

*Mass Intentions for the Week*



**At 8:00 AM morning prayers will be said.**

**Saturday, February 24:**

5:30 + Anthony Kimkowski by Mary & Kate Gannon

**Sunday, February 25:**

9:30 + Tomasz Lykus (Birthday) by Family  
11:00 + (Spanish) Julito Peña by Victor Peña  
12:30 Purgatorial Society  
+ Thomas Scrudato by Tara O'Boyle

**Monday, February 26:**

8:15 For the Special Intentions of Ewa Syta on her Birthday  
12:15 + Diana Diaz-Cruz by Phyllis & Dennis Nusspickel

**Tuesday, February 27:**

8:15 + Wladyslaw Wos by Tadeusz Szwaja  
12:15 + Michael Flanagan by Barbara McGee

**Wednesday, February 28:**

8:15 + For the People of the Parish  
12:15 +

**Thursday, March 1:**

8:15 + Fraciszek Szwaja by Tadeusz Szwaja  
12:15 +

**Friday, March 2:**

8:15 + Catherine & Donald Face by daughter, Alice Coughlan  
12:15 +  
7:30 + (Spanish) Mass in Thanksgiving from the Garcia Family

**Saturday, March 3:**

8:15 + Mary Neff by Stella DeSena  
5:30 + Anthony Kimkowski by Sarah Breen

**Sunday, March 4:**

9:30 + Helen Patricia Wall by sister, Joan Walsh  
11:00 + (Spanish) Celmira Cortez by Nubia Agudelo  
12:30 + Michael Flanagan by the Stagg Family

**Please remember those on our sick list in your prayers:**

Diane Nieves, Valerie Bruno, Dolly Youngfleisch, Dennis Nusspickel, Allen Ryczek, Levieva Svetiana, Molly Tyburczy, John Tyburczy, Julissa Garcia, Carolyn Lattanzio, James Cahill, Joan Dobkin, Laurie Rueckheim, Roman Rurak, Judith Ballester, Steve Belus, Janice L. Whelan, James Cunniff, Joseph Buenos, Patty Behan, Donald Buddenhagen, Matthew Colasanti, Roza D'Souza, Ann Kalter, Julia Bis, Bob Quagan, Elizabeth Kies, Joseph Anthony D'Avino, Laura Borruso, Amy Pisarki, John Slattery, Joseph Lauron, Patricia Riordan, Carmelo Reyes, Marylou Ryan, Patricia Taranovich, Eugene Stonebreaker, Zofia Orłowska, Mary Sanz, Richard Schlopp, Robert Keenan, Ryan Marshall, Anne Marie Stampf, Edward Pertell, Genowefa Biernaca, Elizabeth Malenik, Kataryna Gierczynska, Caitlyn Geer, James Buddenhagen, Gracielo Mero, Bill Wisniewski, Gary Normandia, Eleanor Heiberger, Brian Francis Campion, Gemma Ferrara, Joseph Micatonick, Frank Sarlie, Peggy Mae, Edwin Soto, Irene Cahill, Lawrence O'Donnell, Christine Mascia, Marie Mascia, Julia Silva, Theresa Good, Mary Knapp, George Koslab, Robert Trotta, Michael Anobile, Michael Aiello, Yolanda Aiello, Diane Arzon Rodriguez, Martha Banfield, Gustavo Guerra, Michael Conboy, Jaylin Figueroa

**St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry**

Our food pantry is in need of the following items: **cereal, canned meats (Spam, ham), canned potatoes and canned milk.**

**BREAD AND WINE**

The bread and wine at all the Masses from February 25th to March 3rd will be offered in memory of Tomasz Lykus by his daughter, Christine and her family.

**Bible Study**

Bible Study is held every Thursday at 11:00 am in the lower church sacristy. All are welcome.

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

On the Second Sunday of Lent, we have Mark's account of the Transfiguration of the Lord for our reflection. We find a similar account in the Gospels according to Matthew and Luke. It's certain that this was very significant for the disciples and they maintained that event. Jesus withdraws from the noise and busyness of everyday life before heading off into the events that would lead to his death. Jesus knew fully well what horrors are soon to happen. Knowing what horrible pain and suffering is to come would weaken the bravest heart. And Jesus goes to the top of a mountain to be with his heavenly Father. It is interesting to note that every time Jesus is confronted with a difficulty or personal struggle he first goes to God in prayer. And here again he goes to God for strength for his mission. We see from there Jesus continues his journey to Jerusalem to suffer.

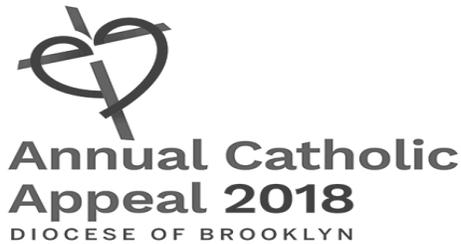
Jesus most likely experienced God's presence in such an overwhelming way that it had an effect on his surroundings as well as himself. This must have been Jesus' experience every time he went to God's presence in prayer. Perhaps that's why he would withdraw from his disciples alone. We hear of the ecstatic vision that saints had in God's presence when they were in intense prayer. This time Jesus let his disciples, Peter, James and John to witness it. The glimpse of glory was to be revisited in their minds when things got rough and tough, to remind and strengthen them to persevere until the end. The vision was a great gift and explains why, despite their lapses into confusion, they did recover, and remain faithful after all.

Can we take inspiration from the Jesus who went to God in prayer at every important step in his life and consulted God to know His will? When you hear from your doctor, 'There is something I need to tell you about the results of your tests!', when you get a phone call announcing the sudden death of someone close, when you have a troubled relationship in your family, when you feel your dreams and plans fall into a heap, when you encounter some difficult people that you have to deal with..... What did Jesus do in similar situations? He withdrew for a while into the presence of God and was reassured and strengthened for his mission. In the presence of God we will find forgiveness, strength and assurance.

God Bless you all.

Fr. Antony Vadakara, CMI

SECOND SUNDAY  
OF LENT  
"WATCH AND LISTEN"



Each year St. Anthony - St. Alphonsus R.C. Church and the Diocese of Brooklyn engage in the ***Annual Catholic Appeal*** which supports Catholic programs throughout Brooklyn and Queens and effects the lives of countless individuals and families living in our neighborhoods. **This year our goal for the 2018 Annual Catholic Appeal is \$31,845.00.**

The ***Annual Catholic Appeal*** seeks to raise a minimum of \$8 million to provide programs and ministries throughout the Diocese and support the local efforts of parishes like ours.

### **WHAT ARE THE OBJECTIVES OF THE *Annual Catholic Appeal*?**

The Lord calls us all to care for one another and the church. It is up to us to answer that call in the ways we know how.

Those who are hungry, without shelter, without access to Catholic education, men discerning the priesthood and those who are ill and dying are just a few of the groups who depend upon our generosity to the ***Annual Catholic Appeal***. Your gift to the Appeal is a response in love to serve our neighbors by funding the ministries of the Diocese of Brooklyn that cannot be supported by any one parish alone but benefit all parishes in our Diocese.

You can answer the call of Jesus who asks us to feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, visit the sick and imprisoned, honor our mother and father, celebrate the Eucharist and educate and make disciples of all nations through your donation to the ***2018 Annual Catholic Appeal***.

### **Why is my participation important?**

St. Anthony - St. Alphonsus R.C. Church has always counted on the broad-based support of its parishioners to accomplish its fundraising objectives, particularly for the weekly offertory.

This appeal also needs that broad-based support. All households are asked to consider a gift to the ***Annual Catholic Appeal*** (over and above their continued annual support of the parish in the weekly collection) over the next ten (10) months.

**In the coming weeks, every family will be invited to participate in this appeal and prayerfully consider a pledge.**

Please join with us to respond to those in Brooklyn and Queens who are in need, and support the important work of our Diocese through a pledge to the ***Annual Catholic Appeal*** today.

**Thank you and God bless you.**



# Campaña Católica Anual 2018

DIÓCESIS DE BROOKLYN

Cada año St. Anthony - St. Alphonsus R.C. Church y la Diócesis de Brooklyn se dedican a **La Campaña Católica Anual**, la cual sostiene programas católicos a través de Brooklyn y Queens, teniendo efecto en las vidas de innumerables personas y familias viviendo en nuestros vecindarios. **La meta de St. Anthony - St. Alphonsus R.C. Church es \$31,845.00.**

**La Campaña Católica Anual** busca recaudar un mínimo de 8 millones para proveer los programas y ministerios a lo largo de la Diócesis y apoyar los esfuerzos locales de las parroquias como la nuestra.

## **¿CUALES SON LOS OBJETIVOS DE *La Campaña Católica Anual*?**

El Señor nos llama a cuidarnos unos a otros y a la Iglesia. Depende de nosotros responder a este llamado de la manera de la que sabemos hacerlo.

Aquellos que tienen hambre, sin refugio, sin acceso a la educación Católica, hombres discerniendo el sacerdocio y aquellos que están enfermos y muriendo – son sólo algunos de los grupos que dependen de nuestra generosidad para **la Campaña Católica Anual**. Su donación a la Campaña es una respuesta de amor para servir a nuestro prójimo mediante la financiación de los ministerios de la diócesis de Brooklyn que no pueden ser sostenidos por una sola parroquia, pero que si beneficiaban a todas las parroquias en nuestra diócesis.

Usted puede responder a este llamado de Jesús que nos pide alimentar a los hambrientos, dar la bienvenida al forastero, visitar a los enfermos y encarcelados, honrar a nuestra madre y padre, celebrar la Eucaristía, educar y hacer discípulos de todas las Naciones a través de su donación a **La Campaña Católica Anual del 2018**.

## **¿Porqué mi participación es importante?**

St. Anthony - St. Alphonsus R.C. Church siempre ha contado con el amplio apoyo de sus feligreses para lograr los objetivos de recaudación de fondos, particularmente en su ofertorio semanal.

Esta Campaña también necesita este amplio apoyo. Se les pide a todas las familias que por favor considere dar una donación a **La Campaña Católica Anual** (mas allá de su continuo apoyo anual a la parroquia en su colecta semanal) en los siguientes (10) meses.

**En las siguientes semanas, todas las familias serán invitadas a participar en la Campaña y en oración considere hacer un compromiso.**

Por favor únase a nosotros para responderles aquellos en Brooklyn y Queens que están en necesidad y apoyar la importante obra de nuestra diócesis con su compromiso a **la Campaña Católica Anual** hoy.

**Gracias y Dios les bendiga.**

## **WEEKLY OFFERING**

### **Weekend of February 17 - 18, 2018**

Attendance - 622

Collection - \$ 3,836.00

Ash Wednesday Collection - \$ 2,003.00

Black & Native American

Collection - \$ 627.00

Votive Candles - \$ 936.00

Last year's attendance - 641

Last year's collection - \$ 4,004.00

Last year's Ash Wednesday Collection -  
\$ 2,537.00

Last year's Black & Native American  
Collection - \$ 1,269.00

Last year's Votive Candles - \$ 775.00

## **Stations of the Cross**

Stations of the Cross will be conducted on  
Fridays after the 8:15 am Mass, the 12:15 pm  
Mass and the 7:30 pm Spanish Mass.

On the weekends the Stations of the Cross will  
be conducted at 5:10 pm (English) on  
Saturday; 9:10 am (English) and 10:40 am  
(Spanish) on Sunday.

## **Generations of Faith Parish Summary as of February 19, 2018**

Total pledged: \$ 453,610.00

Total paid: \$ 163,645.00

**Please remember to send in your pledges.**

## **RCIA**

Marsha Dixon, a candidate in our RCIA pro-  
gram, will be receiving the Sacraments at the  
Easter Vigil. Keep her in your prayers.

## **PARISH MISSION**

The Parish Mission will be held in the lower  
church Monday, March 12th and Tuesday,  
March 13th from 7:00 - 8:00 PM.

**Preacher:**

**Rev. Raphael Zwolenkiewicz, OFM Conv.**

**All are welcome.**

## **SPANISH PARISH MISSION**

The Parish Spanish Mission will be held in  
the lower church Monday, March 19th and  
Tuesday, March 20th from 7:00 - 8:00 PM

**Preacher: Deacon Gonzalez**

## **Movie Night**

Brooklyn 1 Deanery is showing a movie "A  
MAN FOR ALL SEASONS" on Thursday,  
March 1, 2018 at 6:00 PM at St. Stanislaus Me-  
morial Post, American Legion, 519 Leonard  
Street, Brooklyn, between Nassau and Driggs  
Avenues. It is the best suited for a movie/  
discussion night. This movie runs exactly 2  
hours. All are welcome.

## **Mission in Africa**

All Lenten offerings, in our poor boxes, will be  
sent to St. Mary's Rehab Center for the handi-  
capped in Kenya, Africa. This mission is spon-  
sored by the children in our CCD program.

## **Save the Date**

Bus ride to Sight & Sound Theater  
Lancaster, Pennsylvania  
Saturday, August 18 2018.  
New show called "Jesus"

Details to follow.

## **2018 Annual Catholic Appeal**

This week begins the 2018 Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA). We thank all who have participated with a gift to the 2017 Appeal and ask that everyone prayerfully considers making a gift to the 2018 Appeal.

The work and services made possible through your donation to the Annual Catholic Appeal help people in Brooklyn and Queens in ways that no one parish can alone.

We encourage all to watch the brief 2018 ACA Video online at: [CFBQ.org/ACA](http://CFBQ.org/ACA) Video.

### **Stewardship Reflection**

It is easy to say, "*Here I am, Lord,*" when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say "*Here I am, Lord,*" when a neighbor needs our help, when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often times we are called when it's not convenient for us. Discipleship is not always easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.

### **40 CANS IN 40 DAYS**

**When:** February 14th thru March 25th, 2018.

**Where:** St. Anthony's Church. Donations can be dropped off in church before or after mass or in the rectory office Monday through Friday 9:00 am to :005 pm.

**What:** canned goods, pasta....rice....jar goods.

**Why:** To help our brothers and sisters in need during this season of Lent.

Steven M. Cirone  
Grand Knight  
Lexington Council No. 293

### **BAPTISM**

Baptisms are celebrated in English on the last Sunday of the month at 1:30 p.m. and Spanish baptisms are celebrated on the first Saturday of every month. Arrangements must be made at the rectory in advance. The birth certificate must be presented. Instructions are required for parents and godparents before Baptism.

### **MARRIAGES**

Arrangements should be made six months in advance. Pre-Cana Conferences are part of preparation. The website address is:  
<http://www.pre-cana.org/>

### **MINISTRY TO THE SICK**

Priests are available anytime. Ministers of the Eucharist can be invited to bring Communion to the home of the sick.

### **SCHOOL OF FAITH FORMATION**

#### **Wednesday:**

Pre-Communion and Communion Classes  
5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

#### **Thursday:**

Continuing Classes to Confirmation, Pre-Confirmation and Confirmation  
5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

### **PARISH MEMBERSHIP**

Please register at the Rectory. Any letters for Sponsorship, Baptism/Confirmation, as well as a letter for Immigration, you must be a registered member of the Parish.

### **CHOIR**

Meets each Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in Church