

Good News!

Douglaston/Little Neck, New York

Saint
Anastasia
Church

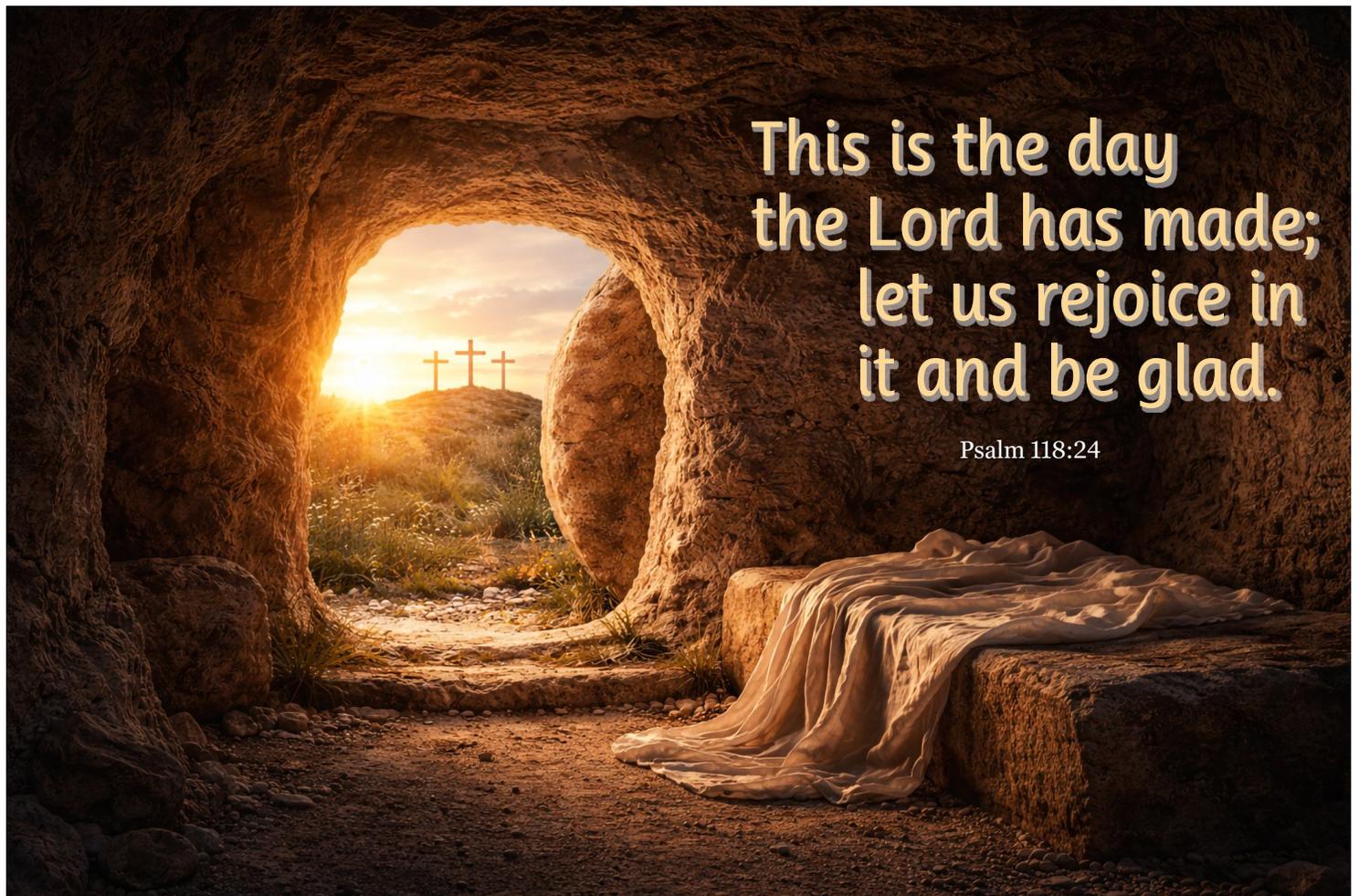
The Resurrection of the Lord

April 5, 2026



On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the

tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead. — John 20:1-9



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SAINT ANASTASIA church

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Rectory Office Hours

Monday – Friday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

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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 (PARISHSOFT/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.



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

April 7th
 Divine Mercy

April 14th
 St. Bernadette of Lourdes

April 21st
 St. Mark the Evangelist

April 28th
 St. Catherine of Siena



Easter Blessings

To the St. Anastasia Family,
 Happy and blessed Easter.
 May Christ's grace and peace
 be with you always.




**ST. ANASTASIA
 SENIOR GROUP**



EVERY TUESDAY

10:00 a.m. until 2:00p.m.

Parish Center

(corner of 245th Street and Northern Blvd).

Bring lunch, play cards and games.
 Socialize with friends and make new ones!

10:00 a.m. Mahjong

11:00 a.m. Pokeno

We are looking for canasta players!

If interested, please call:

Rectory (718-631-4454) or

Faith Formation Office (718-225-5191)

Keep a look out for new events and games!

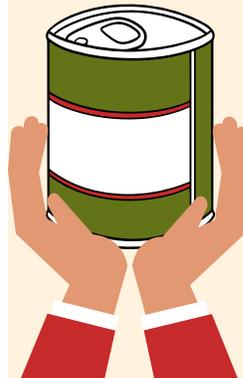
ST. ANASTASIA PARISH

**FOOD
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FOR THE FOOD PANTRY AT ST. KEVIN PARISH

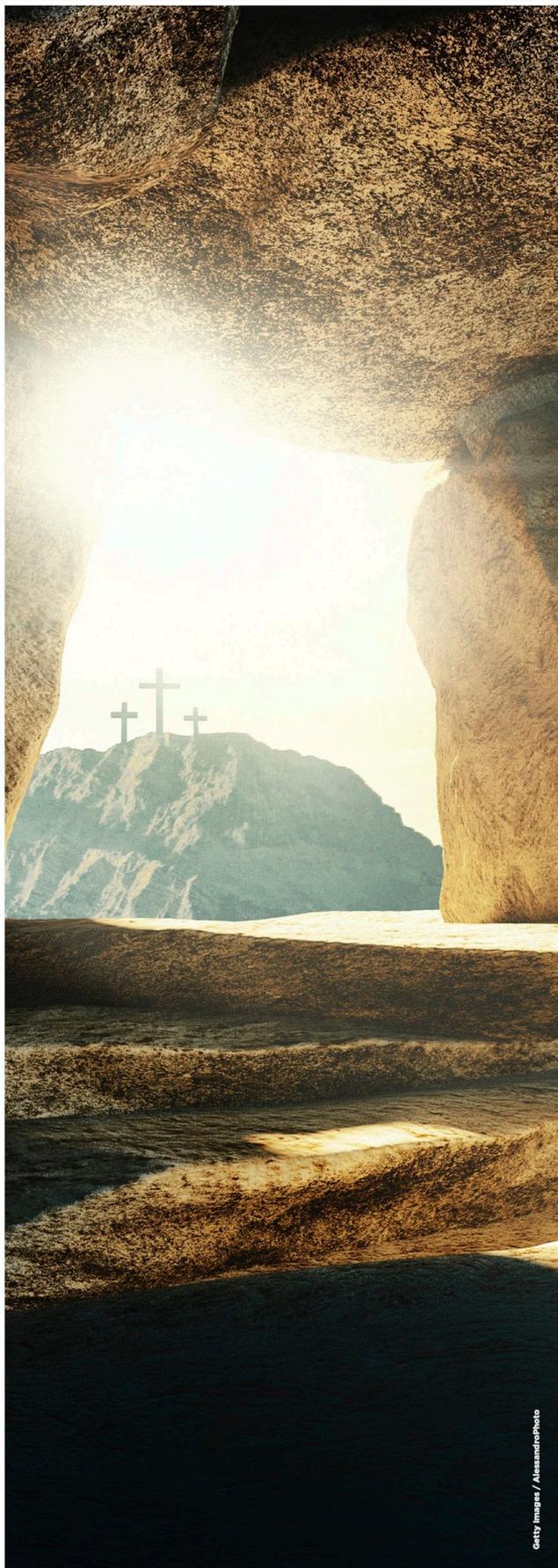
**These are the only
 items needed.
 No expired food.**

- TEA (REGULAR OR DECAF)
- JELLY OR JAM
- PEANUT BUTTER
- SHELF STABLE MILK
- CANNED TUNA
- BLACK BEANS, RED BEANS, GARBANZO BEANS (CANNED OR DRY)
- RICE (ONE OR TWO POUND BAGS)
- MAC AND CHEESE
- MASHED POTATOES
- OATMEAL
- DRY CEREAL
- PASTA
- TOMATO SAUCE
- REUSABLE BAGS



Place items in the bin in St. Anastasia Church the weekend of April 11 and 12

Call the Religious Ed office for more information: 718-225-5191



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April 5, 2026

The Resurrection of the Lord

Acts 10:34a, 37-43 | Col 3:1-4 | Jn 20:1-9

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

Today we celebrate the Lord's resurrection, the pinnacle of the Church's entire liturgical year. As disciples, we know that Christ's resurrection is not something that happened to him alone; his resurrection offers us the promise that all who believe in him will one day rise with him. But the new life Christ promises is not something we have to wait for the next life to experience! Everything we have been doing throughout Lent to prepare for today's celebration also gives us a foretaste of the fullness of life we will share with him at our own resurrection. By God's grace, we have been inwardly renewed by Lenten prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Our minds and hearts have been lifted from the things of earth to the things of heaven. As disciples of the risen Christ, let us continue to "seek what is above," deepening our own participation here and now in the life he won for us through his cross and glorious resurrection.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

The scene in today's Gospel offers us a helpful insight for evangelization. Peter and John run to the empty tomb. While John gets there faster, he waits outside and allows Peter to enter first. We can think of Peter as symbolic of faith (he is the one, after all, who confesses Jesus as the Christ (Mt.16:16)), and John, as symbolic of love (in our Gospel, John is referred to not by name, but as "the other disciple whom Jesus loved.") Although Peter and John see the empty tomb and believe, our Gospel reading ends with this interesting detail: "For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead." I think what the text is showing us is that *love* and *faith* often precede *understanding*. In our efforts of evangelization, apologetics and theology have their place. But we must not forget that sometimes inviting someone to love and trust in the Lord - before they have all the answers worked out - is more effective than trying to help a person reason their way to faith by perfect explanations. Love and faith draw us to encounter the risen Lord, and understanding comes later.

CELEBRATE

"This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad" our psalm tells us. Today is the Solemnity of solemnities, the Feast of all feasts! Take some time to rejoice and give thanks for all that God has done for us through his death and glorious resurrection. Today nothing else should be on our "to do" list other than to celebrate well!



Bishop Brennan recounts his travels throughout the diocese, the people he has met, and their stories of charity and faith. [Listen Now!](#)



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REGISTER TODAY!

for the following spring sports:

- FLAG FOOTBALL: Grades 3rd- 8th**
- COMPETITIVE SOCCER: Grades 1st- 8th**
- SOCCER CLINIC: Pre-K & Kindergarten**
- OUTDOOR TRACK: min age 5**

Open to all children who attend Divine Wisdom Catholic Academy or live within the Little Neck & Douglaston parish boundaries. We offer a variety of sports that promote character development, athletic achievement, and teamwork, all while playing alongside classmates and neighbors.



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SPRING FLING 2026

And the Winners Are...

- 101 - TUITITON RAFFLE (\$1,000 CREDIT AGAINST NEXT YEAR'S TUITION) - JACLYN PRENDERGAST
- 102 - 50/50 - (\$2,203 TO WINNER) - EULA BUCKLEY
- 103 - LOTTO TREE - MARY O'BYRNE
- 104 - \$500 CASH - EILEEN O'BRIEN
- 105 - ANTIGUA TRIP - JANICE GIANNOPOULOS
- 106 - ORLANDO TRIP - VICTORIA KALESIS
- 107 - IPAD - MARIA AND MIKE FALCO
- 108- DYSON AIRWRAP - LEONARDO TOLENTINO
- 109 - UGG PACKAGE - DINA SCHIFF
- 110 - NINTENDO SWITCH - JIMMY AND MANDY LI
- 111 - HEADPHONES - MICHAEL OTERO
- 112 - NYCF SOCCER PACKAGE - ALICE AND MARCOS PENEDO





Diocese of Brooklyn

Vocations: Discover Your Calling
"The Lord is risen, it is true!"

Through our baptism He calls us to proclaim new life to the world. Pray for those who herald the Good News as priests, brothers and sisters. If you think God may be inviting you to such a vocation, contact the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org

This Week on formed™
 Forming Catholics for *Life*.

Use "st. anastasia ny" to signup at formed.org

Was Jesus just a GHOST when he appeared to the apostles?

What Catholics Believe About the Resurrection: Was Jesus a Ghost?

Join Dr. Michael Barber as he answers some of the Internet's most popular questions about the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Did the Resurrection actually happen? Was Jesus a ghost when he appeared to the apostles? And what's the deal with the Easter Bunny?

Easter and the Resurrection | The Augustine Institute Show

Alleluia! He is Risen! Join Fr. Brian Larkin, Pastor at Our Lady of Lourdes parish in Denver, Colorado, as he discusses the Resurrection and the Easter season with Dr. Tim Gray on the Augustine Institute Show.

The Resurrection

In this episode, Mark Hartfiel and other experts unpack the mystery of the Resurrection, going back to the historical places where these world-changing event happened.

Children's activity sheets are located in the back of the church

Love and Serve

The Resurrection of the Lord

Do you remember the thrill of Christmas mornings as a child? The anticipation built as you waited to tear open presents, heart racing with hope for that toy or game you wished for. That pure, unfiltered joy often fades in adulthood, doesn't it? We may have a similar fading experience at Easter. Christ's Resurrection brings immense gladness, yet familiarity with "Christ is risen!" can dull its edge. Perhaps even on Good Friday, retrospection softens the Passion's sorrow, knowing that Christ is risen on Sunday morning. Let us then imagine this from the perspective of first-century Christ-followers. What was Easter like for them? That is where today's readings place us. Can you grasp the raw, unfiltered emotions they experienced? Grief raw from Calvary, disbelief at an empty tomb, hope fading like a flickering flame. Mary Magdalene, heart pierced by sorrow, races to the grave at dawn, then races back to tell Peter and the apostles what she saw. By entering into their world, we rediscover Easter's monumental shift from despair to eternal joy. Easter is a day that calls us to renew our faith, to awaken our hearts, and to truly understand what the Resurrection means for our lives in a practical, everyday sense.

Jesus' disciples left everything to follow Him. For three years, they followed Him around Galilee, Judea, and Samaria. They were taught by Him and witnessed signs and wonders as He turned water into wine, walked on water, fed thousands with a few loaves and fish, healed the sick, the blind, and the deaf, and even raised the dead. They must have felt that God was ushering in His kingdom through Jesus, and they, especially the twelve, were part of it. Then came the victorious entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, the day before Passover. The crowd recognizes him, lays down their garments and branches, and shouts to their king, "Hosanna", "Save us." But only a few days later, Jesus is betrayed by one of His own disciples. He is handed over to the authorities and sentenced to death on a cross as the crowd turns on Him. He faces torture and a painful execution and is buried. Imagine the disciples' confusion and despair, thinking that it all came to an end! But then, Mary Magdalene raced to them on Sunday morning to give them the news. And later, Jesus appears to them multiple times. They see, touch, and eat with the risen Christ. This is the Teacher they had come to know, and He is alive!

That first Easter morning was no mere historical footnote but the dawn of our own eternal victory. Jesus' tomb emptied so our hearts might be filled. Like Mary Magdalene racing with bewildered joy, and the apostles touching the wounds of the Risen One, we too are summoned from darkness, our doubts and daily crosses to embrace this unquenchable reality: Christ is risen, and in Him, so are we. As we approach the altar today, let the Paschal candle's flame ignite our souls and renew our baptismal promises. Let's receive His Body and Blood, and go forth like Peter and the apostles as fearless witnesses. Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed! Alleluia! Let us go forth and bring the good news to the world. Happy Easter!

Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord.
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Bread & Wine Memorial



Dolores M. Murphy
April 5 - 11, 2026

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions



April 2026
For priests in crisis

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

Prayer Intentions



In the kindness of your prayers, remember those born into eternal life.

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

Eva Bedell	Theodore Koumou
Fred Bedell	Anthony Logerfo
Ann Cavaseno	Alfina Manca
Joyce Daino	Barbara Mascia
John Dietzler	TJ McSherry
Paolo DiGregorio	Margaret Murphy
Ralph DiScala	Yolanda Stivanello
Jo Ann Ferrari	Antoinette Taub
Josephine Finocchiaro	Barbara H. Timmerman
Joan Guerra	Gregory Wiehl
Victoria Guerra	



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



Saturday, April 4, 2026 **Holy Saturday**

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 5, 2026 **Easter Sunday**

Mass at 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 12 noon

Monday, April 6, 2026

8:30 a.m. Anna May Ferguson

Dolores M. Murphy

Tuesday, April 7, 2026

8:30 a.m. Klara Deuber

Joan O'Neill

Wednesday, April 8, 2026

8:30 a.m. Salvatore & Saveria Prezioso

Thursday, April 9, 2026

8:30 a.m. Peter Reali Sr.

Mabel Lawrence

Friday, April 10, 2026

8:30 a.m. Robert Gambeski

Rosaria Fedele

Saturday, April 11, 2026

8:30 a.m.

Sunday, April 12, 2026

5:00 p.m. Vigil Eileen & Kevin McDonough (Living)

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

10:00 a.m. Amy Chu

Antoinette Guzzo

12:00 noon George W. Arnold, Jr.

Pedro Hernandez



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