSION
CHRISTMAS RAFFLE
DRAWING

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6th, 2007
6:30 P.M. Lower Church Hall

I would like once again on behalf of our parish to acknowledge and **sincerely thank you** for your continued generosity, especially in our 2006 Ascension Christmas Raffle. This Special Drawing would not have happened had it not been for **you, our faithful and loyal parishioners and friends**. Please pray for our parish as we respond to the real challenge to accomplish God's work among us here at Ascension.

Invitations had been either mailed or personally delivered by the sellers to all the participants of this 2006 Christmas Raffle. **RSVP** to the drawing reception is needed by **Tuesday, January 2nd, 2007**.

Those of you who have not participated but would like to witness this important event, please call the Rectory.

2006 Ascension Parish Christmas Raffle

Reverend Vito A. Buonanno

Pastor

cordially invites you

to attend the special drawing of our

2006 Christmas Raffle

Saturday

January 6th, 2007

6:30 P.M.

Lower Church Hall

(corner of 55th Avenue & Van Horn St.)

Light refreshments will be served

You need not be present to win

RSVP

January 2nd, 2007

Rectory Office

718-335-2626

Please indicate number attending

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).”*

RCIA NEWS



Congratulations and welcome to the Catechumens, who celebrated the Rite of Acceptance last Sunday, December 10th:

*Panfilo Campos
Rubens' ney Pisfil*

*Yamali Pisfil
Juan Portillo*

Alex Torres

Faith Formation Holiday Schedule

Faith Formation classes will **NOT** meet on Christmas Eve, **Sunday, December 24th** and New Year's Eve, **Sunday, December 31st**. Please attend Mass as a family on these days.

Faith Formation classes will **RESUME** on **Epiphany Sunday, January 7th, 2007** at **8:30 A.M.** in the Parish Center.

Congratulations to Reverend William Chacon, who will be 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, Brooklyn

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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