

MEMORIALS

December 24th - December 30th

Altar Bread and Wine

have been donated in Loving Memory of:
WILLIAM McVEY, LUCILLE
&
JOHN QUARTUCCI

Sanctuary Lamp

will burn for:
ANN RENTA (L)
Special Intentions

Altar Candles

will burn in Loving Memory:
CONRAD CLARKE
Requested by: Simone Clarke

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. 12/25 NO LINE DANCING UNTIL 1/8/07
Tues. 12/26 NO Spanish Prayer Group UNTIL JAN. 2007
Thurs. 12/28 NO Golden Age Club UNTIL 1/4/06

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.

MULTIPLE INTENTION MASSES



Our Parish will continue *Multiple Intention Mass* each week at **Saturday 9:00 A.M.**, 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 names for the Mass Intentions be 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.

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

1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28 – Hannah conceived, and at the end of her term bore a son whom she called Samuel.

Psalm 84 – Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

1 John 3:1-2, 21-24 – See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God.

Luke 2:41-52 – The boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. They found him in the temple, in the midst of the teachers.



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.

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).”*

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.



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

*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

*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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