

Good News!

Douglaston/Little Neck, New York

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Jesus took Peter, James, and his brother, John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate and were very much afraid. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and do not be afraid." And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one else but Jesus alone.

As they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, "Do not tell the vision to anyone until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

Matthew 17:1-9



Transfiguration OF THE LORD

Feast of the
Transfiguration
of the Lord

August 6, 2017

Saint Anastasia church

Established 1915

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Parish Mission Statement

To Proclaim the good news of Christ's love through our active involvement, as a Parish community, in works of Charity, Faith, Worship and Justice.

All are welcome!

NO MATTER what your present status is in the Catholic Church;
NO MATTER your family situation; NO MATTER where you are in the practice of faith;
NO MATTER what your personal history, age, background;
NO MATTER what your self-image may be; YOU are invited, welcomed, respected & loved at St. Anastasia

Parish Membership

All new families are welcome to the Parish and every family should be properly registered. Registration forms are available at the Rectory.

Use of the electronic giving (Faith Direct) or envelope system is required if statement of contribution is sought for tax purposes. All parishioners should use either one of the donation forms. If you move or change your address, please notify the Rectory by mail.

Sacrament of Baptism

First Sunday of each month at 1:30 PM only. Parents should make arrangements by calling the Rectory no later than 2 weeks before Baptism. Parents must attend the Baptism instructions before Baptism

Sacrament of Matrimony

Time available: Saturday 11 AM—3 PM and Sunday 2:30 PM—3 PM. Couples must make arrangements six months prior to the selected date of their marriage and fully participate in the Pre-Cana program.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

It is the process for adults wishing to become Catholic, complete their sacramental initiation, or attain full membership in the Church. For further information, please contact Mrs. Janine Kramer.

Liturgies

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil at 5:00. **Sundays** at 8 AM, 10 AM, 12 PM & 5 PM
For the actual schedule of liturgies of the week check the Mass Intentions section on the last page of the Bulletin.

Weekday Masses

Monday thru Saturday at 8:30 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays 4—4:30 PM

Holy Days and Special Liturgies

Mass schedules for holy days are printed on Sundays before the feasts and solemnities occur. For advance information, please call the Rectory Office.

Devotions

Miraculous Medal Novena: Mondays after 8:30 AM Mass

Rosary: Weekdays before 8:30 AM Mass

Reflections

Ordinary Time: Summer A Sense of the Season

What do the words Ordinary Time mean? Dorothy Day said, "The words 'Ordinary Time' in our prayer books put me in a state of confusion and irritation. To me, no time is ordinary." She was right. The Ordinary in "Ordinary Time" refers to ordinal—counted—time, not to a lack of something to celebrate.



The Roman document, General Norms for the Liturgical Year and Calendar, says: "Apart from those seasons having their own distinctive character [Advent, Christmastime, Lent, Triduum and Eastertime], 33 or 34 weeks remain in the yearly cycle that do not celebrate a specific aspect of the mystery of Christ. Rather, especially on the Sundays, they are devoted to the mystery of Christ in all its aspects."

How do we celebrate "the mystery of Christ in all its aspects"? We gather every Sunday. Sunday is our original feast day. Christians have gathered every Sunday—the day of Christ's resurrection, the first day of the week—ever since there were Christians.

When we gather on Sundays in Ordinary Time, as always, we hear the scriptures proclaimed. The church reads straight through "the gospel of the year," either Matthew, Mark or Luke, each week often picking up where we left off last week. (We read John during Lent and Easter, and on feasts.) The first readings, from the first testament of the Bible, have been chosen for their relationship to the gospel passages. Many voices are heard throughout summer Ordinary Time. We also read through some of the letters of the second testament of the Bible. The mystery of Christ "in all its aspects" unfolds.

What is the heart of our Sunday celebration? We do our eucharist; that is, we do our thanksgiving. We praise and thank God for all creation; we pray for the whole world, as we remember Christ's life, death and resurrection. We share the bread and wine, the body and blood. We are sent forth to be the body and blood of Christ in our homes, our workplaces, our neighborhoods, our towns, our cities, our country, our world.

"What happens in our churches every Sunday is the fruit of our week. What happens as the fruit of the week past is the beginning of the week to come. Sunday is simultaneously a point of arrival and departure for Christians on their way to the fullness of the kingdom. This is not ordinary at all. This is the fabric of Christian living." (Saint Andrew Bible Missal [Brooklyn: William J. Hirten Co., 1982.]

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Marian Healing Ministry

St. Anastasia Church
45-14 245th Street
Douglaston, N.Y. 11362



Healing Mass
Tuesday, August 22, 2017

7:00 PM – Rosary, Mass and Healing Service
For information, call (718) 631-4454.

Religious Education

2017 - 2018 Academic Year Registration

St. Anastasia Office of Religious Education is accepting registration for our September Classes.

First to Fourth Grade

Wednesdays
2:45 PM - 4:00 PM

Fifth to Eighth Grade

Wednesdays
7:00 PM - 8:15 PM

Please contact Mrs. Kramer with any questions you may have.
dre@stanastasia.info
718-225-5191

Former students will be receiving a pre-filled form by mail in mid June... New students... please contact Mrs. Kramer to arrange an appointment for registration. Thank you.

Saint Anastasia Catholic Teen Ministry

Our Mission

To live the good news of Jesus Christ through a comprehensive ministry of works of charity, faith, and fellowship.



To Join

Call or email:
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Pope: Remember the Day of Your Baptism

2017-08-02 VATICAN RADIO — Pope Francis on Wednesday resumed his General Audiences, after they were suspended during the month of July for a summer break.

The Holy Father once more took up the theme of Christian Hope, focusing on the Sacrament of Baptism, the Gateway of Hope.

In his catechesis, Pope Francis spoke about several aspects of the Baptismal liturgy. The older form of Baptism anticipated catechumens making the first part of their profession of faith turned to the west. After rejecting Satan, they turned to the apse, toward the east, where the sun rises, and professed their faith in God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

In our times, the Pope said, we have lost our fascination with this rite; we have lost our “sensitivity to the language of the cosmos.” But we have retained the significance of the rite: To be a Christian means “to look to the light, to continue to make the profession of faith in the light, even when the world is wrapped up in the night and in darkness”:

Christians, he said, are not exempt from darkness. “They do not live outside the world, but through the grace of Christ received in Baptism, they are men and women who are ‘oriented’: they do not believe in darkness, but in the brightness of the day; they do not succumb to the night, but hope in the dawn; they are not defeated by death, but are yearning to rise again; they are not bent down by evil, because they trust always in the infinite possibilities of goodness. And this is our Christian hope.”

The Pope also looked at the symbolism of the gift of a candle during the Baptism ceremony. The candle is lit from the Paschal candle, and recalls the Easter vigil liturgy when the light goes out from the Paschal candle to all the individual candles, and the whole Church is illuminated. The life of the Church, the Pope said – using a strong expression – is a kind of “contamination” by the light of Christ, which is spread from one to another. “The more of the light of Jesus that we have as Christians, the more of the light of Jesus there is in the life of the Church, and the more the Church lives.”

Finally Pope Francis gave the faithful a kind of “homework assignment.” He asked those present to remember the day of their Baptism, “which is the date of your rebirth, it is the date of the light, it is the date in which...we were contaminated by the light of Christ.”

“What a grace it is,” the Holy Father said in conclusion, “when a Christian truly becomes a ‘Christopher’,” a “bearer of Christ” in the world. “If we would be faithful to our Baptism, we would spread the light of hope – Baptism is the beginning of hope, that hope of God – and we would pass on to future generations reasons for life.”

Pope Francis at Angelus: Gospel Joy Opens Hearts

2017-07-30 VATICAN RADIO — Ahead of the Sunday Angelus prayer with pilgrims and tourists in St. Peter’s Square, Pope Francis shared a reflection on two of the three parables from the 13th chapter of the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, which were read during Mass on Sunday.

Focusing exclusively on the parables of the hidden treasure and the pearl of great price, the Holy Father said, “This day, we are exhorted to contemplate the joy of the farmer,” who sells all he has in order to purchase the field wherein he had hidden the treasure he discovered, “and of the merchant,” who sells all he had in order to purchase the pearl of great price.

“It is the joy of each of us when we discover the closeness and consoling presence of Jesus in our lives,” he said.

“A presence,” Pope Francis went on to say, “that transforms the heart and opens us to [meet] the needs and to welcome our brothers and sisters, especially the weakest ones.”

Pope Francis Appeals for End to Human Trafficking

2017-07-30 VATICAN RADIO — Pope Francis called for increased efforts to end human trafficking on Sunday. The Holy Father’s appeal came in remarks following the Angelus prayer with pilgrims and tourists gathered in St. Peter’s Square, on the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time and the World Day against Trafficking in Persons, sponsored by the United Nations. Below, please find the full text of Pope Francis’ appeal.

Today is the World Day against Trafficking in Persons, promoted by the United Nations. Each year, thousands of men, women and children are innocent victims of sexual and organ trafficking, and it seems that we are so accustomed to seeing it as a normal thing. This is ugly, it is cruel, it is criminal! I would like to draw on everyone’s commitment to make this aberrant plague, a modern form of slavery, adequately countered. Let us pray together the Virgin Mary to support the victims of trafficking and to convert the hearts of traffickers.



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Like Saint Ignatius of Loyola, let us be won over by the Lord Jesus and, led by Him, place ourselves at the service of others.

Community Happenings

Bereavement Gathering

Heart To Heart Ministry, Bereavement Gathering. "From the arms of Love to the Arms of love...Love will keep us". Saturday, September 30th. 9:30 AM -12:00 Noon. Mini Brunch Bereavement Gathering - St. Bellermaine Parish 56-15 213th Street. Bayside, N.Y. (school auditorium). Music by Carlos Lazarus, compassionate Reflections and a Celebration of the Gift of Gentle Peace. To Register: Call Sr. Ave Clark, O.P. (718) 428-2471.

Note from the 111th Precinct

The 111th Precinct is making us all aware of the theft of Rims and tires from parked cars on our streets of Little Neck and Douglaston. The thieves are particularly targeting Honda, Nissan and Toyota models. Here are a couple of Suggestions from the police department: Turn your wheels in when parking your car on the street –to make it more difficult to remove rims & tires. If you see any suspicious activity call 911 immediately! You may remain anonymous if you wish – but the most important thing is to be observant – the community's involvement is essential to catching a thief. We all need to watch out for each other!

Atlantic City Trip

St. Josaphat's, Bayside Leisure Club CASINO TRIP to Tropicana, Atlantic City, Wednesday, August 16th. Depart in front of church 210th St. and 35th Ave. at 8:30 am. Cost \$32.00 get back \$25.00. For reservations and info call Joy 917-921-7631.

Feast of Saint Rocco



**Please come and join us
in celebrating the
8th Annual Feast Day
of Saint Rocco**

Patron of the Sick & Suffering

**Our Lady of the Snows
258-15 80th Avenue
Floral Park, NY 11004
Tel. # 718-347-6070
Email: church@olsnows.org**

**Sunday August 13, 2017
Mass - 3:00 pm, then Novena,
Procession, followed by
fellowship in the White Room**

For more information - Luz E. Rebong - Home # 718-217-9424 - Mobile # 718-598-1795

Saint Rocco was born in Montpellier in France in 1295. His parents, John and Liberia, were wealthy and very devout Christians. When he was 20 years old he lost his parents. He sold his property for the benefit of the poor and decided to go on a pilgrimage to Rome. When he reached Piacenza in northern Italy he took care of the victims of the plague, which eventually infected him too! By divine intervention a dog brought him a piece of bread daily. One day the owner of the dog followed his pet and saw the plague-stricken Saint Rocco and nursed him back to health. Once healed, Saint Rocco continued to take care of the plague victims. Later on, he returned home and because of the regional war he was suspected of being a spy. He was put in prison and there he languished and died of hunger and want. Only when his relatives were getting ready to bury him did they notice the birthmark of a cross on his chest. After his death on August 16, 1327, devotion to Saint Rocco spread to Italy, France, Germany, England, Spain and the Philippines.



**Fr. Jeremy Canna
Parochial Vicar**

**Our Lady of the Snows Church
Main Celebrant**

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"... and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light." Find out how Love and communication can ease your

burdens by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next WWME Weekends are Sep 15-17, 2017 in Huntington, NY and Aug 11-13, 2017 in WAPPINGERS FALLS, NY. For more information, call

Richard & Karen Roginski at 877-697-9963 or visit us at <https://bq-wwme.org>

Community Happenings Cont...

Fall Golf Classic

18th Annual Ozanam Fall Golf Classic honoring Peter Reali, Royal Waste Services, Inc. September 14, 2017, North Hills Country Club, Manhasset, NY. For information please contact Gail D. O'Donovan, Director of Development. 718.971.2020, Fax 718.971.2025, godonovan@ozanamhall.org

A Guided Retreat

Heart Themes in the Gospel: A Guided Retreat. Sunday-Friday August 13th -18th. Facilitated by Fr. Roch Ciandella OFM. Fee: \$450 single \$400. Double (a non-refundable deposit of \$50. Is due by August 7th). The heart is the center of our very selves: of our thinking, feeling and acting. We will consider what the gospels teach us regarding the non-violent heart...the heart moved by compassion ...purity of heart ...the understanding and discerning heart ...the forgiving heart...where your treasure is, there is your heart also... fidelity of heart...and not losing heart ...a servant's heart for mission...entering into the heart of the Father. Scripture passages and reflection questions will provide material for personal journaling. Each day, the presenter will offer a reflection and daily Mass with a homily. Opportunities for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, a penance service and confession will be available. Book online, call or email our main office to reserve your seat. Space is limited. St. Joseph Retreat Center. 850 Hylan Blvd. Staten Island, N.Y. 10305. (718)720-1097. SJretreatCenter.org.

10 Days in the Holy Land

November 6-15, 2017, \$3299 per person. Hosted by: Fr. Roberto Mirsel SVD and Fr. John John Mendonca. For a detailed brochure contact: frjohn6363@gmail.com. Our Lady of The Angelus: 63-63 98th Street. Rego Park, N.Y. 11374. (718) 897-4444.

St. Aloysius Sociables Wednesday Monthly Luncheon

1:00 P.M., August 23, 2017, sponsored by the St. Aloysius Sociables of Great Neck, at Jonathan's Restaurant, 2499 Jericho Turnpike, Garden City Park. Cost: Price of your meal. Please call John Hyland (516) 482-3795 for reservations.

Pilgrimage to Our Lady of the Martyrs Shrine

Division 15 A.O.H. Whitestone.N.Y. Pilgrimage to Our Lady of the Martyrs Shrine at Auriesville, N.Y. September 24, 2017, \$45. Pp. Includes: barbeque lunch recreation and fresh air. Departing at 7:00 AM sharp. St. Mel's Church. 154th Street and 26th Avenue. Full payment due: September 10th. Contact: Edward Rice: (917) 209-5829. edaohrice11362@gmail.com

He Was A Migrant Too!

Feeling confused and vulnerable? Based on the principles of our founder, Blessed John Baptist Scalabrini, we aim to create social and legal assistance to ALL migrants, thus safeguarding their human rights. All are welcome. Services we provide: Low Cost Legal Assistance With An Immigration Lawyer, Immigration Forms And Filing,

Spirit of Christmas Concert



This Year once again Futures in Education of the Diocese of Brooklyn will present The Spirit of Christmas - another exciting concert at Lincoln Center's David Geffen Hall. This concert will take place on Monday, December 18, 2017 at 8:00 PM. This is a wonderful event which benefits our Catholic Schools and Academies in Brooklyn and Queens.

Please put the date on your calendar and consider buying tickets for this very Successful and festive event to begin celebrating Christmas. We will post more information by the summer's end. This promises to once again be a spectacular evening for people of the Church in Brooklyn and Queens as we all jopin our bishop, Most Rev. Nicholas DiMarzio to celebrate in the great spirit of Christmas while benefiting those students and families in need across Brooklyn and Queens. Ticket prices are:

- Prime orchestra -\$125
- Orchestra-\$100.
- Rear Orchestra - \$75.
- Tier 1- \$75
- Tier 2- \$50
- Tier 3- \$45

To reserve a group of Tickets:
Contact Lauren McCormack at (718) 965-7308 xx7308

For all other questions regarding this concert please contact John Heyer at (718) 965-7308 x1613.

Immigration Status Consultation, Language Translations, Referrals To Social Services, Immigration Advocacy. We are located in the premises of Our Lady of Pompeii Church. Scalabrini Center NYC 25-B Carmine St NYC 10014. 646-678-4097, info@scalabrinicenternyc.org www.scalabrinicenternyc.org. Roberto Lo Presti, Paralegal, Executive Director.



Remember
the Global Church
in Your Prayer

Bread & Wine Memorial

In Memory of
Mary Koch
Elizabeth Wheelen
August 6 — 12, 2017



Prayer Intentions

Please remember in your prayers our brothers and sisters who are sick and all those who have died, especially:

- Elizabeth Grill
- Nicholas Bubany



Holy Father's Prayer Intentions

August 2017
Artists

That artists of our time, through their ingenuity, may help everyone discover the beauty of creation.

Stewardship

We Are Very Grateful for Your Parish Support
Please give electronically through Faith Direct!

Enroll at **www.faithdirect.net**. Our church code is **NY28**.



St. Anastasia Parish Registration

We welcome visitors who have joined us today. If you wish to join our faith community, please fill out this form and place in collection basket during Mass or drop it off at the Rectory.

Name

Address

Phone Email

Mass Intentions



Saturday, August 5, 2017	
5:00 PM	Kenneth H. Breed
Sunday, August 6, 2017	
8:00 AM	
10:00 AM	Michael Schirling Rose Mary Percoco
12:00 Noon	Giuseppe Cascio Manuel F. Salvador
5:00 PM	For the People of St. Anastasia Parish
Monday	
8:30 AM	Frank J. Bilz
Tuesday	
8:30 AM	Peter Miller Elizabeth Wheelen
Wednesday	
8:30 AM	Brenda Jean Mazzara
Thursday	
8:30 AM	Andrew and Arcangela Casagrande
Friday	
8:30 AM	Klara Deuber Bridget McGonigle
Saturday	
8:30 AM	Vincent Cacciola Dominica Tantillo
Saturday Vigil, August 12, 2017	
5:00 PM	Maria and Joseph Cortese Angela and Umberto Savocchi 50th Anniversary (Living)
Sunday, August 13, 2017	
8:00 AM	Dolores M. Murphy Margaret and William Ferry, Sr.
10:00 AM	John J. Cunniff Aurora Lee
12:00 Noon	Palma Gagliardi Ray Riso
5:00 PM	For the People of St. Anastasia Parish

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