

**THE HOLY FAMILY OF
JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH
December 31st, 2006**

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday December 30th
5:00 pm Pereira & Barretto Families (L)
Sunday December 31st
8:30 Elena Co Dy
10:30 Deogracias Mercado
12:00 Leonila M. Agcaoili (L)
1:15 Juan Santana

**Monday January 1st - The Octave Day of Christmas
 Blessed Virgin Mary, The Mother of God
 NOT A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION THIS YEAR**

9:00 Maria Palmieri
10:30 Brian Soriano (L) & Marie Soriano (L)
12:00 (L) & (D) Members of the Alcantara Family

**Tuesday January 2nd - SS. Basil the Great &
 Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors**
NO 7:00 A.M. MASS

9:00 Mary Gleeson
Wednesday January 3rd - Holy Names of Jesus
7:00 Clohosey & Garlo Families (L) (D)
9:00 Nelida Garcia
Thursday January 4th - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
7:00 Servando Evangelista
9:00 Donald Daly
Friday January 5th - St. John Neumann, Bishop
7:00 Joventino Maranan
9:00 Vittorio La Bruna & Luis Fernandez
Saturday January 6th - Bl. André Bessette
9:00 Purgatorial Society

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, Claire Rocchi.

Rectory Holiday Schedule

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

Monday January 1st The Solemnity of BVM
Tuesday January 2nd Day after The Solemnity of BVM

**2007
MASS SCHEDULE**

**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

MULTIPLE INTENTION MASSES



Our Parish will continue *Multiple Intention Masses* each week on **Saturday at 9:00 A.M.** Mass, except on the First Saturday of each month (see below). These additional intentions will be included with any that have already been taken. To ensure that the **inclusion of these names** for the Mass Intentions are printed in that coming weekend's Bulletin, the **names must be** submitted no later than Tuesday of each week.

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.



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**. 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.**

THANK YOU for your active participation and your generosity towards "Giving Tree" project for "The Hour Children Program" under the direction of **Sister Tesa Fitzgerald, CSJ.**

Please know that your "*giving*" contributed to the blessings of many children during this Holy Season of Christmas.

**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**

MEMORIALS

December 31st - January 6^h

Altar Bread and Wine
have been donated in Loving Memory of:
LESLIE NICHOLS
Requested by : *Sunshine Club*

Sanctuary Lamp
will burn in Loving Memory of:
OSCAR PEREZ
Requested by: *Martinez Family*

Altar Candles
will burn in Loving Memory:
REV. MONSIGNOR JOHN B. LAVIN
1st Anniversary of Death

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

Mon. 1 / 1 **NO LINE DANCING UNTIL 1/8/07**
Tues. 1 / 2 **NO Spanish Prayer Group UNTIL 1/9/07**
Thurs. 1 / 4 **Golden Age Club 1:00 P.M Lower Church**

SECOND COLLECTION Next 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.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER WINTER AND ANYTIME "CATCH UP" OFFERING TO MY CHURCH

We sincerely thank our parishioners who mail or deliver your weekly envelopes to the parish Rectory office while you are out-of-town on vacations this winter. As many of you understand, our parish expenses and obligations do not take a vacation when you do, so it is very helpful to be able to rely on your continued support even when you cannot personally attend Mass here. Please use the special White Envelope in your mailed package to "Catch Up" with your contributions.

Thank you for your faithful commitment to Stewardship at Ascension.

2006 **ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL**

Ascension Parish's Goal: \$17,200
Parish Summary Report as of 12/20/06
Donors: 309 Received Pledge: 83%

WE NEED TO RECEIVE 100% of GOAL IN PAYMENTS. IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO PLEDGE. PLEDGES PAYMENTS OVER GOAL WILL RESULT IN A LARGER REBATE TO OUR PARISH. Kindly, be faithful to your pledge payments. We are always grateful for your generosity of TIME, TALENTS and TREASURES. If you have not already done so, there is still time to make a pledge to the **ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL.**

FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR

On Friday, January 5th, there will be a Holy Hour with Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament following 9:00 A.M. Mass.



READINGS FOR THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD January 7th, 2007

Isaiah 60:1-6 – Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The Lord shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you.
Psalm 72 – Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.
Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 – The Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.
Matthew 2:1-12 – Magi from the east arrived, looking for the newborn king of the Jews.

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 Rectory Office
January 2nd, 2007 718-335-2626

Please indicate number attending



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

Matthew 2:11

Christmas Mass Remembrance
Christmas Gift To My Church
and Christmas Flower

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

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 Holiday Schedule

Faith Formation classes will **NOT** meet on Eve, 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.

PROJECT ANDREW
Sunday, January 7th 6:00 P.M.
Bishop's Residence
(Fort Greene, Brooklyn)
RSVP date: Friday, January 5th

Project Andrew is an opportunity for young men to learn more about the **priesthood** by joining **Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio** and other priests and seminarians from the Brooklyn Diocese for an evening of prayer, dinner and conversation. For more information or directions, please contact: Fr. Kevin Sweeney, Vocation Director, 718-339-5950 or Email: vocations@diobrook.org,



National Vocation Awareness Week
January 8-12, 2007

Mark your calendars! The week of **January 8-12, 2007** parish communities across the U.S. will celebrate **National Vocation Awareness Week**. It begins with the feast of the Baptism of the Lord on Monday. We are invited to renew our baptismal commitment and to pray for a strengthening of all vocations.



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FUNERAL HOME

Ascension Parish wants to thank Kearns Family for their generous donation of our **2007 Religious Art Calendar**. Their gracious generosity is always greatly appreciated.

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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