

# Good News!

Douglaston/Little Neck, New York

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**Anastasia**  
church

**Third Sunday of Easter**

**April 14, 2024**

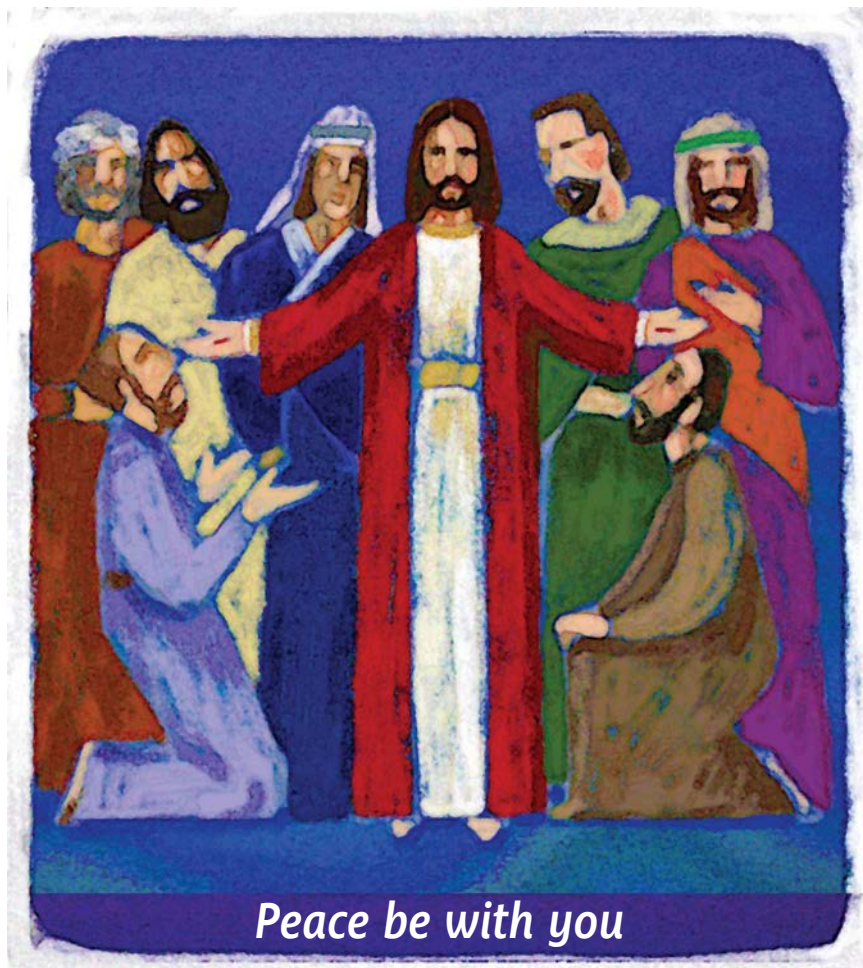


The two disciples recounted what had taken place on the way, and how Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of bread.

While they were still speaking about this, he stood in their midst and said to them, "**Peace be with you.**" But they were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. Then he said to them, "**Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have.**" And as he said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While they were still incredulous for joy and were amazed, he asked

them, "**Have you anything here to eat?**" They gave him a piece of baked fish; he took it and ate it in front of them.

He said to them, "**These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled.**" Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, "**Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.**" — Luke 24:35-48



*Peace be with you*

45-14 245th St. (Rev. John J. Gribbon Way)  
Douglaston, NY 11362-1135

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# **saint Anastasia church**

Established 1915

## **Rectory Office Hours**

Monday — Friday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

**(718) 631-4454**

## **Parish Directory**

**Rev. David J. Dettmer**  
PASTOR

**Deacon Joseph Chu**  
ASSOCIATE STAFF MEMBER

**Rev. Msgr. George J. Ryan**  
PASTOR EMERITUS

**Rev. Anthony Rucando**  
IN RESIDENCE

**Mrs. Eula Buckley**  
SECRETARY

**Mrs. Mary Burns**  
BOOKKEEPER

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**Mrs. Rose Ruesing**  
DIRECTOR

## **Music Ministry**

**Mrs. Stephanie Larkin**  
DIRECTOR

## **Divine Wisdom Catholic Academy**

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**Mrs. Miriam Bonici**  
PRINCIPAL

## **Parish Mission Statement**

To Proclaim the good news of Christ's love through our active involvement, as a Parish community, in works of Charity, Faith, Worship and Justice.

### **All are welcome!**

NO MATTER what your present status is in the Catholic Church;  
NO MATTER your family situation;  
NO MATTER where you are in the practice of faith;  
NO MATTER what your personal history, age, background;  
NO MATTER what your self-image may be;  
YOU are invited, welcomed, respected & loved at St. Anastasia

## **Parish Membership**

All new families are welcome to the Parish and every family should be properly registered. Registration forms are available at the Rectory.

Use of the electronic giving (Faith Direct) or envelope system is required if statement of contribution is sought for tax purposes. All parishioners should use either one of the donation forms. If you move or change your address, please notify the Rectory by mail.

## **Sacrament of Baptism**

Baptisms are celebrated on the third Saturday of the month (except on holidays) at 1:00 p.m.. No more than four families will be scheduled for a Baptism at one time. Please call the Rectory at 718-631-4454 or the Faith Formation Office at 718-225-5191. After the initial intake, you will be asked to go to the Rectory to pick up a checklist and handbook. You will also have to schedule a private class and will need a copy of your child's birth certificate.

## **Sacrament of Matrimony**

Time available: Saturday 11 AM—3 PM and Sunday 2:30 PM—3 PM. Couples must make arrangements six months prior to the selected date of their marriage and fully participate in the Pre-Cana program.

## **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**

It is the process for adults wishing to become Catholic, complete their sacramental initiation, or attain full membership in the Church. For further information, please contact Mrs. Rose Ruesing.

## **Liturgies**

### **Weekend Masses**

- 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass on Saturday
- Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 12 noon

### **Weekday Masses**

- Monday thru Saturday at 8:30 AM

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

- Saturdays from 4:00 - 4:30 PM in the Church

### **Holy Days and Special Liturgies**

- Mass schedules for holy days are printed on Sundays before the feasts and solemnities occur. For advance information, please call the Rectory Office

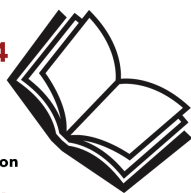
### **Devotions**

- Miraculous Medal Novena: Mondays after the 8:30 AM Daily Mass
- Rosary: Before the Daily Mass Monday - Saturday.





## Mass Book Opening for Second Half of 2024



We will open the Mass Book for  
July - December 2024 intention requests on

**Wednesday, April 17, 2023 at 9:00 AM**

Please type or print your Mass Intention requests (name, date, and one alternate date), place them in an envelope with your name and telephone number along with exact cash/check for the mass request donation, then drop off your envelope at the rectory.

*Weekday Masses [8:30 AM Monday - Saturday] are:*

*\$15 per intention*

*Bread and Wine memorials and Weekend Masses*

*[Sat vigil 5:00P, Sun. 8:00A, 10:00A, 12:00P] are:*

*\$25 per intention*

Intentions are recorded in the order in which they are received. We do our best to make it fair so that you can all remember your loved ones. It will take us a week after the initial book opening to get up to date with all requests before we can return your receipts.

\*\*\* Please remember to include your name, phone number, and exact cash/check with your request in a sealed envelope. This process does not allow us to make change. \*\*\*

*" Early drop-offs will not be processed before the opening date! "*



## Circle of Friends

SENIOR SOCIAL  
GROUP

EVERY TUESDAY AT 11AM  
PARISH CENTER

Socialize with friends, play board or card games and enjoy time with others.

Coffee, tea, and water will be there. Bring snacks to share!

## MSGR. RYAN'S BIBLE STUDY AND THE NATIONAL EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL



In the Fall Semester, Bible Study focused on the "The Biblical Roots of the Eucharist." Now in the Spring Semester we will focus on the "Liturgy and the Eucharist." Liturgy is much more than the public worship of the Church. And Sunday Mass is much more than an obligation. Studying these topics can truly deepen your relationship with Jesus and His Church

**Mondays in the Parish Center:**

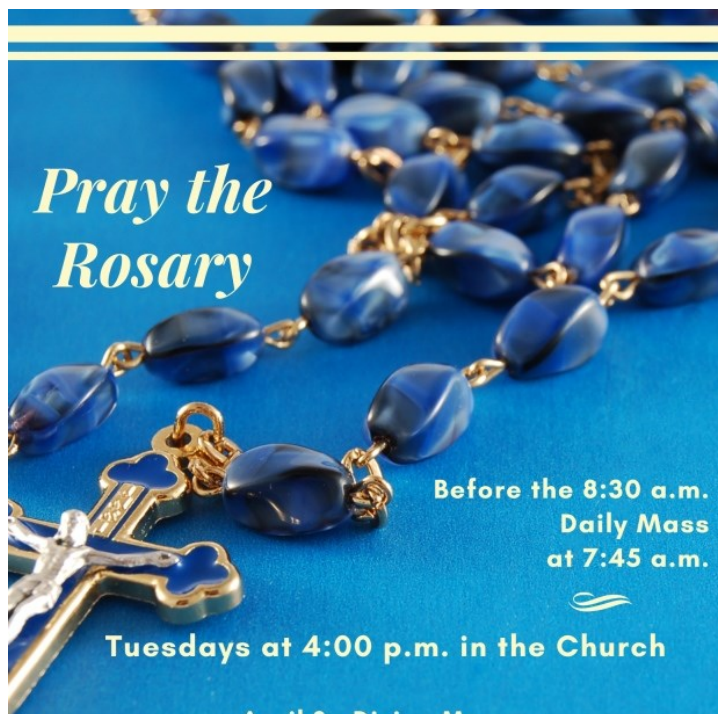
**February 26, March 4, 11, 18**

**April 8, 15, 22, & 29**

**1:15pm - 2:30pm OR 7:30pm - 9:00pm**

*All parishioners and friends are welcome!*

## Pray the Rosary



**Before the 8:30 a.m.  
Daily Mass  
at 7:45 a.m.**

**Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m. in the Church**

**April 2 - Divine Mercy**

**April 9 - The Annunciation of the Lord**

**April 16 - St. Bernadette Soubirous**

**April 23 - St. Mark the Evangelist**

**April 30 - St. Catherine of Siena**



## Annual Catholic Appeal 2024

DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

Each year **Saint Anastasia** and the Diocese of Brooklyn engage in the **Annual Catholic Appeal** which supports Catholic programs throughout Brooklyn and Queens and affects the lives of countless individuals and families living in our neighborhoods in addition to benefiting our parish. The Annual Catholic Appeal makes possible those programs that no one parish could do alone.

### Why is your participation important?

As followers of Jesus here at **Saint Anastasia**, we understand our responsibility to our parish implies a responsibility to the diocese which unites us together with the entire Catholic community as the one body of Christ.

When one part of the body does not participate, the entire body suffers and makes it harder to function. Likewise, your participation in this Appeal, over and above your regular Sunday offering, will determine the ability of **Saint Anastasia** to faithfully support the mission of Christ while also providing the needed support we receive as one parish, which is part of the larger Catholic Church.

Please join us to respond as the Church of Christ called to Communion, Participation & Mission in Brooklyn and Queens through a pledge to the **Annual Catholic Appeal** today at [AnnualCatholicAppeal.org](https://AnnualCatholicAppeal.org) or text **DONATE** to 917-336-1255

The **Annual Catholic Appeal** seeks to raise a minimum of \$8 million to provide programs and ministries throughout the Diocese and support the local efforts of parishes like ours.

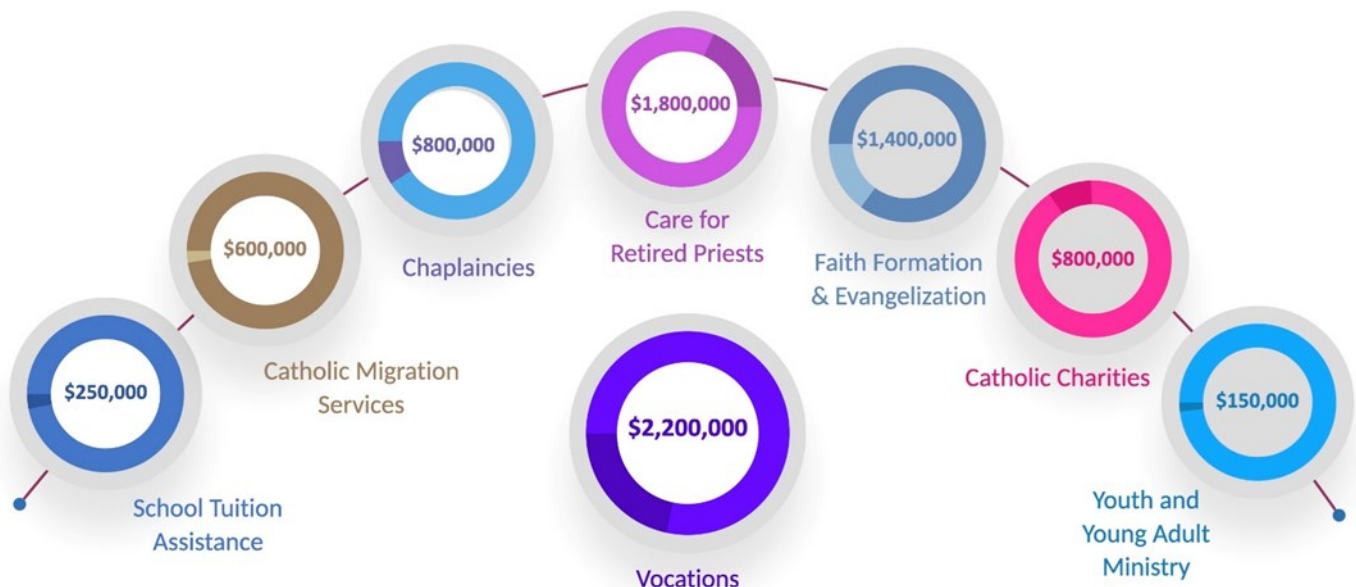
***The goal for Saint Anastasia  
\$107,734.***

**Once we exceed our goal, we will then receive 100% of all funds raised above this figure directly back to our parish.**

For questions regarding the **Annual Catholic Appeal**, or to schedule an appointment to make a gift to the parish, please contact the Parish Office  
**718-631-4454**

**Called to  
Communion,  
Participation,  
and Mission**

### What does the Annual Catholic Appeal Support?







## Called to Communion, Participation & Mission

As a member of the Diocese of Brooklyn, you are part of a family of Catholics who practice their faith and lives a life of stewardship throughout Brooklyn and Queens.

You can help maintain vital programs and ministries that serve Jesus by reaching out in love to our brothers and sisters in the Lord through your participation in the Annual Catholic Appeal.



### **Q: What do the contributions from the Annual Catholic Appeal support?**

**A:** Simply, PEOPLE. Our greatest challenge as Catholics is to play our part in loving and serving our neighbor. So many of our brothers and sisters are in need, and we are blessed when we freely share our gifts with others with God's Love, Compassion, and Joy.

The Annual Catholic Appeal is at the center of our efforts to put Jesus' love to work. By making a pledge commitment, you make possible the work which goes beyond any one parish alone; outreach to those in need through our diocesan social ministry programs; increasing our Church's efforts in recruiting and training candidates for the priesthood and religious life; Supporting Faith Formation; enable Catholic Charities to continue their multi-services in our community; support our retired priests; make chaplains available to hospitals, prisons, and schools; and ensure that we are able to continue assisting the newest members of our community--immigrants.

### **Q: Does our parish benefit from this effort?**

**A:** Our parish benefits – the diocesan-wide ministries benefit – and all living in

Brooklyn & Queens benefit. Your kindness nurtures the Words of Christ in many wonderful ministries, programs, and services provided throughout Brooklyn and Queens – including those in our parish. As an example, the future of all parishes depends on having enough priests to minister to them. The Annual Catholic appeal does the job of supporting vocations in ways that no one parish alone could ever hope to accomplish ensuring that there will priests to celebrate Mass in all of our parishes.

In addition to this one clear example, our parish will also receive all funds raised over the parish goal to fund parish initiatives. In essence, your support of the ACA allows our parish to utilize funding for other initiatives. Of course, your weekly support of our parish is crucial, and you are encouraged to continue to share your generosity with our parish primarily through the Sunday collection. But it is also important to remember that the Church extends far beyond the walls of our beautiful church and great parish.

### **Q: I can only give a small amount, my gift is not important – so, why should I give?**

**A:** We are asking people to give proportionately to their ability – every gift is

important. The Lord has shared many gifts with each of us. As Christians, we are called to share His blessing with others. Your gift is truly a personal sacrifice that we are most grateful for, so reflect upon this decision as you share your gift. No matter if it is a one-time gift of \$50 or a pledge for the year of \$2,500, every gift gets our parish closer to fulfilling its responsibility to the broader Catholic Community in Brooklyn and Queens. Every Gift makes a difference!

The Diocese of Brooklyn is made up of people like you from 173 different parishes bonded together in the love of Christ. Part of being a responsible Catholic is looking after others, particularly those in need. As St. Paul says, "When one member suffers, we all suffer. When one rejoices, we all rejoice." that is why we have the Annual Catholic Appeal.

**Please be as generous as you can when you are asked to participate in the Annual Catholic Appeal.**

**Thank you!**



# RECYCLE YOUR E-WASTE

**Saturday 05/18/2024 10am – 2pm Rain or Shine**

Avoid a fine: It's now illegal to discard electronics in the trash !

**DROP OFF SITE:**      **St. Anastasia Church**  
**Northern Boulevard parking lot**  
**Enter from Alameda Avenue | Little Neck**

**WE ACCEPT:**      **Working & non-working**  
computers, monitors, printers/scanners, keyboards, mice,  
cables, TVs, VCRs & DVD players, phones, audio/visual  
equipment, cell phones & PDA's

Hosted by **Lower East Side Ecology Center**  
Co-hosted by City Council Member Paladino,  
Assembly Member Braunstein, Senator Toby Stavisky  
and St. Anastasia Church

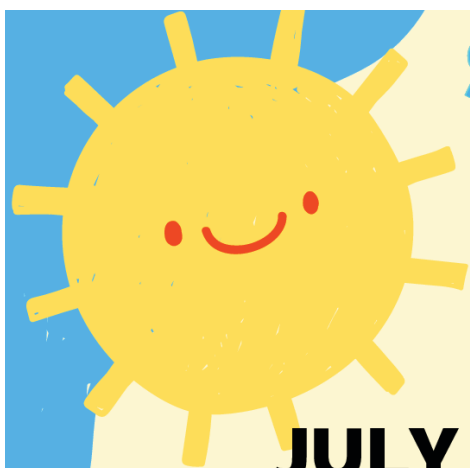
For more information:  
**[lesecolgycenter.org](http://lesecolgycenter.org) or 212.477.4022**

The electronic waste collection program is made possible by:



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# ST ANASTASIA'S CELEBRATE SUMMER

**JULY 1st TO AUGUST 2nd**

**JULY 1-3, JULY 8-12, JULY 15-19,  
JULY 22-26, JULY 29-AUG 2,**

## **WHY YOU'LL LOVE IT**

- ✓ Outdoor and Indoor facilities
- ✓ Small groups sizes
- ✓ Experienced staff
- ✓ Wide range of activities
- ✓ Fun Events

## **REGISTRATION DATES:**

**THURS, APRIL 25th at 5-7pm**

**SUN, APRIL 28th at 11am-2pm**

**ST. ANASTASIA PARISH CENTER**

**45-14 245TH ST, DOUGLASTON, NY 11362...**

**Additional registrations forms at St Anastasia Rectory**

**\* Preferred Contact**

**CelebrateSummerSTA@gmail.com**

**Phone 1-929-472-2878**





# Saint Anastasia CYO

**Register NOW for 2024 spring**

**\*all sports open to boys & girls\***

◆ **Baseball**    ◆ **Flag Football**

◆ **Outdoor Track**    ◆ **Soccer**

Sport	Grades Eligible	Cost*
Soccer <small>limited availability</small>	1st-8th	\$150
Soccer Clinic	PreK & K	\$75
Baseball	PreK-4th	\$100
Flag Football	3rd-8th	\$110
Outdoor Track	K-8th	\$40

\* A one time \$10 CYO membership fee is not included.  
Uniforms are an additional fee.

The St. Anastasia CYO sports program is open to all children who either attend Divine Wisdom Catholic Academy or who live within the parish boundaries. We offer a variety of sports that foster character development, athletic achievement and teamwork.

For more information & to register visit:

**[www.sta.nyc/cyo](http://www.sta.nyc/cyo)**

**Questions?**

**Email : stanastasiacyo@gmail.com**



**Roster sizes  
are limited &  
will close  
once filled.**





*You're invited*

DIVINE WISDOM'S **15<sup>th</sup>** CRYSTAL ANNIVERSARY

An evening of dining, dancing,  
raffles, live & silent auctions!

# Spring Fling

Sat | April 27 | 6-10PM

Divine Wisdom Catholic Academy  
Father Smith Hall

\$50 per ticket by April 12

Smart casual attire

For tickets, raffles  
& auction info..



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<http://bidpal.net/dwcaspringfling2024>





April 14, 2024

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

## Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 | 1 Jn 2:1-5a | Lk 24:35-48

### GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

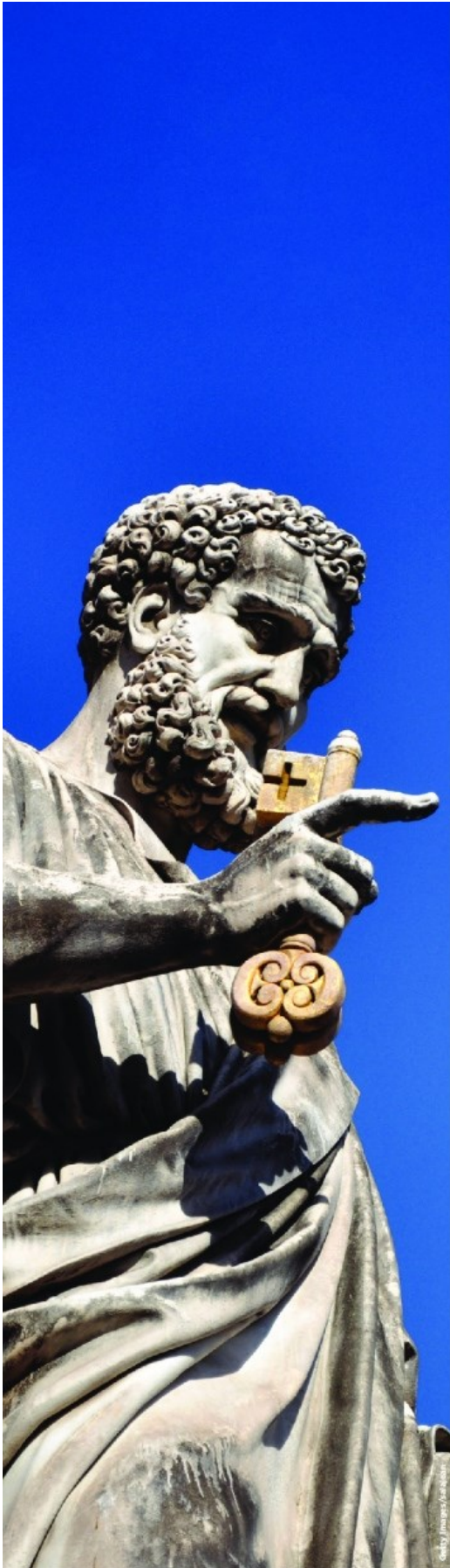
It's only been two weeks since Easter, but already the holiday can seem like another item checked off our to-do lists. It's easy to get complacent as we go about our busy lives – marking celebrations, important dates and gatherings on the calendar. Today's readings remind us that the Resurrection is not just a story or a metaphor about something ordinary that happened more than 2,000 years ago. It was so different and so shocking that it trembled the very earth, and nothing has been the same since! Luke describes the confusion the disciples felt when they first saw Jesus in his resurrected body. Here was their Lord and teacher, back from the dead, but not as a ghost or spirit as they might have expected: He was just as real as before. He was eating, speaking, touching, and interacting. And yet he was different. He could arrive in a locked room without using the door, pass among people unnoticed (as on the way to Emmaus), and give gifts of wisdom and insight directly to the disciples. Today's Gospel offers Jesus' explanation that these things were done to fulfill the promises God made to the prophets.

### GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

The fulfillment of God's promises in Jesus, and his death and resurrection, was not meant to benefit only a few people. We, as his disciples, must spread the Good News that sin and death don't have the last word. St. Peter gives us an inspiring example today when he speaks to the people. Look at how different he is from the man who denied Jesus three times! He boldly goes into the crowd – the same crowd that condemned Jesus to death – and preaches on what a gift we all have been given by Jesus' sacrifice. Peter knows, and we know, that Jesus' defeat of death means everything. We are freely offered salvation through Christ's saving action. Like the members of that crowd, we're invited to be witnesses to this great act of love, and to re-align our lives with God's will. Like Peter, we can speak the Good News without fear.

**ACCOMPANY** How can we imitate Christ in the way he reached out to his disciples who were wracked with fear and doubt? Perhaps we know somebody who feels trapped by sin, or unworthy of good things, or a constant failure. Let's be honest, sometimes that person is us! We all need encouragement and accompaniment from time to time. Find a way to be that encouragement for someone this week who's having a tough time. You don't have to fix their problems; just listen, let them know you care, and offer a sincere and hopeful encouragement that brighter days lie ahead.





## In the Community



### Welcoming Spring with the Mary Garden



**Thomas Berry Place** (the former Bishop Molloy Retreat House in Jamaica Estates) will be hosting a Day of Prayer on April 17th from 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM. Father Victor Hoagland, C.P., will present the theme Welcoming Spring with the Mary Garden.

Coffee and tea will be available upon arrival, followed by the conference, a simple lunch, Mass, and an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Cost per person is \$35, and reservations are required. Please call 929-357-6700 x205 to reserve a spot.

## Douglaston Garden Club

[www.douglastongc.org](http://www.douglastongc.org)

### SEMI-ANNUAL BAKE SALE

Saturday April 27, 2024

10 am – 2pm

(Rain date – Sunday April 28 - 10am-2pm)

In front of the Community Church of Douglaston

39-50 Douglaston Parkway, NY 11363

Look for our tables on the front lawn



**Donations for our Beautification and Education programs are welcomed.**

The Douglaston Garden Club, Inc. is a tax-exempt organization 501 (c)3 of the Internal Revenue code. Donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

# Rejoice

## IN THE RESURRECTION

**50 Days of Joy!**  
Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday

**Pray for Peace  
and an End to All Wars**



**EACH \$100 BOX PURCHASE EARNS YOU A CHANCE TO WIN \$10,000  
ONLY 300 TOTAL CHANCES!**



I would like to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ tickets at \$100 per number chosen. Please select five (5) numbers below and you will be given the first available number(s) of your choice. List your email address below to receive an email confirmation of your selected box number(s). Winning number will be drawn at the Honoree Dinner at the Douglaston Club on Friday, May 17, 2024. **Winner need not be present to win.**

**Numbers:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone No.** \_\_\_\_\_

Mail this form along with your check made payable to LNDMDP to:  
Carolyn Karoff, 250-15 41<sup>st</sup> Drive, Little Neck, NY 11363  
Questions - call 917-680-7100 or email: [ckaroff01@gmail.com](mailto:ckaroff01@gmail.com)

Website: [LNDmemorialday.org](http://LNDmemorialday.org) Email: [info@lndmemorialday.org](mailto:info@lndmemorialday.org) Phone: 718-279-3200  
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# KINDERGARTEN - GRADE 8 OPEN HOUSE

**Get Ready For September 2024!**

**Tuesday, April 23rd  
9 - 11 am & 1 - 3pm**

## LEARN ABOUT OUR ENRICHMENT EDUCATION PROGRAMS

- Art
- Music
- STEM
- Physical Education
- Spanish
- Technology

**FOR MORE INFO**

- 📞 718-631-3153
- 🌐 <https://dwcaonline.org>
- 📍 45-11 245th Street  
Douglaston , NY 11362



**SCAN ME**

Scan to register

**Campus Tours**

**Meet the Leadership Team**

**Visit Classrooms**

**EARLY DROP OFF**

**AFTER- SCHOOL PROGRAM**





DIVINE WISDOM CATHOLIC ACADEMY

# Spring Fling Raffle

DRAWING: APRIL 27, 2024

**Tuition raffles \$25 each**  
**All other raffles \$5 each**



**NEW** #113  
 Jet Blue  
**jetBlue**  
 Four Jet Blue Round Trip Tickets  
 Valid for one year from the date of issue.  
 Certain Black-Out dates may apply.  
 Donated by Icma Gibbs and Jet Blue Airlines



# 101

**50/50 Raffle**

Win 50% of Tickets  
 Purchased



# 102

**Tuition Raffle**

Win Tuition Credit for  
 2024-25 Academic Year!  
 Valued at \$1,000 - Full Tuition  
 for 1 Child Grade K-8



# 103

**Island Escape**

Antigua One Week  
 Lodging for 2  
 (Airfare not Incl.)



# 104

**Orlando Magic**

On week stay (6/30 -  
 7/7/24); Two bedroom  
 Villa at Vistana Villages,  
 Orlando, FL  
 (Airfare not incl.)



# 105

**Make it Rain**

\$500 Bucket of Cash



# 106

**Game Time!**

Sony Play Station 5  
 Console with  
 Marvel's Spider-  
 Man 2 Bundle



# 107

**Styling Pro**

Dyson Limited Edition  
 Supersonic Hair Dryer  
 in Ceramic Pop



# 108

**Power of Clean**

Dyson V11 Ultra  
 Cordless Vacuum



# 109

**Apple Tech**

Apple 10.9 Inch iPad  
 Wi-Fi 64 GB Memory  
 10th Generation



# 110

**Perfect Pair**

Apple Air Pods Pro  
 & Apple Pencil  
 (both 2nd Gen)



# 111

**Wine Time**

Wine Tasting at  
 Total Wine Westbury, NY  
 for up to 20 People



# 112

**Dream Big**

Spring Fling Lotto  
 Tree



To purchase raffles, and for Spring Fling information  
 and tickets scan or go to:

<http://bidpal.net/dwcasingfling2024>

Your support through this fundraiser goes directly towards enhancing  
 our academic and enrichment programs.



SCAN ME



### Third Sunday of Easter -- April 14, 2024

"Peace be with you." If you think you may have a vocation to follow the Risen Lord as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:vocations@diobrook.org)

## THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of April 14, 2024



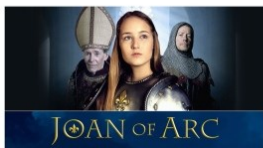
### God Is with Us

What does it mean to say that God is with us in the Eucharist? What is the Eucharist? Watch Episode 1 of Presence today!



### St. Bernadette of Lourdes

"St. Bernadette of Lourdes" is a beautiful and faithful retelling of the familiar story of one of the world's most beloved saints. Humorous, moving, and reverent, this unique, award-winning, independent film has been seen by millions worldwide and has sold tens of thousands of copies since its release in 2009.



### Joan of Arc

Cultivate a devotion to St. Joan of Arc, the young saint who died a martyr at the age of nineteen, by watching this powerful film. Her story comes to life in this movie and will doubtless leave you inspired by her faith in God.

Use "st. anastasia ny" to signup at [formed.org](http://formed.org)



## Love and Serve



### Third Sunday of Easter

This past weekend, I was swept up in the conclusion of March Madness, college basketball's men's and women's tournaments. I appreciated the high levels of athleticism and incredible skills that were on display by the student-athletes. While it was nice to see winning teams and their fans joyfully celebrate the wins, I was moved by the sadness and even tears coming from some of the young men and women. TV cameras followed these amazing athletes into their locker rooms. It was good to hear their coaches congratulate them and remind them of their exceptional season and accomplishments.

We all have moments when we suffer disappointments, sadness, fear, and loneliness. Negative feelings seep in and blur our thoughts and vision. They act as a tarp covering up what is essential, our reality, dampening our spirit. Sometimes, it takes a simple thought or question that comes to mind or from a loved one to peel away the tarp and bring back the light of truth.

*"Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts?"* Luke 24:38. The questions Jesus posed to His disciples were meant to help them overcome their fears and remind them of God's promise of salvation, written in Psalms, preached by the Prophets, and foretold by Jesus. The disciples were overcome with fear and disappointment and faced hardships that caused them to lose perspective and hope.

What takes away our peace? Perhaps an unfulfilling job or one we are not happy with? Maybe it is something we see or hear from a spouse or a family member. Financial insecurity, burdens, responsibilities, fear, regret, and guilt can all contribute to taking away our peace. But Jesus gives us peace that is always there for us to take. Push aside those dreadful feelings, and let God's peace fill you.

In today's Gospel, we read St. Luke's account of Jesus appearing to His disciples to bring them peace, to open their minds, and to call them to preach in His name. God wants to do the same for us if we can only recognize those moments. Encounters with God and His splendor can be subtle. You see it in a baby's new life, in blooming flowers in springtime, in a rare solar eclipse, and everyday interactions with people. We can also seek encounters with God in the Scriptures, prayer, and the sacraments. Spend time with God every day reading the Bible. When you pray, do it when you're not rushing, too tired, or distracted. As you walk up at mass to receive the holy Eucharist, focus on it being an encounter with Jesus. It is a constant that is always there for us. A powerful and uplifting encounter. How can we be troubled when we take "The Author of life," the One St. John called our advocate, into our hearts?

**Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord.**

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**Bread & Wine Memorial**

**Maria Petruso**  
April 14 — 20, 2024

**Holy Father's Prayer Intentions**

**April 2024**

**For the role of women**

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

**Prayer Intentions**

Please remember in prayers our brothers and sisters who have died.

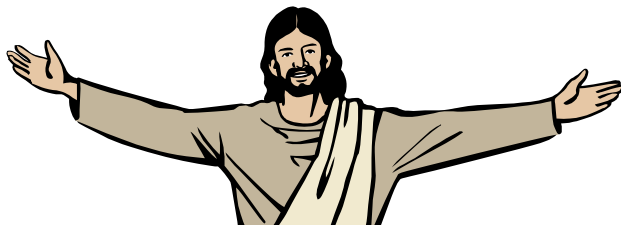


Also remember the homebound, sick and those who have asked for our prayers: Anthony Logerfo, Geraldine Armenio, Ann Cavaseno, Alfina Manca, Josephine Finocchiaro, TJ McSherry, Claire Levens, Fred Bedell, John Dietzler, Carmela Digregorio, Eva Bedell, Gregory Wiehl, and Jo Ann Ferrari.

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**St Anastasia Parish Registration**

**Visitors: Welcome!**

**Thank you for attending Mass with us today.**

If you have not previously registered or are considering registering with our parish, please complete a **Parish Registration Form** located in the rear of the church then return it to the rectory.

**Parish Family: Why Register?**

If you have not already registered, it is important to do so. If and when you are asked to be a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation, you will need a letter from the parish. Letters cannot be given to those who are not registered parishioners. Please be sure to keep your information updated with the parish, especially with changes to address and phone number.

**Mass Intentions**

**Sunday, April 14, 2024**

5:00 p.m. Vigil John Cunniff  
Maria Eppich

8:00 a.m. Pat McGonigle  
Louise & Czeslawa Krol

10:00 a.m. People of St. Anastasia Parish

12:00 noon Pietro & Paul Nardozi  
Maryalis Adams

**Monday, April 15, 2024**

8:30 a.m. Angelo V. Focarazzo  
Patricia Hand

**Tuesday, April 16, 2024**

8:30 a.m. Jovan Mihovl  
Martin Bristol

**Wednesday, April 17, 2024**

8:30 a.m. Manuel Martinez  
Pat McGonigle

**Thursday, April 18, 2024**

8:30 a.m. Elisabette de Rege Provana  
Lila Durso

**Friday, April 19, 2024**

8:30 a.m. Bernardina Azarcon  
Antonette Soccodato

**Saturday, April 20, 2024**

8:30 a.m. Tammy Tam Kelly  
Manuela Ficuciello

**Sunday, April 21, 2024**

5:00 p.m. Vigil Patricia Lanzillo  
Frank Allen

8:00 a.m. Maria Petruso  
Julio & Ana Maria Marquéc

10:00 a.m. Joseph & Maria Scalzo (73rd Wedding Anniversary)  
Pat McGonigle

12:00 noon People of St. Anastasia Parish



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