

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

St. Stanislaus Bishop and Martyr Parish



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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday: 9:00 am - 12 noon
1:00 pm - 7:00 pm

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March 22nd, 2020 Fourth Sunday of Lent

MASS SCHEDULE

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Monday—Friday

7:00 am English

9:00 am English

Saturday

9:00 am English

5:30 pm English

7:00 pm Español—Spanish

Sunday

7:30 am English

9:00 am Italian 1st Sunday of each month

11:30 am English

1:30 pm Filipino 3rd Sunday of each month

6:30 pm English (except during July & August)

Holy Days As announced in the Bulletin

St. Stanislaus Bishop & Martyr

Location—Rockaway Blvd & 88th Street

Sunday

9:00 am English

11:00 am Polish

SCHOOL

Divine Mercy Catholic Academy

Location: 101-60 92nd Street

Telephone: 718-845-3074 • Fax: 718-845-5068

Sister Francis Marie, C.S.F.N., Principal

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

English: 2nd Saturday of each month at 12:15 pm

Spanish: 3rd Saturday of each month at 12:15 pm

Polish: 3rd Saturday or Sunday of each month

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Couples should contact the parish office at least six months in advance to make the proper arrangements.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm at Nativity only.

For confession at other times please make an appointment.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the rectory to notify the priest. Also, the 1st Saturday of the month in May and November at the 9:00 am Mass for those who are seriously ill.

SACRAMENTS FOR ADULTS: RCIA

To register or for any information please call:

(718) 845-3691 ext. 12

ROSARY

Monday—Saturday at 8:20 am at Nativity.

ADORATION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday—Saturday after the 9:00 am Mass (unless there is a funeral). Ends with Benediction at 12 noon.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

For any information regarding sacramental preparation for children of our parish who wish to receive First Penance, First Eucharist and Confirmation, call: (718) 845-1524 or email: natststansdre@icloud.com. Must be a parishioner.

MARCH 22ND - FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary --- St. Stanislaus Bishop and Martyr

All public Masses are suspended until further notice.

Mass Intentions will be satisfied by private celebrations of Mass by the priests.

Saturday March 21st Lenten Weekday

Jozeff & Irena Niemeczyk
By Lada Family
In Honor of St. Joseph, with thanks
By Carollo Family
Jonathan Andre Polanco
By Ana Paulino

Sunday March 22nd Fourth Sunday of Lent

- Haven Hobbs
By Hobbs Family
- + Luciano Vera (Birthday in Heaven)
By Lisa Piazza-Vera & Daughters
 - + Joseph Satchwell
By Aunt & Family
 - + John Diorio Jr.
By Barbara Satchwell
 - + Rashawn Lowery
By Barbara Satchwell
 - + San Rocco
By Joe & Catina Arena
 - + Fr. James Sweeney
By Nativity-St. Stanislaus Parish
 - + Alice Joan Bertolotti
By Fr. John Tino
 - + LIVING For the Protection of Silvana Bezerra
 - + Byron Ahlemeyer
By Ruben & Nancy Martinez
Gerard R. Kiely
By Kiely Family

Monday March 23rd St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

John Montefusco, Sr.
By Daughter
Michael Davidson
By Charles Marchello

Tuesday March 24th St. Oscar Romero, Bishop & Martyr

Maria Rigillo
By Sr. Francis Marie
Louis Perro
By Jimmy, Michelle & Siena

Wednesday March 25th The Annunciation of the Lord

For the people of the parish
Ferdinando Sepe (Birthday in Heaven)
By Kathleen, Juli, Jon & Emily

Thursday March 26th Lenten Weekday

Vincenzo Busacca
By Wife
Thomas M. Wischerth
By Kiely Family

Friday March 27th Lenten Weekday

LIVING For the protection of Silvana Bezerra
Michael Dean
By Sr. Evelyn, Sr. Grace & Sr. Kathleen

Sunday March 22nd Fourth Sunday of Lent

Vincent & Florence Attanasio
By Children, Grandchildren & Greatgrandchildren

Sunday March 29th Fifth Sunday of Lent

- + For the people of the parish
Chester Malyszko
By Wife & Children



Saturday March 28th Lenten Weekday

Joseph Lyons
By Wife Chandra
Nilda Robles
By Cruz Family
Jonathan Andre Polanco
By Ana Paulino

Sunday March 29th Fifth Sunday of Lent

- Antonio Cantone
By Wife & Children
- + Luciano Vera (2nd Anniversary)
By Lisa Piazza-Vera & Daughters
- + Santo & Teresa Ieraci
By Catina Arena
- + Antonio & Rosa Leone
By Maria & Domenico Errico
- + Nunzio & Graziella Italic
By Maria & Domenico Errico
- + In Honor of All Saints
By Maria & Domenico Errico

IMPORTANT

3/16/2020

Corona Virus Update

The Centers for Disease Control has given the recommendation to avoid social gatherings of 10 persons or more. For this reason, and to promote the health and safety of all, the Diocese of Brooklyn is implementing the following:

- All public Masses are suspended until further notice. Mass Intentions will be satisfied by private celebrations of Mass by the priests.
- All devotions and other services which could gather crowds are likewise suspended. This includes: Stations of the Cross, Rosary and Benediction. The church will remain open for silent adoration, keeping in mind the need to limit groups.
- Reconciliation Monday is cancelled. Priests remain available for individual confessions as needed. Precautions such as social distancing practices should be observed.
- All parish meetings and events are cancelled, as gatherings of more than 10 persons should be avoided.
- No masses will be publicly celebrated on Palm Sunday. Palms will be left in church for those who would like to stop in and take some themselves.
- Holy Week services and Liturgies will not be celebrated publicly. Easter sacraments for RCIA candidates and catechumens are postponed. The Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Liturgy of the Lord's Passion, and the Easter Vigil will be celebrated by the Bishop in the Cathedral without a congregation and will be broadcast for the benefit of the faithful in their homes.

URGENT UPDATE FROM THE DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

Given the continuing and growing concern about the spread of the COVID-19 virus, Bishop DiMarzio has determined that all public masses be cancelled in the Diocese of Brooklyn beginning Monday, March 16th, until further notice. This includes weekday masses as well as Sunday.

The faithful of the diocese are reminded that the Bishop has already issued a dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday. The obligation to keep the Lord's Day holy can be fulfilled by maintaining a prayerful attitude and through personal and family prayer. The faithful are urged to watch the celebration of the Eucharist on TV, as well.

The celebrations are scheduled as follows:
Saturday at 6pm: Vigil pre-recorded from Immaculate Conception (English)
Sunday at 11am: Live from St. James Cathedral, (English)
Sunday at 1:30pm: Pre-recorded from Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph (Spanish)

NET-TV can be seen in the New York City area on Spectrum (Channel 97), Optimum (Channel 30) and FIOS (Channel 48). Viewers can also tune in online and at www.netny.tv.

In light of the continuing crisis, the situation is being monitored carefully and updates will follow. Let us continue to pray, especially through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, for those who are sick, for medical personnel and for all people as we confront this challenge.

VOCATIONS

"The Lord looks on the heart." Are you being called to do the deeds of Christ as a priest or in the consecrated life, proclaiming the reign of the loving mercy of God our Father? Contact the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org

LENTEN PRAYER FOR LIFE

See PrayerCampaign.org

Learn the Church's teaching about the right to life, and find out what you can do to defend it. Watch new episodes of **Defending Life** beginning March 5 and airing on EWTN Thursdays at 10:30pm ET and rebroadcast Mondays at 3:30pm ET. For show topics visit DefendingLife.TV. New episodes of **The Catholic View for Women** will begin airing on EWTN Sunday, March 1 and air Sundays at 2:30am ET and rebroadcast Sundays at 11:30pm ET. See TheCatholicViewForWomen.com for episode details.



LET'S DRESS OUR BEST TO GIVE THE LORD OUR SUNDAY'S BEST!

March 22nd, 2020
4th Sunday of Lent

"Do you believe in the Son of Man?" Jesus wants to motivate each one of us to see the truth. After developing a relationship with Jesus, the blind man "sees" as someone very special. The Pharisees, due to the blindness caused by their ignorance, prejudice, and need for self-preservation, still remain blind. Presuppositions, prejudices, assumptions, and our needs can easily blind us to truth. We see what we want or need to see and not what is really there. In addition, our stubbornness continues to convince us that we are right and that our vision is perfect. Only God can complete the picture.

Look around at our world. So much of what is happening today is due to the reluctance of folks to allow themselves to be stretched and brought to see what is really there. Many react to what life presents to them more with the lenses of ignorance than lenses of clarity. The Gospel carries great transformative value. With it, God corrects our vision and replaces our limited sight with the fullness of his sight. God opens our eyes so that we can see that it is not about preserving what we have created but of living in the immensity and wonder of God's kingdom.

Through a simple, loving relationship with God, we can break through the tethers of prejudice, eradicate fear, dispel the darkness of hatred and sin, discover freedom, live in peace, work for justice, be effective stewards of creation, assist the migrant and the immigrant, and safeguard our economic systems and policies so that they truly serve all of God's children. What we see is often an artificial lie. Our truth is much bigger than what our limited sight believes it to be. Allow God to work in and through you. Do not be afraid. Be open and be humble enough to know that you need help. Many human beings are living with severe cataracts that produce sight that is at best blurred. Are you one of them?
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PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Fr. Edward F. Boes, SA, Aeleonor LaConte,
William Oleschuk, Marie Biamonte,
Edith Perez, Salvatore Cracchiolo,
Ann Quaranto, Edward Fennell



*Remember in your prayers
the sick of our parish:*

Merciful Jesus be with us now. Bless those who are ill with your healing embrace. Give them your strength to endure the trials of their illness and grant them healing if it be in accord with Your Holy will and that of our Father in Heaven. Amen.

Arthur Weber, Sr.
Barbara Martuscello
Christopher Cucci
Frank Carbone
Frank Sorrentino
Stephen Petrillo
John Gaynor
Juan Ureña
Kenneth Ordonez
Luz Marina Castillo
Madeline Padilla
Maria de los Angeles Rojas
Shirley Aguilar
Irene Gaynor
June Dotterman
Rose Anzaldi
Gertrude Gwardjak
Paul J. Chapman
Winnie Tobias

Fr. Angelo Pezzullo
Fr. Paul Palmiotto
Erma Aloisio
Zoe Bonowitz
Maria Abreu
Maddalena Marsicano
Beatrice Arango
Kai Sawe
John Vicedomini Jr.
Eric Kelly
Rafael Perez
Remington Stafford
Dorothy Bonowitz
Thomas J. Hurlman
Philip Schlesinger
Ann Sanfillippo
Danny C. Lourine
Ruth Foresta
Francisco Rivera
Sr. Marguerite Torre

REMINDER

Please remember not to leave Mass before the final Blessing and dismissal. Do not miss the Blessings God wants to bestow upon you!



MARCH: Catholics in China

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

Stewardship

Collection for last weekend at
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TIME	AMOUNT
5:30 PM	\$234
7:00 PM	\$169
7:30 AM	\$280
9:00 AM	St. Stan's \$341
11:00 AM	St. Stan's \$238
11:30 AM	\$891
1:30 PM	\$91
6:30 PM	\$509
TOTAL:	\$2,753



**Annual Catholic
Appeal 2020**
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

*Thank
You!*

We would like to thank all those generous individuals who have made a pledge to the 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal.

Goal: \$64,294 Pledged: \$14,425 Received: \$11,089

The 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal supports the daily work of our Church throughout Brooklyn & Queens in ways no one parish can accomplish alone by supporting the following ministries: Catholic Charities; Hospital, College & Prison Chaplains; Diocesan Vocations Office; Catholic Migration Services; Parish Assistance Program; Office of Faith Formation, Bishop Mugavero Residence for infirm clergy; Futures in Education Scholarship Foundation.

Please remain assured that your gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal **cannot be used in the settlement of abuse claims or for anything other than their above listed intended purpose.**

Please be as generous as you can to help us reach our goal!



UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who has generously donated to the Generations of Faith Campaign. Please continue to pay your pledges so that we may reach our total!

Pledged: \$712,330
Paid: \$549,736
Delinquent: \$102,009

Black & White

Divine Mercy Catholic Academy
13th Annual
Black and White Attire
Family Fashion Show
originally scheduled for
Thursday March 26, 2020
at Roma View Caterers
Howard Beach, NY
has been
POSTPONED

GOLDEN AGE CLUB NEWS

St. Joseph's Day Party
originally scheduled for
Sunday, March 22nd
has been **CANCELLED**.

Meeting scheduled for April 2nd
Has been **CANCELLED**.

For information call
Joe Caruana at 917-589-5555



**NO
Meeting in April**

NATIVITY CLASS OF 1970
50TH Class Reunion
June 13th, 2020

Julia Giaccone Wofchuck is looking for you!
Call and let her know if you are interested in attending: (941) 423-4573.

Join Our Lady Queen of Peace Prayer Group to the
YOUTH FESTIVAL IN MEDJUGORJE

JULY 30 - AUGUST 7, 2020

\$2,499 from New York, JFK

Spiritual Director: Fr. John Tino

Group Coordinator: Penny Abbruzzese

www.pilgrimages.com/ourladyqueenofpeace

To Book & for Information, contact Liz or Natasha

Liz@206tours.com or Natasha@206tours.com

800-206-TOUR (8687)



**Please
silence
your phone
in church**

MANTÉN EL AMOR DE DIOS EN TI

CONTINUACIÓN DEL BOLETÍN DE LA SEMANA PASADA CAMINO AL PIE DE LA CRUZ:

10 COSAS QUE DEBEMOS RECORDAR DURANTE LA CUARESMA

El obispo David L. Ricken de Green Bay, Wisconsin, presidente del Comité para la evangelización y la catequesis de la Conferencia de obispos católicos de los Estados Unidos (USCCB, por su sigla en inglés), sugiere: "10 cosas que debemos recordar en Cuaresma", tiempo que empezó el Miércoles de Ceniza

7. La Cuaresma nos hace percatarnos de nuestras debilidades. Por supuesto, aunque nos fijemos metas sencillas para la Cuaresma, aun así, tenemos dificultad para cumplirlas. Cuando ayunamos nos damos cuenta que una comida es lo único que nos separa de pasar hambre. En ambos casos, la Cuaresma nos hace percatarnos de nuestra debilidad. Esto puede ser doloroso pero al reconocer lo indefensos que somos, hace que busquemos la ayuda de Dios con sinceridad y con renovada urgencia.

8. Sé paciente contigo mismo. Durante la Cuaresma, cuando nos enfrentamos a nuestras propias debilidades, la tentación es sentirnos molestos y frustrados. "¡Qué mala persona soy!" Pero esa es una lección errónea. Dios nos llama a ser pacientes y a vernos como él nos ve, con un amor incondicional

9. Tiende la mano caritativamente. Durante la Cuaresma, cuando experimentamos debilidad y sufrimiento, ese es el momento de renovar nuestra compasión por aquellos que sufren, que tienen hambre o que pasan necesidades. La tercera parte de la fórmula para la Cuaresma es la caridad. No se trata de echar unos cuantos dólares más en la canasta de la colecta; se trata de tender la mano a los demás y, sin cuestionar, ayudarlos a manera de compartir la experiencia del amor incondicional de Dios.

10. Aprende a amar como Cristo. Dando de nosotros mismos en medio de nuestro sufrimiento y abnegación, nos acerca más a amar como Cristo, quien sufrió y se entregó incondicionalmente en la cruz por todos nosotros. La Cuaresma es un caminar por el desierto para llegar al pie de la cruz en el Viernes Santo, cuando lo buscamos, imploramos su ayuda, nos unimos a Él en sufrimiento y aprendemos a amar como él.

MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGÉLIO

4º Domingo de la Cuaresma

22 de marzo de 2020

Estamos en un punto culminante de la Cuaresma. La semana pasada escuchábamos el dialogo entre Jesús y la mujer samaritana. Ahora, la Liturgia nos sitúa en el encuentro de Jesús con el ciego de nacimiento. Aquí, el Evangelio nos muestra varios niveles de conversación con diferentes personajes: El ciego, los fariseos, los judíos y los padres del hombre. Fijémonos que el centro de la conversación era sobre el poder ver. El ciego fue curado y todos se resistían a creer que veía. Estamos, ya, en el cuarto domingo de Cuaresma y cabe que nos preguntemos lo siguiente: ¿Vemos realmente la gracia de reconciliación que nos da este tiempo? Sobre los milagros diarios que percibimos en la vida que Dios nos da, ¿los vemos?

La Cuaresma nos invita a la conversión y al encuentro con Jesús, en el cual nosotros escogemos seguir a Jesús o darle la espalda. ¿Cuál escoges? Somos hijos e hijas de la luz por el Bautismo. Dejemos, pues, que la Palabra de Dios penetre en nuestro corazón y digamos de rodillas como el ciego de nacimiento, "creo, Señor." (Juan 9:38) Santa Teresa de Calcuta con la siguiente oración nos ayuda a que esparzamos el aroma de Cristo y con ello iluminemos al que nos rodea: "Dulce Jesús, ayúdanos a esparcir tu aroma donde quiera que vayamos. Inunda nuestras almas de tu espíritu y tu vida. Posee toda nuestra existencia hasta tal punto que toda nuestra vida solo sea una emanación de la tuya. Brilla a través de nosotros, y mora en nosotros de tal manera que todas las almas que entren en contacto con nosotros puedan sentir tu presencia en nuestra alma. Haz que nos miren y ya no nos vean a nosotros, ¡sino solamente a ti, oh Señor!" **Amen**

LA ANUNCIACIÓN DEL SEÑOR

25 DE MARZO 2020

Esta celebración señala la transición entre el Antiguo y el Nuevo Testamento. El "Si" de María ante el llamado de Dios, por medio del ángel Gabriel, se reafirma en la antífona del Salmo y en la carta de los hebreos. Así como María acepta en ese momento majestuoso la realidad de la Encarnación del Verbo de Dios, todos estamos llamados a proclamar nuestra fe y hacer su voluntad. ¿Qué significa hacer la voluntad de Dios? De hecho, no somos piezas de ajedrez que se mueven porque Dios las mueve cuando quiere y por capricho. En Jesucristo, somos libres de escoger las opciones que se nos presentan en la vida. La presencia de Dios nos asegura la opción de seguir a Jesús como discípulos misioneros, comprometidos por la fe a proclamar la esperanza de un mundo mejor. Oremos por el don del discernimiento, para descubrir la voluntad del Señor a la hora de tomar decisiones importantes que a diario se reflejan en nuestro caminar por la vida. (OCP)