

## MASS SCHEDULE

**MONDAY, October 17, 2011**

NOON George Mc Elaine

**TUESDAY, October 18, 2011**

6:30am Kenneth & Kathleen Dean

NOON Harry Donnelly

**WEDNESDAY, October 19, 2011**

6:30am Josephine Trabajo Mocoya

NOON Rev. Gary Rogers

**THURSDAY, October 20, 2011**

6:30am Erdulfo Boiser

NOON Edward A. Cameron III

**FRIDAY, October 21, 2011**

NOON Anthony Mistretta

**SATURDAY, October 22, 2011**

8:30am Patricia Savastano

5:30pm Catherine J. Hayes

**SUNDAY, October 23, 2011**

8:00am People of the Parish, Mary Polovy

11:30am Jerome & Josephine McKinney

5:30pm Purgatorial Society



## A VIEW FROM MY WINDOW

Dear Parishioners:

This week's reflection will continue our discussion on the changes in the Roman Missal; this week we will reflect on the Creed—of all the changes, the most will take place in the Creed.

The first things that you will notice is that the pronoun changes from "We" to "I". The word in Latin for creed is **credo** which means "I believe". So again this is a more accurate translation from the original Latin. The gathering of the Assembly is the joining of the Body of Christ in one Supreme Act of worship of the Lord. Through many we become ONE, yet here is the new language not reflecting that unity? Why? Blessed Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI have both spoken about the need that each believer must have a personal relationship with Jesus. Intrinsic to worshipping the Lord is first knowing and acknowledging him as Lord in our own life. That profession of faith is key. After we acknowledge the Lordship of Jesus then we gather as One Body. At the Baptism of Adults, the candidate is asked to recite the Creed as a sign of their common belief. When we recite the creed at Mass it is the same understanding, we profess the fact that as individuals we believe what the Church expresses about our faith.

The next change is the familiar words "**of all that is seen and unseen**". The new translation becomes "**of all things visible and invisible**". When something is unseen it doesn't necessarily mean it is hidden. Things that are unseen may just be missed by our eyes or blocked by some obstacle. While something is invisible is that which is hidden by the reality of what it is. For example, when we worship at Mass we know the angles of God worship with us. They are present and invisible to human sight.

In the section of the Creed that speaks of Jesus we come to our next changes—"The Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages". The words "Only Begotten", also the words in the Gloria, become a deeper expression of our belief that Jesus, as the Son of God, was part of the Divine Plan of the Father and is the only One who is the Word made flesh. "**Born before all ages**" is the reminder that Jesus, as that Word, was with the Father from all eternity.



## REMEMBER IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

**The Sick:** Guy Fury, Theresa Stokes, Rita Tamaro, Noreen Charles, Thomas Toal, Christine Walker, Stacy Lapenna, Carlos Salcedo, Faye O'Malley, Hyacinth Khaleel, John Collins, Gladys Santiago, Ellen M. Lehane, Noreen Reilly, Pfc Kevin Taunton, Marie Collins, Patricia Dillon Amenan, Susan McBride, Norma Allongo, Gertrude Singh, William A. Russo

### A Time to Die—

**Those in the Armed Services**—in these difficult times, let us lift up in prayer our brave men and women who fight for our freedom all over the world.

### MEMORIAL GIFTS

**Altar Bread & Wine—**

In memory of

**Sr. Agnes Morrissey**

donated by Mr. & Mrs. Morrissey

The phrase "*one is being with the Father*" has now become "*consubstantial with the Father*". The early Church sought to define the relationship shared between the Father and the Son. While this phrase may seem unusual in English, it refers to the very "stuff" a thing is made of. The new wording makes clear that the Father and the Son are of the same substance, part of the Godhead. "***And by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary***" here, the word "incarnate" replaces "born". Born is a word that describes what happens to those in creation. To be incarnate refers to the moment that Jesus was conceived, as the Eternal Word, in the womb of Mary.

***"He suffered death and was buried and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures"***. While the Latin word for suffered implies death, the same is not true in English. As a result, we've been using two verbs, suffered and died. Now, we will use only one verb—"suffered" - while adding the word death to make it clear in English that Jesus indeed died. The word accordance with the Scriptures is simply more precise than the word fulfillment.

In the last part of the Nicene Creed, as we profess our faith in the Holy Spirit, we will say "***with the Father and the Son is adored and gloried***", which is a more complete translation of the Latin rather than the words "worshipped and glorified." A little later, instead of saying "we acknowledge one baptism", we will now say "***I confess one baptism***". The pronoun change is a continuation of that need for personal acceptance of our faith. To confess, which means "to express belief in", is a more forceful expression than to acknowledge because it involves not just the head, but also the heart.

Towards the end of the Creed we have said "We look to the Resurrection of the dead." The new translation says, "***I look forward to the resurrection of the dead***". Again that personal profession of faith that expresses our eagerness and confidence that those who die in the Lord will rise.

Next week I will share a reflection on the changes to the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Much peace!  
**Rev. Fr. Thomas V. Doyle**

## WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Bishop DiMarzio, Bishop of Brooklyn, has sent the following message to the Pastors and Administrators of the Diocese:

*At this time, I wish to encourage the fullest participation of the parishes of the Diocese of Brooklyn in the celebration of World Mission Sunday on October 23, 2011.*

*Even as we struggle with challenges here at home, on World Mission Sunday, we are called to remember in a special way, the great needs of the Church, and her life-giving service, in the Developing World. We should encourage prayer, personal sacrifice and generous financial support for more than 1,150 diocese throughout Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands, and remote regions of Latin America.*

*In times of tragedy—natural disaster, war, and persecution—our mission family looks to the Church for help and hope. World Mission Sunday celebrates our unity as a human family and provides an opportunity to support the life-giving presence of local priests, religious, and lay catechists among the suffering poor of the Mission.*

*I ask you to personally invest yourselves in the Church's mission to bring the "Good News" of Jesus Christ to the very ends of the earth.*

*With gratitude for all you and your parishioners will do on World Mission Sunday for the Missions of the world.*

Please be as generous as your means permit next weekend. Use the "Mission" envelope your received in you envelope mailing. If you do not have one, write "Mission" on any envelope and place in the 2nd collection offering next weekend. Thank you!

## RELIC OF SAINT DAMIEN OF MOLOKAI

The relic of Saint Damien of Molokai will be in the Diocese of Brooklyn in early November 2011 for public veneration by the faithful at three sites. The public, prayerful honoring of the heroic virtue and powerful witness of Father Damien's life of Gospel service to the poor and abandoned who suffered from leprosy in Hawaii in the late 19th century will include: Benediction, Presentation of the one-man Aplyth Morris play, Damien, by Fr. Jim Sweeney of Holy Name Parish, Brooklyn, individual Veneration of the First Class Relic. Location and times for this spiritual event in the Diocese of Brooklyn are as follows: St. James Cathedral-Basilica 250 Cathedral Pl, Brooklyn, NY 11201

Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio presiding  
Friday, November 4th; 7:00pm-10:00pm

St. Nicholas of Tolentine Parish  
150-75 Goethals Ave, Jamaica, NY 11432  
Sunday, November 6th; 1:30pm-4:30pm

Queen of Peace Residence  
Little Sisters of the Poor  
110-30 221st St., Queens Village, NY  
Sunday, November 13th; 2:00pm-5:00pm

If you have any questions, please contact Fr.  
Ray Roden at 1-718-728-0880 or by email at  
frrayroden@verizon.net.

### **NATIONAL FALLEN FIREFIGHTER FOUNDATION**

Sunday, October 16th, 2011 will mark the 30th  
National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service  
for firefighters who have died in the line of duty.  
During the service, the bells of the National  
Fallen Firefighters Memorial Chapel will ring in  
tribute to those who made the ultimate sacrifice.  
The ringing of bells is a time-honored tradition  
in the fire service that is still used today during  
funeral and memorial services for firefighters.

This year all churches have been asked to participate in the first nationwide tribute to firefighters who have died in the line of duty. We have been asked to join in a moment of remembrance, a prayer or other appropriate tribute and the ringing of bells during Sunday religious services.

At the end of each of our parish celebrations this weekend we will ring our church bells, sharing in the honored tradition of remembering our nation's heroes who gave their lives in service to their communities. They will never be forgotten as long as we keep the bells ringing across America.

### **ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS TRIP TO HUNTERDON PLAYHOUSE**

The Rosary Society of Saint Thomas Aquinas is sponsoring a trip to the Hunterdon Playhouse in New Jersey for Friday, November 11th. The day will include a delicious dinner and a wonderful Christmas show. The total cost is \$80.00 per person. The bus will leave from in front of the Church at 9:00am. For more information please call Marianne at 1-718-258-5871. Everyone is welcome.

### **HEALING MASS AT GOOD SHEPHERD**

Father John Campoli will be celebrating a Healing Mass at the Church of Good Shepherd on Friday, October 21st at 7:30pm. All are welcome to attend; masses will be celebrated on the 3rd Friday of the month.

### **YOUR COOPERATION IS APPRECIATED**

All those attending services here at Saint Thomas Aquinas are asked to turn off all cell phones, pagers and other electronic devices when in church. Cell phones and pagers ringing (especially those with distinctive ringtones) during Mass and other services are a distraction to others and detract from the sacred nature of worship. Thank you.

### **BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE**

A Book of Remembrance will be available in front of the image of Saint John the Baptist. You are invited to write the name(s) of deceased family members or loved ones. On November 2nd, the Feast of All Souls we will remember in a special way all those inscribed on the All Soul's Mass Remembrance envelopes and those inscribed in the Book of Remembrance.

### **NEW PEW CARDS WITH MASS CHANGES**

New mass cards are available with all the spoken and sung mass parts that are changing. We will continue to use these cards to reach about the text changes and to learn the new music that we will soon be using at the Eucharist. You are asked to kindly leave these cards in the pews so that we can use them at all the masses.

### **NEW ACCLAMATIONS**

We will begin rehearsing the new acclamation that we will use with the implementation of the revised Roman Missal. Over the next several weeks, we will take time before each mass to rehearse the new Gloria, Sanctus and Memorial Acclamation. There is a slight change in the Sanctus; the Gloria and Memorial Acclamation have more significant text changes.

## 2011 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

While all of us have reason to be proud of the help that is being accomplished in our parish through the various ministries, we know that many more people will continue to seek assistance this year. To meet the ever growing needs of our community, we all need to reflect on the gifts God has blessed us all with.

We also know that we will only be able to provide the support that is needed with help from generous people like you. You have shown your compassion by supporting these vital ministries in the past with a gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal. You are asked to prayerfully consider doing what you have done in the past before making a gift to help those in need. It is with this in mind that you are asked to consider supporting the 2011 Annual Catholic Appeal; this Appeal truly supports our parish and the entire Church of Brooklyn and Queens.

It helps us to feed our hungry, educate our young, provide homes for our senior citizens, attend to the spiritual needs of people from different ethnic backgrounds and support the needs within our own parish. It allows us to serve as one of God's servants.

You can make a difference in our parish and in the lives of those around us by making a gift to this year's appeal. Only you can decide what that gift will be. Thank you for all that you do in our parish.

<b>Goal</b>	<b>\$53,685.00</b>
<b>Amount Pledged</b>	<b>\$58,817.50 (109.56%)</b>
<b>Amount Received</b>	<b>\$53,557.95 ( 99.76%)</b>
<b>Members</b>	<b>761</b>
<b>Donors</b>	<b>228 (29.96%)</b>

### STEWARDSHIP BY THE BOOK

In today's gospel, we hear proclaimed a profound teaching by Jesus on stewardship. What belongs to Caesar? What belongs to God? Christian stewards recognize that everything they have belongs to God; God created them, and God has claims on every part of their existence. They also realize that the covering is an institution whose nature and purpose is to promote the common good and protect the welfare of its citizenry. As long as it accomplishes this

mission while treating every single person with deep respect, justice and compassion. It merits the steward's support and cooperation. Christian stewards know what belongs to the Lord, and they are better citizens when they live their lives according to his gospel.

### IRISH HOLY GHOST FATHERS

This weekend representatives of the Irish Holy Ghost Fathers will be present following the masses selling their annual raffles for support on their missions throughout the world. With the raffle and their annual dance they distribute almost \$60,000.00 for six missions. Please stop by and buy a raffle or two.

### IS GOD CALLING YOU?

**Give to God what is God's.** You belong to Christ and Christ is God's! How will you respond to so great a love? Is he asking you to follow him by serving in the priesthood or religious life? Call the Vocation Office of the Diocese of Brooklyn at 1-718-827-2454 or e-mail: [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:vocations@diobrook.org).

### ROSARY SOCIETY ATLANTIC CITY TRIP

The Rosary Society is sponsoring a trip to Bally's Hotel in Atlantic City on **November 3, 2011**. The bus leaves from in front of the Church at **8:30am**. For more information please call Noreen at 718-253-7824. Please leave a message. All are welcome.

### HOLY NAME SOCIETY ATLANTIC CITY TRIP

The Holy Name Society is sponsoring a bus trip to Atlantic City on **October 18, 2011** to Showboat. The bus leaves from in front of the Church at **8:30am**. For more information please call Bill or Dorothy at 1-718-377-4061. All are welcome.

### ST. THOMAS AQUINAS SPORTS NEWS

In an effort to continue the tremendous history of the Youth Sports Association in our parish, St. Thomas Aquinas basketball program will be holding registration for elementary school boys and girls, ages 5-13 for it's fall clinic and winter intramural league. Registration will be held on Wednesday evenings from 7:30pm- 9:00pm beginning September 21, 2011 thru October 19, 2011 in Monsignor King Hall.



**What will we be saying  
differently at Mass?**  
*The Creed*

**How long have we been using the Creed?**

The Nicene Creed was developed at the Council of Nicea in 325 and first used in the Mass by the sixth century.

**What are the changes?**

**"I believe"** is the literal translation of "Credo," replacing "we believe". This was originally said by one being baptized.

**"Only begotten"** ...The Son is always being born of the Father...the Father is always begetting the Son.

**"Consubstantial"** will take some getting used to. Everything has being...but the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are of the same substance, that is only one God.

**"Incarnate,"** means to take on flesh and is used instead of "born." Jesus became human not at his birth, but in the womb of Mary.

**"Suffered death"** replaces "suffered, died, and was buried." It puts more emphasis on what he suffered.

**"adored"** is added to glorified.

**"I confess"** means we express belief in and not merely "acknowledge" as was in the former Creed.

**"Look forward"** a stronger statement of hope.

*Welcoming The  
New Roman Missal*

**The Nicene Creed**

**I believe** in one God, the father almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
**Of all things visible and invisible.**

**I believe** in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
The **Only Begotten Son of God,**  
**Born of the Father before all ages,**  
God from God, Light from Light,  
True God from true God,  
Begotten, not made, **consubstantial with the  
Father;**  
Through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven, **and by the Holy  
Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,**  
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
He **suffered death** and was buried,  
**and rose again on the third day**  
**In accordance with the Scriptures.**

He ascended into heaven  
And is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and  
the dead  
And his kingdom will have no end.

**I believe** in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of  
life,  
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
Who with the Father and the Son is **adored** and  
glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

**I believe** in one, holy, catholic and apostolic  
church.

**I confess** one baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
**and I look forward** to the resurrection of the dead  
And the life of the world to come. Amen.

## Strategic Planning & Parish Finances

[www.ChristJesusOurHope.org](http://www.ChristJesusOurHope.org)

One of the most pressing concerns that *Christ Jesus, Our Hope* is addressing are unstable finances in parishes. While the primary focus of our parishes is the pastoral mission of the Gospel, we know this can only be effectively lived out with the appropriate resources.

The Church does not exist to make a profit, but all parishes must live within their means. A parish family is no different than any other family. A parish household is expected to collect enough revenue to pay its expenses and not go into debt. If possible, any additional revenue should be saved for unexpected future needs, or for a large project that the parish envisions to develop its ministry.

A basic requirement for our planning is the need for every parish to cover its expenses on an annual basis. Currently, 71% of parishes are not meeting this expectation.

The accumulation of debt in our parishes seriously threatens the ability of the Church to continue our ministry into the future for coming generations. As disciples charged with continuing the mission of Christ, we are commissioned with caring for the parishes that were passed on to us and building them up so that we can pass them on to those who will come after us.

We are now at a critical moment in our church. We are being asked to make some difficult decisions so that we will have viable centers of worship and ministry. The planning process is an attempt to make such hard choices together.

Each generation has faced its own concerns and challenges. Church leaders 80 or 100 years ago were charged with building grand parish buildings for the glory of God and to serve the generations to follow.

Our charge is to take the bold steps needed to steward our resources in responsible ways so that the Church will endure and be a strong presence throughout time. The steps we take today will determine what it is we pass on.

The goal of our planning is that what we pass on can endure and remain long after us.

For more information, visit [www.christjesusourhope.org](http://www.christjesusourhope.org).