

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, June 27, 2011

NOON John, Patricia & Thaddeus Walsh

TUESDAY, June 28, 2011

6:30am Darwin & Antonio Silva

NOON Intentions of the Celebrant

WEDNESDAY, June 29, 2011

6:30am Frank Fields

NOON Anthony Cetta

THURSDAY, June 30, 2011

6:30am Intentions of the Celebrant

NOON Vincent Malafronte

FRIDAY, July 1, 2011

NOON Shawn Maynard

SATURDAY, July 2, 2011

5:30pm Mary Downs

SUNDAY, July 3, 2011

8:00am People of the Parish

11:30am Elizabeth Lynagh

5:30pm Purgatorial Society



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Dear Parishioners:

The primary focus of today's Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ is the gift of his body and blood as food and drink. It celebrates Christ's gift of the Eucharist, the source and summit of our life together as his Church. In our sharing of the body of Christ, we become the body of Christ for one another.

The Eucharist reminds us of who we are about as Catholics. We are truly in communion with the risen Christ and continuing his ministry in the world. IN as much as we authentically live his Eucharist we become sacrament to the world.

More than a symbol, the celebration of the Eucharist enables us to respond to Jesus' self-sacrificing love and enter into ever deeper communion with him in his glorified Body and Blood. When we are at Mass, we are not there as spectators. We are there to participate. Together we proclaim the mystery of our faith. We are encouraged to fully, actively and consciously make this public prayer of the church our own personal prayer.

In each Eucharist, we remembered what Jesus' love does for us and we respond to his self-sacrificing love. Throughout the liturgy of the Eucharist we are invited to be fully, actively and consciously in communion with Jesus. And when we leave, we go in peace to continue his ministry.

The Eucharist is more than a presence. It is bread that is broken-broken to share. The words "body" and "blood" mean the life of Christ, offered for us, shared with us. It is divine life, a life that is characterized most of all by love. "The Body of Christ" is not just the bread, it is us. That's why the minister of the Eucharist says those words "Body of Christ" at the moment of Communion. And that's why we answer, Amen." This is a dynamic ongoing understanding of the Eucharist. Christ continues the redemptive act of love through us.

As a sacrament, the Eucharist is a sign that we are one or united with Christ, and we show his love in good works. The world is unfinished. Creation is still going on. And there are all kinds of hunger we need to respond to. We do that prompted by his word and as members of his body, The Body of Christ.

We who are the Body of Christ encounter him in bread and wine, in flesh and blood. When we take the bread in our hands and the cup to our lips, it is not a memory, but a living contact with Jesus Christ in faith and love. "Do this in remembrance of me," Jesus commands us. We "do this" not only when we break the bread and pour the wine, but when we share our love and good with others. When we "do this" we dine in God's kingdom of unity and love.

In Christ's peace,

Rev. Fr. Thomas V. Doyle

REMEMBER IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS



The Sick: Father Gary Rogers, 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, Melva Cordouar, Luis Lopera-Padilla

A Time to Die— Candy Maria Encinosa, Pasquale Derasmo.

Help us keep our sick list current; all names will remain on our list for three weeks unless notified otherwise. Please notify the Parish Office (1-718-253-4404) when changes occur. We enjoy hearing the good news of recovery.

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

Eileen Coyne donated by John & Ann Cortese.

PRAYER FOR THE FEAST OF THE BODY AND BLOOD OF JESUS

Jesus, may all that is in you flow into me.

May your Body and Blood be my food and drink.

May your passion and death be my strength and live.

Jesus, with you by my side enough has been given.

May the shelter I seek be the shadow of your cross.

Let me not run from the love which you offer, but hold me safe from the forces of evil.

On each of my dyings shed your light and your love. Keep calling to me until that day comes, when, with your saints, I may praise your forever. Amen.

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Among the compelling Eucharistic themes, proclaimed in today's readings is the notion of "participation" as found in Saint Paul's Letter to the Corinthians. Good stewards are part of a Eucharistic family: loving, welcoming, serving. An important part of living as a steward comes about in the many ways we can participate in the life of the Church. No matter how much we have to give, no matter what our skills or interests, no matter what our level of commitment, there is a way to participate as a good steward to enrich our lives, and build up the Body of Christ.

CATECHISTS WANTED FOR SEPTEMBER 2011

Are you someone who would like to share your faith with the young people of Saint Thomas Aquinas?

Do you have the following qualities:

- An open heart to share your faith,
- Patience to listen to our young people,
- And ability to laugh and a willingness to give it a try?

If you answers yes to any of the above questions, we have a place for you in our program. The pay isn't great, but the rewards are plentiful.

Please contact Mr. McCutchan at 718-253-4404, extension 31.

2011-2012 REGISTRATION FOR THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM



In order to properly plan for the Religious Education Program needs for the 2011-2012 school year, we are now accepting registrations for new and returning students. For new registrations, please call Mr. Kevin McCutchan (1-718-253-4404, ext. 31) to set up an appointment. For returning students, registration forms have been mailed. Please either mail the re-registration forms back or drop them off in the Parish Office. Re-registrations need to be completed by July 30th, 2011. A late fee per family will be charged after that date.

ROSARY SOCIETY ATLANTIC CITY TRIP



The Rosary Society is sponsoring a trip to Bally's Hotel in Atlantic City on **July 7, 2011**. The bus leaves from in front of the Church at **8:30am**. For more information please call 1-718-253-9058. All are welcome.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY ATLANTIC CITY TRIP



The Holy Name Society is sponsoring a bus trip to Atlantic City on **June 28, 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.

PLEASE REMEMBER

Parishioners and visitors are asked to turn off all cell phones, pagers, and other electronic devices when in church. Cell phones and pagers ringing (especially with distinctive ringtones) during Mass and other services are a distraction to others and detract from the sacred nature of worship.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

The Parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Williamsburg, Brooklyn is proud to present Feast 2011 honoring Our Lady of Mount Carmel and Saint Paulinus of Nola from July 6th through July 17th, 2011 (North 8th & Havemeyer Streets, Brooklyn). For more information, a complete program or directions call 1-718-384-0223 or long onto the website www.olmcfest.com.

IS GOD CALLING YOU?

"Whoever eats this bread will live forever?" The Gospel today concludes with these awesome words of promise. Who will bring the Bread of Life to the people longing for Eternal Life? As you recognize the importance of the priesthood, make a commitment to support vocations. God is calling priests today. Help to facilitate that call. Encourage someone to think about priesthood this week. If you are discerning a vocation please call 1-718-827-2454.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish is committed to creating and maintaining a safe environment for all children. As such, participation in **VIRTUS: Protecting God's Children** is **REQUIRED** for any parish/school employee or volunteer who ministers to or has access to children in any capacity in our parish or school **PRIOR** to beginning the ministry or volunteer activity. **VIRTUS** is an awareness program designed to educate and promote the best practices in ministry to create a safe environment for our children, specifically in regard to child abuse and its prevention. While the workshop, background check and signed Code of Conduct is required for all staff and volunteers, we encourage all parents or any adult in our faith community to attend the workshop. Parent or not, it is the responsibility of all of us to create and maintain a safe environment for all children. By building greater awareness among all members of our faith community, we will help to ensure a safe and nurturing environment for our children to continue to grow in their faith and their relationship with the Lord.

A **VIRTUS** workshop will be held at Saint Thomas Aquinas:

Date	Thursday, June 30th
Time	7:00pm to 10:00pm
Location	Aquinas Center 2000 Flatbush Avenue

Please register online for the workshop at www.virtus.org by clicking on the yellow "Registration" tab on the left side of the screen. Be sure to choose the Brooklyn Diocese to find our location.

MIDWOOD CATHOLIC ACADEMY

8TH GRADE CLASS SAYS FAREWELL

On Friday evening, June 17th, Midwood Catholic Academy held its Commencement Exercises for 51 Grade 8 graduates of the Class of 2011. Congratulations to the graduates and thank you to their parents and guardians for entrusting the education of their children to Midwood Catholic Academy.

2011 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

"One Bread...One Body...One Vibrant Church" reminds us that we are centered in the Eucharist, the great act of thanksgiving that is at the heart of our work together as Church."

Thank you for your participation and support of the 2011 Annual Catholic Appeal. To date generous parishioners have pledged **\$47,730.50** or **85.07%** of our goal. We are truly blessed. As you may be aware, all monies over our assigned goal are returned to the parish.

Every year, the Annual Catholic Appeal provides the means to continue the mission that Jesus has entrusted to us: to serve, to educate, to care for the poor and to be a beacon of light. The ministries, agencies, and programs that benefit from this effort allow us to fulfill the mission given to us as Catholics.

It is the hope of Bishop DiMarzio and the staff of Saint Thomas Aquinas that each family will make a gift. We cannot ask everyone to consider the same gift size, but we ask that you gift reflect how generous God has been to you with his gifts. Please prayerfully consider making a gift this week, materials are available throughout the Church.

2011 Parish Goal	\$53,685.00
Pledges-to-date	\$47,730.50 (85.07%)
Paid-to-date	\$35,028.62 (65.25%)

Thank you again for all your support of this parish, not only with your treasure, but with your time and talent as well.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

On the occasion of Pope Benedict XVI's 60th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination on Wednesday, June 28th, 2011 we will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following the Noon Mass on Friday, July 1st until 1:30pm when Benediction will be celebrated.

The Holy Father asked that prayers be offered for the sanctification of the clergy and for the gift of new and holy priestly vocations.

PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

Lord Jesus we come into your Eucharistic presence to thank you for the life and priestly vocation of Pope Benedict XVI. Bless him and his ministry as your Vicar and the Successor of Peter. Sanctify all your priests and configure them to your Sacred and Priestly Heart. Give to your Church new and holy priests, who will imitate your divine love and shepherd your people with care. You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, religious and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help us respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth. We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ, who live and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

DIVORCED, WIDOWED, SEPARATED

The next Beginning Experience weekend will be August 19-21, 2011 at the Monfort Spiritual Center in Bay Shore, Long Island. The program helps grieving single-again persons emerge from the darkness of grief into the light of a new beginning, and move into the future with renewed hope. Turn the pain of loss into an experience of positive growth. For more information call John at 1-516-822-0635, or Jim at 1-718-474-3779, or Karen at 1-201-736-8200.

PLAN TO ATTEND MASS WHILE ON VACATION

A wonderful service can help you to locate a Catholic church anywhere in the world. There is no charge for this service. They may be contacted online at www.masstimes.org or by calling 1-800-627-7846. They will provide you with the name of a church, Mass schedule and directions. This wonderful service is provided by the Daughters of Saint Paul in partnership with the Catholic Communication Campaign.

Speaking of vacations—have a great time, but please don't forget about us. Our parish work continues, the bills continue, and we continue to need your financial support. Please submit your donation envelopes before or after your trip.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

"In every diocese and in every parish and religious community, Peter's Pence are collected every year and sent to the center of the Church to be redistributed as required by the needs and requests that the Pope received from every corner of the earth." These words from an address of Benedict XVI expresses the need of today's second collection. The proceeds benefit the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Through your generosity, we can cast the peace of Christ upon the world. Please be as generous as your means permit.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES

The following members of our parish community have graduated this Spring.

Christina Emeh- MA (Clinical Psychology) University of Virginia

Angelica Emeh-BA (Anthropology) Hunter College

Look on these graduates with your love and bless them as they leave their respected schools and move forward in life.

