

## LATEST EVENTS

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### Simbang Gabi at St. Sebastian's

DEC. 17-22—All are invited to join our Filipino tradition "Simbang Gabi" at the Roman Catholic Church of St. Sebastian-58th St. and Roosevelt Ave., Woodside, NY in cooperation with its Filipino Ministries. Mass begins at 7:30pm. Dec. 23rd-6:30 pm - "Panunuluyan" followed by Holy Mass. Reception follows in the School Auditorium. All masses in the main church. To sponsor a mass, pls. call: Juliet 718-429-1167; Belinda 718-304-3267; Mely 718-424-3373. For more info, call: Hilda 646-508-4871; Beth 646-281-0595 or Brenda 718-397-7344.

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### Simbang Gabi at St. Aedan's

DEC. 17-23—Welcome everyone to Simbang Gabi at St. Aedan's Church, 800 Bergen Ave., Jersey City, NJ 07306. Halina Hesus Halina! Join us for a 9 day novena masses. Weekday masses start at 6 a.m.; weekend masses at 8 a.m. Refreshments will be served.

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### 'Simbang Gabi' at Diocese of Metuchen churches

DEC. 17-23—The traditional Filipino nine-day advent celebration called "Simbang Gabi" will be held at various churches under the Diocese of Metuchen in New Jersey, and sponsored by various Fil-Am organizations. Dec. 15 (7 p.m.) at St. Matthew Church, 81 Seymour Ave., Edison; Dec. 16 (7:30 p.m.) at St. Ambrose Church, 96 Throckmorton Ln. Old Bridge; Dec. 17 (7:30 p.m.) at St. Matthias Church, 168 John F. Kennedy Blvd., Somerset, and at St. Francis Cathedral, 32 Elm St., Metuchen; Dec. 18 (7:30 p.m.) at Sacred Heart Church, 149 South Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, and at St. Mary Church (8 p.m.), 830 Fifth Ave., Alpha; Dec. 19

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(4:30 p.m.) at Immaculate Conception Church, 35 Mountain Ave., Somerville, and at Our Lady of Fatima (7 p.m.), 501 New Market Rd., Piscataway; Dec. 20 (7:30 p.m.) at St. Helena Church, 950 Grove Ave., Edison, and at Blessed Sacrament Church (7:30 p.m.), 852 Newman Lane, Martinsville; Dec. 21 (7:30 p.m.) at St. Bartholomew Church, 460 Ryders Lane, East Brunswick; Dec. 22 (7:30 p.m.) at Our Lady of Victories, 42 Main St., Sayreville; and on Dec. 23 (8 p.m.) at St. Cecelia Church, 45 Wilus Way, Iselin. For particulars, call Rev. Roberto Coruña 908.479.4905, Deacon Roger Ladao 732.570.0698, Aida 732.469.3682, Carlo 848.391.1895, Paz 908.812.5130, Noel 908.421.6644, Juliet 732.642.5447 or Myrna 732.613.1641.

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### Simbang Gabi at Most Precious Blood Lower Church NYC

DEC. 17-24—The annual Filipino mass Simbang Gabi will be held for nine-days at Most Precious Blood Lower Church at 32-23 36th Street, Long Island City, Queens, N.Y. (R train to Steinway stop. Church is between 34th Ave. and Broadway) Weekday masses start at 7:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday masses start at 5 p.m. There is an ongoing Filipino healing mass, the only regular mass in Filipino, regularly being held every Sunday at 5 p.m. in the same lower church. Sponsor of the masses is the Filipino community in Astoria (Bro. Amerito, coordinator).

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### Fil-Ams in the Bronx host nine-day Simbang Gabi

DEC. 17-24—The Philippine American Association of the Bronx, Inc. (PAAB) will celebrate Simbang Gabi at 7:30 p.m. at different churches in the Bronx. Dec. 16 at Our Lady of Solace Church, 731 Morris Park Ave.; Dec. 17 at St. Teresa Church, 2855 St. Theresa Ave., Dec. 18 at St. Clare of Assisi Church, 1918 Paulding Ave.; Dec. 19 at Our Lady of Solace Church; Dec. 20 at Santa Maria Church, 2352 St. Raymond Ave.; Dec. 21 at St. Francis Xavier Church, 1703 Lurting Ave.; Dec. 22 at Santa Maria Church; Dec. 23 at Our Lady of Solace Church; and Dec. 24 at the church of your choice to complete the novena mass.

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### Fil-Am accountants' Yuletide party in Astoria World Manor

DEC. 17—The Association of Filipino American Accountants New York (AFAA-NY) will hold its 2010 Christmas party at the Astoria World Manor, 25-22 Astoria Blvd., Astoria, N.Y. 11102, from 7 p.m. to midnight. Admission is \$50 (includes a sumptuous dinner). Sponsored by AF Paredes and Company LLP, Dadia Valles Vendiola LLP, and Padilla and Company LLP. RSVP Jennifer Joaquin (718) 558-5858, or Shirley Patapat (718) 206-1218 or Ms. Jaena Valles (718) 275-1422.

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### Phil. Forum hosts free health screening in Queens, N.Y.

DEC. 18—Philippine Forum, in collaboration with Kalusugan Coalition, La Guardia Nursing Club, APICHA, and Wyckoff Hospital, will host free health screening in Jackson Heights, Elmhurst, and Woodside, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Bayanihan Filipino Community Center at 4021 69th Street, Woodside, NY 11377. Services include blood pressure screenings, cholesterol and glucose screenings, HIV testing, STD screening, and patient teach-ins. For those who would their glucose and cholesterol levels screened, please refrain from eating four hours before the event. For details, call Melanie Dulfo at 718.565.8862.

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### Anakbayan NY/NJ 6th anniv. at Solidarity Center, NYC

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DEC. 21—Anakbayan New York/New Jersey will celebrate its 6th anniversary, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., at Solidarity Center, 55 W. 17th Street (5th floor). There will be cultural presentations while looking back on Anakbayan's past year's lessons and victories in preparation to contributing to the upsurge of the national democratic struggle. Suggested donation is \$5. Snacks and light refreshments will be served. Call Melvin Concepcion (201) 8923195, John Miranda, vice-chairperson, (551) 580-8418 or e-mail: [anakbayan.nynj@gmail.com](mailto:anakbayan.nynj@gmail.com)

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Tanglaw Simbang Gabi in Central Islip, N.Y.

DEC. 24—The Tanglaw Filipino-American Society of Long Island, N.Y., Inc. will hold its annual Simbang Gabi at the Berkeley Interfaith Chapel, NYIT Central Islip Campus, 300 Carleton Avenue, Central Islip, NY 11722. The Tagalog-English misa cantada will start at 8 p.m. Celebrant is Rev. James Dineros. Music by Tanglaw Choral Group. Kakanin refreshments will be served after the mass. For particulars, visit [www.tanglaw.org](http://www.tanglaw.org) or call Manny Dador (631) 385-4656, Robert Zarate (631) 816-4372, Dr. Fred & Eva Roque (631) 868-0730, Rene & Lettie Compas (631)942-2850, Tonih & Baisy Apostol (646) 286-0688 or Cindy Hom (631) 897-7961.

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14th Sto. Nino & Ati-Atihan Festival in Chesapeake, VA

JAN. 8—The Aklan Ati-Atihan of Virginia celebrates its 14th Sto. Nino & Ati-Atihan Festival at the Chesapeake Conference Center, 900 Greenbrier Circle, Chesapeake, VA 23320. This event enables the participants to renew their devotion to the Holy Child (Sto. Nino) while they celebrate the feast of the Sto. Nino and Ati-Atihan Festival. Everyone is invited to attend this colorful, fun-filled, exciting festival as we celebrate the feast of the Sto. Nino. Please contact the following members for tickets and additional information: Astro & Lyn Tejada (757.547.4813), Rey & Emma Apolonio (757.229.3733), Emma Panagsagan (757.588.4193),

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Joy Asban (757.216.2094), Joe & Vivian Sola (703.505.6548).

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Ma-Yi Theater's 'Flipzoids' at Peter Jay Sharp Theatre in NYC

JAN. 11—Ma-Yi Theater Company, one of the leading Asian-American theater companies, will continue its 2010-11 season with "Flipzoids," a play written by Ralph B. Peña, with previews set to begin Jan. 11, 2011 prior to an official opening on Jan. 18 at the Peter Jay Sharp Theatre (416 West 42 Street, between 9th and 10th Avenues) in Manhattan. Directed by Loy Arcenas, Flipzoids stars Ching Valdes Aran, Carlo Alban and Tina Chilip. "Flipzoids" will run at the Peter Jay Sharp Theater (416 W. 42 St.) Jan. 11 to Feb. 6. Performances are Tuesdays to Saturdays at 7:30 p.m., with matinees at 3 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Tickets are \$30 and \$40 and can be reserved by calling Ticket Central at 212 279 4200. Call Ma-Yi Theater at (212) 971 4862 (ask for Leslie Caiola or Jorge Ortoll). Visit [www.ma-yitheatre.org](http://www.ma-yitheatre.org)

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JAN. 29—The Filipino School of New York & New Jersey located in Jersey City, N.J. is offering an eight-session Tagalog program especially made for Filipino culture loving kids ages 5 to 12. Children will be taught basic Tagalog vocabulary, writing, craft making, singing, and dancing. Classes will be held every Saturday, 12-3 p.m. beginning Jan. 29, 2011. Dance lesson is \$20 per class (\$150 for the full 8-week session), and Tagalog class is \$25 per session (\$185 for the full 8-week session). Registration is now open. For details, call Venessa at (781) 888-8805 or [fishool.nynj@gmail.com](mailto:fishool.nynj@gmail.com), or visit <http://filischoolnynj.publishpath.com/home>

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### UST High School Call 1961-Alumni Homecoming

FEB. 5—We are the Golden Jubilarian for the USTHS Alumni Homecoming of 2011. Your batchmates are awaiting for you, after 50 years. See you all on Feb. 5, 2011 at the UST Plaza Manor, in front of the main building. Be present too at the Batch '61 Golden Jubilee reunion, a 4 day outing on Feb. 8-12, 2011. Also UST celebrates 400 years, Grand Celebration on Jan.27-28, 2011. For details, contact the following: Miroan Sison Sy 571-2239, CP 0928-383-5609; Alex Costales 844-4755 or 0905-319-2213; Erlinda Co-Sarno 562-402-0418; Cora Tanega-Bernardo 510-459-5411 or 510-489-0346; Mita Zamora Olaso 973-801-8001 or 843-492-7433 or Corky Coronel Ledesma 516-759-9262.

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### 'Sounds of Manila' concert at Kalayaan Hall, PhilCenter

FEB. 12—'Sounds of Manila: A Celebration of Love Concert' will be held at the Kalayaan Hall of the Philippine Center on Fifth Avenue (bet. 45th and 46th streets) in Manhattan, starting at 7 p.m. Featuring Sounds of Manila Band, recipient of the 2010 NaFFAA Filipino American Achievers Award, with special guest Jonny Cruz. Admission is \$20. For more information, call (212) 417-0419.

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### 'Thrilla Day' in Banga, Aklan for Banganhons worldwide

APRIL 26, 2011—Banganhons across the globe will gather in Banga, Aklan on this Easter Sunday designated as "Thrilla Day." Event will start with a 7 a.m. mass followed by colorful tricyclecade to Aklan State University for brunch. A Filipiniana gala will take place at 7 p.m. featuring 12 reigning beauties. For details call Anthony at 973-845-6292 (or [armacahilig@yahoo.com](mailto:armacahilig@yahoo.com)), Reuben

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### CAPIZ HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1966

JUNE 25-26, 2011—Calling all CHS Class of 1966 alumni residing in USA and abroad. We are having our Grand 45th Reunion in Roxas City on June 25-26, 2011. Contact us for details by email at [capizhighschoolclass1966@yahoogleroups.com](mailto:capizhighschoolclass1966@yahoogleroups.com) and/or by phone, in Roxas City: Orlandz Bigcas-Lumawag at 011-6336-621-2420, Vicky Ponsaran-Villarosa at 011-6336-621-1223, Charlie Robles at 011-6336-6211409, Luz Almanzor-Borres at 011-6336-6210132; in Manila: Adrian Buensalido at 011-639-175340310, Evelyn Yap-Paz at 011-632-417-4420; in USA: Medy Jimenez-Antonio in CA at 1-818-339-7471, Andy Quisumbing in OH at 1-740-363-7378, Eduardo Quiampang in NJ at 1-856-304-3317; Allan Chu in Canada at 1-514-685-8647.

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### Peace Corps 50th Anniversary

The Peace Corps Alumni Foundation for Philippines Development (PCAFPD) is preparing to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Peace Corps in 2011 by collecting stories from Filipinos about Peace Corps Volunteers who served in the Philippines. If you have memories of a Peace Corps Volunteer who was your friend, colleague or neighbor when you or your parents or grandparents were living in the Philippines, we'd like to hear from you. Please send your submissions by email to (if you want to be the point person on this you can enter yours — or use [board1@rpcvphilippines.org](mailto:board1@rpcvphilippines.org) Also, for those who do not use email, submissions can be sent to PCAFPD, P.O. Box 100114, Arlington VA 22210.