

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, October 1, 2018

NOON Brian Charles Khan

TUESDAY, October 2, 2018

6:30am Gabriel & Raphael

NOON Nora Whiteley

WEDNESDAY, October 3, 2018

6:30am Thomas Ferguson, Jean Cipolla
& John Flanagan

NOON James Slattery

THURSDAY, October 4, 2018

6:30am The Ken Flynn Family

NOON Patrick O'Rourke

FRIDAY, October 5, 2018

NOON Marlene Jean-Denis & Family

SATURDAY, October 6, 2018

8:30am Joseph Alcuri

5:30pm Chris Dwyer

SUNDAY, October 7, 2018

8:00am Purgatorial Society, People of
the Parish, Thanksgiving to St.
Joseph

11:30am Francine, Charista Charles
Pierre Family

5:30pm Thanksgiving to the Lord

Sick: Diana Lapadula, Emmanuel Peters, Dimona Galli, Theresa McNamara, Lisa Cullen, Modesto Baez, Rosemary Podesta, Maria & Joseph Curcio, Eduardo Pedernera

(The names on the sick list will be kept on for three weeks, unless specified)

Help us keep our sick list current. Please notify the Rectory Office (718-253-4404) when changes occur. We enjoy hearing the good news of recovery

For those who have died: Genevieve Cardiello

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Altar Bread & Wine— In memory of **Ann Dormody**—donated by her Family

Those in the Armed Services—in these difficult times, let us lift up in prayer for our brave men and women who fight for our freedom all over the world. May God bless them and keep them safe .

ROSARY SOCIETY ATLANTIC CITY TRIP

The Rosary Society of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish runs a trip to Resorts Casino in Atlantic City on the **FIRST THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH**. The bus leaves from in front of the Church (1550 Hendrickson Street, between Flatlands Avenue & Avenue P) at 8:30am. The cost of this is \$40.00, which includes a bagel for breakfast and a \$30.00 bonus from the Casino. The next trip is scheduled for Thursday, **October 4, 2018** For further details or to sign up for the trip, please call Noreen at (718) 253-7824.

VIRTUS TRAINING

On Wednesday October 17, 2018 at 7:00 pm there will be a virtue training class in Msgr. King Hall. All employees and volunteers who work or volunteer for the parish of St. Thomas Aquinas are required to take this class. Go to **virtus.org** to register before arriving for the class.

OFFICE HOURS

Please be aware of the rectory office hours:

Monday—Thursday

9am-12pm & 1pm-8pm

Friday– Saturday 9am– 12pm

Sunday– Closed

Please conduct all parish business during these office hours only

Please do not ring bell during the hours of 12pm-1pm the rectory is closed

Bereavement Group

The death of a love one can be the most stressful event in a person's life. A wide array of emotions can be experienced, such as sadness, anger, anxiety, guilt, and despair. There is no right way and wrong way to grieve. Each person experiences grief in his or her own way, partly because of the relationship with the person who died. St. Thomas Aquinas Invite you to set aside an hour of your time for yourself sharing the suffering that accompanies grieving. We meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month. For more information contact Fr. Kieran 718-253-4404

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

If you know a parishioner who is unable to attend mass on the weekend, or are unable to attend yourself, please contact Fr. Clifford at 718-253-4404. Fr. Clifford will arrange a visit and then assign an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion to visit on a regular basis. Homebound parishioners are very grateful to be able to receive communion in their homes. Please keep our homebound members in your prayers

STA PRAYER GROUP

Saint Thomas Aquinas Prayer Group meets every Thursday at 7:30pm.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE

Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

St. Thomas Aquinas will be coordinating a trip to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.

Please let us know if you would be interested in attending this trip for the day Saturday, October 27, 2018.

CURSILLO AN ENCOUNTER WITH CHRIST

Men's Cursillo October 18-21
Seminary of the Immaculate Conception
440 W Neck Rd, Huntington, NY 11743

For more information :
Jim Barker 631-774-7305
jbtug@aol.com

0Women's Cursillo November 1-4
Montfort Spiritual Center
26 S Saxon Ave, Bay Shore, NY 11706

For more information:
Ann Marie Dodd 516-236-0586
amdodd12@gmail.com

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

In honor of St. Francis of Assisi, the blessing of the animals will take place on October 4, 2018 at 5pm. Animals of all kinds, shapes and sizes are invited, but they must be on a leash or in a carrier. Please do not bring animals inside of Church!

Upcoming Events

Wednesday October 3rd

Ministers of Hospitality & Usher-
7:30pm– Rectory

Saturday October 6th

Magnificat Day

The Magnificat Foundation and the Diocese of Brooklyn are proud to invite you to experience the Magnificat Day of Thanksgiving in Brooklyn, NY. It will be held on Saturday, October 6, 2018 at the Kings Theatre, featuring four of America's greatest Catholic preachers:

Fr. Peter John Cameron, o.p.,
Bishop Robert Barron,
Dr. Scott Hahn, and

Seán Cardinal O'Malley, o.f.m. cap.

Tickets are \$30PP and can be purchased at the rectory.

Monday October 15th

Parish Leadership Meeting-7:30pm

Friday October 19th

Praise Night 7:30pm– Church

Saturday October 20th

Multi Lingual Rosary –Noon

Friday October 26th

Halloween Party

Saturday October 27th

Pilgrimage to the National Shrine

Monthly 50/50 Raffle

Blank envelopes for our 50/50 drawing are located in the back of the church for those parishioners who do not receive envelopes. Please if you choose to use them fill them out completely.

Contribution is \$10.00.

You have to be in it to win it!!!

Good Luck to all!

MASS BOOK—2019

The weekday Mass Book for the months of January, February, March, April, May & June 2019 will be open on Tuesday October 9th, 2018 beginning at 10:00am in the Rectory, the following times are:

Monday at Noon

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at
6:30am and Noon

Friday at Noon

Saturday at 8:30am

The masses for the weekends of January, February, March, April, May & June of 2019 will also be available, the following times are:

Saturday at 5:30pm

Sunday at 8:00am (a multi-intention Mass);
11:30am and 5:30pm

The Mass Stipend for each Mass is \$15.00 and must be presented when making the arrangements. Please be aware that we cannot make arrangements for masses over the phone. For those who cannot come to the Rectory you can mail your request and donation to the Rectory Office and we will try to accommodate your request

**IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF
ST. PAUL**

GREECE
with Greek Island Cruise
August 16 - 26, 2019
\$3,999 from New York (JFK) Spir-
itual Director: Fr. Dwayne Davis
promotional code: DDGR19
www.pilgrimages.com/frdavis

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER
WEEKEND**

ENRICH YOUR MARRIAGE by experi-
encing a Worldwide Marriage Encoun-
ter weekend. Learn ways to improve
your communication. Live the love God
intended for your marriage. Upcoming
weekends at the Seminary of the Immac-
ulate Conception in Huntington is [No-
vember 16-18](#). To apply, call 877-NYS-
WWME, or go to www.bq-wwme.org.
For weekends in Spanish,
email nycemm@live.com.

OUR LADY OF GRACE

Our Lady of Grace Parish is having
a Christmas Fair - November 17th
10 to 7pm, November 18th 9 to
5pm, at 385 Avenue W, Brook-
lyn. Vendors selling new items,
church tables, gift raffles, 50/50
raffles, Italian Cafe. If you wish
to be a vendor, call Mary Ann- 718-
376-8294- (no jewelry vendors).

ROSARY SOCIETY

St Thomas Aquinas Rosary Society is
sponsoring a trip to the Hunterdon Hills
Playhouse for their Christmas
Show. The trip is on Friday, November
16th. The bus leaves from in front of
the church at 9 a.m. The cost of \$90.00
includes bus, fabulous holiday show
and a wonderful three course lunch,
with a dessert buffet. For reservations
and information, please call Marianne
at (718) 258-5871 before October 29th.

CHOIR SCHEDULE

Contemporary Choir – Tuesday 7:15pm
Bell Choir – Tuesday 8:15pm

Youth Choir Wednesday 5:00pm
Adult Choir Wednesday 7:30pm

Office of the Bishop

Diocese of Brooklyn

310 Prospect Park West
Brooklyn, New York 11215

September 24, 2018

Dear Faithful of the Diocese in Brooklyn and Queens:

It is with profound sadness, but with redoubled resolve, that I write to you concerning the many disturbing news stories that have come out during the last several weeks. First and foremost, as your Bishop, know that I am completely committed to enforcing the zero tolerance policy established in the 2002 Dallas Charter, as well as doing everything in my power to ensure that safe environments exist for all members of the Church, especially our children, youth, and vulnerable adults. Stories of past abuses and failures on the part of some in leadership must strengthen our commitment to always strive to do better as we continue the important mission of the Church.

Last week it was announced that the Diocese of Brooklyn, along with the Dorothy Bennett Mercer Center, agreed to settle a case involving four individuals, who were sexually abused by Mr. Angelo Serrano, who is currently serving a prison term for his crimes. Even though Mr. Serrano was a church volunteer, and not a member of the clergy, and even though the abuse occurred in his apartment, and not on church property, priests assigned to the parish failed to recognize signs of the abuse and take appropriate actions. The settlement of \$27 million will be divided by the four victims, each of whom will receive about \$6.8 million, less attorney fees, which is usually about one third. The Diocese's portion of the settlement, \$17.4 million will be completely covered by our insurance policy; however, insurance premiums may have to rise. We are deeply saddened by the abuse they suffered at the hands of Mr. Serrano, and hope that this settlement will assist the victims and their families in the years to come.

In order to assist survivors of sexual abuse by members of the clergy, I initiated an Independent Reconciliation and Compensation Program (IRCP), which is administered by Mr. Kenneth Feinberg, Esq., whose firm has handled several similar programs, including the 9-11 Compensation Program. In addition to a financial compensation, survivors are offered the opportunity for counseling, as well as other forms of support through our Victims Assistance Coordinator. **It is important to note that none of your donations are used to pay for this program. The Diocese sold property and secured a loan, which will be repaid through the leasing of ecclesiastical property. The contributions of the faithful of the diocese are dedicated to the core mission of the Church, and are essential for us to continue our much needed work.**

Finally, as was recently announced, the Office of the New York State Attorney General issued subpoenas to all the Roman Catholic Dioceses in the state. These subpoenas order the handing over of all documents relating to the sexual abuse of minors by members of the clergy, as well as cases involving non-consenting adults. The Diocese of Brooklyn will certainly comply with this subpoena, which requests documents from January 1, 1950 to the present. You should be aware of the fact that since 2002 we have been sharing our files and allegations against clergy with the District Attorneys of Brooklyn and Queens. In addition, in 2004 I established an independent toll-free number, **1-888-634-4499**, so that anyone with an allegation against a member of the clergy can make a report, which is also shared with the corresponding District Attorney. If the allegation is within the statute of limitations, it is also shared with the Special Victims Bureau of the NYPD, for their immediate intervention. The Diocese of Brooklyn is committed to protecting our most vulnerable members as well as the pursuit of justice.

With assurances of your remembrance in my prayers, especially at the celebration of the Eucharist, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Nicholas DiMarzio, Ph.D, D.D. Bishop of Brooklyn