

# Good News!

Douglaston/Little Neck, New York

Saint  
**Anastasia**  
Church

**Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)**

**April 12, 2026**



On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

Now, Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name. — John 20:19-31

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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 Directory

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PASTOR

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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 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 (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.



**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**

April 7th  
 Divine Mercy

April 14th  
 St. Bernadette of Lourdes

April 21st  
 St. Mark the Evangelist

April 28th  
 St. Catherine of Siena

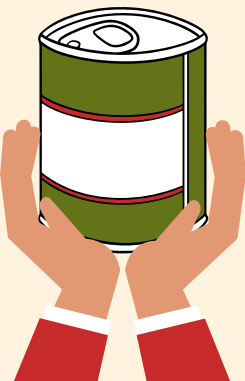
ST. ANASTASIA PARISH

# FOOD DRIVE

FOR THE FOOD PANTRY AT ST. KEVIN PARISH

**These are the only items needed. 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
- MASHED POTATOES
- OATMEAL
- DRY CEREAL
- PASTA
- TOMATO SAUCE
- REUSABLE BAGS



Place items in the bin in St. Anastasia Church the weekend of April 11 and 12

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



**One Church. Diverse Ministries. United Mission.**



Each year, **St. Anastasia** partners with the Diocese of Brooklyn in the Annual Catholic Appeal, which funds essential ministries and programs serving countless individuals and families across Brooklyn and Queens. This initiative benefits our parish while also sustaining works of mercy and faith that no single parish could carry out on its own.

**Why does your participation matter?**

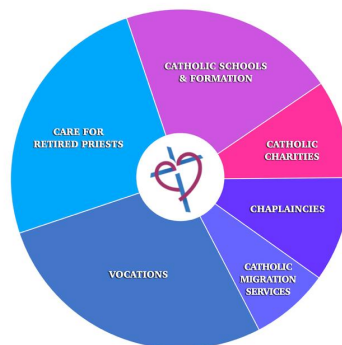
As disciples of Jesus at **St. Anastasia**, we are called not only to support our parish but also to share in the mission of the wider Church. When one part of the body is missing, the whole body is affected. In the same way, your participation in this Appeal—above and beyond your regular Sunday offering—helps our parish fulfill Christ's mission while keeping us connected to the larger Catholic community.

We invite you to stand with us as One Church, with Many Ministries, United in Mission across Brooklyn and Queens. Make your pledge today at [AnnualCatholicAppeal.org](http://AnnualCatholicAppeal.org) or by texting **DONATE** to 917-336-1255.

The Annual Catholic Appeal helps fund essential ministries across the Diocese while supporting parish initiatives here at **St. Anastasia**. Our parish goal is **\$87,265.00**. Once we reach it, every dollar raised above the goal is returned directly to our parish. To learn more or to make a contribution, please contact the Parish Office at **5009**.



**ACA Case 2026 Components**



	<b>VOCATIONS</b> \$2,200,000	28%
	<b>CARE FOR RETIRED PRIESTS</b> \$2,000,000	25%
	<b>CATHOLIC SCHOOLS &amp; FORMATION</b> \$1,650,000	21%
	<b>CATHOLIC CHARITIES</b> \$800,000	10%
	<b>CHAPLAINCIES</b> \$750,000	9%
	<b>CATHOLIC MIGRATION SERVICES</b> \$600,000	7%

## Grow+Go



April 12, 2026

## Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy)

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

Acts 2:42-47 | 1 Pt 1:3-9 | Jn 20:19-31

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

Can you imagine being Thomas and finding out that while you were gone from the Upper Room, the resurrected Jesus appeared to the other disciples? And then, according to the evangelist John, it was a full week later when Jesus returns to that room. If I were Thomas, I would probably be consumed with thoughts about how unfair the situation was – that I was being asked to believe without seeing while the other disciples were able to see the glorified Christ. And, of course, we don't know how Thomas reacted, except that he demanded to see and touch the wounds of Christ. We do know that when Christ returns he does not admonish Thomas, but offers his hands and his side to his disciple to touch. Christ responded to Thomas with mercy – inviting him into an encounter in a way that will draw him into deeper faith. And Christ also comes to us again and again and again, mercifully inviting us into relationship with him regardless of what we demand or how often we fall away.

### GO EVANGELIZE

#### PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

We do not have a right to God's mercy. Humanity willingly and intentionally turned away from God in the Garden of Eden, and we continue to do so today when we choose to sin and turn away from God. But God extends mercy to us as an undeserved gift, and he calls us to be merciful to others. The reading from the Acts of the Apostles tells us that the first Christians devoted themselves to the love of God and others, and they forged an avenue for mercy to be made present as they cared for one another by dividing their material goods "according to each one's need." We, too, are called to be merciful. We are called to look beyond what someone should be able to do on their own and be open to responding to their need in love. And as we show mercy to others, we remind one another of our dignity and worth. As with Thomas, Jesus does not focus on what we lack, but instead generously offers what is needed to draw us into relationship.

### RECEIVE

It can be just as hard to receive mercy as it is to extend it. In receiving mercy, we must admit that we are not capable of healing ourselves of all that keeps us from full communion with Christ. This week, pray for the grace to fully receive the mercy that God so lovingly offers, trusting that he desires to meet us where we are and draw us closer to himself.



# 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!



**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.

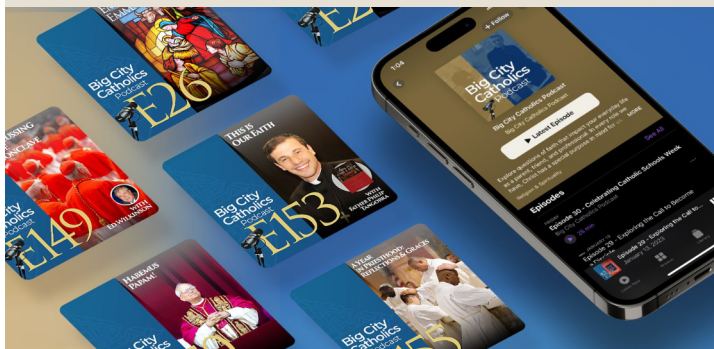


**! GO TEAM !**

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Bishop Brennan recounts his travels throughout the diocese, the people he has met, and their stories of charity and faith. [Listen Now!](#)



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ACTS IS THE STORY OF HOW A FEW CHRISTIANS, EMPOWERED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, WERE CHOSEN TO BRING CHRIST AND THE GOOD NEWS TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH. THEY FACED SECULAR FORCES, INTERNAL STRIFE, AND HOSTILE CROWDS, AND DESPITE ALL THIS, THEY BROUGHT THE KINGDOM OF GOD TO A BROKEN WORLD AND THE LOVE OF GOD TO THE HEARTS OF MEN.



**REGISTER NOW! SIGN UP ON THE BULLETIN BOARD, USE THE QR CODE, OR CALL THE RECTORY (718) 229-5929**

OUR LADY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH CENTER  
203<sup>rd</sup> Street between 34<sup>th</sup> and 35<sup>th</sup> Avenues  
Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM: April 9; 16; 23; 30; May 7; 14  
Tuesday mornings at 9:45 AM: April 14; 21; 28; May 5; 12; 19

ACTS: THE SPREAD OF THE KINGDOM WILL HELP YOU TO SEE YOUR PLACE IN THE CHURCH AS A DISCIPLE OF CHRIST.



**Diocese of Brooklyn**

**Vocations: Discover Your Calling**  
*"As the Father has sent me, so I send you."*

Is God inviting you to live the gift and mystery of being sent as priest, sister, or brother to proclaim the truth of Jesus Christ? Contact the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org

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

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

**JESUS I TRUST IN YOU**

**Divine Mercy Chaplet | Franciscan Friars of the Renewal**  
 Consider praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy in a new way with the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. This video on Formed includes breathtaking footage of Catholics across the world performing works of mercy and asking God to have mercy on us.

**POPE JOHN PAUL II**

**Pope John Paul II**  
 Starring Jon Voight and Cary Elwes, this epic film follows Karol Wojtyla's journey from his youth in Poland through his late days on the Chair of St. Peter.

**DIVINE MERCY**

**Divine Mercy with Fr. Michael Gaitley**  
 Renowned speaker and author Fr. Michael Gaitley tells the dramatic history of God's love and mercy as interwoven through the transformative message of St. Faustina, the miraculous appearance of Mary at Fatima, the witness of Maximilian Kolbe, and the world-changing papacy of Pope St. John Paul II.

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

**Love and Serve**

**Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)**  
 Today's readings paint an idyllic snapshot of the newborn Church after the Resurrection of Jesus. As we peer into them, we see that they don't just lead us toward Easter joy; they teach us that the praise of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is the way of living our faith. They do so by pointing to a common theme: Doxology is at the center of Christian life. Praise, as a form of prayer, recognizes God as God and gives him glory, offered through the risen Christ. As the Church, we turn to singing, blessing, thanking, and glorifying God. The praise rising from the Church's heart takes shape in our words and overflows into our community. Today's readings are full of praise, even if they don't use the term "doxology" in them.

The first reading reveals how the early believers lived the Resurrection with a rhythm of fellowship and prayer by devoting themselves to teaching, fellowship, prayer, and the breaking of bread, forming a joyful, generous community that praised God in the Church's worship. Today's Psalm is a liturgy of thanksgiving to God in the midst of trials, repeating the theme of God's steadfast love enduring forever. It does not deny or ignore suffering, but calls it and insists that God gives us strength, courage, and then victory. It ends with these words that give glory and praise: *"You are my God, I give you thanks; my God, I offer you praise. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, his mercy endures forever."* — Psalm 118:28-29. Peter, in the second reading, shows that through Christ's resurrection, God gives believers a living hope amid trials. That hope produces glory and praise to God. He doesn't pretend the Christian life is easy. He says believers may have to suffer trials, at least *"for a little while."* But then he reframes those trials through faith. Faith is *"more precious than gold"*, refined by being *"tested by fire."* Faith results in *"praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ."* Peter concludes by giving us a promise: *"Although you have not seen him you love him; even though you do not see him now yet believe in him, you rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, as you attain the goal of [your] faith, the salvation of your souls."* — 1 Peter 1:8-9. In the Gospel reading, John shows Jesus turning doubt into worship. On Easter Sunday evening, the disciples were together with the doors locked, fearing the Jews. Jesus appeared in their midst and comforted them with His first words, *"Peace be with you."* — John 20:19. Their fright turned into peace and joy. As Jesus returned to the disciples again, Thomas, who had not been present the first time, demanded proof that it was really Jesus. Jesus showed them the wounds on His hands and side to which Thomas responded with his doxology of faith, *"My Lord and my God!"* — John 20:28.

Fear and locked doors still exist today, but Jesus continues to bring peace, reveal himself, and lead people into fellowship with the Father. So, this week, let our faith become doxology: not only words, but a heart that gives glory to God in how we live, how we endure, and how we practice mercy, turning worship into love.

**Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord.**  
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## Bread & Wine Memorial

**Rev. George J. Lutjen**  
April 12 - 18, 2026

## Holy Father's Prayer Intentions

**April 2026**  
**For priests in crisis**

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

## 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:

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



## 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, April 12, 2026  
5:00 p.m. Vigil

8:00 a.m. People of St. Anastasia Parish

10:00 a.m. Amy Chu  
Antoinette Guzzo

12:00 noon George W. Arnold, Jr.  
Pedro Hernandez

Monday, April 13, 2026

8:30 a.m. James Farrell  
Pompeo & Nora Realuyo

Tuesday, April 14, 2026

8:30 a.m. Andrew Haverlin

Wednesday, April 15, 2026

8:30 a.m. Lucia & Sosio Scarapicchia

Thursday, April 16, 2026

8:30 a.m. Antonio & Umberto Savocchi

Friday, April 17, 2026

8:30 a.m.

Saturday, April 18, 2026

8:30 a.m. Elisabetta de Rege Provana  
Lila Durso

Sunday, April 19, 2026

5:00 p.m. Vigil Virginia O'Brien  
John Hyslop

8:00 a.m. Timmerman & Belosic Families

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

12:00 noon Francia & Francisco Bernal



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