

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, October 3, 2011

NOON Dulce Lopez & Mariano Lopez

TUESDAY, October 4, 2011

6:30am Everest Alexander

NOON Mary & Bert Viguera

WEDNESDAY, October 5, 2011

6:30am Gaetano Guido

NOON Dulce Lopez & Pedro Martinez

THURSDAY, October 6, 2011

6:30am Thomas Ferguson & Jean Cipolla

NOON Helen McMahan

FRIDAY, October 7, 2011

NOON Dulce Lopez & Mariano Lopez

SATURDAY, October 8, 2011

8:30am Philip Punch

5:30pm Peter DeLessio

SUNDAY, October 9, 2011

8:00am Purgatorial Society

11:30am Shawn Maynard

5:30pm People of the Parish



REMEMBER IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS



The Sick: Guy Fury, Theresa Stokes, Rita Tammaro, Noreen Charles, Thomas Toal, Christine Walker, Stacy Lappenna, Carlos Salcedo, Faye O'Malley, Hyacinth Khaleel, John Collins, Gladys Santiago, Ellen M. Lehane, Arthur Leclair, Eileen Kiley, Margaret Healey, Kathy Fine, Noreen Reilly, Pfc Kevin Taunton, Marie Collins, Patricia Dillon Amenan, Susan McBride, Norma Allongo

A Time to Die— John Muir, Linda Clark

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 **Sister Agnes Morrissey** donated by Jim & Catherine Morrissey

Altar Candles— In memory of

Rev. Gary Rogers

donated by Louis Cardiello

Sanctuary Lamp— In memory of

Rev. Gary Rogers

donated by Catherine Cully

MISSION APPEAL THANK YOU!

The Dominican Fathers and Brothers send their thanks for the encouraging response on the part of the Parish of Saint Thomas Aquinas to their appeal the weekend of September 17th/18th and for the kind reception given to Father John Farren, OP, who was here on their behalf.

Be assured of the prayers of the Dominicans worldwide for you, and for your intentions, of their need for your continued prayers for them and their ministries to God's lowly and needy ones everywhere.

Do please keep the missions of the Church in your hearts, the work of the Dominicans in mind and the never-ending need to proclaim the Gospel in your own lives.

IS GOD CALLING YOU?

"This is the Lord's doing and it is amazing in our eyes." Being chosen to serve as a priest or in the consecrated life is an amazing work of the Lord. Ask the Holy Spirit and our Blessed Mother to help you recognize and be faithful to your vocation. Call the Vocation Office of the Diocese of Brooklyn write: vocations@diobrook.org or call 1-718-827-2454.

CABRINI IMMIGRANT SERVICES

Cabrini Immigrant Services, located at 139 Henry Street, is looking for steady volunteers for the food pantry. One or two volunteers are needed Tuesdays from 9:00am to 12:30pm for food distribution and Mondays from 1:00am to 3:00pm for unpacking deliveries. Both positions involve lifting and stairs. English and some Spanish or Chinese is important. If you are interested please contact Sister Kelly at 1-212-791-4590, extension 102.

ENVELOPE ETIQUETTE

For those who use envelopes, please be sure to write the amount of your donation on the front. Also, please avoid the use of tape. Your attention in this matter will help those who count to do their ministry quickly, and more efficiently. Also, if you wish to be taken off the envelope list or are moving, please let us know. Your help is greatly appreciated.



A VIEW FROM MY WINDOW

Dear Parishioners:

This is it! The final countdown has begun! In approximately 60 days the implementation of the new translation of the Roman Missal will be here. Articles dealing with various reasons for the changes and examples of the revised responses have been printed, workshops have been given too, all to help ensure a smooth transition.

Ritual has always been a part of the liturgy of the Church. It stems from our roots in the Jewish liturgy. The early Church followed the example of Jesus. They read the Scriptures and told stories of the Last Supper; they broke bread and shared the cup. In 1570, Pope Pius V issued the First Roman Missal, a collection of prayers and rituals for the Church. For almost 500 years, the Missal remained the same. It wasn't until the reforms of the Second Vatican Council that any major changes took place. Blessed John XXIII and the Council Fathers wished to reform the Church using pastoral guidelines. These changes brought about the movement of the language of the Mass from Latin to the language of the people. In order to be seen as the one who leads prayer, the priest now turned and faced the people.

Following the Council, National Conferences of Bishops began the process of translating the Latin text into the language of the people. In 1969 the first edition was created. This process continued until 1975 when a second edition was promulgated. In 2000, Blessed John Paul II created the third edition of the Roman Missal; he added new prayers and celebrations of recently canonized saints. He also asked the English speaking countries to begin translating these prayers that would be in closer conjunction with the Latin. Pope Benedict XVI in 2010 approved the new translation that will take effect on November 27th, 2011.

One thing that we all have to remember is that with this new translation or Third Edition of the Roman Missal, the Mass itself will not be changing. This is to reflect a better and closer translation of the Latin text. The changes will certainly be confusing in the beginning; but the hope is that the new prayers will help raise our hearts to encounter the transcended God. It will be great opportunity to reevaluate how we come to celebrate Mass. It is an exciting time and it is one that I hope will bring us to a deeper renewal and love of the celebration of the Eucharist.

As with all change implementing the new Missal will require patience and a spirit of cooperation and good will. Over time we will become comfortable with the new text as they become part of our regular form of worship.

Much peace!

Rev. Fr. Thomas V. Doyle

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS OPEN HOUSES

You are invited to explore the benefits of a Catholic High School Education.

Bishop Kearney—all girls, Oct. 2nd from 1:00pm to 4:00pm or Oct. 18th from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Call 1-718-236-6363.

Saint Joseph—all girls, October 13th from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. Call. 1-718-624-3618.

Nazareth—co-ed, Oct. 14th or November 10th from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Call 1-718-763-1100.

St. Edmund Prep —co-ed, Oct. 15th from 11:00am to 1:00pm or Oct. 25th at 7:30pm. Call 1-718-743-6100, ext 42.

Fontbonne Hall—all girls, Oct. 16th from 12:30pm to 3:30pm. Call 1-718-748-2244.

Xaverian HS—all boys, Oct. 16th from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Call 1-718-836-7100.

Bishop Ford—co-ed, Oct. 23rd from 10:00am to 1:30pm. Call 1-718-360-2500.

Saint Saviour—all girls, Oct. 23rd from 12:30pm to 3:30pm or Oct. 26th from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. Call 1-718-768-4406.

DO YOU KNOW YOUR TRIBUNAL?

The Tribunal of the Diocese of Brooklyn is a groups of specially trained and qualified priests, sisters, and lay persons whose responsibility is to come to help of people who have experiences divorce and who wish to remarry in the Catholic Church.

When a divorce occurs, the Catholic Church always seeks to balance two realities. One is the unbreakable bond of marriage. It cannot be broken by human intervention. On the other hand, the Church is concerned about the spiritual welfare of the people involved. Was this a true marriage? Even though a Catholic marriage was celebrated, was there perhaps some weakness in the consent of the parties involved? The annulment procedure address this problem. For more information on the annulment process, please telephone the Tribunal Office:

The Tribunal of the Diocese of Brooklyn
7200 Douglaston Parkway
Douglaston, NY 11362
1-718-229-8131

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Today's gospel reading poses some challenging stewardship questions. When Christ returns, will we be found working diligently in the Lord's "vineyard", converting our own hearts into a rich harvest of love and compassion? Calling those outside our vineyard to enter into the joy of the Lord? Or will we just be living, taking advantage of what the Lord has given us, but not doing our part in return? Jesus' parable suggests that if we aren't good stewards of the gifts we've been given then the gifts will be taken away, and we will be called to give an account of our failures. We have all we need for a bountiful harvest. What will our Lord find when he returns?

ROSARY FOR LIFE MASS

Join the members of the Rosary for Life organization on Friday, October 7th at Good Shepherd Church for Mass at 7:30pm to be celebrated by Bishop Frank Caggiano. Following Mass there be an enrollment in the Brown Scapular; Rosary at 7:00pm.

PARISH OFFICE TO BE CLOSED

In observance of the civil holiday of Columbus Day, the Parish Office will be closed on Monday, October 10th. Please remember that there will be only one Mass at 9:00am. Have a safe and an enjoyable day.

ROSARY SOCIETY ATLANTIC CITY TRIP



The Rosary Society is sponsoring a trip to Bally's Hotel in Atlantic City on **October 6, 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.

THE PRAYER OF SAINT FRANCIS THE CALL TO REBUILD HIS CHURCH

*Lord, make us instruments of your peace...
Where there is despair; let us feel the presence of the Holy Spirit and renew our faith.*

Where there is hurt; let us feel your comforting presence and respond with trust.

Where there is anger; open our hearts to the grace to respond to the challenges that you ask your followers to embrace.

Where there is doubt; let us know that you are with us, as you have been with countless generations of Christians before us—to show us the way-to forge new beginnings.

O Divine Master; grant that we may seek not to weep over what has been, but to embrace a new vision of what can be.

That we may seek not so much to be consoled, but seek to support one another.

To understand—yes—but to respond bodily to what needs to be done, to rebuild your Church as you asked a humble Francis.

For it is in giving; that we receive. It is in forgiving; that we defy despair. And it is in dying to yesterday, that we rise today to create tomorrow.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

In the name of the Council of Religious, the Diocesan Planning Commission has asked that the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi be observed as a Diocesan Day of Prayer to ask God's blessings and guidance as we move forward with strategic planning.

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.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

On Thursday, October 6th, the Parish of Saint Thomas Aquinas will host a presentation on Sacred Relics. Father Martins is in need of three volunteers who will help set up and take down; if you are interested please contact Father Doyle.

2011 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

2011 Parish Goal	\$53,685.00
Pledges to Date	\$58,357.50 (108.70%)
Paid to Date	\$52,463.62 (97.72%)
Donors	222 out of 761 (29.17%)

If you have not had an opportunity to give to the 2011 Annual Catholic Appeal, there is still time and pledge materials are available throughout the Church.

A special thank you to all our parishioners who so generously made a pledge to the 2011 Annual Catholic Appeal this year. As you know, all monies received over our parish assigned goal will be returned to the parish. To those who still need to complete their pledge, please do so, so the Diocese and Parish can truly benefit from your generosity. Thank you for your stewardship of treasure.

SACRED RELICS OF THE SAINTS TRASURES OF THE CHURCH

Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish presents a teaching and exposition of Sacred Relics on Thursday, October 6th at 7:00pm. Father Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross will be here with his very special ministry to teach about these holy objects. He will bring with him over 150 relics, some as old as 2000 years. Among the treasures will be relics of St. Maria Goretti, St. Therese of Lisieux (the "Little Flower"), St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Faustina Kowalska. In addition, there will also be present a portion of the veil of Our lady, as well as one of the largest remaining pieces of the True Cross in the world. Those in attendance will be able to examine and venerate each relic. In the Church's history many miracles and healings have been worked in the presence of relics, and many have been healed through this ministry. Please do not miss this opportunity. You are encouraged to bring your articles of devotion (such as rosaries, holy cards, etc.) and pictures of ill family/friends which you will be able to touch to the reliquaries as a means of intercession.

CANDY SALE

Students from Midwood Catholic Academy will be at the doors of the Church this weekend selling chocolate candy bars as part of one their annual fundraising events; each candy bar is \$1.00. Thank you for your support of Catholic Education.



Welcoming the New Roman Missal

What will we be saying differently at Mass?

The Act of Penitence

What is new?

- restoring the original Confiteor prayer
- adding the words "greatly sinned" and the triple "through my fault"
- a second option: from the Bible: Psalm 85:8
- a third option: what we have now

What does each option emphasize?

The first:
Personal wrongdoings against God and others.

The second:
The communal aspect of sin.

The third:
God is merciful and forgiving.

The priest begins and ends each option the same.

OPTIONS FOR THE ACT OF PENITENCE

Priest: Brothers and Sisters, let us acknowledge our sins and, so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

People: I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have **greatly sinned**, in my thoughts, and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do. **Through my fault, through my fault, Through my most grievous fault;** Therefore I ask blessed Mary, ever-virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters to pray for me to the Lord our God.

OR

Priest: Have mercy on us, O Lord,
People: For we have sinned against you.
Priest: Show us, O Lord, your mercy.
People: And grant us your salvation.

OR

Priest or minister:
You were sent to heal the contrite: Lord, have mercy.
People: Lord, have mercy

Priest or minister:
You came to call sinners: Christ, have mercy.
People: Christ, have mercy.

Priest or minister:
You are seated at the right hand of the father to intercede for us: Lord, have mercy.
People: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: **May almighty God, have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life.**

What is “*Christ Jesus, Our Hope*”?

www.ChristJesusOurHope.org

Christ Jesus, Our Hope is the strategic planning process that is now underway to address the most pressing challenges of our parishes. The goal for this process is to put the Diocese, its schools, and all of its parishes on a firm foundation – pastorally and financially.

One of the first initiatives begun by Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio was the development and creation of a pastoral planning office and the development of parish pastoral councils in 2005. The current strategic planning process to address critical areas of parish sustainability seeks to follow the same foundational principles of parish pastoral planning.

The foundational principles are:

- Fostering a healthy and productive collaboration between clergy and lay leaders to address the mission of the Church to evangelize.
- Examining objective data and demographics about our parishes, our Diocese and our neighborhoods in a transparent manner to assess strengths and challenges.
- Consulting with parishioners about the observations of their parish life and deciding together how to address the challenges that they face.
- Evaluating the proposal and the effectiveness of present and future planning in order to sustain their vitality and continue evangelizing.

The pastoral planning process has encouraged pastoral councils, parish staff and pastors to develop and implement plans that consistently seek to address the spiritual needs of parishioners and surrounding communities.

As parish planning continues to address these priorities, *Christ Jesus, Our Hope* is also addressing structural and financial concerns whose solution requires extraordinary steps to ensure both the survival and vitality of each parish.

Over the next four weeks, bulletin inserts will be made available discussing *Christ Jesus, Our Hope*. Also starting this week, *The Tablet* begins the first of an unprecedented five-part series that takes an in-depth look at the pastoral and strategic planning of the Diocese and those who have been and continue to be a part of it.

For more information on *Christ Jesus, Our Hope*, visit our website, www.christjesusourhope.org.