

# Good News!

Douglaston/Little Neck, New York

Saint  
**Anastasia**  
Church

**Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**June 21, 2026**



Jesus said to the Twelve: "Fear no one. Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known. What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light; what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna. Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin?"

Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge. Even all the hairs of your head are counted. So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father. But whoever denies me before others, I will deny before my heavenly Father."  
— Matthew 10:26-33

## Share Your Faith



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Douglaston, NY 11362-1135

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# Saint Anastasia church

Established 1915

## Rectory Office Hours

Monday – Friday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

(718) 631-4454



## 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 Directory

**Rev. David J. Dettmer**  
PASTOR

**Rev. Lianjiang P. Bai**  
PAROCHIAL VICAR

**Deacon Joseph Chu**  
ASSOCIATE STAFF MEMBER

**Rev. Anthony Rucando**  
IN RESIDENCE

**Mrs. Eula Buckley**  
SECRETARY

**Mrs. Mary Burns**  
BOOKKEEPER

### Faith Formation & School of Religion

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DIRECTOR

### Music Ministry

**Mrs. Stephanie Larkin**  
DIRECTOR

### Divine Wisdom Catholic Academy

**Mrs. Miriam Bonici**  
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## Flocknote



Receive text messages to stay connected to our parish. Go to [stanyc.flocknote.com](http://stanyc.flocknote.com) to register, or text **stanyc** to 84576.

- This is a free service but your carrier's text and data rates may apply.

- Text STOP to 84576 to stop texts.

## 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 (PARISHSOFT/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.

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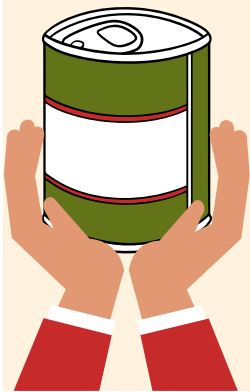
# FOOD DRIVE

FOR THE FOOD PANTRY AT ST. KEVIN PARISH

**THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE REQUESTED ONLY**

**PLEASE check expiration dates. NO EXPIRED FOOD.**

- TEA (REGULAR OR DECAF)
- JELLY OR JAM
- PEANUT BUTTER
- SHELF STABLE MILK
- CANNED TUNA
- BLACK BEANS, RED BEANS, GARBANZO BEANS (CANNED OR DRY)
- RICE (ONE OR TWO POUND BAGS)
- MAC AND CHEESE
- OATMEAL
- DRY CEREAL
- TOMATO SAUCE



Place items in the box at the entrance of St. Anastasia Church.

Call the Religious Ed office for more information: 718-225-5191

## ST. ANASTASIA SENIOR GROUP

**EVERY TUESDAY**

10:00 a.m. until 2:00p.m.

Parish Center

(corner of 245<sup>th</sup> Street and Northern Blvd).

Bring lunch, play cards and games. Socialize with friends and make new ones!

10:00 a.m. Mahjong

11:00 a.m. Pokeno

We are looking for canasta players!

If interested, please call:

Rectory (718-631-4454) or

Faith Formation Office (718-225-5191)

Keep a look out for new events and games!

## Pray the Rosary

Before the 8:30 a.m. Daily Mass at 7:45 a.m.



Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m. in the Church

### Tuesday Rosary Themes

June 2nd  
Sacred Heart of Jesus

June 9th  
Body and Blood of Christ

June 16th  
St. Anthony of Padua

June 23rd  
Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary

June 30  
Saints Peter and Paul



### St. Anastasia Parish School of Religion

Three options for Classes from PreK-8th grade:

Weekly Classes (Wednesdays)

Home School

Special Needs

Family Catechesis events for all!

\$150 for one child, \$200 for two children, \$250 for three or more

Register using the QR Code or email [dff@stanastasia.info](mailto:dff@stanastasia.info).



Office of Faith Formation  
718-225-5191



June 21, 2026

## Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 20:10-13 | Rom 5:12-15 | Mt 10:26-33

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

### **GROW AS A DISCIPLE** | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Beginning with the original sin of Adam and Eve, humanity has lived in a way that has separated us from God's perfect love. Despite the many ways we have tried to draw near to God, it is impossible for us to repair this relationship on our own. The ways we turn away from God, therefore, require an outpouring of mercy and forgiveness, which our loving Father is eager to offer. When speaking of the grace that defeated the power of death, St. Paul reminds us in his Letter to the Romans that "the gift is not like the transgression." God's love for us is overflowing, and his desire to be in relationship with us is manifest in his giving his life for our salvation. Christ longs to heal and free us from the hold of sin in our lives, and we can experience this grace when we encounter Christ as the Divine Physician in the sacrament of reconciliation.

### **GO** EVANGELIZE

#### PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

In witness to the promise of eternal life and joy, we are called to live in a countercultural way, adhering to the words of the Gospel and the Tradition of the Church. We know this is not always easy. Yet, the Lord – through the prophet Jeremiah – reassures us that God is with us, and that he will be our "mighty champion." In the Gospel passage, Jesus speaks to the Apostles as they prepare to travel and preach the Good News. He warns them they will experience persecution, but he also reminds them that God is abundantly generous in his care for them. God cares for us in the same way as we continue our work of evangelization. He values us as precious children, and he promises that we will not be left alone in whatever challenges we may encounter while proclaiming the truth of his love.

### **PRAY**

It can be difficult to rest in the promise of a love that exceeds our human faults and failings. It may seem impossible to be fully known and yet still exceedingly loved. The gift God offers us of being known, loved, and forgiven demonstrates a level of goodness that far exceeds any wrong we may have done. In your prayer this week, ask God for the grace to trust in this abundance of love that he desires to give to you.

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**The National Catholic Educational Association**  
**Catholic School of Distinction**

**Take a Tour. Join Us in September 2026**

- Meet our dedicated teachers and administrators
- Tour classrooms and see learning in action
- Experience technology across grades K-8
- Discover academics, enrichment, and student life
- Ask questions and explore the Divine Wisdom difference

**SCHEDULE YOUR PRIVATE TOUR TODAY!**

**Call : 718-631-3153**

**Scan to Schedule Your Visit**

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**ST ANASTASIA'S CELEBRATE SUMMER**

**JUNE 29th TO AUGUST 7th**

\*Week 1 Mon-Wed June 29th - July 1st \*No Program Thurs 7/2& Fri 7/3  
 Week 2 Mon - Fri. July 6-10  
 Week 3 Mon - Fri. July 13-17  
 Week 4 Mon - Fri. July 20-24  
 Week 5 Mon - Fri. July 27- July 31  
 Week 6 Mon-Fri. Aug 3rd-Aug 7

**WHY YOU'LL LOVE IT**

- ✓ Outdoor and Indoor facilities
- ✓ Small groups sizes
- ✓ Experienced staff
- ✓ Wide range of activities
- ✓ Fun Events

**REGISTRATION DATES:**  
**Monday, April 27th at 5-7 pm**  
**Tuesday, May 19th at 5 pm-7 pm**  
**ST. ANASTASIA PARISH CENTER**  
**45-14 245TH ST, DOUGLASTON, NY 11362...**  
 Additional registration forms at St Anastasia Rectory  
 \* Preferred Contact  
**CelebrateSummerSTA@gmail.com**  
**Phone 1-929-472-2878**

**SAINT ANASTASIA CYO YOUTH SPORTS**

**REGISTER TODAY!**  
for the following spring sports:

**FLAG FOOTBALL: Grades 3<sup>rd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**COMPETITIVE SOCCER: Grades 1<sup>st</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**SOCCER CLINIC: Pre-K & Kindergarten**  
**OUTDOOR TRACK: min age 5**

Open to all children who attend Divine Wisdom Catholic Academy or live within the Little Neck & Douglaston parish boundaries. We offer a variety of sports that promote character development, athletic achievement, and teamwork, all while playing alongside classmates and neighbors.

**! GO TEAM !**

**WWW.STA.NYC/CYO**

**ST. GREGORY THE GREAT Gregorian Summer Festival 45th Annual**

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**87<sup>th</sup> AVE & CROSS ISLAND PKWY**  
**BELLEROSE, NY 11426**  
**OPEN 8 NIGHTS FROM 7PM-11PM**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 19<sup>th</sup> - PARADE/IRISH NIGHT**  
**SATURDAY, JUNE 20<sup>th</sup> - HISPANIC NIGHT**  
**SUNDAY, JUNE 21<sup>st</sup> - FATHERS DAY**  
**MONDAY, JUNE 22<sup>nd</sup> - FILIPINO NIGHT**  
**CLOSED TUESDAY, JUNE 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24<sup>th</sup> - CARIBBEAN NIGHT**  
**THURSDAY, JUNE 25<sup>th</sup> - GERMAN/POLISH NIGHT**  
**FRIDAY, JUNE 26<sup>th</sup> - ITALIAN/ALUMNI NIGHT**  
**SATURDAY, JUNE 27<sup>th</sup> - ITALIAN NIGHT**

**8 NIGHTS**  
**Rides**  
**Games**  
**Prizes**  
**Dunk Tank**  
**Games of Chance**

Follow [www.sgtgfestival.com](http://www.sgtgfestival.com) for more information

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*"Trust in the Lord with all your heart"*

# This Week



Wednesday, June 24, 2026  
 The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist  
 Solemnity



# Diocese of Brooklyn

**Vocations: Discover Your Calling**  
*"Be not afraid."*

Do not fear how Jesus is calling you to build his Church. If you are discerning your vocation, contact the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454 or email: [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:vocations@diobrook.org)

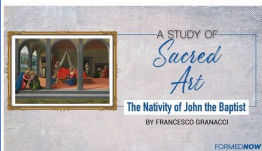
# This Week on **formed**™ Forming Catholics for *Life*.

Use "st. anastasia ny" to signup at [formed.org](http://formed.org)



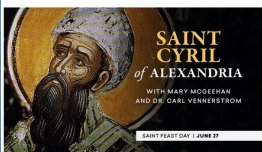
**Saint Thomas More: The Age of the Author**

This engaging series delves into the lives of the saints who led the Catholic Counter-Reformation. In this episode, learn about St. Thomas More, a patient witness to the faith who endured a heroic martyrdom at the hands of Henry VIII.



**The Nativity of John the Baptist**

On the Nativity of John the Baptist, join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they sit down and discuss a piece of Sacred Art depicting this holy event.



**St. Cyril of Alexandria | Catholic Saints**

During the Nestorian Controversy of the fifth century, heroic saints like Cyril of Alexandria defended the truth of Christ's divinity. In this episode, Dr. Carl Vennerstrom and Mary McGeehan discuss the Nestorian heresy and how St. Cyril's humble, courageous spirit aided the Church during a time of discord.

Children's activity sheets are located in the back of the church



# Love and Serve

## Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah was a major prophet in the Kingdom of Judah during the late seventh and early sixth centuries B.C. Born into a priestly family, he accepted God's call to prophecy and embarked on a tumultuous ministry that lasted nearly half a century. His life was marked by opposition, imprisonment, and personal suffering. Central to Jeremiah's message were warnings of impending divine judgment. He called out the nation's idolatry, social injustices, and moral decay, urging the people to repent before disaster struck. Yet the people did not receive his words as a warning; they saw them as a threat that had to be silenced. For reasons that were both religious and political, they turned against him, seized him, and demanded his death. Although Jeremiah survived multiple arrests and periods of imprisonment, his story ended with martyrdom; he is traditionally said to have been stoned in Egypt. Although Jeremiah felt *"Terror on every side,"* fear did not diminish his faith in God or fidelity to His calling.

A life of steadily increasing trials and sorrows did not lead Jeremiah to doubt, question, or dilute his message. Instead, he found peace and proclaimed, *"The Lord is with me, like a mighty champion: my persecutors will stumble, they will not prevail."* —Jeremiah 20:11. Fear can be a paralyzing emotion. We have all encountered fear and, at times, have been overcome by it. It can make us hesitant to speak, move, and act as we ought to. In today's Gospel, the Lord commands us not to be afraid, not because He will make our trials and sorrows go away, but because we should be fearful of something else that is even more consequential: *"Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna."* —Matthew 10:28. Jesus makes a crucial distinction between fear of the things of the world, which, of course, can bring real anxiety and distress, and the fear of the Lord, which gives proper perspective. Lest this command to holy fear cause the disciples to despair, Christ immediately balances His warning with a tender assurance of divine providence: *"Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge."* —Matthew 10:29. As Jeremiah had, let us recognize God as our champion. We should be at peace even as we suffer fear of the things of this world because the grace of God and our fidelity to Him promise us eternal life.

In the midst of great fear, to whom do we turn? Let us spend time this week thinking of the things we fear: illness, suffering, death, failure, financial insecurity, loss of control, rejection, judgment, and humiliation. Then, let us bring our fears and anxieties to God in prayer. Let us ask Him what we should do and trust in Him while we wait for His answer, for these are all things of this world. Let us be mindful that fear is grounded in not trusting in God, our Heavenly Father. God cannot fail to love us, for He truly is love. Jesus in today's Gospel reminds us that even the hairs of our head are numbered. Let this be our prayer: *"I need nothing but God, and to lose myself in the heart of Jesus."* —Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque.

**Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord.**

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## Bread & Wine Memorial



Thomas R. Buckley, Jr.  
John Ahern  
June 21 – 27, 2026

## Holy Father's Prayer Intentions



June 2026

**For the values of sports**

Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.

## Prayer Intentions



In the kindness of your prayers, remember those born into eternal life.

Remember the sick, homebound, and those in need of our prayers:

Eva Bedell	Anthony Logerfo
Fred Bedell	Alfina Manca
Joyce Daino	Barbara Mascia
John Dietzler	TJ McSherry
Paolo DiGregorio	Margaret Murphy
Ralph DiScala	Frank Postiglione
Jo Ann Ferrari	Yolanda Stivanello
Josephine Finocchiaro	Antoinette Taub
Joan Guerra	Barbara H. Timmerman
Victoria Guerra	Gregory Wiehl
Theodore Koumou	



## 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, June 21, 2026

**Father's Day**

Mass at 5:00 p.m. Vigil,  
8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 12:00 Noon

Monday, June 22, 2026

8:30 a.m. Maria Petruso  
Thomas Raftery

Tuesday, June 23, 2026

8:30 a.m. Judy Clark  
Owen P. Clancy

Wednesday, June 24, 2026

8:30 a.m. Dolores M. Murphy  
Jose E. Londono

Thursday, June 25, 2026

8:30 a.m. Carmella Granata  
Maxine Dreizen

Friday, June 26, 2026

8:30 a.m. Lucia & Sozio Scarapicchia  
Intercession of Padre Pio

Saturday, June 27, 2026

8:30 a.m. Ann & Eugene Ferguson  
Ivan Greic

Sunday, June 28, 2026

5:00 p.m. Vigil Michael Shalley  
John Cunniff

8:00 a.m. Matty Palluconi  
Joseph Novack

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

12:00 noon Fredrick O'Neill  
Nestor R. Cerezo (Living)



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