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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 July 28, 2024

Is there really an unforgivable sin?

In the Gospels, Jesus teaches that blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven (Matthew 12:31-32, Mark 3:28-29, Luke 12:10). This seems to imply the existence of a sin that God either cannot or will not forgive. Yet we have the overwhelming testimony of the Scriptures and Church teaching that God's mercy and forgiveness are more powerful than any sin, no matter how serious or frequent it might be. This apparent contradiction disappears when we carefully consider the context of Jesus' teaching on the "unforgivable sin."

Jesus' statements regarding blasphemy against the Holy Spirit occurred as part of his ongoing dispute with the scribes and Pharisees who witnessed Jesus' exorcisms but attributed them to the power of Satan, thus denying the evidence of the Spirit's saving action in Jesus' work and teaching (Matthew 12:22-32). This denial is not simply a misunderstanding. Rather, it is willful, malicious, deliberate, and unrepentant. For such people, there can truly be no forgiveness, not because God is unwilling or unable to forgive, but because the people will not recognize their need for forgiveness.

The "unforgivable sin" is not an action so horrible that even God's patience and mercy are exhausted. Rather, it is the attitude of people who reject the Lord's presence in their lives. God's offer of forgiveness is still universal. We need only respond to his grace and seek his forgiveness. ●

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17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?” Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted. - Jn 6:9, 11

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Mass Intentions

Sunday, July 28th

8:30am +Stanisław & Weronika Niedźwiedz
 10:00am Intenciones personales para Senor de Chalma
 11:30am Birthday Blessings for Felix Gerardo Carmona
 +Fortino Navarro Quintero & Sidon German Camacho – Familia German Navarro
 1:00 pm +Marcin Franciszek Nowacki

Monday, July 29th

8:30am +Ida Ventura and Marie Diccico

Tuesday, July 30th

8:30am In Honor of St. Peter Chrysologus

Wednesday, July 31st

8:30am For All the Sick in the Parish
 7:00pm +Jose Humberto Contreras

Thursday, August 1st

8:30am For All those in Agony

Friday, August 2nd

8:30am Birthday Blessings for Jeiver Chimborazo
 7:00pm Special Intentions

Saturday, August 3rd

8:30am For All the People in Hospitals
 5:00pm For All the Souls in Purgatory

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

“For thus says the LORD,
 ‘They shall eat and there shall be some left over.’” (2 Kgs 4:43)

Psalm:

The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs. (Ps 145)

Second Reading:

One body and one Spirit,
 as you were also called to the one hope of your call;
 one Lord, one faith, one baptism;
 one God and Father of all. (Eph 4:4-6)

Gospel:

Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks,
 and distributed them to those who were reclining,
 and also as much of the fish as they wanted. (Jn 6:11)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

“Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?” Jesus asks Philip, testing him. And so, too, he asks us: “Where do you go when you are hungry? Afraid? Dejected? Confused?” Let us always answer: “Jesus. Jesus is where we can find what we need.”

Observances for the week of July 28, 2024

Sunday: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus
Tuesday: St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Wednesday: St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
Thursday: St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Friday: St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest
Next Sunday: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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, Spencer Holder & 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

July 23: \$4,223

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28 de julio de 2024
17º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario



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7 de junio de 2024

Estimados párrocos y administradores

Como ustedes saben estamos llegando a la conclusión de las visitas de Decanato de este año. Monseñor Joseph Grimaldi, su Vicario Episcopal Regional y yo hemos escuchado sus sugerencias y preocupaciones, y las conversaciones han sido personalmente muy alentadoras para mí.

De cara al nuevo año pastoral, me comprometo a poner en práctica nuestro Proceso de Reconfiguración, con sus tres etapas diferentes en toda nuestra diócesis, con el fin de utilizar eficazmente nuestros recursos financieros y de personal del clero. El propósito del Proceso de Reconfiguración es fortalecer la relación que ya existe entre las comunidades parroquiales en determinadas zonas de nuestra diócesis y mejorar la variedad de ministerios que cada parroquia ofrece, mientras colabora con otra parroquia.

En muchas diócesis se están llevando a cabo colaboraciones, asociaciones o fusiones parroquiales y varias parroquias comparten su párroco con al menos otra parroquia, y este número va en aumento. Los problemas aquí en nuestra diócesis, aunque únicos a su manera, son similares a lo que está sucediendo en todo el país. Somos una familia en la fe.

Con esto en mente, los párrocos de cada decanato han sido encargados de discutir y ajustar sus horarios de misa en colaboración con las otras parroquias de su decanato este próximo otoño.


También separroquias vecinas fuera de su decanato asignado, si es pastoralmente necesario.

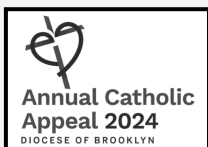
A tal efecto, les pido que no se lleven intenciones de misas después del 30 de junio de 2025. Es esencial que todas las parroquias compartan este compromiso.

En los próximos meses recibirán más información sobre este proceso, y se les anima a participar activamente en las consultas que se celebren en los decanatos, en las oportunidades de consulta a nivel de decanato. Por favor, comuniquen sus ideas a su Decano. Este es un momento importante para nuevas oportunidades en nuestra diócesis. Es crucial que este proceso esté arraigado en la oración y abierto a la guía del Espíritu Santo. Les pido que sean fieles al discernimiento paciente y comprometido a crear un plan con el Liderazgo de su Parroquia, el Decano y el Vicario Regional que establecerá el camino a seguir para la futura vitalidad y vitalidad de todas nuestras parroquias en Brooklyn y Queens.

Gracias por su cooperación mientras nos embarcamos en esta nueva fase de reconfiguración en nuestra diócesis. Estén seguros de mis continuas oraciones por cada uno de ustedes y las comunidades parroquiales.

Fraternally yours in Christ,


Most Reverend Robert J. Brennan
Bishop of Brooklyn.



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¡¡Las inscripciones para Educación Religiosa comenzarán el 16 de julio de 2024!!

- Martes a viernes: 1pm a 5pm
- Martes y jueves: 5pm a 8pm (con cita preferible)

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XVII NIEDZIELA ZWYKŁA



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Jak wiecie, zbliżamy się do zakończenia tegorocznych wizyt dekanalnych. Monsignor Joseph Grimaldi, wasz lokalny Wikariusz Regionalny i ja wysłuchaliśmy waszych sugestii i obaw, a rozmowy te były dla mnie osobiście bardzo zachęcające.

W związku z nadchodzącym nowym rokiem duszpasterskim, zobowiązuję się do wdrożenia naszego Procesu Rekonfiguracji, składającego się z trzech różnych etapów w całej naszej diecezji, aby skutecznie wykorzystać nasze zasoby finansowe i personalne duchowieństwa. Celem Procesu Rekonfiguracji jest wzmocnienie relacji, które już istnieją między wspólnotami parafialnymi w poszczególnych obszarach naszej diecezji, oraz wzmocnienie różnorodnych posług, które każda parafia oferuje, współpracując, partnerując lub łącząc się z inną parafią.


Współpraca, partnerstwa lub fuzje parafii odbywają się w wielu diecezjach, a wiele parafii dzieli swojego proboszcza przynajmniej z jedną inną parafią, a liczba ta rośnie. Problemy, z którymi się tutaj spotykamy, choć na swój sposób unikalne, są podobne do tych, które występują w całym kraju. Jesteśmy jedną rodziną w wierze. Mając to na uwadze, proboszczowie w każdym dekanacie zostali zobowiązani do omówienia i dostosowania swoich harmonogramów Mszy Świętych we współpracy z innymi parafiami w swoim dekanacie tej jesieni. Zachęca się również do współpracy z sąsiednimi parafiami poza przydzielonym dekanatem, jeśli jest to duszpastersko konieczne. **W związku z tym proszę, aby nie przyjmować intencji mszalnych po 30 czerwca 2025 roku.**

Niezbędne jest, aby każda parafia podzielała to zobowiązanie.

W nadchodzących miesiącach usłyszycie więcej o tym procesie i zachęcam was do aktywnego udziału w konsultacjach na poziomie dekanatu. Proszę, abyście przekazywali swoje myśli i pomysły swojemu Dziekanowi. Jest to ważny moment dla nowych możliwości w naszej diecezji. Ważne jest, aby ten proces był zakorzeniony w modlitwie i otwarty na prowadzenie Ducha Świętego. Proszę, abyście byli wierni cierpliwemu rozeznawaniu i zaangażowani w tworzenie planu z waszymi liderami parafialnymi, Dziekanem i Wikariuszem Regionalnym, który wyznaczy mapę drogową dla przyszłej żywotności i żywiołowości wszystkich naszych parafii w Brooklynie i Queens.

Dziękuję za współpracę, gdy wkraczamy w tę nową fazę rekonfiguracji w naszej diecezji. Zapewniam was o moich stałych modlitwach za każdego z was i za wspólnoty parafialne.

Fraternally yours in Christ,


Most Reverend Robert J. Brennan
Bishop of Brooklyn.

July 28, 2024
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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June 7, 2024

Dear Pastors and Administrators,

As you know we are coming up on the conclusion of this year's Deanery visits. Monsignor Joseph Grimaldi, your local Regional Episcopal Vicar and I have listened to your suggestions and concerns, and the conversations have personally been very encouraging to me.

As we look to the new pastoral year, I am committed to implement our Reconfiguration Process, with its three different stages throughout our diocese, in order to effectively utilize our financial and clergy personnel resources. The purpose of the Reconfiguration Process is to strengthen the relationship that already exists among parish communities in particular areas of our diocese and to enhance the varied ministries that each parish offers, while collaborating, partnering or merging with another parish.


Collaboration, partnerships, or parish mergers are taking place in many dioceses and a number of parishes share their pastor with at least one other parish with that number growing. The issues we face here in our diocese, though unique in their own ways, are similar to what is happening throughout the country. We are one family in faith.

With this in mind, pastors in each deanery have been tasked to discuss and adjust their Mass schedules in collaboration with the other parishes in their deanery this coming Fall. You are also strongly encouraged to work with neighboring parishes outside your assigned deanery, if pastorally necessary. **To that effect, I am asking that no Mass intentions be taken after June 30, 2025. It is essential that every parish share in this commitment.**

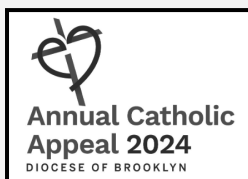
You will hear more about this process in the coming months, and you are encouraged to engage actively in the consultation opportunities at the deanery level. Please provide your thoughts and ideas to your Dean. This is an important moment for new opportunities in our diocese. It is crucial that this process be rooted in prayer and open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. I ask that you be faithful to patient discernment and committed to creating a plan with your Parish Leadership, Dean and Regional Vicar that will set the roadmap for the future vitality and vibrancy of all our parishes in Brooklyn and Queens.

Thank you for your cooperation as we embark in this new phase of reconfiguration in our diocese. Be assured of my continued prayers for each of you and parish communities.

Fraternally yours in Christ,


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