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SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday evening at 5pm

Sunday morning at 8:30am (bilingual),
10:15am and 12:00 pm

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday – Friday at 7:30am and 9am
(no 7:30am on legal holidays)

Saturday at 8:30am

HOLYDAY MASSES: see the bulletin the week prior

DEVOTIONS:

Miraculous Medal Novena: Tuesdays at the 9 am Mass

St. Jude Novena: Fridays at the 9 am Mass

Holy Hour / Benediction: 1st Fridays at 12 pm
(October - June)

Rosario in Italiano ogni mercoledì alle 7:30 pm
(settembre – giugno)

RECONCILIATION (Confession):

Saturday: 4:15 pm to 4:45 pm, other times by appointment



RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:

Monday to Friday: 9:30 am to 4:00 pm
& 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Sunday: 9 am to 2 pm

Office Closed on Saturdays, holidays & holiday weekends

PARISH REGISTRATION:

We are happy to welcome all newcomers to our parish. Join our parish family by registering at the rectory during office hours.

Current parishioners who change address, phone number or are moving away are asked to let us know by putting a note in the collection basket so we can keep our files up to date.

BAPTISM:

Congratulations on the birth of your child. Our Baptisms are on the 3rd Sunday of ODD numbered months at 1:30pm (except during Lent) Please call for an appointment at least a month before your chosen date to make arrangements (bring the baby's birth certificate). Also, BOTH parents must attend a preparation class on the Monday evening prior to the date of Baptism.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK:

Please contact our pastoral care minister at the rectory if you are homebound or shut-in and would like home visitation or assistance or would like to receive Holy Communion on a regular basis from our Eucharistic Ministers.

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION:

To register for religion classes grades 1 through 8, children's First Communion or Confirmation call 718-372-0733 in the school building at 294 Ave. T.
(secretary: Mrs. Nina Varone)

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Adults over 14 who are interested in becoming a Catholic or who have been baptized Catholic but never received Eucharist or Confirmation should be part of our RCIA program. Leave your name & phone at the rectory for Annemarie Turzilli.

Catholic Adults who have received Eucharist and desire to receive Confirmation should leave their name and phone at the rectory for Helen Franki.

MARRIAGE:

Plan to make your wedding both a happy and a HOLY event. Couples must call for an appointment at least 6 months prior to the planned wedding date and participate in the parish and diocesan marriage preparation program.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

We celebrate this sacrament of healing grace at the 8:30am Mass on the first Saturday each month. Please join us at that Mass if you have taken ill or are planning a hospital stay. You may also call and arrange with a priest to receive this sacrament at other times at home or in the church. Don't wait until it is an emergency.

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"He said to him, 'My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.'" - Lk 15:31-32

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

8:30 LARRY ARGENZIANO
10:15 THE DECEASED OF THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY
12:00 ANNA FRANCHINI

MONDAY, MARCH 11

7:30 THE DECEASED OF THE DAMARA &
MILAZZO FAMILIES
9:00 INNOCENZO CATANZARO &
THE DECEASED OF THE CATANZARO FAMILY

TUESDAY, MARCH 12

7:30 LETIZIA ANZALONE
9:00 LENA & SAL RANDAZZO

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

7:30 MARION AIENA
9:00 THOMAS J. TOOLAN, Jr (91st Birthday)

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

7:30 SAVERIO MAURO
9:00 GIUSEPPE MIGNOLI

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

7:30 DANIEL BREEN
9:00 MARIA DILECCE

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

8:30 LEONARDO & FANNIE MALDARELLI
5:00 ANGELINA FERRARELLA & DONNA D'ANGELO

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

8:30 ANNA ESPOSITO
10:15 RE SALVATORE & GIUSEPPE ORLANDO
12:00 JOSEPH PICCIUCA

IN OUR PRAYERS

May the Holy Spirit bring healing comfort to all of our sick, especially:

Jeanine Ardizzzone, Marie Addeo, Ethel Capiello, Stacy Meli,
Andrew Dazzo, Anthony Chiusano, Annette Puglisi, William Tirelli,
Teresa Nocera, Ann Intoccia, John Belezio, Joey Morrone,
Jean Petrobono, Rose Cordella, Dianne Martinez, Denise Pizzullo,
Martha Monti, Carol Panarella, John Geraci, Danielle Martucci,
Imelda Masini, Gene Larrabee, Thomas J. Tracy,
Antoinette Marino, Anna Iacopelli, Joseph Kammer, Linda Leghorn,
Victoria Farella, Vivianne Ferrari, Jeanina Caceres, Millie Piccarelli
& Laura D'Antonio

May God bring safely home all of our deceased family and friends,
especially: Angela Cunningham, Carmine Costa, Laura DeStefano,
Eleanor Massato & Virginia Cataldo



THE WEEK OF MARCH 10 – MARCH 16

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LENT

In union with the faithful all over the world, we enter a time of penance and prayer to renew our hearts in God's love. Take time to share with us in any of the following Lenten times of prayer.

With the church throughout the world, we mark **every Friday of Lent as days of Abstinence** when no meat is eaten. We accept this communal sacrifice offered to God as a way of uniting ourselves to the suffering of Christ and the suffering of our world. We also seek to lessen our dependence on the things of this world, so as to increase our focus on the things of heaven.

As a visual way of marking this solemn season, the church is kept bare of most decoration. **NO FLOWERS** will be kept in the church until we joyfully celebrate the great feast of Easter.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: Every **Monday at 1pm** in the rectory.

GRUPO DE ORACION CARISMATICO EN ESPANOL: El grupo se reunira' todos los lunes de las 7pm a las 9pm en la parte baja de la iglesia.

ROSARIO E VIA CRUCIS IN ITALIANO: Ogni mercoledì' quaresimale alle 7pm ed ogni domenica alle 4pm

ENGLISH STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Wednesdays at **11:30am & Friday evenings at 7pm**

LEGION OF MARY: Every **Thursday** morning at 9:30am in the rectory basement.

PRAYER GROUP: Every **Friday night at 8pm** in the rectory basement.

VIA CRUCIS EN ESPANOL: Every **Friday night at 8pm** in the Church.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2013 – PLEASE HELP

Our parish is most grateful for your constant generosity. A large part of your generosity over the years has been to help our parish reach its goal in the Bishop's Annual Catholic Appeal which supports the work of our diocese in its schools, health care facilities, seminaries, immigration services & Catholic Charities in Brooklyn. An important part of this appeal is that the parishes receive back any monies which are donated over the parish goal. Our parish goal is **\$36,000**. Many of you have already received the pledge forms in the mail OR in a few weeks you will be able to take a pledge form from the lobby and help out as best you can. **MAKE SURE TO MARK YOUR PARISH NAME (STS. SIMON & JUDE) ON THE FORM SO THAT WE RECEIVE CREDIT** and know that our prayers and gratitude are always with you.

**JOIN US FOR FAMILY MASS
NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 17 AT 12pm
THE 7th GRADERS WILL HOST THE MASS**

ANNUAL HOLY NAME PASTA SUNDAY

Our Holy Name Society will be hosting its Annual Pasta Sunday on **March 17** at 1pm in the school auditorium. Come join us for an afternoon filled with music, laughter and good food. Tickets are \$20 each and are available in the church lobby after all weekend Masses. This year there will be reserved seating. No tickets will be sold at the door.

ST. ANTHONY NOVENA

Our annual novena in honor of St. Anthony will begin on Monday, March 18 at the 9am Mass and continue until June 10. Join us each week for this special time of prayer in honor of the great Saint of Padua and ask for his powerful help to live according to God's will and purpose.

MESSA ITALIANA IN ONORE DI S. GIUSEPPE

Venite insieme ad una Messa speciale in onore di S. Giuseppe, martedì 19 marzo alle 7:30pm seguita da una piccola festa nella cafeteria.

Join us for a special Mass in Italian in honor of St. Joseph, **Tuesday, March 19 at 7:30m.**

SSJ's BROOKLYN YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

The Young Adults group meets every 1st Sunday of the month at 1pm in the rectory basement. **Our next meeting is Sunday, April 7.** For more information on our young adults group come by or contact Edmund at 718-354-7515.

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CLUSTER: OFFICE OF YOUTH MINISTRY

FOR INFORMATION ON OUR CLUSTER YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS CONTACT KENNY WODZANOWSKI, OUR CLUSTER DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY AT HIS OFFICE AT ST. FRANCES CABRINI CHURCH, 1562 86th STREET (718-490-4469) OR EMAIL KENWODZ@OPTONLINE.NET
WEBSITE: WWW.BBCYM.COM
FACEBOOK: BENSONHURST CLUSTER YOUTH MINISTRY

SSJ YOUTH FAITH FORMATION: Youth are invited every 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month in Sts. Simon & Jude's rectory basement from 7 to 9pm. Join us as we interact, discuss, create friendships & socialize. Our next meeting is on **March 13.**

SSJ YOUTH GROUP: Join us for our parish youth group every 1st & 3rd Friday of the month from 7 to 9pm in the gym for games, arts & crafts, the game room, board games, movie night and more. Each night will have *community time* that will include prayer and lessons taught through group activities that are guided by caring and loving adults. Our next meeting is on **March 15.**

CLUSTER YOUTH PENANCE SERVICE: All are welcome to join our Cluster Youth Penance Service on **Tues., March 19** at St. Frances Cabrini (16th Ave. & 86th St.) at 7pm. You will meet priests from throughout the Cluster.

YOUTH WAY OF THE CROSS WALK: The Youth Way of the Cross will be on **Wednesday, March 27** starting at 7pm at St. Athanasius (Bay Pkwy. & 61st) and finishing at St. Mary, Mother of Jesus (23rd Ave. & 85th St.) Please contact Kenny for more information at 718-490-4469.

EASTER BASKET SALES: Volunteers from our Cluster Youth Ministry program will be at Sts. Simon & Jude church on Easter Sunday, March 31 selling beautiful Easter baskets to raise money for our youth program. Baskets will include a stuffed animal, candy, toy, coloring book, crayons & a game. Basket prices are \$15, \$20 & \$25. Thank you for your support!

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

The Annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary celebration will take place on **Sat., Apr. 27** at **Immaculate Conception Church located on 86-45 Edgerton Boulevard, Jamaica, N.Y. 11432** Couples celebrating their 25th, 30th, 40th, or 50th anniversary are invited to attend with their families. Mass will begin at 11am, followed by a reception with light refreshments. All couples will receive a personalized certificate signed by Bishop DiMarzio and will be greeted by the bishop at the end of Mass. Contact the rectory for registration before **the March 29 deadline.**

ANNUAL EASTER FAIR AT OUR LADY OF GRACE

Our Lady of Grace is having their Annual Easter Fair on Saturday, March 16 from 11am to 7pm and on Sunday, March 17 from 9am to 4pm. There will be an Easter egg hunt, pictures with the Easter bunny, food, raffles & vendors selling new merchandise. Please note that reservations are required for the Easter egg hunt. For reservations, interested vendors and more information please call 718-627-2020. Also, please visit their website at WWW.OLOGCHURCH.COM.

The Mustard Seed



DID YOU KNOW?

During Lent there are three weeks where the readings can vary? The third, fourth and fifth Sunday of Lent are called the Scrutinies. It is the final preparation time for the ELECT (those preparing to receive Baptism at the Easter Vigil). The readings are meant for them to examine themselves and receive strength through Jesus. We can all use these special readings to help us on our spiritual journey this Lent.

LET'S BRING OUR FAITH INTO THE ELECTRONIC AGE

For those of you who have a smart phone, you can use it to keep connected to your faith. Googleplay.com has lots of Catholic apps, and most of them are free. You can download the Bible or faith fun apps on your phone to always keep you connected!!

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

In the first reading today Samuel is sent to Jesse of Bethlehem to pick a king for the people of God. Samuel, a faithful servant of God, makes the same mistake we often make, he judged on outward appearance. The choice of God, was the youngest, David, that's because God judges based on what's on the inside. How often do we judge a person based on what we can see? We may overlook someone because of size, color or even the clothes they wear. In order for us to truly know a person we need to know what is in their heart.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every year the students of our program complete projects on the Stations of the Cross. Usually they are on display in church through Holy Week. This year we will be using the Lower Church to display their work. Please join us on Thursday March 21 at 6:30 as we pray the stations with the children and families of our program.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Supermarket Bingo April 19th.

Fiesta Night May 3rd

Please keep in your prayers the children who will be receiving the Sacrament of Penance for this first time on Wednesday March 13th.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

MONDAY, MARCH 11

St. Theresa Redi

1p: Divine Mercy Cenacle (RB)

5p: Choir (CHU)

7p: Grupo de oracion / Spanish prayer group (LC)

TUESDAY, MARCH 12

St. Serafina, patron of spinners

9a: Miraculous Medal Novena (CHU)

5p - 9p: Religious Ed. Office open (REO)

7p - 8:30p: Religious Ed gr.7 & 8 (SCH)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

St. Matilda, patron of second marriages

11:30a: Stations of the Cross (CHU)

12p - 3p: Golden Age (Seniors) (CAF)

6:30p - 10p: Square Dance (LC)

7p: Rosario italiano / Via Crucis (CHAP)

7p: Youth Faith Formation (RB)

7p: Fist Penance (CHU)

7p: RCIA (REO)

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

St. Louise deMarillac, patron of social workers

9:30a: Legion of Mary (RB)

12p - 7p: Office of Faith Formation open (REO)

7:30p: Parish Council (LC)

8p: Folk Group (CHU)

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

St. Pope Zachary

9a: Novena to St. Jude (CHU)

7p: Stations of the Cross (LOM) (CHU)

7p: SSJ Youth Center (GYM)

8p: Prayer Group (RB)

8p: Via Crucis en espanol (CHU)

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

St. Herbert

10a - 3p: Brooklyn Autistics (SCH/GYM/CAF)

2p: Wedding Guillermina Pina Flores & Pedro Xochimitl

4:15p: Confessions

SUNDAY, MARCH 17: 5th Sunday of Lent

St. Patrick, patron of Ireland

Parish Easter Gift & Parish Fuel Envelope

8a: Rosario italiano (CHU)

10a - 11:45a: Religious Ed. Gr. K-6 (SCH/CAF)

10:15a: Folk Group Mass (CHU)

12p: Family Mass (7th grade) / Choir Mass (CHU)

12p: RCIA 3rd Scrutiny Mass

1p: Holy Name Pasta Sunday (GYM)

1p: RCIA Vigil Practice (CHU)

5p: Spanish Mass



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