

Mass Intentions for the Week



At 8:00 AM morning prayers will be said.

Saturday, March 10:

5:30 + Anthony Kimkowski by Tatiana Dunne

Sunday, March 11:

9:30 + Czeslaw Szwaja by Tadeusz Szwaja

11:00 + (Spanish) Blanca Ines Munoz by Family

12:30 + Marena Nellos by loving neighbors

Monday, March 12:

8:15 + John Patrick Walsh by wife, Joan

12:15 For the Special Intentions of Roslyn Bianculli on her 89th Birthday by Family

Tuesday, March 13:

8:15 For the People of the Parish

12:15 For the Special Intentions of Carmela Hawkins on her birthday by C. Bianculli

Wednesday 14:

8:15 + Vicoria Innamorato by Anna Lewicki

12:15 + Pablo Diosdado Ramos by Olga Ramos

Thursday, March 15:

8:15 + Daniel McCormick by Carney Family

12:15 For the Special Intentions of Mary Lou LaPlant on her birthday by C. Bianculli

Friday, March 16:

8:15 + Hniek Kubiszewski by Tadeus Szwaja

12:15 +

7:30 + (Spanish) Victor Roldan by Aura Cordero

Saturday, March 17:

8:15 + James N. Coughlan, Sr. by wife, Alice

5:30 + Patrick & Etta Gannon by children

Sunday, March 18:

9:30 + Helen Cheperak by Joan Walsh

11:00 + (Spanish) Marisol Palma by sister, Teresa

12:30 + Lonappan (Death Anniv.) by son, Fr. Kavungal Davy

Please remember those on our sick list in your prayers:

Eleanor Kozlowski, 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

Bible Study

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

BREAD & WINE

The bread and wine at all the Masses from March 11th to March 17th, will be offered in memory of Brendan McCormick by Maureen Carney.

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry

Our food pantry is in need of the following items: **coffe, tea, cereal, canned meats (Spam, ham), peanut butter and jelly.**

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

“God loved the world so much that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not be lost but may have eternal life“ (John 3:16). These words are probably the most loved verse in the entire Bible and it has been called “the Gospel of the Gospels“. This indeed is the summary of the Gospel message of salvation through Christ. It tells us that the initiative in all salvation is God’s love for man. God’s motive is love and God’s objective is salvation of mankind. Our lives matter to God, and He knows all about the dark corners of our lives. God wants us to stop hiding our sins in the dark.

We have been presented with a picture of God as stern, angry and unforgiving. But Jesus revealed to us the true nature of God. He presented to us a kind, gentle and forgiving God. God chose the approach of love, not of power. God is not an absolute monarch but He is a Father who is not happy until all His wandering children have come home.

Today’s Gospel text shows how all-inclusive is God’s love. The passage also talks about condemnation. But condemnation does not follow from God’s actions but from people’s responses. God condemns no one. People condemn themselves by adopting a negative attitude. God sent us a Light, the Light of His beloved Son.

If people get lost, it is because they have not accepted the Light. The fault is not God’s but ours. Those who prefer darkness to light have condemned themselves. Some hate light because light would reveal themselves to themselves. Some hate goodness because it reveals their badness. They will destroy the light, the goodness, the love in order to avoid the pain of self-discovery. Our role in the process of redemption is to accept the gift of Christ in all humility. When we allow the light of God’s forgiveness to shine in our lives, it brightens up every corner, forgives every sin, restores our relationship with God and renews our lives. The many things that we do during Lent is our humble effort to welcome the light of Christ and accept the salvation made available to us in Christ.

God Bless you all during this Lent to make that wise choice.

Fr. Antony Vadakara, CMI

*I am
the Light
of the World*
John 8:12



WEEKLY OFFERING
Weekend of March 3 - 4, 2018

Attendance - 671
Collection - \$ 4,301.00
Votive Candles - \$ 657.00

Last year's attendance - 626
Last year's collection - \$ 3,570.00
Last year's Votive Candles - \$ 933.00

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.

Reconciliation Monday

On **Monday, March 26, 2018**, our Diocese will join both the Archdiocese of New York and the Diocese of Rockville Centre in celebrating **Reconciliation Monday**. On this special day, all the parishes in our diocese will offer the **Sacrament of Reconciliation, from 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM, and in Spanish from 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm** in preparation for the holy days of the Paschal Triduum.

BUS RIDE

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

**Show at 11:00 a.m. Lunch after show.
Adults: \$131.00
Children: \$87.00 (3-12 years old)**

**Call Carol Kulikowski: 718-387-6979 or
917-617-0413**

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

Mission in Africa

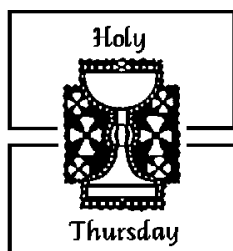
All Lenten offerings, in our poor boxes, will be sent to St. Mary's Rehab Center for the handicapped in Kenya, Africa. This mission is sponsored by the children in our CCD program.

February 50/50 Winner

Elizabeth Smith - \$ 280.00

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

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HOLY THURSDAY:

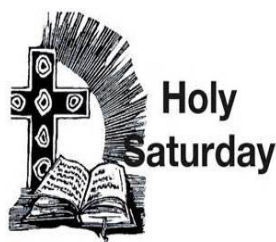
7:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper (bilingual) and washing of feet.
Procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the Repository in the Upper Church.
Visits to the Repository until 10:00 pm.



GOOD FRIDAY:

1:00 pm Outdoor Way of the Cross (bilingual) begins at Dupont and Franklin Streets. All are welcome to participate.

3:00 pm Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Death (bilingual)
(Reading of the Passion, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion)
Upper Church - **Holy Communion can be received only at this Service.**



HOLY SATURDAY:

11:00 am - Blessing of Easter Food Baskets in the Lower Church.

CONFESSIONS BY REQUEST

NO 5:30 PM MASS ON HOLY SATURDAY

8:00 PM - EASTER VIGIL MASS in the Upper Church



EASTER SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

9:30 am (English)

11:00 am (Spanish)

12:30 pm (English)



Annual Catholic Appeal 2018

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The 2018 Annual Catholic Appeal supports the daily work of our Church throughout Brooklyn and Queens in ways no one parish can accomplish alone by supporting the following ministries:

Catholic Charities; Hospital, College and Prison Chaplains; Diocesan Vocation Office; Catholic Migration Services; Parish Assistance Program; Office of Faith Formation; Bishop Muguvero Residence for infirmed clergy; Futures in Education Scholarship Foundation

Stewardship Reflection

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son. . .” John 3:16

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given us the gift of his own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice or own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts. That we nurture and develop them and return them with increase.

“Porque tanto amo Dios al mundo que le dio a su unico Hijo...” Juan 3:16

De todos los maravillosos regalos que Dios no ha dado, el regalo de su propio Hijo es verdaderamente el mas grande. Como podemos agradecerle a Dios por um regalo como ese? Dios no nos pide que sacrifiquemos a nuestro precioso primogenito, pero si nos pide que seamos agradecidos y generosos con los dones que Dios nos ha dado. Que los alimentemos y devolvamos con aumento.

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.

50/50 CLUB

Minimum donation is \$2.00

Donacion menos \$2.00

\$2.00 = 1 chance to win

\$5.00 = 3 chances to win

\$10.00 = 6 chances to win

Please make sure your name, phone number and dollar amount are on each 50/50 envelope. (We will make sure your contribution is converted into the proper amount of chances to which you are entitled.) Additional envelopes available in back of Church.

All monies collected will be divided equally 50% to our Parish and 50% to the winner. All proceeds from the 50/50 Club will be put into our Elevator Fund.

North Brooklyn Angels/ New Neighborhood Volunteer Opportunities

We're looking for volunteer drivers and drivers' helpers, a few hours per day, once or twice a week (Monday-Friday, between 11-3). (Helpers assist the drivers with parking and stocking the truck.) Kitchen volunteers also wanted. Go to northbrooklynangels.org and click on volunteer, or send an email to:

ryanlachica@gmail.com

neilsheehan@opiny.org

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 Monday at 7:00 p.m. in Church