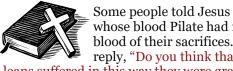
Good News!

Douglaston/Little Neck, New York



Third Sunday of Lent

March 23, 2025



Some people told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with the blood of their sacrifices. Jesus said to them in reply, "Do you think that because these Gali-

leans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did! Or those eighteen people who were killed when the tower at Siloam fell on them do you think they were more guilty than everyone else who lived in Jerusalem? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!"

And he told them this parable: "There once was a person who had a fig tree planted in his orchard, and when he came in search of fruit on it but found none, he said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down. Why should it exhaust the soil?' He said to him in reply, 'Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future. If not you can cut it down." - Luke 9:28B-36



But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!

Luke 9:3





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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 or in the rear of the church.

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

Please call the Rectory or Faith Formation Office for dates of baptisms. No more than four families will be scheduled for a Baptism at one time. Please call the Rectory at 718-631-4454 or the Faith Formation Office at 718-225-5191. After the initial intake, you will be asked to go to the Rectory to pick up a checklist and handbook. You will also have to schedule a private class and will need a copy of your child's birth certificate.

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. Rose Ruesing.

Liturgies

Weekend Masses

- 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass on Saturday
- Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 12 noon

Weekday Masses

• Monday thru Saturday at 8:30 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

• Saturdays from 4:00 - 4:30 PM in the Church

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 the 8:30 AM Daily Mass
- Rosary: Before the Daily Mass Monday Saturday.



Continue the study of the Gospel of John with Msgr. Ryan!

Sessions will be held in the Parish Center

afternoons 1:15pm - 2:30pm

OR

evenings 7:30pm - 8:45pm

The dates are:

January 27th, February 3rd, 10th, 24th

March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st, and April 7th

ALL ARE WELCOME!!!



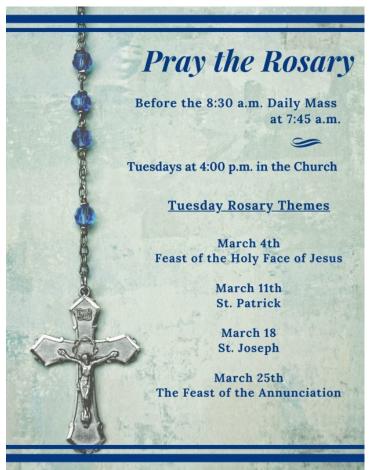
St. Anastasia Circle of Friends

SENIOR SOCIAL GROUP

11AM TO 1PM
PARISH CENTER

Socialize with friends, play board or card games and enjoy time with others.

Coffee, tea, and water will be there.
Bring snacks to share!



Mass Book Opening for Second Half of 2025

We will open the Mass Book for July-December 2025 intention requests on

Wednesday, April 2, 2025 at 9:00 AM

Please type/print your Mass Intention requests (name, requested date, and one alternate date), place them in an envelope with your name and telephone number along with exact cash/check for the donation, then drop off your envelope at the rectory.

Weekday Masses [8:30 AM Monday -Saturday] are: \$15 per intention Bread and Wine memorials and Weekend Masses

[Sat Vigil 5:00PM, Sun. 8:00AM, 10:00AM, 12:00PM] are: \$25 per intention

Intentions are recorded in the order in which they are received. We do our best to make it fair so that you can all remember your loved ones. It will take approximately one week after the initial book opening to enter all requests before we can return your receipts.

*** Please remember to include your name, phone number, and exact cash/check with your request in a sealed envelope. This process does not allow us to make change. ***

~ EARLY DROP-OFFS WILL <u>NOT</u> BE PROCESSED BEFORE THE OPENING DATE! ~





Third Week of Lent

Family Prayer

One of the real challenges that we too often find in our contemporary, busy lives is finding time to be together as a family. It is especially difficult to find opportunities to pray together. And, if prayer, other than going to church on Sunday, hasn't been a family tradition, it can seem very "unnatural" to introduce it as something we might do together as family. Here are a few possibilities - call them dreams - for ways we might pray as a family, during Lent, or at any time of the year.

Prayer Before Meals



One of the most natural times to pray, is as we sit down to eat. We can begin, or "break the ice," by simply saying, Let's pray or Let's just pause for a minute to give thanks. One of the challenges of doing this prayer well, is that we don't want our food to get cold. This leads us to do the prayer quickly. Brief prayer doesn't have to be without substance or power. And, it doesn't always have to be after the food is on the table. For a change of pattern, we could gather everyone to the table for prayer, and then bring the food to the table.

We begin with a prayer of thanksgiving:

Lord, we thank you for the blessings of this day and for this time together as family.

We thank you for this wonderful meal and for this hour we can share it.

We always begin with thanksgiving. The "reasons" we give

for our gratitude can be very specific, and draw us into this prayer from our "real" place we are in this day. So, we can say that we are grateful for this Lenten journey, which offers us renewal and prepares us to celebrate Easter with greater freedom. We might say, We thank you for being with us each of us today, while we were apart, and for being with us tonight. Perhaps we will thank God for some special grace that has occurred today. We may want to take time to let each person name one or two things for which he or she is grateful.

We then turn to God and ask for what we need.

Help us to remember those who have so much less than we do. Bless us as a family. Help us to grow in love and care for each other.

We ask you to comfort and give strength and peace to those who are sick or struggling in any way.

This, too, should be very specific to us as a family. We all have family and friends who are sick or in need. Perhaps there is a special challenge or difficulty that one of us is going through. We can turn to God with our concerns about a crisis that is going on in our city or country or some part of the world. With practice, this brief moment will help us be mindful of our desire to turn to God in all our needs. It will help us grow in a sense of compassion and care for so many people. Again, we may want to take time to let each person name one or two prayers of petition.

We can conclude with, We ask this through Christ our Lord or with a traditional table prayer, which we could say together.

Bless us, O Lord, and these your gifts, which we are about to receive from your bounty through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

These options are from the Book of Common Prayer.

Give us grateful hearts, our Father, for all thy mercies, and make us mindful of the needs of others; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bless, O Lord, thy gifts to our use and us to thy service; for Christ's sake. Amen.

Lenten Reflection Cont...

Blessed are you, O Lord God, King of the Universe, for you give us food to sustain our lives and make our hearts glad; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For these and all his mercies, God's holy Name be blessed and praised; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Praying at Other Times

There are many other times or occasions when we can develop the habit of praying together. These examples might inspire our own creative or spontaneous prayer.

In the Morning:



It can be quite transformative of our family bonds, in faith, to pause very briefly to pray together. This might be a spontaneous prayer, while we are laying in bed with our spouse, Lord, be with us today, or Dear, I ask the Lord to give you strength and peace today at your meeting. Perhaps we are rushing around each other in the kitchen, grabbing breakfast. It can be wonderful to pause to pray, simply asking the Lord to be with each of us in what we are about to

In the Car:

So many of us spend a fair amount of time in the car, often with other members of our family. These can be nice times to begin or end the trip, with a very brief prayer. Bless our shopping tonight. Help us be grateful for the gifts you give us. May this food/these clothes help us be mindful of those who have so much less than we do. Or, Bless Ann at practice today. Give her gratitude and delight in the gifts you give her. Help her to do her best, to encourage others, and to learn what you offer her today. Or, Lord, as we go to Bill and Ann's for dinner, we thank you for our friendship with them, and we ask you to bless this night with all the graces you might offer us in the care we have for one another; we ask this in Jesus' name. Or, Lord, as we drive to church, we thank you for our faith and for this chance to be together with our parish community; please allow us to hear your Word, to give you thanks and praise, and to be nourished for the mission you give us this week.

Over the Weekend:

Often the weekend offers some special moments together that can be wonderful times of prayer.

Other Times:

We can say brief prayers like this at so many special times. It can be very important to pray together, while cleaning up, in

preparation for guests coming for dinner, or an overnight slumber party. We might share the responsibility for "designing" the family prayer for special occasions: Birthdays, Anniversaries, the beginning and ending of a school year, when one of us is beginning any new endeavor. We may want to add some special prayer time if one of us is experiencing a personally anxious time or crisis. For example, if one of us has to wait for an appointment for a biopsy, and then wait for the results, we might place a special candle on our dining room table, and light it each evening as we remember that person in our prayer.

Simple Rituals:

It can be so easy to add gestures that bring powerful prayer to our family life. One of the simplest and most natural is to trace a cross on a loved one's forehead. It can speak volumes to a young child, if his or her parents were to give them this gesture of love and prayer. This ritual can be done everyday, when we part for the day, or at bed time, or it can be reserved for special prayers of blessing before a big event. And, it can be a powerful, faith-filled ritual for a husband and wife, as part of an every day pattern, or at times of great intimacy, to touch each other in blessing.

Any of the "symbols" that we refer to in our page, "Symbols in Our Home" can be a source of family ritual. Perhaps we have our own family gesture or ritual that speaks of our faith or draws us into prayer.

Praying for Each Other:

The most important part of family prayer is perhaps the easiest to overlook - how we hold each other up to the Lord. Even when we are not physically together, as a praying family, we want to pray for each other. In reality this means that I have a pattern of talking with the Lord about the people I love most dearly, each and every day. They become part of my very relationship with God. Whether we are a married couple with young children, or I am a single parent, or if my children have grown up and begun lives of their own, this aspect of family prayer is so important. My spouse and I may not share our faith; perhaps my spouse doesn't pray at all; but I can talk with the Lord about my spouse every day sometimes asking for help, sometimes just expressing my gratitude, sometimes begging for the gift of faith for my spouse.

May our Lord bless our praying, in the community of our family, these days of Lent.

Printed from the "Praying Lent" site of the Online Ministries at Creighton University: onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Lent/familyprayer.html



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Parish Life

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Family Event for Lent

Stations of the Cross

Friday, April 4th 5:00 p.m. in the Church

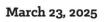
Pasta dinner to follow in Fr. Smith Hall.

Free will donation.

Parishioners planning to attend the 7pm Stations are invited to come for dinner at 6pm.







Third Sunday of Lent

Written by THE DISCIPLE

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15 | 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12 | Lk 13:1-9

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE Meaningful human relationships rarely last if only one party makes an effort to maintain a connection. The same is true in our relationship with God. In the scene recorded in today's first reading - arguably one of human history's "Top Ten" most important events - God takes the initiative, but the encounter is two-sided. God causes the bush to burn and Moses approaches; God calls Moses and he responds, "Here I am!"; finally, Moses asks God his name and God reveals himself as "I am who am." Moses' cooperation with God throughout is essential for them to arrive at this monumental revelation which would allow Moses (and, by extension, all of the Israelites) to call upon God by name. Despite our many technological achievements, a free, generous, loving response to God's initiative is still the only "fruit" we can bear for him that he cannot procure himself. This is the fruit which the fig tree in Jesus' Gospel parable is meant to produce. If we truly desire and seek this relationship, God will reveal himself to us so that, no matter our stage or state of life, we can bear this fruit even now.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT In his encounter with God, Moses exhibits an exemplary combination of boldness and humility which teaches us how we should approach our relationship with God. This is our "roadmap" which will help us fertilize the "ground" of our hearts. Consider Moses' bold, inquisitive spirit: "I must go over to look at this remarkable sight," and his prompt response to God's call: "Here I am!" Consider the audacity Moses must have had to ask God for his name. At the same time, however, consider his humility in removing the sandals from his feet and hiding his face before the majesty of God. The God who revealed himself to Moses is the same God who invites us into relationship with him. We can and should have Moses' boldness to ask God to teach us about himself. But we should also approach God with a spirit of reverence and awe. Our humility will be the fertile soil that God can use to make us his intimate friends and his representatives before others.

LISTEN

Sometimes we have habits or attitudes that prevent us from hearing God's voice. Like Moses removing his sandals, choose something you can forgo this week (for example, social media or music in the car) so that you can hear and respond to the Lord. Make sure you dedicate your extra quiet time to talking to God.







Stations of the Cross

Fridays of Lent at 7:00 PM

IN THE CHURCH

Outside stations is available along 245th street for private reflection.

Prayer for the Health of Pope Francis

Loving and Merciful God,

We come before You in prayer, lifting up Your servant, Pope Francis, in his time of need. You are the Source of all healing, and we ask You to surround him with Your loving presence, granting him strength and recovery. May Your divine grace rest upon him, restoring his health and filling him with renewed vigor to continue leading Your Church with compassion and wisdom.

"But I will restore you to health and heal your wounds, declares the Lord." (Jeremiah 30:17)

We place Pope Francis into Your hands, trusting in Your eternal care. May he be comforted by the love of the Church and the prayers of all the faithful. We ask, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, that his recovery be swift, and his spirit be strengthened in Your peace. May Your will be done in his life, O Lord, and may Your healing power be with him always.

We offer this prayer in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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Around the Deanery

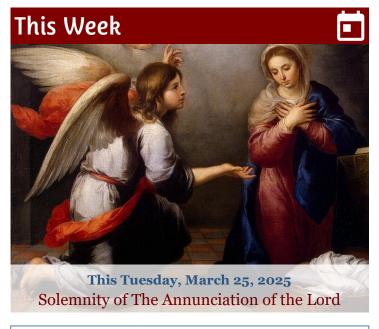


Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary is an association of dedicated Catholics serving under Mary, their Mother and Queen. It is the largest organization of lay people carrying out apostolic good works in the Catholic Church, with well over three million active members in almost every country of the world.

In Deanery 5, call the Rectory at **St. Josaphat's** Church at 718-229-1663 and leave your name and number. You will be contacted in response by a member of the Legion. Or, attend a GENERAL INFORMATION MEETING on Saturday March 29 At St. Josaphat's Rectory Meeting Room a 10 A.M. Please RSVP.

Holy Mary Pray for us.





Use "st. anastasia ny" to signup at formed.org



A Bible Study on the Annunciation

In this video, Dr. Ben Akers leads us through a brief study of Luke 1:26–38, highlighting some of the key Old Testament passages evoked by Gabriel's words. The reflection concludes with some thoughts on how we can imitate Mary's Yes in our own life, especially in this time of suffering.



The Annunciation | Sacred Art

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they discuss the spiritual and theological significance of the Annunciation over a piece of Sacred Art by Elizabeth Zelasko that depicts this incredible scene.



The Annunciation: Hail Mary

Join Ms. Kim as she discusses devotion to Mary and the significance of Mary's "yes." All the while, you will learn new drawing techniques as you draw the Annunciation.



Love and Serve



Third Sunday of Lent

Christian faith, beliefs, and traditions handed down from the apostles through the generations have a rich heritage steeped in the love and teachings of our Lord Jesus Christ. As we watch the world around us and the practices of people within our circles and communities, it becomes evident that, over time, the fervor for Christian beliefs is diminishing. St. Paul chided the early Christians to remain steadfast in their faith, "I am amazed that you are so quickly forsaking the one who called you by grace for a different gospel."—Galatians 1:6. Paul warns against the dilution of faith and turning to false prophecies, a reality that we can now observe as many follow tenets conflicting with the teachings of Jesus and make idols of individuals or human constructs.

On the Third Sunday of Lent, we intensify our resolve for spiritual renewal and a deeper relationship with God. The readings invite us to reflect on the themes of God's nature and mercy, repentance, and His call for us to bear fruit. In the first reading from Exodus, Moses encounters God in the burning bush, and God reveals to him and us that He is unchanging. "I am who I am. ... This is my name forever; this is my title for all generations."—Exodus 3:14b-15. A profound declaration of God's eternal being and authority. The encounter emphasizes God's attentiveness to the suffering of His people, "I have witnessed the affliction of my people in Egypt and have heard their cry against their taskmasters, so I know well what they are suffering." -Exodus 3:7. This moment marks the beginning of Moses' answer to God's calling of leading the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt. In the second reading, Paul cautions the believers in Corinth about the dangers of becoming complacent. He reminds them of the Israelites' journey through the wilderness, highlighting that, even with their extraordinary experiences, many turned away from their faith. He encourages us to remain alert and focus on our spiritual well-being to avoid encountering the same pitfalls. Finally, in the short Gospel reading for today, Jesus, twice, calls us to repentance, "But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!"—Luke 13:3 and Luke 13:5. Jesus also uses the parable of the fig tree as a poignant reminder of God's patience and our need to bear fruit in our lives.

God desires more than just our recognition of Him; He seeks a true transformation of our hearts and lives. The call to repentance is not merely a demand for change; it is an invitation to enter into a deeper relationship with Him, who cares for us and is perpetually willing to forgive, heal, and provide for us.

The Lenten season is a time to engage in practices that foster spiritual growth through prayer, fasting, and acts of charity. These are not merely rituals but the way to a deeper conversion and a more profound relationship with God. Let us take this opportunity to examine our lives. Are there areas where we have become complacent? Are we bearing the fruit that God desires? Let us commit to this path of conversion, allowing God's grace to transform us.

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Bread & Wine Memorial



Dolores M. Murphy Concetta Astuto March 23 – 29, 2025

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions



March 2025

For families in crisis

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

Prayer Intentions



In the kindness of your prayers, remember our recently deceased parishioners and friends, especially:

Milagros Cortez, Barbara Cho, and John W. Conlin

Also remember the homebound, sick and those who have asked for our prayers:

Geraldine Armenio Eva Bedell Fred Bedell Ann Cavaseno Joyce Daino John Dietzler Carmela Digregorio Ralph DiScala Jo Ann Ferrari Josephine Finocchiaro Victoria Guerra Claire Levens Anthony Logerfo Alfina Manca TJ McSherry Antoinette Taub Gregory Wiehl



St. Anastasia Parish Registration





Thank you for attending Mass with us today.

If you have not previously registered or are considering registering with our parish, please complete a **Parish Registration Form located in the rear of the church** then return it to the rectory.

Parish Family: Why Register?

If you have not already registered, it is important to do so. If and when you are asked to be a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation, you will need a letter from the parish. Letters cannot be given to those who are not registered parishioners. Please be sure to keep your information updated with the parish, especially with changes to address and phone number.

Mass Intentions



Sunday, March 23, 2025 5:00 p.m. Vigil Robert Gambeski Rommel Sanchez

8:00 a.m. Ludwina Konowal Camille Ferraro

10:00 a.m. People of St. Anastasia Parish

12:00 noon Pasquale & Antonetta Casagrande

Monday, March 24, 2025 8:30 a.m. Arthur Cardarelli

Saveria & Salvatore Prezioso

Tuesday, March 25, 2025

8:30 a.m. Dolores M. Murphy

Margaret & William Ferry

Wednesday, March 26, 2025 8:30 a.m. Arthur Cardarelli

Maureen Ferguson (Living)

Thursday, March 27, 2025 8:30 a.m. Robert Gambeski Maria Mastromarco

Friday, March 28, 2025

8:30 a.m. Intercession of St. Padre Pio

Lorenzo & Angela Isopo

Saturday, March 29, 2025 8:30 a.m.

Sunday, March 30, 2025 5:00 p.m. Vigil

8:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

12:00 noon People of St. Anastasia Parish





