

Good News!

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Douglaston/Little Neck, New York



On that day, Jesus went out of the house and sat down by the sea. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat down, and the whole crowd stood along the shore. And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil. It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep, and when the sun rose it was scorched, and it withered for lack of roots. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold. Whoever has ears ought to hear."

Fifteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

July 16, 2017

Matthew 13:1-9



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

St. Kateri Tekakwitha
July 14



What heroic deeds cause us to remember Kateri Tekakwitha, who died at the age of 24, only seven years after she was baptized? Kateri was born in upstate New York in 1656. Her mother, a Christian Algonquin, and her father, a Mohawk warrior, died of smallpox when Kateri was four. Kateri survived the epidemic but was left disfigured and partially blind. She grew up in the care of her uncle.

When Kateri was eleven, a group of Jesuit missionaries (called “Blackrobes” by the native peoples) visited Kateri’s village. Their stories touched her deeply. At the age of 17, she took the courageous step of being baptized. Her decision to be baptized angered her relatives. They knew of so-called Christians who had burned villages and brought deadly diseases to the Native American peoples. Kateri also chose not to marry, which was unthinkable for a young girl in her culture.

The opposition of her relatives to her choices led Kateri to flee to a Christian settlement near Montreal. There she taught young children and cared for the sick and aged. She quickly became known for her remarkable acts of penance and prayer. But soon her health began to fail. She died in 1680 at the age of 24.

Because she followed the traditional Christian virtues of prayer, fasting and works of mercy to such an extraordinary degree, it was not long before word of her life spread far and wide. Kateri was beatified, a preliminary step for sainthood, in 1980. She is the first Native American and the first American lay person to receive this honor. We honor the “Lily of the Mohawks” each year on July 14.

St. Kateri Tekakwitha was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI on Oct. 21, 2012.

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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

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Pope to Catechists: Be Creative

2017-07-12 VATICAN RADIO — Pope Francis has sent a message to an International Catechetical Symposium which is taking place this week at the Pontifical Catholic University of Argentina in Buenos Aires, and has as its theme “blessed are those who believe”.

In the message to the symposium, the Holy Father points out that “being a catechist is a vocation of service in the Church, that has been received as a gift from the Lord and must in turn be transmitted.”

He goes on to say that the catechist walks with Christ, therefore is not a person who starts from his own ideas and tastes. He or she looks for the Lord and that searching makes their heart burn.

Pope Francis also notes in his message that the role of the catechist is a creative one because this person seeks different ways and means to announce the good news of Christ. The Pope adds that “this quest to make Jesus known as supreme beauty leads us to find new signs and forms for the transmission of the faith.”

The means may be different, the Holy Father underlines, “but the important thing is to keep in mind the style of Jesus, who adapted to the people around him in order to bring them the love of God.”

The Pope continues that, it is necessary to know how to “change” and adapt, in order to transmit God’s message even though the message itself is always the same.

Finally, Pope Francis encourages catechists taking part in the symposium to be joyful messengers, guardians of good and beauty who shine in the faithful life of the missionary disciple.

Catholic Question

Worshipful Attire: Proper Dress for Sunday & Holy-Day Mass

As we are facing yet another sweltering NYC summer, it is important to keep cool and everyone's desire to be comfortable. Truly understandable, but such casual attire is not appropriate at ALL times and in ALL places. Specific types of clothing are expected -- dare I say: required -- when attending certain events in certain places. No one would dare (I hope) attend a wedding reception or go to a job interview in shorts and a tank top. Why? It is simply not appropriate; it denotes a lack of required respect and understanding.

The same goes for Mass and other liturgies like baptisms and confirmations. Just as a priest wears a cassock or a clerical outfit (black shirt with Roman collar and long black pants) and a deacon wears either the same or business attire -- with heavy liturgical vestments on top -- we laypersons too should have certain types of clothes set aside specifically for church. Such is one way that we can better exercise our "priesthood of the faithful."

TRUE: The most important thing is that one attends Mass; one's presence is indeed paramount. Having said that, one should not come to church without first considering his / her attire. Dressing properly for church indicates one's devotion and is a sign of respect toward God, His ordained ministers, and His Church.

I am not at all saying that the faithful must don expensive suits, tuxedos, and ball gowns; however, Catholics seem to have lost the sense of what is proper when attending Mass. For some reason, there is no longer a concept of one's "Sunday best." Try entering a synagogue or a Protestant house of worship -- dressed in shorts and a T-shirt. The minister, cantor, or usher will tell you respectfully -- but quite firmly -- that you may not enter unless you are properly attired. In addition, unless something has changed dramatically in Europe, a tourist cannot enter a Catholic Church even just to light a candle or see the inside unless he / she is dressed "respectfully."

Of course, church is not meant to be a fashion show nor a way for the well-to-do to show off pricey garments; however, one also should not come to church as if he / she just came out of a pool or a dance club. One's attire at church should be classy and seemly at all times so as to be respectful and not distracting.

Although quite comfortable, shorts and flip flops are NEVER acceptable attire for Mass. Such items should be reserved for beach and boardwalk. Men should also wear shirts with sleeves; tank tops which reveal chest, shoulders, and armpits -- even if shaved -- are simply gauche. These might be good for the gym but are never so at solemn liturgical functions.

Women should wear items that are not revealing: blouse / dress necklines should not be too low and skirts / dresses should not be too high. Skirts really should not be higher than the knees; this length rightly takes into account any

movement of the skirt when a woman bends or sits. Any blouse that is very tight-fitting or shows cleavage should be avoided. Such attire lacks Christian modesty.

Finally, when serving at the chancel -- as an altar server, lector, cantor, or Eucharistic minister -- sneakers should never be worn unless one has a foot injury or has recently had foot surgery. Lay ministers, as parish leaders, should maintain an even higher standard and dress in an exemplary fashion.

Please understand: I have no desire to appoint myself the ultimate arbiter of what is appropriate or to be the "clothes police." It is also NOT AT ALL my intention to offend anyone or "sit in judgment"; however, I have noticed how drastically the general attitude regarding church attire has changed -- and not for the better. As already noted, persons of other faiths that do not have the Lord physically present in their houses of worship as we do, dress considerably better no matter how hot and humid. Sadly, nowadays, the attitude in Catholic parishes is: "What is the difference? What is the big deal?" This lax attitude is not what we should have when we approach Christ in the sacraments -- and the ordained ministers conferring such. We must always keep in mind that how we dress is also a form of worship, elevating our thoughts toward God and recognizing His presence and His glory.

If anyone has any comments or questions regarding this article or any other Catholic-related question, please do not hesitate to contact me (Angelo A. Sedacca) at chevalierdu-tau@aol.com. Please write CATHOLIC QUESTION in the subject box.



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:
Deacon Vinny Lino
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THEATRE BOX of Floral Park

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Performances

Thurs	Aug 3	8:00 PM
Fri	July 28, Aug 4	8:00 PM
Sat	July 29, Aug 5	8:00 PM
Sun	July 30	2:00 PM

Reservations

Call: 516-900-2031
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Admission (cash or check only)

Adults:	\$17.00
Seniors (65+):	\$12.00
18 & Under:	\$ 7.00

Location

United Methodist Church of Floral Park
35 Verbena Avenue
Floral Park, NY 11001

Community Happenings

Atlantic City Trip

American Martyrs Leisure Club, Atlantic City Trip. Wednesday, August 9th we are planning a trip to Resorts Casino in Atlantic City. We will leave from the parking lot on Union Turnpike at 9:15 AM returning about 9:15 pm Cost: \$35. For information and reservations call: Rosemarie at (718) 479-9479. American Martyrs Church 79 -43 Bell Blvd. Bayside, N.Y. 11364. (718) 464-4582.

Spanish Charismatic Prayer Group

St Josaphat Church, Bayside, Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group - Spanish - Worship and Teaching. July 30th after 12pm Mass. Osvaldo Fernandez preaching-Adonani Music Ministry. Free adm - food will be sold. Free parking buses Q13, Q28 Q31. Info 516-451-5460 Juan.

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.

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>

Summer Casino Trip

St. Josaphat's Leisure Club Summer Casino Trip to the Tropicana, Atlantic City. Gamble, shop or walk the boardwalk. Cost \$32.00 get back \$25. Wednesday, July 12. Leave at 8:30. For reservations and info call Joy 917 921 7631.

St. Aloysius Sociables

Wednesday Monthly Luncheon: 1:00 P.M. July 19th, 2017, sponsored by the St. Aloysius Sociables of Great Neck, at Union Restaurant, 661 Northern Blvd., Great Neck. Cost: Price of your meal. Please contact John Hyland (516) 482-3795 for reservations.

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.

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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.

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, 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.

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.

Bread & Wine Memorial

In Memory of
Mary T. Sheridan
July 16 – 23, 2017



Prayer Intentions

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

- Brenda Jean Mazzara
- Rosemarie Percoco



Holy Father's Prayer Intentions

July 2017
Lapsed Christians

That our brothers and sisters who have strayed from the faith, through our prayer and witness to the Gospel, may rediscover the merciful closeness of the Lord and the beauty of the Christian life.

Stewardship

Comparison of collection and attendance numbers from the past two years to the present:

Week of	7/9/2017	7/10/2016	7/12/2015
Collection	\$9,828	\$9,890	\$9,397
Attendance	771	804	722

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 Vigil, July 15, 2017
5:00 PM Laszlo and Ilona Keszthelyi (Living)
Celebrating 50th Wedding Anniversary

Sunday, July, 16, 2017
8:00 AM William and Mary Rose

10:00 AM Maria Fernanda Moreno
Nelson Ho

12:00 Noon Royce A. Mulholland
Marie Denise St. Aime

5:00 PM For the People of St. Anastasia Parish

Monday
8:30 AM For the People of St. Anastasia Parish

Tuesday
8:30 AM Grazia Macaluso

Wednesday
8:30 AM Kelly McLaughlin
Margaret Cunningham

Thursday
8:30 AM Anna de Rege Creasor

Friday
8:30 AM William Masino

Saturday
8:30 AM Robert Taylor
Marie Collette Ryan Curran

Saturday Vigil, July 22, 2017
5:00 PM Angelina and Joseph Locetta
Mary Tranchida

Sunday, July 23, 2017
8:00 AM

10:00 AM Hermancia Casanova
Sheila Cassidy

12:00 Noon Brother Jack Moylan OFM
Marie Denise St. Aime

5:00 PM For the People of St. Anastasia Parish

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