

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, October 10, 2011

9:00am Michael R. Lehane

TUESDAY, October 11, 2011

6:30am Marilyn Gimenez Trabajo

NOON Joan Nelson

WEDNESDAY, October 12, 2011

6:30am Lynn Clark

NOON Ersilia Guisepppe

THURSDAY, October 13, 2011

6:30am Annette Damone

NOON Mary Doyle

FRIDAY, October 14, 2011

NOON Amaya Noel Ponder

SATURDAY, October 15, 2011

8:30am Dorette Hippolite-Rene

5:30pm Agatha King

SUNDAY, October 17, 2011

8:00am Purgatorial Society,

Maria Robles

11:30am Cleonie Predestin

5:30pm People of the Parish



A VIEW FROM MY WINDOW

Dear Parishioners:

Over the next few weeks, I would like to continue dealing with the changes in the Roman Missal that will take effect on November 27th, 2011.

Words are what we use to convey a message to others. The clearer and more concise our language is the easier it is to convey the message. The words of some of the prayers will be changed to reflect not only a deeper theological understanding, but also a change in the focus of language. We have different modes of speech that reflect various situations we find ourselves. A business letter would have a different style from a note that we would send to a friend. If you have ever seen a text message our young people use you might think that they are speaking a different language. The language that the young people use in very informal and they often use letters that might refer to phrases. While each for have a place we have to remember that the language of the Ritual is meant to be more formal. This formal language should set the tone for what the Ritual is meant to express. Liturgical language should prepare us to encounter the Triune God. This worship language should always raise us to encounter the transcendence.

The Greeting

The celebrant greets the gathered assembly with the words ***The Lord be with you***, and we of course return the greeting with ***And also with you***. While this is fine, it doesn't put forth the true meaning of what is intended. The new response will be ***And with your Spirit***. This reflects a deeper spiritual meaning. As the celebrant gathers the people for prayer, our hope is that the Holy Spirit who called him to Holy Orders and is present as he takes on the role of "Persona Christi" (the person of Christ), will now empower him to truly act in the person of Jesus. When we are greeted with "The Lord be with you" the response is not just "and you too!" but a prayer that the power of the Spirit be unleashed. Saint Paul often prays that the Holy Spirit be animated in the believers. So not only is this translation closer to the Latin, but also reflects what is said throughout the world.

REMEMBER IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS



The Sick: Guy Fury, Theresa Stokes, Rita Tammaro, Noreen Charles, Thomas Toal, Christine Walker, Stacy Lapenna, 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 Alongo

A Time to Die— Thomas Zilinske Anthony Lavigna Bernadette Errich

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 **Louisa McGregor**
donated by Mary & Fred Kohl

Penitential Act

You will notice that it is no longer called the Penitential Rite, but Act. The words we use are an admission that we often fail in our responsibilities to act as a follower of Jesus. It is through God's grace and mercy that we are forgiven. We utter the words that acknowledge our guilt and seek the forgiveness of God. While this Act **does not** replace the Sacrament of Reconciliation and we need to go to confession when we sin in order to worthily receive the Eucharist, it does bring us to an understanding of true contrition that allows us to acknowledge the awesomeness of God. The Confiteor (I confess...) will add the phrase **through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault**. Some of the older parishioners who remember the old Liturgy will recall this phrase; also using the theological number of three we see echoed in the Holy, Holy, Holy, and the invocation of the Lord Have Mercy. Throughout the Scriptures, the admission of guilt is repeated. This is supposed to help us remember that we need God's grace to continue the journey because we do not and cannot do it on our own.

The Gloria

The Gloria is the great hymn of praise to the Holy Trinity. In the first part of the Gloria we will see a change that reflects more closely the song of the angels at the birth of Jesus as found in the gospel of Saint Luke: **Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to people of good will**. We will see other changes that become a direct translation of Scripture so that our Liturgy becomes a mirror of the Word. The peace of God is offered especially to those who seek Him and wish to do His will. So to those who seek goodness or "good will", God will grant His peace. This hymn which is a song of praise now enters into a build up of praise as we

sing, **We praise You, we bless You, we adore You, we glorify You thanks for your great glory**. It seems that we cannot stop praising and uttering words that express who awesome God is. Saint Paul tells us to sing words of praise to God to help raise us to His wondrous presence.

More over the next few weeks. Please be sure to take the handouts available throughout the Church.

Much peace!

Rev. Fr. Thomas V. Doyle

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

There are certain Bible verses Christian stewards have memorized. One of them is in Saint Paul's letter to the Philippians found in today's second reading—**I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me** (4:13). Most people define themselves either by their problems or their possibilities. Fearful people wake up each morning ensnared by their problems. Christian stewards wake up reflecting on their possibilities with confidence and hope. Some stewardship reflection questions for the week: What challenges do you back away from because you doubt that you are up to them? What would you attempt tomorrow if you were sure God would help you?

IS GOD CALLING YOU?

"Many are called, but few are chosen." Consider following Christ more closely as a priest, deacon or in consecrated life. Call the Vocation Office at 1-718-827-2454 or write: vocations@diobrook.org.

TRILINGUAL ROSARY

During October and May we celebrate a Rosary prayed in three languages (English, Creole and Spanish). Join us on Saturday, October 22nd at 2:00pm in Church as we pray the Rosary honoring Mary and invite friends and neighbors to join us. For further information please contact Sister Terry at 1-718-253-4404, extension 30.

PARISH OFFICE TO BE CLOSED

In observance of the civil holiday of Columbus Day, the Parish Office will be closed on Monday, October 10th and will reopen at 9:00am on Tuesday, October 11th. As a reminder there will be only one Mass on Monday, October 10th.

2011 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Goal	\$53,685.00
Pledged	\$58,517.50 (121.55%)
Received	\$53,174.62 (99.05%)
Registered Members	761
Donors	226 (29.70%)

To all who have so generously contributed to this Annual Appeal—thank you. For those who have not made a pledge/gift, there is still time and materials are available throughout the Church.

All monies received over our assigned goal will be returned back to the Parish.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Our parish support group for those grieving the loss of loved ones, usually meets on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month. In October, the group will gather on October 17th at 7:00pm in the Aquinas Center (2000 Flatbush Avenue). If you are interested in attending please contact Sister Terry at 1-718-253-4404, extension 30 prior to the meeting. Please pray for those in our parish community and beyond who are suffering the loss of a loved one at this time.

MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND

If you or another parishioner of Saint Thomas Aquinas is unable to come to church because of a temporary illness or recuperation from surgery or if you or someone you know is permanently homebound, please contact Sister Terry at 1-718-253-4404, extension 30, so that arrangements can be made to bring Holy Communion to you or to the other person in need. Also, if you are hospitalized and want the pastoral staff to be aware of your situation, please contact us directly since the privacy laws prevent the hospital from notifying us.

FEAST OF ALL SOULS

On Wednesday, November 2nd we will remember all of deceased loved ones at the 6:30am and Noon Masses.

On Saturday, November 5th at 10:30am, we will remember all those who have been buried from the Parish of Saint Thomas Aquinas. The next of kin will receive a letter of invitation and are asked to extend this invitation to other family members. We hope that all of you, their neighbors and friends will also try to be present at that time. At this celebration, each family that experienced the death of a loved one this year will be presented with a candle, they will be asked to place this candle by a picture of their loved ones.

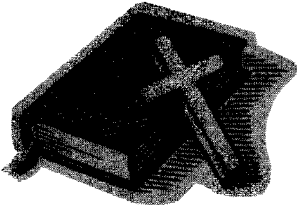
It is our privilege, as a people of faith, to remember all those who have gone before us, especially during the month of November. One of the ways we do this is by placing the names of the deceased by the tabernacle for the month of November and remembering them at each Mass.

If you have not done so already, please return the All Soul's envelope on which you list the names of your deceased loved ones. Envelopes are also available throughout the Church.

CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITY

The Catholic Young Adults will be having their "Spooktacular Dance" on Saturday, October 29th, 2011 at Saint Bernard Auditorium (East 69th Street and Avenue U) from 8:30pm to 1:00am for singles ages 25 to 49. There will be a DJ, continuous dancing, munchies, coffee, desert and sodas, door prizes and a great time to be had by all. Tickets are \$25.00 at the door and \$20.00 in advance. For more information please call Lou at 1-718-376-2441; or Mary Ann at 1-718-376-8294; or Michael at 1-718-209-8241.

MASS BOOK 2011



Masses are still available for the months of October-November-December 2011. The offering for each Mass is \$15.00 which may be paid for by check or cash; please

remember to bring the exact amount for the number of Masses you wish to arrange. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

SAINT EDITH STEIN CONVENT

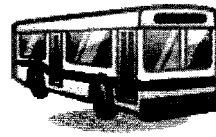
Over the past few weeks various individuals from the Diocese of Brooklyn and the Provincial Council of the Sisters have been to the convent to discuss the ever increasing issue of safety and health of the Sisters.

We have been aware of the fact that as the Rectory needed pointing, the Convent was also in need of repair and pointing. The need is even greater now; cracks have appeared and water is getting into the building. The damage done to the inside of the convent has raised concerns about health and safety—mold is present, certain sections of the convent plaster walls are soaked and cracked and falling, tiles in bathrooms have fallen and damage has been done to some flooring. The Parish has tried to respond to the repairs and the Sisters have tried to repair some damage, but the repairs have not held.

With the advise of the diocesan Building Office an architect will be hired to prepare a scope of work and an estimated costs of the repairs that need to be done to the exterior of the building, as well as the interior.

We are sure that you can understand the importance of what needs to be done and as decisions are made, the Parish will be advised.

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



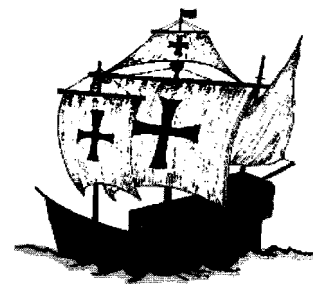
The Holy Name Society is sponsoring a bus trip to Atlantic City on **October 18, 2011** to Showboat. The bus leaves from in front of the Church at **8:30am**. For more information

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.





Welcoming The New Roman Missal

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

The Gloria

First sung in the 6th century.
By 11th century, sung at all Sun. Masses.

“**Glory to God...**” words taken from the
angels’ greeting to the shepherds. Lk.2:14

“**peace to people of good will**”
Uses inclusive language.

The repeated phrases of acclamation is
from the Latin original. Our meager
attempts to praise God.

Sins is plural. Jesus takes away the sins
of each of us and all of us.

“**Begotten**” is now added.
Jesus was not born like we were,
but begotten of the Father by the Holy
Spirit. This emphasizes the important
doctrine of the Incarnation and the Trinity.

The Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
And on earth peace to people of good will.
**We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.**

Lord Jesus Christ, **Only Begotten Son,**
Lord God, Lamb of God, **Son of the Father,**
you take away the **sins** of the world,
have mercy on us;

**You take away the sins of the world
receive our prayer;**
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

How Strategic Planning Relates to Evangelization

www.ChristJesusOurHope.org

"Go and Make Disciples of All Nations" - Matthew 28:19

This last charge of Christ in Matthew's Gospel, just at the moment of His Ascension, is the guiding mandate of the Church. We are called to reach out and invite others to be Disciples of Christ. All efforts of Church life are evaluated in light of this primary mission of evangelization.

In our current time, the Diocese is in the midst of a strategic planning process. This process is not a deviation from our primary mission given to us by Christ, but it is the necessary and appropriate conversation that we must now engage for the sake of the future of the Church and evangelization within our diocese.

Christ Jesus, Our Hope seeks to evaluate and address the real challenges of maintaining our parish buildings and fostering the growth of our faith communities at the same time. By its nature, this process does concern finances, revenue, expenses, resources and capital improvements. One might have the sense that this is a business meeting rather than a plan for evangelization. Yet, at the very heart of it is the question, "How are we to continue our primary mission as Catholics?"

In the long run, the maintenance of our parish churches and institutions is only important and necessary to the extent that they assist us in living out the mission given to us.

As the process moves forward, there may be some changes in our structures, a reduction of our buildings, changes in personnel, and a general tightening of our belts, but our essential mission to evangelize never changes.

Evangelization, ministry, service to God's people both now and into the future, is the test of our efforts and the goal of our plans.

For more information, visit our website, www.christjesusourhope.org.