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Rectory Hours:

Monday to Thursday: 9:30am- 12pm & 1pm- 8pm
Friday: 9:30am- 12pm & 1pm- 7pm
Saturday: 9:30am- 5pm

Religious Ed. Office Hours:

Tuesday to Friday: 1pm to 5pm
Tuesday & Thursday: 5pm to 8pm (Appt. Preferred)

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday (Vigil): 5:00pm in English
Sunday: 8:30am in English
10:00am & 11:30am in Spanish
1:00pm in Polish

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday - Saturday: 8:30am in English
Wednesday & Friday: 7pm in Spanish

First Friday Mass & Devotion

In English: Mass at 8:30am: Devotion from 9am to 6:45pm
In Spanish: Mass at 7pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

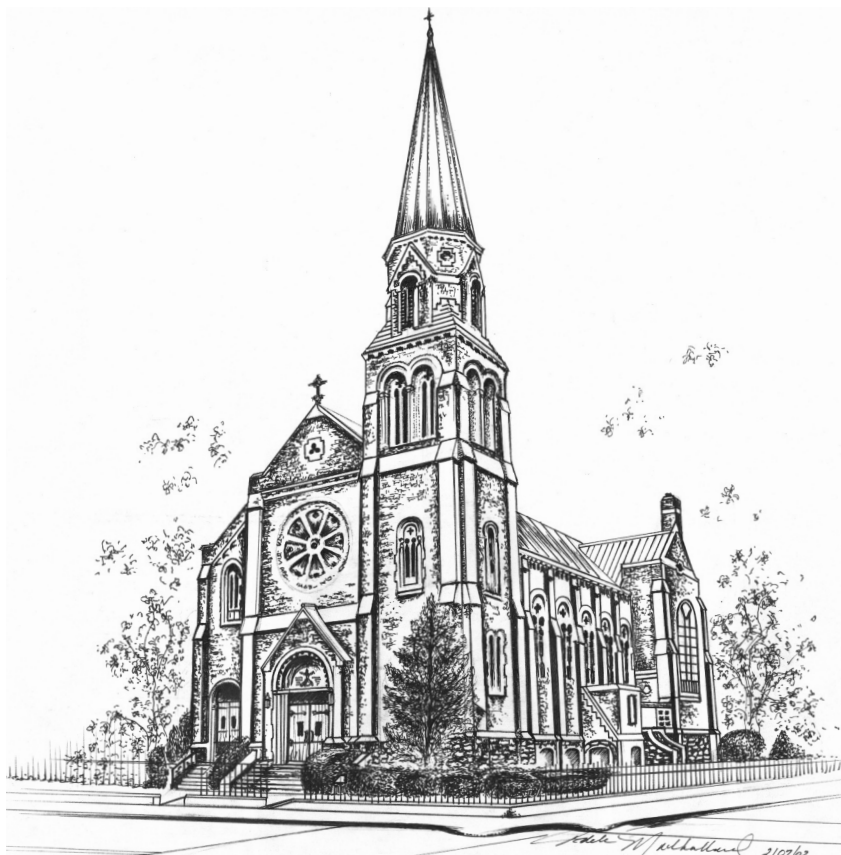
Sat. 4:00pm - 4:45pm & by appointment: call parish office

Sacrament of Baptism for Infants

In English: Second Saturday of the Month
In Spanish: Third Saturday of the Month
Registrations must be made in the Rectory Office at least two months in advance.

Sacrament of Marriage

Arrangements must be made at least six months to a year with one of the Priests.



Dear Padre April 28, 2024

Several months ago my son died in a tragic car accident. Life, work, family, and even religion seem so meaningless now. How can I find my way back?

You have suffered a great loss. When you are able, you can choose to live in a way that will respect both your son's memory and your own ongoing life. Here are a few gentle steps that might help.

- Expect to feel numb at first. This is nature's way of helping you deal with your loss. Keep following the normal patterns of your life and, eventually, meaning will return.
- Allow your friends to help. "Sorrows shared are sorrows lessened."
- If you are sad, let the tears come! Even Jesus cried at the death of his friend Lazarus (John 11:32-35).
- If you are angry, look for a healthy release. Focus the energy of your anger into productive work, even if it's just doing dishes or yard work.
- Use your experience to help others. While helping others, the Lord often reveals to us the meaning of our own losses.
- Don't be afraid to seek professional help. A therapist has the expertise to help you talk about your loss and cope with your grief.
- Pray for yourself, for your son, for all whose lives he touched, for all those who are grieving.
- After you have done everything you can, leave your loss in God's hands. The Lord will do for you what you cannot do for yourself. ●

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5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit." - Jn 15:1-2

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Mass Intentions

Sunday, April 28th

- 8:30am For the People of the Parish
- 10:00am Para la Salud de Luis Ivan Siguencia– Familia
- 11:30am +Silvia Hernandez– Gloria Uribe & Family
- +Irma Rodriguez– Evelyn Rodriguez Valentin
- +Sofia Vargas & Ruben Serrano– Hijos
- 1:00 pm +Janina i Władysław Dyjach

Monday, April 29th

- 8:30am In Honor of St. Catherine of Siena

Tuesday, April 30th

- 8:30am For All those in Agony

Wednesday, May 1st

- 8:30am For the Sick of the Parish
- 7:00pm +Edith & Martin Garcia– Rafaela & Rafael

Thursday, May 2nd

- 8:30am For All the Souls in Purgatory

Friday, May 3rd

- 8:30am For the Unborn
- 7:00pm Special Intentions

Saturday, May 4th

- 8:30am For the Recently Deceased
- 5:00pm 50th Anniversary of Michael & Denise Siracruz

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Then Barnabas took charge of him and brought him to the apostles, and he reported to them how he had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken to him. (Acts 9:27)

Psalm:

I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people. (Ps 22)
Or: Alleluia.

Second Reading:

And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us. (1 Jn 3:23)

Gospel:

"I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing." (Jn 15:5)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Every Christian is a vine awaiting the loving attention of our gardener to prune and perfect us, to remove the parts of ourselves that are dead so that the fruitful parts burst forth with life. Trust the wisdom of the gardener. He alone can make us bloom.

Observances for the week of April 28, 2024

- Sunday:** 5th Sunday of Easter
- Monday:** St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
- Tuesday:** St. Pius V, Pope
- Wednesday:** St. Joseph the Worker
- Thursday:** St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; National Day of Prayer
- Friday:** Sts. Philip and James, Apostles
- Next Sunday:** 6th Sunday of Easter

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Michelle Perri, Dominica LaLima and for all the deceased in our Parish & their loved ones.

FOR THE SICK:

Galo Caldero & for all the sick in our Parish.

Please call the Rectory at 718.436.5917 to place your loved ones on the Deceased or Sick list.

WEEKLY OFFERING

April 21: \$3,519

Thank you for your love and generosity towards God & your parish!

28 de abril de 2024

5º Domingo de Pascua

Unidos a Jesús jamás seremos vencidos y tendremos la fuerza necesaria para combatir las altas y bajas de la vida. Un ser humano pleno es aquel o aquella persona que se une a otros para hacer el bien y luchar por el bien común. Nuestra unión con Jesucristo es fraterna, es decir, conlleva convivir con la persona. Separados de Él no lograremos nada. Desde nuestro Bautismo, llevamos la savia de su Evangelio en nuestras venas. Así, que a trabajar se ha dicho, a ser mejores esposos y padres de familia. Mejores en la sociedad y en nuestra comunidad de creyentes, es decir en nuestra parroquia.

“Yo soy la vid y ustedes los sarmientos. El que permanece en mí y yo en él, ése da mucho fruto, pero sin mí no pueden hacer nada” (Juan 15:5). Las catequesis dominicales del Papa Francisco son caminos seguros que dejan más claro el mensaje del Evangelio. Hoy nos dice: “Hay caminos que no llevan al Cielo: los caminos de la mundanidad, los caminos para autoafirmarse, los caminos del poder egoísta. Y está el camino de Jesús, el camino del amor humilde, de la oración, de la mansedumbre, de la confianza, del servicio a los demás. No es el camino de mi protagonismo, es el camino de Jesús como protagonista de mi vida” (05-10-2020). Entonces, ¿cuál camino escogeré? Pidamos al Señor nos ayude a estar vinculados a Él. Ya que sólo podremos dar frutos de vida eterna si estamos unidos a Jesús.



Ministerio de Servidores del Altar de Sta. Catalina de Alejandria

Nos gustaría invitar a sus hijos a convertirse en Servidores del Altar en la parroquia. Espero que los animen y les permitan unirse a este servicio. Tomará su tiempo y su compromiso. Sin embargo, será una manera hermosa para que sus hijos expresen su participación activa en la vida de la Iglesia y aprendan a ser responsables.

Las nuevas prácticas de Servidores del Altar se llevarán a cabo de 5pm a 7pm.

May 7 May 14
May 21 May 28

Considere esta invitación y únanse a nosotros. Si usted y sus hijos tienen alguna pregunta, comuníquense con la Rectoría al (718) 436-5917.



Mes de la Virgen María

El mes de mayo, la Iglesia ha optado por dedicarse a la Virgen María. Únase a nosotros para rezar el Rosario en devoción a nuestra Madre María.

Lunes a Viernes en nuestra Gruta a las 7:30 pm
Sábados a las 8am en la Gruta con Misa.
Domingos dentro de la Iglesia antes de cada Misa.

¡Todos son bienvenidos!



En Nuestra Parroquia:

- **3 de mayo:** Primer Viernes del Mes
- **9 de mayo:** Ascension de Nuestro Señor
7pm: Misa en Español
- **12 de mayo:** Día de las Madres
Misas celebradas por todas las Madres
Serenata a las Madres 11am– 11:30am
- **25 de mayo:** Primeras Comuniones de nuestros estudiantes de Catecismo

Libro de Misas 2024

El libro de la misa del 2024 se abrirá para intenciones el lunes 6 de mayo del 2024.

Podrá solicitar Misas para el resto de 2024

La oferta es de \$15 por intención de misa.

28 Kwietnia 2024
V Niedziela Wielkanocna



6 MAJA 2024.

Można zamówić Msze na pozostałą część roku 2024.

Ofiara wynosi 15 dolarów za intencję

Nabożeństwo Majowe 2024

**W Grocie
Od Poniedziałku do Piątku o
godzinie 7:00PM**

J 15, 1-8 Kto trwa we Mnie, przynosi owoc obfity

Jezus powiedział do swoich uczniów:
«Ja jestem prawdziwym krzewem winnym, a Ojciec mój jest tym, który go uprawia. Każdą latorośl, która nie przynosi we Mnie owocu, odcina, a każdą, która przynosi owoc, oczyszcza, aby przynosiła owoc obfity. Wy już jesteście czyści dzięki słowu, które wypowiedziałem do was. Trwajcie we Mnie, a Ja w was będę trwać. Podobnie jak latorośl nie może przynosić owocu sama z siebie - jeżeli nie trwa w winnym krzewie - tak samo i wy, jeżeli we Mnie trwać nie będziecie.

Ja jestem krzewem winnym, wy - latoroślami. Kto trwa we Mnie, a Ja w nim, ten przynosi owoc obfity, ponieważ beze Mnie nic nie możecie uczynić. Ten, kto nie trwa we Mnie, zostanie wyrzucony jak winna latorośl i uschnie. Potem ją zbierają i wrzucają w ogień, i płonie. Jeżeli we Mnie trwać będziecie, a słowa moje w was, to proście, o cokolwiek chcecie, a to wam się spełni. Ojciec mój przez to dozna chwały, że owoc obfity przyniesiecie i staniecie się moimi uczniami».

Oto słowo Pańskie

Zmiana, ruch, przechodzenie z etapu do etapu jest naturalną kolejną rzeczą. Taki świat znamy i trudno wyobrazić sobie, by było inaczej. A Jezus mówi, żeby uczyć się trwać. Te słowa można rozumieć na wiele sposobów, ale ja zapraszam, aby odnieść je do modlitwy. Chrześcijanin, który przeszedł ze śmierci do życia, doświadczył nowości życia, radości z pokonania grzechu, staje przed kolejnym wyzwaniem: trwać w łączności z Jezusem. Mam przekonanie, że to wysiłek, ponieważ nie jesteśmy przyzwyczajeni, aby nic nie robić. Taki bezruch, w którym o niczym nie myślę, nie szukam, nie odczuwam, wyciszona jest moja pamięć, jawi się jako coś bezwartościowego. W takiej sytuacji warto powrócić pamięcią do momentu, kiedy Bóg przedstawia się Mojżeszowi: JESTEM, KTÓRY JESTEM. Ta niezmienna obecność Boga jest największym darem dla mnie i całego świata. Obym to zdołał pojąć, trwając przed Tobą, Panie!

April 28, 2024

5th Sunday of Easter

My friend and fellow pastor, Father Paul, noticed unsightly, overgrown trees near his parish church. He asked the maintenance crew to cut back the growth, which they happily did, telling him the trees would be much healthier and even fuller after a good pruning. A few days later, Father Paul received a letter from an irate man in the neighborhood who wrote, "Jesus would never prune trees like that. He loves trees, unlike you." I suspect that the neighbor was not familiar with this week's Gospel in which Jesus says of his Father, "He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit" (John 15:2) I don't mean to pick too much on that fellow.

He was perhaps ignorant of arboriculture. But I'd wager his main confusion was the pruning and removing quality of God's love. That confusion afflicts us all to some degree, doesn't it? It is just so darn easy to react negatively when God cuts something out of our lives and assume it's not his work at all. In the moment, all we see is the loss, and not the loving desire for future flourishing.

The cross is the great pruning of Christ's body. Jesus' rising is the brand-new growth. It is God's promise to us that all the painful pruning in life is leading us somewhere beautiful. What has been cut back or out in your life? A friend, an opportunity, a sense of certainty, a job, health, a relationship? This week, offer those dry branches to the one who lovingly prunes us in order to make our lives burst with verdant growth.

— Father John Muir



St. Catharine of Alexandria's Altar Server Ministry

We would like to invite your children to become Altar Servers in the Parish. I hope you encourage and allow to them to join in this service. It will take their time and your commitment. However, it will be a beautiful way for your children to express their active participation in the life of the Church and learn how to become responsible.

**New Altar Server Practices will be held every
Tuesday in May from 5pm to 7pm.**

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| May 7 | May 14 |
| May 21 | May 28 |

Please consider this invitation and join us. If you and your children have any questions, please get in touch with the Rector at (718) 436-5917.



Month of the Virgin Mary

During the month of May, the Church has chosen to devote to the Virgin Mary. Join us in praying the Rosary in devotion to our Mother.

Monday through Friday in our Grotto at 7:30pm
Saturdays at 8am in the Grotto before Mass

Sundays inside the Church before each Mass.

Rosary is lead in Spanish.
Everyone is welcome!
(Rosary is lead in Spanish)



In Our Parish:

- **May 3:** First Friday of the Month
- **May 9:** Ascension of the Lord
8:30am: Mass
- **May 12:** Mother's Day
Masses will be celebrated for All Mothers
Spanish Serenade to the Mothers at 11am
- **May 25:** First Communion of our
Catechism Students

Mass Book 2024

**The 2024 Mass book will open for intentions on
Monday May 6, 2024**

You may request Masses for the rest of the year
2024.

The offering is \$15 per Mass Intention.

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