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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

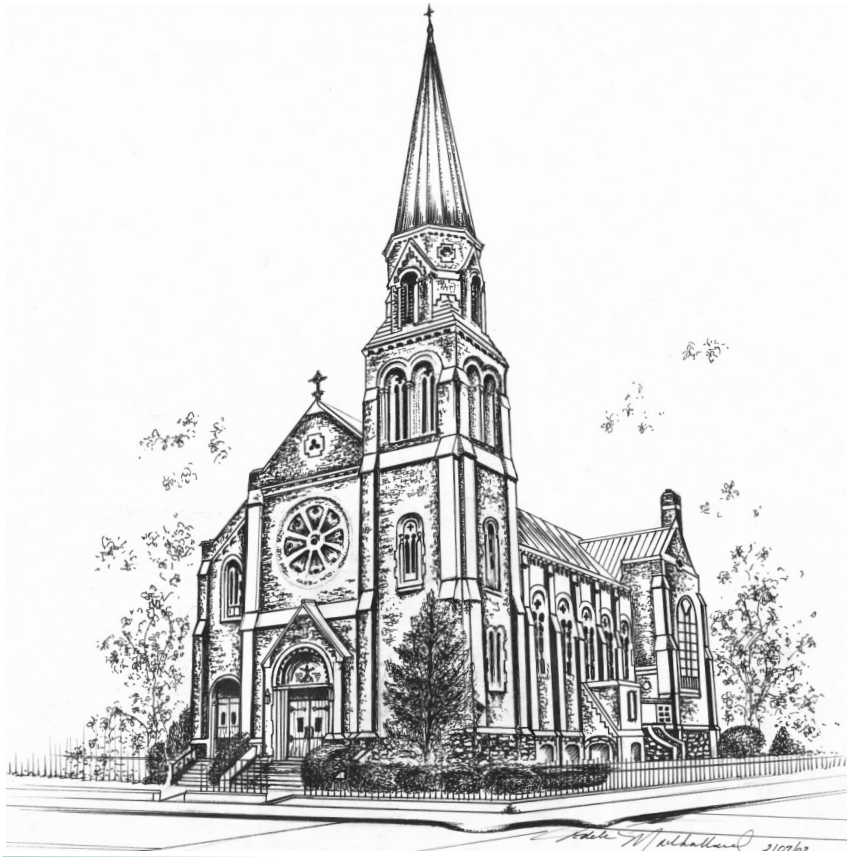
Sat. 4:00pm - 4:45pm & by appointment: call parish office

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 August 4, 2024

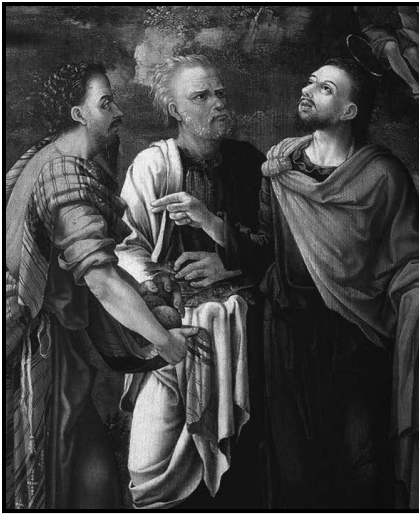
Are Catholic statues the same as "graven images"?

God forbade the making of idols, images of false gods (Exodus 20:4-5). But God did not forbid the making of all images. Images of cherubim were placed on the Ark of the Covenant (Exodus 37:7-9), and the Book of Numbers tells how God commanded Moses to make a bronze serpent and put it on a pole as a sign of healing (Numbers 21:7-9).

Not only is the making of images or representations of people not forbidden by God, it is so common that we take it for granted. People keep photographs of those they love. In the same way, we Catholics love the saints as family members who have gone before us, and we keep images of them in our homes and churches.

Catholics do not worship the saints; we worship and adore God alone. But we do honor the saints, remembering their holy lives as we try to imitate them. There is nothing unusual about keeping statues and paintings in prominent places. Many cities display statues of leaders and important citizens. If we are given only secular models to imitate, we will be denied models who can guide us to Jesus and to eternal life. Images of the saints are reminders of God's grace and goodness fleshed out in the lives of people very much like us. ●

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18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." - Jn 6:32-33

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Mass Intentions

Sunday, August 4th

8:30am +Cesar Silva
10:00am For the People of the Parish
11:30am +Amada Morales Vasquez – Su hija
Por la Familia Villa Loja
1:00 pm O zdrowie dla Andrzeja
Z okazji urodzin dla Nikoli

Monday, August 5th

8:30am For All the Sick of the Parish

Tuesday, August 6th

8:30am The Transfiguration of the Lord

Wednesday, August 7th

8:30am Birthday Blessings for Michelle Islas
7:00pm Por Todos las Familias en la parroquia

Thursday, August 8th

8:30am For the Health of Camillo Avicolti

Friday, August 9th

8:30am For All those in Agony
7:00pm Special Intentions

Saturday, August 10th

8:30am For the Birthday of Lindsay Bonilla
5:00pm +Alfonso Flores – Anthony & Family

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"I will now rain down bread from heaven for you. Each day the people are to go out and gather their daily portion." (Ex 16:4)

Psalm:

The Lord gave them bread from heaven. (Ps 78)

Second Reading:

Be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and put on the new self, created in God's way in righteousness and holiness of truth. (Eph 4:23-24)

Gospel:

"I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst." (Jn 6:35)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Jesus reminds his followers: "Do not work for food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life." We are so often distracted by the world before us, by the here and now. Let us not forget what is eternal. We were made for what is eternal.

Observances for the week of August 4, 2024

Sunday: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major
Tuesday: The Transfiguration of the Lord
Wednesday: St. Sharbel Makhluif, Priest
Thursday: St. James, Apostle
Friday: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin & Martyr
Saturday: St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr
Next Sunday: 19th 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 28: \$3,325

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4 de agosto de 2024
18° 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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Educación Religiosa

¡¡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)

04 SIERPIEN 2024

XVIII 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.

August 4, 2024
18th 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.**

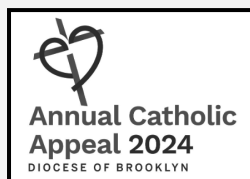
You will hear more about this process in the coming months, and you are encouraged to engage actively in the consultation opportunities at the deanery level. Please provide your thoughts and ideas to your Dean. This is an important moment for new opportunities in our diocese. It is crucial that this 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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