

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY: 3/ 25 5:00PM- In loving memory of Agnes Barbour Requested by Minetha Chambers.

SUNDAY: 3/26 9:30AM- In loving memory of Lloyd G. Wilson requested by Aida Wilson.

12:00 PM In loving memory of Mary & John Forsythe requested by Millie Caamano.

MONDAY: 9:00 AM Blessing for the speedy recovery of Cindy Balliram.

TUESDAY: 9:00AM In loving memory of Jesse Beephan.

WEDNESDAY: 9:00 AM- In loving memory of Ryan Carter Grenville requested by Bernadette & Aziza Alexander.

THURSDAY: 9:00 AM- Communion Service.

FRIDAY: 9:00 AM- Communion Service.

SATURDAY: 4/1 5:00PM- In loving memory of Mary & John Stofan requested by Meg & George Davidson.



PLEASE PRAY for the sick of the parish especially: Michael McKinney, Jennie Santos, John Wilson, Sr. Jareth, Louise Worrell, Msgr. Hinch, Silvia Charles, Camilo Meneses López, Gloria Gagliardi, José Miranda, Asuncion Nuñez, Yuklin Hernandez, , Annie Andrews, Mercedes Mann, Serena Wilson, Keith Oakley, Estefania Meneses, Adriel Caamano, Kathleen Williams, Laura Garrick, Jacklyn Shaw Williams, Jeanie Rivera, Courtney Starks, Lorraine Bennett & Mildred Franco Noisy.

We will keep names on the prayer list for three weeks. After that time, the family should call the rectory to have the name reinstated. Thank you.

SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR APRIL 2017

- Holy Places Good Friday, April 14, 2017
- Retired Priests Easter Sunday April 16, 2017
- Catholic Home Missions Sunday April 30, 2017

If anyone is interested in making a donation for the Paschal Candle (Easter Candle), please call the rectory. This candle is used for the entire year. The cost of the candle is \$170.00.



Readings for the Week

MARCH 26 SUNDAY

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First: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a
 Second: Ephesians 5:8-14
 Gospel: John 9:1-41 or: 1, 6-9, 13-17, 34, 38

MARCH 27 MONDAY

First: Isaiah 65:17-21
 Gospel: John 4:43-54

MARCH 28 TUESDAY

First: Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12
 Gospel: John 5:1-16

MARCH 29 WEDNESDAY

First: Isaiah 49:8-15
 Gospel: John 5:17-30

MARCH 30 THURSDAY

First: Exodus 32:7-14
 Gospel: John 5:31-47

MARCH 31 FRIDAY

First: Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22
 Gospel: John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

APRIL 1 SATURDAY

First: Jeremiah 11:18-20
 Gospel: John 7:40-53

APRIL 2 SUNDAY

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First: Ezekiel 37:12-14
 Second: Romans 8:8-11
 Gospel: John 11:1-45 or 11: 3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT:

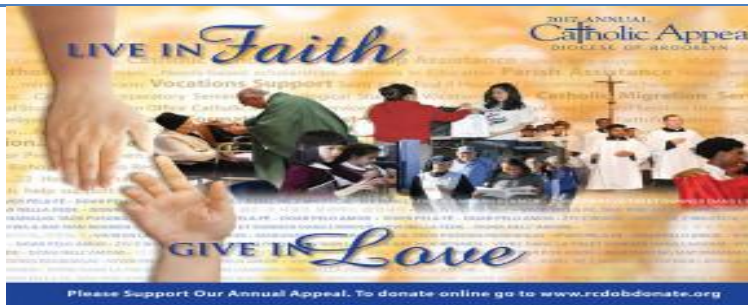
- *English-* Thursdays after the 9 AM Communion Service
- *Spanish-* Fridays at 7:00 PM

We invite you to join us in praying the Stations of the Cross on the above days. The stations provide a meditation on the Suffering and death of Jesus, our Savior.



LENT IS A JOURNEY THAT MOVES US TOWARD THE CROSS.....

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RECONCILIATION MONDAY: Join millions of



New Yorkers in a special day of preparation for the most sacred three days of the Church's calendar. On Monday, April 10, 2017, from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m., all churches will be open and offering the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). Come and

open your hearts to God's love and forgiveness.

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY: We will begin praying the Rosary the 1st Saturday of each month starting in October at the 1018 Basement of the Rectory beginning 10 a.m. SHARP! All are welcome to join us.



BOXED SETS OF ENVELOPES:



The staff asks that a member of each family kindly pick up their 2017 *Contribution Envelopes* at the end of each Mass. When looking for your envelopes please look for name, that is highlighted, as well as your envelope number. Verify that you have the correct box of envelopes, if there are any

errors or changes please contact the Rectory. Please note that collection envelopes are not mailed. We thank you in advance for your cooperation and may God bless you.

The parish of St Laurence complies with all Safe Environment mandates set forth by the Diocese of Brooklyn and the US Conference of Catholic Bishops. All employees and volunteers who have contact with children must attend a Virtus session, sign a code of conduct and submit to a background search. If you need to register for a Virtus session, please do so at www.virtus.org. The Diocese of Brooklyn wishes to do everything possible to see that all people, particularly children, are safe in all pastoral settings. Excuses and rationalizations for such criminal actions will not be accepted. To report sexual abuse involving diocesan personnel – priests, deacons, teachers, employees or volunteers at schools or parishes please call The Diocese of Brooklyn toll-free, confidential reporting number 1-888-634-4499.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL GIVES BACK:

St. Laurence Church should share in the profits, for Each car, truck or van, running or not. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will give back to our church \$50/\$100 per vehicle. Maybe you don't have a vehicle, but a family member, friend or neighbor has an old or elected vehicle in their driveway that they would like to dispose of. Call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at (718) 491-2525. Thank You for your participation.

LETTER FROM BISHOP DIMARZIO

Dear Friends in Christ,

Each year, the Annual Catholic Appeal provides us with an opportunity to help spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to build the Kingdom of God here in Brooklyn and Queens. Guided by the Holy Spirit, our dedicated bishops, priests, deacons, religious men and woman and lay faithful unite in the mission of serving our Lord through acts of charity and love, and works of care and compassion with your generous financial help.

Thousands join together to respond to those among us in need and to support the important work of our diocese through a pledge to the Annual Catholic Appeal. For all, participating with a gift to the Appeal is a way to live the faith contained in their hearts, and for many it is also a way of giving back for the blessings they have received from God.

The 2017 Annual Catholic Appeal, Live in Faith—Give in Love, reminds us that the work of the Church is shared by all believers in response to the gifts of faith and love. By supporting the works of our Diocese and the mission of the Church through a commitment to the 2017 Annual Catholic Appeal, you will inspire others in your parish and our diocese to join us as we answer God's call to love and to serve our neighbors. Those who are without shelter, malnourished, those without access to Catholic education, men discerning the priesthood and those who are ill, and dying—all depend upon our generosity.

Through your prayerful consideration and reflection, I invite you to take part in the work of our Church by making a sacrificial gift to the 2017 Annual Catholic Appeal.

Asking the Lord to extend His choicest blessings upon you, and thanking you for your consideration, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads 'Nicholas Dimarzio'.

MOST REVEREND NICHOLAS DIMARZIO, PH.D., D.D.
BISHOP OF BROOKLYN

To make a donation online please use the following link:
<http://annualcatholicappeal.org/>

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MASS BOOK 2017:



The Mass book for 2017 is now open. Please come to the Parish Office during regular working hours to request a Mass intention. The stipend is \$15.00 per intention. If there are special dates in your life you would like to celebrate, please come as soon as possible.

The dates fill up quickly, especially Sunday intentions. No intentions can be taken over the telephone, and each intention must be accompanied by the stipend. We attempt to make this process as open and as fair to all as possible.



FAITH FORMATION CORNER

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

For questions concerning the Religious Education program, please call Lori Ramos-Johnson at 718-645-0545 or email the Director of Religious Education at ramosj.lori@gmail.com.

BAPTISMS:

If you are interested in having your child baptized, please call the rectory for Baptism and meeting dates.

ALTAR SERVERS

Altar Servers are still needed. If you are interested, please call the rectory.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

(R.C.I.A.):

Are you interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith and possibly being baptized? Have you been baptized and not received the

Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist?

Are you in need of receiving the sacrament of Confirmation? Have you completed your sacraments but want a deeper understanding of the faith? If you answered yes to any of these questions, please call the rectory for information on the R.C.I.A. program.

"Congratulations to the RCIA candidates who will receive their 2st Scrutiny this weekend at the 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday. The St. Laurence community continues to keep you in prayer as you approach your sacraments."



Our Religious Education program is in need of assistance at this time as it is growing and therefore in need of new teachers. If you are 18 years old or older, an active member of the parish, have received the sacraments of initiation, and are interested in learning more about the Catechesis process, please call the rectory.

Please note: Background checks are required.



Futures in Education
FOR BROOKLYN AND QUEENS
Changing Lives Through The Gift Of Education

SCHOLARSHIPS



**THE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS
OPENS JANUARY 17, 2017
FOR BROOKLYN AND QUEENS CATHOLIC
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS (PRE K - 8)!**

Step 1

Register your children's in a Catholic elementary academy or school (Pre K – 8) in Brooklyn or Queens.

Step 2

Fill out the online application and submit with required supporting documentation. Please note that there is a non-refundable \$30 application processing fee payable by credit card, check or money order, and a \$10 insufficient funds fee for bounced checks. Only one application per family is required.

2017 Deadline

For returning families, the deadline for submitting a scholarship application for the 2017-18 school years is March 31, 2017.

For new families, the deadline for submitting a scholarship application for the 2017-18 school years is April 21, 2017

Only completed applications submitted with all required supporting documents will be considered. Completed applications received *on or before* this date will be considered for the maximum award amount. Completed applications received *after* this date will still be considered but will not be given priority for the 2017-2018 school year.

APPLY NOW <http://www.futuresineducation.org/>

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FELLOW ST. LAURENCE PARISHIONERS:

as we trod through the desert of Lent marked by prayer, sacrifice and reflection, we prepare ourselves for the ultimate season of Easter with its brightness and joy in the resurrection of our Lord. Each year, we brighten St. Laurence at Easter through your generous contributions to the flower/decoration donations. If you have not done so already and would like to contribute a donation, please use one of the envelopes for flowers in your box of envelopes or drop off an envelope marked "Easter flower donation" at the Rectory. Thank you.

AN EASTER DUTY REMINDER:

After they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, all the faithful are bound by the obligations of receiving Communion at least once a year. This precept must be fulfilled during the Easter season, unless for a good reason it is fulfilled at another time during the year. Easter time begins at the Vigil on Holy Saturday and concludes with the celebration of Pentecost. By special indult, for the Dioceses in the United States, this period is extended to include the period from Ash Wednesday to Trinity Sunday. If you for some reason are not prepared to receive Communion, this is also a very good time to seek out the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession).

CANDLES:

Members of the Liturgy Committee will be selling candles before Mass on Holy Thursday, April 13th. Cost per candle is \$3.00.



Arise Invitation to Lenten Action:

1. Pray a decade of the Rosary at least once this week. OR
2. This week, begin and end your day by making the sign of the cross.

Scalabrini Center

AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF POMPEII

We wish to inform you about the Scalabrini Center's practice in immigration advocacy and social services: Scalabrini Center NYC for all migrants, located at 25 Carmine Street NY 10014, provides all these services at a low cost, being a non-profit organization:

- Immigration Status Consultation;
- Immigration Forms and Filing;
- Language translations;
- Referrals to social agencies;
- English ESOL Instruction;
- Citizenship classes;
- Advocacy;

Scalabrini Center NYC for All Migrants, is a non-profit organization (SPES [spells HOPE in Latin] 501 (c)3) and is the Scalabrinian Project for Education and Services to all immigrants.

Phone (646) 678-4097 info@scalabrinicenternyc.org

Bishop Kearney High School Gift Auction/Card Party

COME AND ENJOY

Chance to Win Fabulous Prizes
Delicious Dinner/Wine/Dessert
Socializing with Family & Friends
Valet Parking

Thursday, March 30, 2017

Rex Manor

1100 - 60th Street, Brooklyn, NY

6:30 - 11:00 p.m.

\$65 per person

For Tickets or to make a donation, please visit

www.bishopkearneyhs.org/giftauction2017

Grand Prize \$10,000

Limited Tickets Available - for information:

www.bishopkearneyhs.org/grandprize

For questions, please contact Lorraine Macca,

Lmacca@kearneyhs.org, or 718.236.6363, ext. 246

Bishop Kearney High School Reunion

Classes ending in 2 and 7

April 28, 2017 – The Wicked Monk (limited tickets available)

April 29, 2017 – 12 p.m. Mass and Luncheon

Call: Catherine McCarthy Schmidt '74 at [718-236-6363](tel:718-236-6363)
ext. 256 or cschmidt@kearneyhs.org