

Good News!

Douglaston/Little Neck, New York

Saint
Anastasia
Church

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 17, 2025

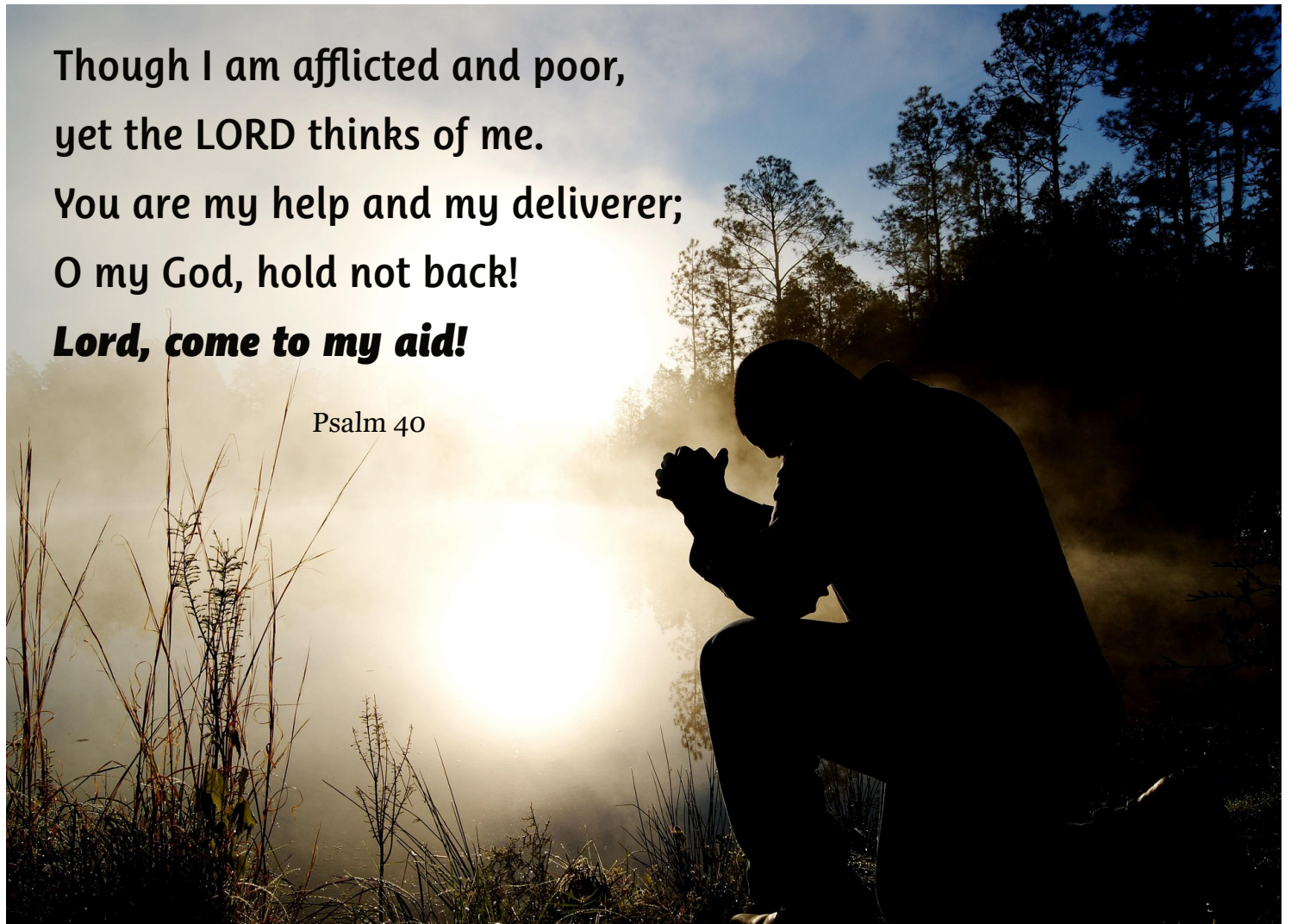


Jesus said to his disciples: "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing! There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell

you, but rather division. From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three; a father will be divided against his son and a son against his father, a mother against her daughter and a daughter against her mother, a mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law." — Luke 12:49-53

Though I am afflicted and poor,
yet the LORD thinks of me.
You are my help and my deliverer;
O my God, hold not back!
Lord, come to my aid!

Psalm 40



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Established 1915

Rectory Office Hours

Monday — Friday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

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Parish Directory

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- This is a free service but your carrier's text and data rates may apply.

- Text STOP to 84576 to stop texts.

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 or in the rear of the church.

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

Please call the Rectory or Faith Formation Office for dates of baptisms. 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

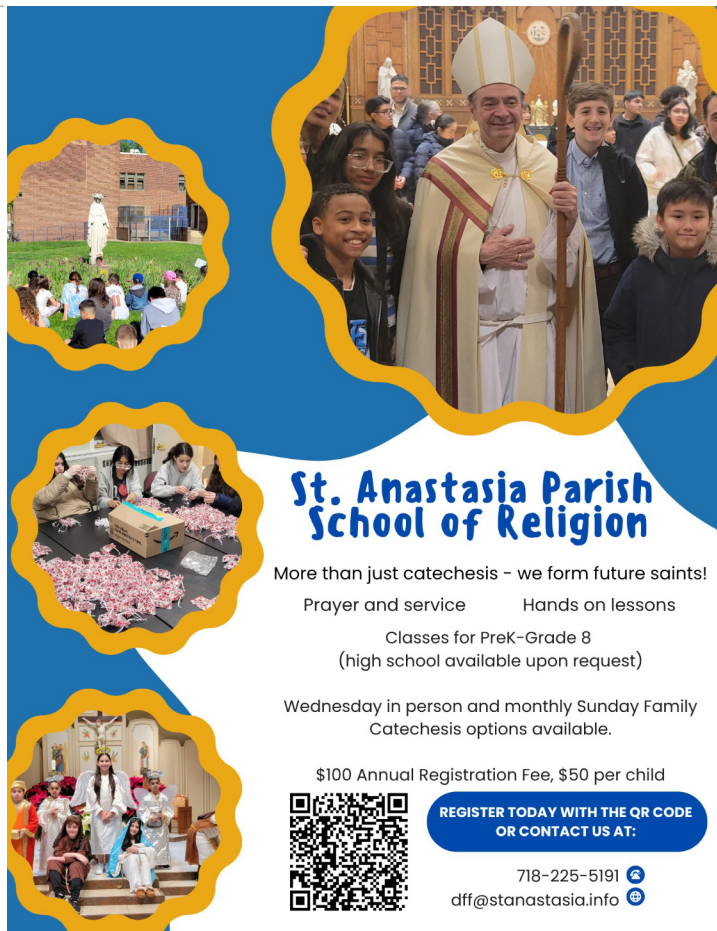
- Saturdays from 4:00 - 4:30 PM in the Church

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.




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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

Tuesday Rosary Themes

August 5th
Transfiguration of Our Lord

August 12th
The Assumption of Our
Blessed Mother

August 19th
Queenship of our Blessed
Mother and Our Lady of Knock

August 26th
St. Monica and St. Augustine

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BROTHERS IN CHRIST
Celebration of the Canonization of



SAINT CARLO ACUTIS
The First Millennial Saint



SAINT PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI
The Man of Beatitudes

SEPTEMBER 5TH, 2025

7:00PM MASS 8:00PM-MIDNIGHT ADORATION

OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS
110-06 Queens Blvd, Forest Hills, NY 11375

SEPTEMBER 6TH, 2025

VENERATION OF THE RELICS OF B. CARLO ACUTIS
ST. PANCAS
72-22 68TH ST, GLENDALE, NY 11385
8:30AM - 5:30PM

OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL-WILLIAMSBURG
275 NORTH 8TH ST, BROOKLYN, NY 11211
9:00AM - 7:00PM

ST. PATRICK'S
9511 4TH AVE, BROOKLYN, NY 11209
12:00PM - 5:30PM

SACRED HEART
215-35 38TH AVE, BAYSIDE NY 11361
12:00PM - 4:00PM

SEPTEMBER 7TH, 2025 **these events are catered for Young Adults**

12:15PM MASS **followed by brunch & Adoration*

SAN DAMIANO MISSION
85 N 15th St, Brooklyn, NY 11222

**followed by social* 6:30PM MASS

OUR LADY OF HOPE
61-27 71st St, Middle Village, NY 11379




Grow+Go



“
*I have come to
 set the earth on
 fire, and how
 I wish it were
 already blazing!*
 ”

LK 12:49

August 17, 2025

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10 | Heb 12:1-4 | Lk 12:49-53

Written by
 THE
 FAITHFUL
 DISCIPLE

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

Today's readings acknowledge the real challenges of living our faith. Following Christ will sometimes put us at odds with others – an uncomfortable reality that many will face in our broken and divided world. Yet we can find strength knowing that Jesus understands the constant opposition (both inward and outward) that we face. The second reading says, “Consider how he endured such opposition from sinners.” Jesus knows what it's like to face opposition, but he endured it “for the sake of the joy that lay before him.” That is our calling too. We are made to know the joy that awaits us beyond our crosses. We find the strength to persevere through our trials by “keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus.” Keeping Christ as our focus, we will be able to overcome any obstacle we may face and run toward the goal of heaven.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

In today's Gospel, Jesus said, “I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing.” Jesus' desire is that the whole world be set aflame with his love, and yet, he knows that this will not come easily. The good news is that Jesus is with us in the midst of the struggle. He too knows the deep longing and even anguish (the Gospel today uses that word!) that we experience as we work so that others may come to know God's love. We can take comfort in the fact that as much as we want to see others come to faith, God desires it even more than we do, and he is also pouring out his grace continually upon us. In the midst of any discouragement we may feel about those who seem opposed to God and to faith, may we remember the burning love that Christ has and his immense desire to draw all people to himself.

PRAY

Pray for those whom you may know who seem closed to the Gospel, or who are away from the Church. Invite the Holy Spirit to touch your heart with a particular love and zeal to pray for them, that those who may seem the most opposed to faith might come, one day, to embrace it.



FREE

RECYCLE YOUR E-WASTE AND TEXTILES

Saturday 09/13/2025 10am – 2pm | Rain or Shine

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

DROP-OFF: 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

Textiles

clothing, accessories (shoes, hats, bags,
gloves), household textiles (towels,
curtains, bedding), clean rags, ripped
and damaged material

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LIVE PRESENTATION

SATURDAY: 6 PM

SUNDAY: 10 AM & NOON

EXHIBIT BROWSING

4–8 PM

10 AM–1:30 PM



A Vatican sponsored exhibit highlighting 1800 years of Eucharistic Miracles
created by Blessed (soon to be Saint) Carlo Acutis—as seen on EWTN.

SACRED CLOTHS OF THE PASSION

LIVE PRESENTATION

SUNDAY: 5:30 PM

MONDAY: 9:30 AM

EXHIBIT BROWSING

4:30–7:30 PM

9:30–11:30 AM



Using faith, history, and science, explore how the shroud image formed and
the scientific links among the Shroud of Turin, Sudarium and Tunic

More Information:



StKevinFlushing.org
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Wedding Anniversary Mass

The Sacrament of Marriage should be celebrated.
All couples regardless of the anniversary year are
invited to renew their vows.
Bring your family to witness your exchange and the
continued commitment to one another.

Saturday, September 27, 2025
11:00 AM

Holy Family Church
175-20 74th Ave, Fresh Meadows

Information is due by September 15, 2025

Scan the code for more information on registration and payment
options.



Circle of Friends SENIOR SOCIAL GROUP

EVERY TUESDAY
11AM TO 1PM
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!

This Week



Wednesday, August 20, 2025
**Memorial of Saint Bernard,
 Abbot and Doctor of the Church**

Thursday, August 21, 2025
Memorial of Saint Pius X, Pope

Friday, August 22, 2025
**The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Memorial**



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Saint Bernard of Clairvaux | Catholic Saints

Who was St. Bernard of Clairvaux? In this FORMED Now episode, Dr. Ben Akers is joined by Dr. John Sehorn to discuss this great saint and Doctor of the Church.



The Queen Mother | Lectio: Mary | Episode 4

Mary serves as our Queen Mother. What does that mean? Join Dr. Brant Pitre as he explores the scriptural roots of this title.



Mary, Queen of Heaven | Brother Francis

Based on the historical records and the personal testimony of his fellow friars, this is the amazing true story of the life of the famous stigmatic monk, St. Padre Pio, a contemporary saint who died in 1968.



Love and Serve



Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Last Sunday's Readings called us to a deeper understanding of faith and trust in God's promises. In Hebrews, the Epistle likely written by St. Paul for Jewish Christians, he declares: *"Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen."* — Hebrews 11:1. The Readings gave us the example of Abraham's unwavering faith in the face of insurmountable odds, which led to the miraculous birth of his son Isaac and the promise of numerous descendants, forever shaping the course of nations. This Sunday's Readings present profound and challenging truths as the Word of God calls us to consider the cost of faith, discipleship, and the courage required in a world that often resists the truth. The First Reading from the Prophet Jeremiah presents a stark image of suffering for the sake of truth. Jeremiah's ministry was marked by significant hardship and opposition. He proclaimed God's decree that Jerusalem and its temple would be overthrown, a message that was met with disbelief and hostility, and consequently, he was thrown into a cistern, sinking into the mud, left to die of hunger. Jeremiah's experience shows the often-unwelcome nature of truths. The Second Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews stays with the theme of enduring hardship for a greater purpose. We are exhorted to *"persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith."* — Hebrews 12:1b-2a. The Reading emphasizes that Jesus himself, *"For the sake of the joy that lay before Him he endured the cross, despising its shame, and has taken his seat at the right of the throne of God."* — Hebrews 12:2b. They call us to consider Jesus' endurance that, *"may not grow weary and lose heart."* Finally, the Gospel Reading presents a startling, challenging teaching of Jesus that can be misinterpreted: *"I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing! ... Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division."* — Luke 12:49, 51. He then expounds division as family members against one another: *"a father will be divided against his son and a son against his father, a mother against her daughter and a daughter against her mother"* — Luke 12:53. The "division" that Jesus denotes is not an provocation to conflict merely for the sake of it, but rather a consequence of committing oneself to Him. Christ desires peace, love, and compassion, not conflict; however, His truth demands a deep-rooted commitment and can challenge even the most harmonious family relationships.

In our own lives, we, too, will encounter moments when our faith is tested. Faith will challenge us to make uncomfortable choices that may set us apart from those who do not share our convictions. Our commitment to following Christ may require sacrifices in our relationships and society. This is a test of our fidelity to God and the Gospel. Let us embrace the challenges of discipleship with courage, knowing that Christ is with us in our struggles. We must not become tired or discouraged, but instead keep our focus on Jesus, who initiated and perfected our faith, and who has already triumphed over the world. May the fire of His love purify us, and may we, through our perseverance, bear witness to His transformative power in a world that desperately needs His truth and peace.

Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord.

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Bread & Wine Memorial



Eleanor Ann Palillo Greene
August 17 – 23, 2025

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions



August 2025
For mutual coexistence

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious or ideological reasons.

Prayer Intentions



In the kindness of your prayers, remember our recently deceased parishioners and friends.

Remember the sick, homebound, and those in need of our prayers:

Geraldine Armenio
Eva Bedell
Fred Bedell
Ann Cavaseno
Joyce Daino
John Dietzler
Carmela Digregorio
Ralph DiScala
Jo Ann Ferrari

Josephine Finocchiaro
Victoria Guerra
Theodore Koumou
Anthony Logerfo
Alfina Manca
TJ McSherry
Antoinette Taub
Gregory Wiehl



St. Anastasia Parish Registration



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, August 17, 2025

5:00 p.m. Vigil Brian & Amy Payne
Katherine McHugh

8:00 a.m. Pietro & Paul Nardozi
Vincent Cacciola

10:00 a.m. Eileen Osonitsch
Roberta Rissmeyer

12:00 noon People of St. Anastasia Parish

Monday, August 18, 2025

8:30 a.m. Eleanor Ann Palillo Greene
Adelaide Bilz

Tuesday, August 19, 2025

8:30 a.m. Wilfredo Azarcon
Ann Bernadette Chiarelli

Wednesday, August 20, 2025

8:30 a.m. Angela Coscia
Robert Day

Thursday, August 21, 2025

8:30 a.m. Maria Petruso

Friday, August 22, 2025

8:30 a.m. Ann & Eugene Ferguson
Assunta Pesiri

Saturday, August 23, 2025

8:30 a.m. Raphael F. Longobardi
Peter Reali, Sr.

Sunday, August 24, 2025

5:00 p.m. Vigil Angelina & Joseph Locetta
Susan Capobianco

8:00 a.m. People of St. Anastasia Parish

10:00 a.m. Claire Levens
Joseph Scalzo (100th Birthday)

12:00 noon John Cunniff
Maryann & Carol Primiani

