

## MASS SCHEDULE

**MONDAY, June 6, 2011**

NOON Maxwell Holland &  
In Thanksgiving

**TUESDAY, June 7, 2011**

6:30am Norman Sevory

NOON Intentions of the Celebrant

**WEDNESDAY, June 8, 2011**

6:30am Betty & Jack Rahming

NOON Vincent P. Gatens

**THURSDAY, June 9, 2011**

6:30am Intentions of the Celebrant

NOON Joan O'Neill

**FRIDAY, June 10, 2011**

NOON Intention of the Celebrant

**SATURDAY, June 11, 2011**

8:30am William Viole

5:30pm James & Joan Nelson

**SUNDAY, June 12, 2011**

8:00am People of Parish

Nancy Petryczenko

11:30am William Viole

5:30pm Purgatorial Society



## WEARING RED ON PENTECOST

In celebration of the Feast of Pentecost, you are invited to wear some red clothing to Mass on Pentecost weekend (June 11th/12th). Red is the traditional color associated with the Holy Spirit. Pentecost is a day of special joy as we celebrate the Gift of the Holy Spirit that was given to the Church on the first Pentecost and continues to be given to us today. Join the celebration!

## CABRINI CENTER FOR NURSING AND REHABILITATION

Are you caring for an elderly loved one with a chronic condition or with a development disability? You are not alone and they need not be either. Cabrini Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation's St. Josephine Tusei Senior Day Services offers clinical care and structured social activities to individual's living in Manhattan, the Bronx, Brooklyn or Queens in need of medical, nursing, and rehabilitative services in a beautiful, warm and nurturing environment overlooking the East River. The program, located at South Street and Rutgers Slip, runs 5 days a week from 8am to 4pm with extended hours available. In addition to medical care and recreational programming, the program includes transportation to and from the center and three nutritious meals (breakfast, lunch and a snack) each day. Medical, Private Pay and Long Term Care Insurance are accepted. For information, tours or to schedule your FREE trial day, please call 1-212-233-8402.

## 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, Frank Macchiarola, Gladys Santiago, Ellen M. Lehane

**A Time to Die—** Carol Brennan

*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.

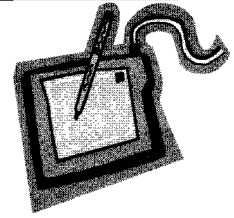
## MEMORIAL GIFTS

**Altar Bread & Wine—** In memory of **Cristino Gali** donated by Lydia Gali.

## TELEVISED SUNDAY MASS

The Sunday Mass is now airing on ABC Family from 6:30am to 7:00am each Sunday morning, in addition to all of our other channels that continue to bring our Mass to you. The Sunday Mass is produced by the Passionist Fathers and Brothers out of New York City. Too early for you? Tape it or TiVo it! For more information consult the website at [www.TheSundayMass.org](http://www.TheSundayMass.org).

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Dear Parishioners:

My God's healing, life-giving love fill your hearts today!

When I was pastor of Saint Mary Star of the Sea Parish in Brooklyn, I had a parishioner who was a marathon runner. This young man would run in preparation for the New York Marathon, as well as national ones. I asked him one day what was the hardest part of running a marathon? His response came quickly and without any hesitation: "Seeing the race to the end." He went on to say, "Father, sometimes you just want to quit. Your head plays all kinds of games with you, leaving you feeling alone, abandoned, and forsaken." That sounds like a lot of life situations.

We are at the point of the school year when we have to muster enough energy to get us to the end. Children are incredibly restless this time of year. Fortunately, Mother Nature has kept temperatures rather cool (until recently), otherwise teachers and students would be cashing in their school clothes or uniforms for beach wear. Adults, are looking for the day when windows and doors can stay open and jackets, ties and sweaters can give way to t-shirts, shorts and sandals. We have to see the seasons of the year to the end. We cannot rush them or wish them over, we have to see them through.

When I was younger I wanted to be older. As I grow older I want to be younger. Our personal philosophy of life will guide and direct our experience of each day. As people of faith, we have to rely on the Lord Jesus who said: "***I am with you always, until the end of the world.***" The Lord Jesus taught his disciples to pray for our daily bread. He cautioned his disciples about worrying about what tomorrow will bring, we have to see each day through to its conclusion and then welcome each new day with new opportunities.

I remember presiding at a memorial service for a friend's mother. His mother lived to be 87. She spent the last few years of her life in a nursing facility. I always enjoy listening to people's life stories. This woman, like most of her generation, grew up poor, but didn't worry about it. She worked hard, caring for her parents and siblings, raising her own six children while helping others. She always had time for a smile and a kind word.

I sometimes have to catch myself because I can easily slide into complaints and lament about weather, politics, young people, etc. If I truly believe that Jesus Christ is the Lord of my life then I need to know that he will give me the grace, strength, and courage to see each day through. I have to trust in God's amazing grace and know that each day will bring its share of joys and challenges, accomplishments and disappointments, successes and failures. What the Lord Jesus asks is that we see the race to the end, confident that God knows much more than I will ever know.

Let us pray for an Easter faith. Confident assurance that the Risen Lord will never abandon us, forsake us, or disappoint. Let us pray that we can get through the most difficult parts of the race by picturing in our minds what it will take to cross the finish line to the cheer of all who know and love us.

Easter peace!

**Rev. Fr. Thomas V. Doyle**



### WE ARE GRATEFUL

The Holy Name Society has made a \$2,000.00 donation to the 2011 Annual Catholic Appeal—thank you for your continued generosity to the Parish and to the Diocese of Brooklyn.

Last weekend a collection was taken up for the victims of the tornados in the south and Midwest, a check in the amount of \$1,293.00 was sent to the Diocese of Brooklyn to forward to Catholic Charities USA.

### 2011 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL CAN YOU HELP THOSE IN NEED?

When Pope Benedict XVI came to New York City in 2008, his message at Saint Patrick's Cathedral was a powerful one, reminding each of us of the call to *live fully our different vocations by reaching out a hand of love and compassion to the very same people Christ came to serve—the poor, the needy, and the vulnerable in our world.*

Your pledge/gift to the 2011 Annual Catholic Appeal will help those in need here in our parish and across the Diocese of Brooklyn. Please know that every gift/pledge, regardless of its size, is important. *Pledges are a journey of faith to both the Diocese of Brooklyn as well as the Parish of Saint Thomas Aquinas.* If each one of us prayerfully considers making a sacrifice to help, we can be the hands of Christ here in our parish.

#### Update as of May 31th, 2011

<b>Goal</b>	<b>\$53,685.00</b>
<b>Active Members</b>	<b>734</b>
<b>Donors to date</b>	<b>148 (20.16%)</b>
<b>Pledged</b>	<b>\$41,815.50 (77.89%)</b>
<b>Received</b>	<b>\$29,017.62 (54.05%)</b>

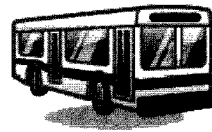
You can still make a pledge; please consider this opportunity to help those in need by completing one of the pledge envelopes located throughout the Church. You can return it by placing it in the collection basket or mailing it to the Stewardship and Development Office of the Diocese of Brooklyn.

### MIDWOOD CATHOLIC ACADEMY MAKE YOUR FAMILY, PART OF OUR FAMILY

Midwood Catholic Academy offers a faith-filled environment and academic excellence. Now registering for the 2011-2012 School Year. Please call the School Office at 1-718-377-1800 to make an appointment to get a tour of the school and for any other information.

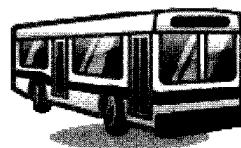
### ROSARY SOCIETY ATLANTIC CITY TRIP

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.



## **SPECIAL COLLECTION TODAY RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT FUND**

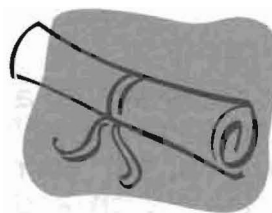
The Annual Religious Retirement Collection will be taken up this weekend in an effort to assist religious congregations with the health care needs of their elderly members. The history in the Catholic Church in the United States is blessed with countless stories about sisters and brothers who served the needs of the People of God and who often offered their services at great personal sacrifice, and for the modest stipends which did not allow much planning for retirement.

Many of you have fond and grateful memories of the sisters and brothers who served here at Saint Thomas Aquinas in the school and parish during the many years of our history and who passed on the faith and helped our members in ways that will always be remembered. As these religious have aged, their care has become more and more financially challenging for their congregations.

The Bishops of Brooklyn and Rockville Centre initiated this annual appeal approximately 23 years ago to assist religious congregations with the care of elderly members and the Catholic people, anxious to show their gratitude and love, have been very generous and the congregations deeply appreciate their help.

Please be as generous as your means permit.

## **CELEBRATING OUR GRADUATES**



We would like to acknowledge the accomplishments of our parish high school and college graduates. Please call the Parish Office and leave their name and their school name; and if from college their area of study. We will publish all names in an upcoming bulletin. Congratulations to one and all.

## **EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Please note that there will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following the Noon Mass on Friday, June 10th. However, the Church will remain open till 2:00pm for quiet and personal prayer. Thanking you in advance for your understanding.

## **MIDWOOD CATHOLIC ACADEMY GRADUATES**

The 8th Grade students from Midwood Catholic Academy will be present at the 5:30pm Mass on Saturday, June 11th. They will be sitting in the front of the Church, please make they feel welcomed.

