

Good News!

Douglaston/Little Neck, New York

Saint
Anastasia
Church

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 5, 2025



The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith." The Lord replied, "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

"Who among you would say to your servant who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come

here immediately and take your place at table'? Would he not rather say to him, 'Prepare something for me to eat. Put on your apron and wait on me while I eat and drink. You may eat and drink when I am finished'? Is he grateful to that servant because he did what was commanded? So should it be with you. When you have done all you have been commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.'" — Luke 17:5-10

Lord,
Increase Our

Faith

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Established 1915

Rectory Office Hours

Monday — Friday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

(718) 631-4454

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 Directory

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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.

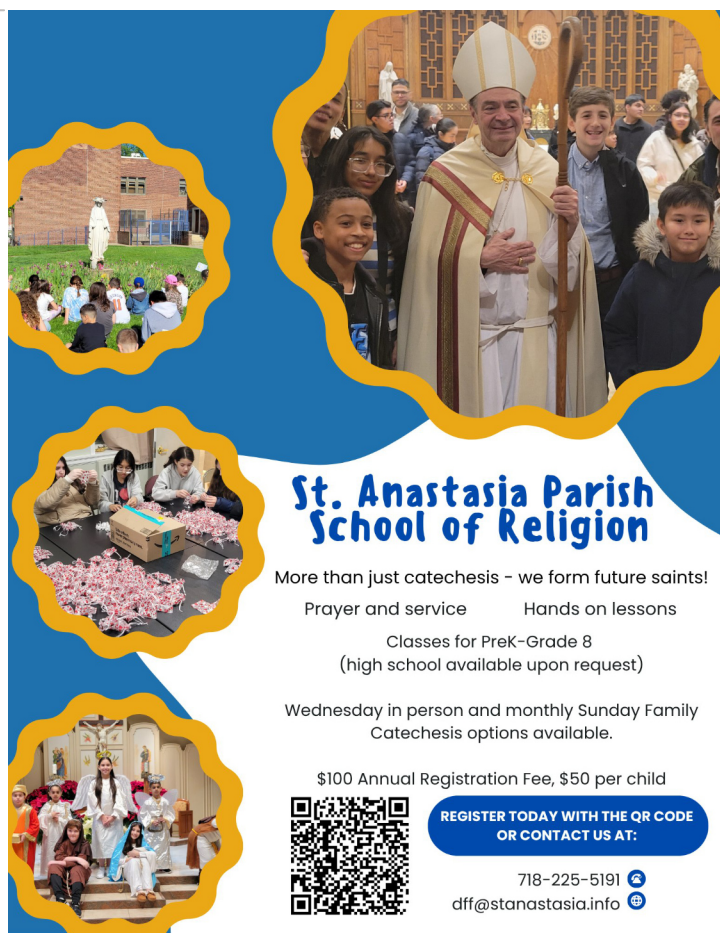
Flocknote



Receive text messages to stay connected to our parish. Go to stanyc.flocknote.com to register, or text **stanyc** to 84576.

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

- Text STOP to 84576 to stop texts.



St. Anastasia Parish School of Religion


More than just catechesis - we form future saints!

Prayer and service Hands on lessons



Classes for PreK-Grade 8
(high school available upon request)

Wednesday in person and monthly Sunday Family
Catechesis options available.

\$100 Annual Registration Fee, \$50 per child



REGISTER TODAY WITH THE QR CODE
OR CONTACT US AT:

718-225-5191 
dff@stanastasia.info 

ST. ANASTASIA SENIOR GROUP


NEW HOURS!

Parish center open from
9:00 a.m. until 4:00p.m.

Bring lunch, play cards and games.

Socialize with friends and make new
ones!

Pokeno begins at 11am.
See the bulletin for new additions to
games.



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

October 7th
St. Carlo Acutis

October 14
Our Lady of Fatima - Miracle of
the Sun and St. Teresa of Avila

October 21st
St. John Paul II and St.
Faustina

October 28th
St. Jude

E-waste Recycling Event

**RECYCLE
YOUR E-WASTE
AND TEXTILES**

On Saturday, September 13th, 117 households participated in our e-waste and textile recycling event. The Lower Eastside Ecology center collected 3,440 pounds of electronic equipment, and 1,032 pounds of unwanted textiles.

Thank you to those who participated, and to all of the volunteers that worked to make this happen.

Music Ministry



Join the Choir!

We sing at the 12 PM mass each Sunday, as well as on holidays and at concerts throughout the year.

Rehearsals conveniently held on Sundays before mass.
11:15 AM in the choir loft.

Knights of Columbus



A Huge Thank You

The Officers and Members of St. Anastasia Council #5911 wish to thank everyone for their generous donations during our C&B Bucket Drive last weekend in front of St. Anastasia Church.

Fred Bedell, Grand Knight

Grow+Go



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Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4 | 2 Tim 1:6-8, 13-14 | Lk 17:5-10

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples: "When you have done all you have been commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.'" I think what Jesus is drawing us to see is the humility we need as his disciples. It's easy to get puffed up, thinking, "Well, I've done this" or "I've done that" in service of God. We can even start to feel that God owes us. But we are called to love God for God's own sake, not for the accolades or even the reward that comes from faithfully serving him. St. Ignatius of Loyola penned a beautiful prayer called the Prayer for Generosity that expresses the sentiment that I feel is at the heart of our Scriptures today: "Eternal Word, only begotten Son of God, teach me true generosity. Teach me to serve you as you deserve. To give without counting the cost ... to sacrifice myself without thought of any reward save the knowledge that I have done your will." Let's ask God to help us to serve him with generous hearts.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

In his second letter to Timothy, Paul calls us to "bear [our] share of the hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God." Serving the Lord requires that we rely on the gift of the Spirit within us who empowers us to serve courageously and generously. The good news, Paul tells us, is that "God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control." In our efforts to serve God and to share our faith with others, let's remember that it is God's grace that is at work within us, equipping us and strengthening us. Let's remember Jesus' promise that even if we only have faith the size of a tiny mustard seed, we can still do great things for God. Indeed, through the gift of faith and the gift of his Holy Spirit, God has truly given us immense spiritual power.

PRAY

Take a moment to examine your own heart. Is your discipleship fueled more by a hope of reward (heaven), or, by pure love of God? Take some time to pray with St. Ignatius of Loyola's Prayer for Generosity (the full text can be found online), asking the Lord to increase your generosity in serving him.



REGISTER TODAY!

for the following fall sports:

COMPETITIVE SOCCER: Grades 1st- 8th

SOCCER CLINIC: Pre-K & Kindergarten

BOYS SWIMMING: up to age 14- tryouts required

CROSS COUNTRY: 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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THOMAS BERRY PLACE

OCTOBER 2025

EVENT SCHEDULE

8 OCTOBER

DAY OF PRAYER

9:30 AM

"I Am Mother of the Word" – Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows

Presented by NY Passionist Associates

\$35 per person - reservations required

15 OCTOBER

EVE FOR PRAYER

7 PM

Grace That Comes With the Jubilee Year with Fr. Chris Cleary, CP

Learn different forms of prayer, meet people, share experiences & pray together.

\$20 per person - reservations required

21 OCTOBER

THE CHOSEN

10 AM AND 7 PM

Join us for a screening and discussion of this Amazon Prime series.

Screening 2 episodes today and continuing for the coming 2 months

Free will donation - reservations requested

29 OCTOBER

DINNER WITH PASSION

6 PM

An Evening Focused on Justice Topics

The evening consists of Wine & Cheese, Dinner, Presentations and Dialogue.

\$35 per person - reservations required

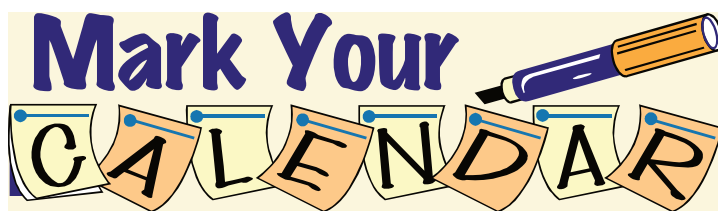
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FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER

929-357-6700 X205



Catholic High School Open House

Archbishop Molloy, Briarwood

Sunday, October 19, 10am-2pm

Cathedral Prep and Seminary, Elmhurst

Saturday, October 11, 10am-1pm and

Sunday, October 19, 11:30am-2pm (Mass at 11am)

Chaminade High School, Mineola

Saturday, October 4, 10am-2pm

Christ the King, Middle Village

Saturday, October 4, 10am-1pm and

Wednesday, October 22 6-8pm

Holy Cross, Flushing

Sunday, October 19, 12:30-4:30pm

Kellenberg Memorial High School, Uniondale

Saturday, October 4, 9am-1pm

Msgr. McClancy Memorial High School, East Elmhurst

Saturday, October 11, 9am-noon and 1-4pm

Sacred Heart Academy, Hempstead

Saturday, October 4, 10:30am-2pm

St. Francis Prep, Fresh Meadows

Saturday, October 18, 11am-3pm

St. John's Prep, Astoria

Saturday, October 18, 11am-3pm

St. Mary's College Prep, Manhasset

Saturday, September 27, 1-4pm

The Mary Louis Academy, Jamaica Estates

Sunday, October 19, 10am-3pm

Regis High School, Manhattan

Thursday, October 9, 5-8:30pm, and

Sunday, October 19 1-4pm

Xavier, Manhattan

Saturday, October 18, 10am-3pm

- ✓ Please check with the school if registration is required.
- ✓ To register for the TACHS, go to tachsinfo.com by October 29.



This Week



Tuesday,
October 7, 2025

Our Lady of the
Rosary
Memorial



This Week on formed™

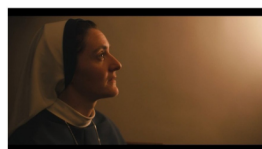
Forming Catholics for Life.

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



John XXIII: The Pope of Peace

This movie tells the life story of John XXIII from his youth through his young priesthood, episcopacy, life as cardinal, and eventually his life as pope. Elected supposedly as an "interim Pope" who would just keep the status quo and listen to the advisers around him, John XXIII proved to be his own man when he surprised the Church and world by calling for the Second Vatican Council.



The Joyful Mysteries

St. Padre Pio said, "The Rosary is the 'weapon' for these times." This incredible film series takes viewers right to the Holy Land, where these Mysteries actually happened, encouraging deeper reflection and meditation on them.



Divine Mercy with Fr. Michael Gaitley

Renowned speaker and author Fr. Michael Gaitley tells the dramatic history of God's love and mercy as interwoven through the transformative message of St. Faustina, the miraculous appearance of Mary at Fatima, the witness of Maximilian Kolbe, and the world-changing papacy of Pope St. John Paul II.



Love and Serve



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How long, O Lord, must I cry for help and you do not listen? I cry out to you, "Violence!" and you do not intervene? Why do you let me see iniquity? These lamentations, much like we find in the Psalms, could be expressed by many of us, as well as countless people around the world today; however, it was the prophet Habakkuk who pleaded with God using these words over 2,600 years ago. From Ukraine to the Middle East to countless conflicts here within our country, innocent lives are being shattered. We see leaders who exploit power, wealth concentrated in the hands of a few, systems and ordinances that seem stacked against the vulnerable and weak. Why doesn't God intervene more clearly and expediently? Why does He allow the innocent to suffer?

Habakkuk is the only prophet who devoted his entire work to grappling with the eternal question of suffering, injustice, and the silence of God. He wrote in a time of deep moral and social decay in Judah, and in his writings, he doesn't hide his frustration; he brings it before God. We learn from his writings that crying out to God is not a lack of faith; rather, it is an expression of faith. When we cry out to God, we have faith that He listens, cares, and is the supreme ruler of all that exists, even if His ways are hidden. God may not always disclose the reasons for suffering, but He promises that He works all things for good for those who love Him. He promises Habakkuk that judgment will come in His time. Evil will not go unpunished, if not immediately. He tells Habakkuk, "Write down the vision." Insisting His revelation must be recorded clearly so future generations will know that He is faithful. God says, "If it delays, wait for it, it will surely come, it will not be late." His timing is not our timing. While we may feel that justice is delayed, evil does not have the final word. God will act, even if His justice seems to be delayed. We must wait faithfully for His action, which will come at the perfect moment in His eternal plan. Waiting faithfully is putting our trust in God's promises, especially when things seem bleakest.

When we pray, like Habakkuk, we should go beyond thanksgiving and petitions, allowing ourselves to express our frustrations, doubts, and hurts before the Almighty, laying our deepest pain at His feet. Faith is not a mask that pretends everything is well—it is the courage to stand before the Lord with honest hearts, saying, "Lord, I am hurting and need answers." In that raw, sincere dialogue, our bond with God deepens, for He welcomes not only our praises but also our questions and grievances. Let us also remember that faith requires patience and trust in His timing. In the midst of illness, broken relationships, or grief, let us hold fast to this truth: God has not forgotten us, even when His plan lies concealed. Let this confidence steady our hearts and lift our spirits, knowing the Lord's love never fails. Let our prayer be an actual conversation, where every sorrow and every wonder finds a listening ear in the compassionate and just God who loves us beyond measure. As we grapple with unanswered prayers and the reality of evil, let us recall that God calls us to patience, hope, and trust in His promises.

Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord.

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Bread & Wine Memorial



Marie Louise Nicolle
October 5 – 11, 2025

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions



October 2025

For collaboration between different religious traditions

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice and human fraternity.

Prayer Intentions



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

Joseph Cotroneo

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 Legerfo
Alfina Manca
TJ McSherry
Yolanda Stivanello
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, October 5, 2025

5:00 p.m. Vigil Michael Shalley
Francisco & Francia Bernal

8:00 a.m. Teresa Chen (Healing)
Joseph Chen

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

12:00 noon John Hroncich
Gerardo Romano (Healing)

Monday, October 6, 2025

8:30 a.m. Msgr. Anthony Sherman
Terrance Carney

Tuesday, October 7, 2025

8:30 a.m. Dolores M. Murphy
Klara Deuber

Wednesday, October 8, 2025

8:30 a.m. Lorenzo, Domenica & Angelo Taglienti
Peter Reali, Sr.

Thursday, October 9, 2025

8:30 a.m. Larry & Peter Miller
Giorgia de Rege Thesauro

Friday, October 10, 2025

8:30 a.m. Virginia Aguilar
Valerie Canadeo

Saturday, October 11, 2025

8:30 a.m. Gaetono Cono

Sunday, October 12, 2025

5:00 p.m. Vigil John Cunniff
Virginia O'Brien

8:00 a.m. Andrew Haverlin
Joseph Chen

10:00 a.m. Cecil Chu
Albert Barberio

12:00 noon People of St. Anastasia Parish



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