

# Good News!

Douglaston/Little Neck, New York

Saint  
**Anastasia**  
Church

**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**July 6, 2025**



At that time the Lord appointed seventy-two others whom he sent ahead of him in pairs to every town and place he intended to visit. He said to them, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest. Go on your way; behold, I am sending you like lambs among wolves. Carry no money bag, no sack, no sandals; and greet no one along the way. Into whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this

household.' If a peaceful person lives there, your peace will rest on him; but if not, it will return to you. Stay in the same house and eat and drink what is offered to you, for the laborer deserves his payment. Do not move about from one house to another. Whatever town you enter and they welcome you, eat what is set before you, cure the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God is at hand for you.'"  
— Luke 10:1-9



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# saint Anastasia church

Established 1915

## 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.

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## 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.



***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**

July 1st  
Feasts of the Sacred Heart of  
Jesus and the Immaculate  
Heart of Mary

July 8th  
St. Benedict

July 15th  
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

July 22  
St. Bridget of Sweden

July 29th  
Sts. Joachim and Anne

***Welcome***

With great pleasure we announce  
that **Fr. Peter Bai** has joined us as  
our new Parochial Vicar.  
Fr. Peter comes to us from St.  
Agatha, in Sunset Park, Brooklyn,  
where he was the administrator.  
Welcome to the Parish!

**Fr. Stephen Ggau** has returned for  
the summer from his parish in  
Ghana. Welcome Back, Fr. Stephen!



## **ST. ANASTASIA PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION**

Classes for children from PreK through Grade 8  
(High School classes upon request)

Wednesday in-person and monthly Sunday Family Catechesis options available  
PreK to Level 4 meet at 4pm  
Level 5 to Level 8 meet at 7pm

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

New registrations must have the child's baptismal certificate

Those who have previously attended another religious education program must  
provide a letter of transfer.

**Registration is NOW OPEN!**

Contact the office at the information below or scan  
the QR code to register.



**Contact: Rose Ruesing, Director of Faith Formation**  
**Call 718-225-5191 Email [dff@sta.nyc](mailto:dff@sta.nyc) [www.sta.nyc](http://www.sta.nyc)**



## Grow+Go



July 6, 2025

Fourteenth Sunday  
in Ordinary TimeWritten by  
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Is 66:10-14c | Gal 6:14-18 | Lk 10:1-12, 17-20

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

Our calling as disciples of Christ is to evangelize. To be honest, it's something many of us aren't entirely comfortable with. Anyone who has ever felt ill-equipped to share the faith with family or friends should be reassured by today's Gospel. Jesus' early followers probably felt unprepared to share the news that the kingdom of God was at hand – and they received their marching orders from Jesus himself! When Jesus sent the seventy-two out to proclaim his coming, he knew they would feel insecure. He sent them without money, sandals, or even a sack for travel, and told them they would be lambs among wolves. How nervous they must have been given that ominous warning! Still, they believed they would have what they needed. Sure enough, their work was successful. They rejoiced because they could cast out demons in his name – something they never imagined was possible. They turned hearts to Christ because they trusted and obeyed him.

**GO EVANGELIZE****PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT**

When it comes to sharing our faith with the people God puts in our lives, we're asked to do the same as the seventy-two: Obey Jesus' command to go out and proclaim his kingdom and trust we will have what we need. It isn't necessary to rehearse our testimony. We don't need to memorize the Scriptures or cite chapter and verse. An advanced degree in theology isn't required. What is needed? Ears for listening and the patience to act. Listen closely for the person who says they're afraid or alone, confused or hurting. Listen with compassion to the person who feels abandoned by God. Listen with an open heart to the person who shares doubts or disappointments. Wait for an opening in the conversation to remind him or her that God loves them through every struggle. And share your faith through the power of prayer.

**PRAY**

This week, find that someone in your life who may be hurting for whatever reason. Tell them you will pray *for* them and offer to pray *with* them. Prayer and compassion are our marching orders, and we can follow them by trusting Jesus is right there with us when we need him.



## Reflections



### Evangelization 101

#### Being "Good At" Relationship

The mission to spread the Gospel belongs to every Catholic by Baptism. None of us are exempt from the mandate of the Lord to "go, make disciples of all nations" (Mt 28:19). But how do we *do* it? For our answer, we look to Jesus Christ Himself and the way in which He led and nurtured His own disciples. This happened primarily by way of *relationship*. Jesus entered into and built over time a relationship of trust, intimacy and friendship with his disciples. And *through* this relationship He communicated His own life and salvation to them.

When we think of evangelization, many people picture a man standing on a street corner with a bullhorn proclaiming a message to passers-by. But this isn't the heart of evangelization. Evangelization is fundamentally a work that proceeds in and through relationship. God Himself demonstrates this as He constantly seeks personal intimacy with each one of us, walking with us, communicating Himself to us, speaking to us, directing our lives. So, too, the disciples of Jesus Christ who are called to make other disciples do this primarily by entering into relationship with others, building trust, friendship, intimacy, and waiting for those opportunities when a person is ready to hear about Jesus and His great love for them.

This basic truth about evangelization - that it proceeds by way of relationship - illumines a fundamental obligation for all of the baptized. We must become *good at relationship*. Being "good at" relationship means that we are growing ever more deeply in the virtues that make relationship and friendship possible.

First, we must have room in our hearts for other people. That is, we must become more and more liberated from our own ego and self-interest, from our tendency to use other people to get our own needs met. In its place, we must have enough freedom of heart to focus on and genuinely desire the good of the other person *for his or her own sake*. This is the very definition of love. Without it, our attempts to evangelize are simply a "noisy going, a clanging cymbal" (1 Cor 13:1).

Second, disciple-makers must know how to listen. It is far more important to have a genuine desire in our hearts to know the other person, understand where they are "at" and what they are seeking, than it is to have all the right answers about our Faith. The best way to become a good listener is to practice regular periods of prolonged *silence* – first in prayer and then when we are around others. Silence is our way of creating space for the other – first for God and then for the other person. Silence makes us capable of listening. The experience of being listened to and understood opens people's hearts to the possibility of God.

Third, those who wish to evangelize must be capable of intimacy. The ability to be vulnerable and to share one's heart humbly as an offering is a necessary part of all true relationship. Humble self-disclosure is the only way by which the Gospel can reach another person's heart. This

means that those who wish to make disciples must embark on a journey of working through their own intimacy issues – fear, mistrust, withdrawal, arrogance, neediness, self-righteousness, the need to control, and so on. The best way to make this journey – and thus prepare for the mission of evangelization - is to enter into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, who will lead us on a journey of intimacy with Himself. Relationship with Him becomes a kind of *school* in which we learn how to be in relationship with others.

So where do we begin? Perhaps with a simple prayer like this one prayed from the heart:

*Lord Jesus, I want to help the people in my life come to know You. I recognize that I can only help others come to know You through my own relationship with You. Jesus, I invite you anew: come into my life. Grant me the grace of friendship and intimacy with You. Give me courage to surrender myself to You, especially those parts of my heart that don't yet belong to You. Show me, Jesus, the people in my life that You want me to befriend and build relationship with. Teach me, Jesus, how to be good at relationship: how to love, how to listen, and how to humbly share my Faith. Thank you for the privilege of participating in Your great mission to save the world. Through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I make this prayer. Amen.*

~Meghan Cokeley, Office for the New Evangelization, Archdiocese of Philadelphia

## Circle of Friends

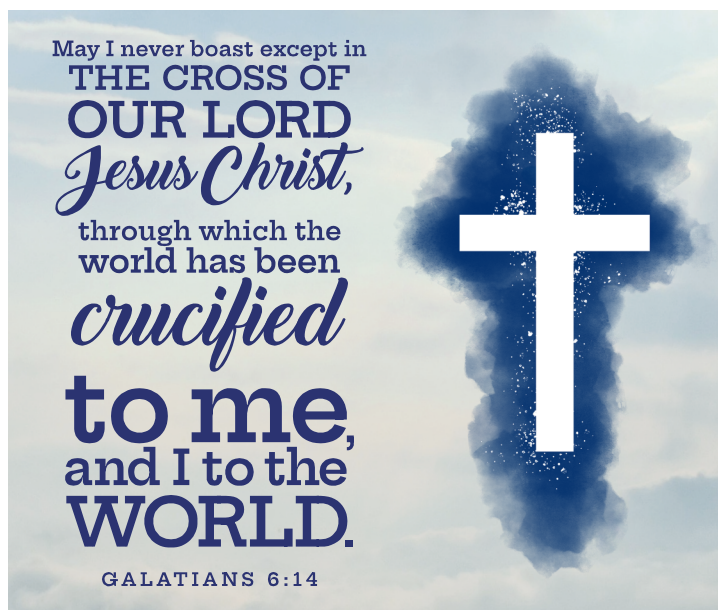
### SENIOR SOCIAL GROUP

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 on formed™

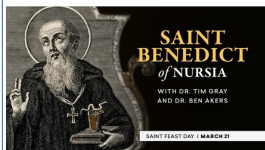
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### Sts. Benedict and Scholastica

A pair of holy twins, a cave, and a group of naughty monks... this is the story of Saint Benedict and Saint Scholastica.



### Saint Benedict | Catholic Saints

Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Ben Akers discuss the Rule of St. Benedict as it applies to daily life.



### Saint Maria Goretti: Fourteen Flowers of Pardon

Learn more about the holy life and martyrdom of St. Maria Goretti in this moving documentary. In particular, the film highlights her ultimate act of love: forgiving her murderer on her deathbed.



## Love and Serve



### Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

We know some things about the twelve chosen by Jesus to be His apostles, including Matthias, who was chosen to replace Judas Iscariot after his death. Their names are mentioned in the synoptic Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke, as well as in the Acts of the Apostles. We have some details of the circumstances of their calling by Jesus and their journey with Him during His three-year ministry and through His Ascension. Distinct from the twelve apostles, today's Gospel reading tells us about seventy-two more, or seventy, according to some manuscripts, whom Jesus appointed not long after the beginning of His ministry to also be His disciples. Jesus chose them and sent them ahead of Him, two by two, to every place where He was about to go. People in villages, small towns, and hamlets where those disciples were sent might have heard stories or rumors about Christ, but now they would hear about Him directly from those who knew Him. The reading mentions a few instructions Jesus gave them for their missions, as well as the power and authority He granted them to heal the sick and drive out demons. The reading also tells us that the seventy-two returned rejoicing, suggesting that they successfully fulfilled their missions and that Jesus assured them that their names are written in heaven. However, not much else is known of the seventy-two. There is no record of their names, the circumstances around how Jesus chose each, nor how they were trained and prepared for their missions! So, what was their mission and the message they took to the people in the towns? It was, "*Cure the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God is at hand for you.'*" —Luke 10:9. "The kingdom of God is at hand" was written twice in three verses in today's Gospel reading.

When we think of the message "the Kingdom of God is at hand" or "the Kingdom of God is near," the words "at hand" and "near" can refer to the proximity of time, indicating something that is approaching, soon, or imminent. But "at hand" and "near" can also mean something other than proximity of time; they could mean proximity of a place. They could mean close by, near us, or all around us. Not something that is far away or out of reach! The Kingdom of God is here, all around us.

If Jesus were to call you today to join the ranks of the seventy-two, would you respond with a heartfelt, "Here I am, Lord"? You are in church every week, listening to homilies, reflecting on Scripture passages, partaking in the Holy Eucharist, and the Spirit of God dwells in you. You are more than equipped to carry the Gospel message to the world, perhaps even more than you realize. Let us consider how our behavior, standards, attitudes, joyfulness, and treatment of others reveal our Christian beliefs. Do they convey the radiant truth that the Kingdom of God is indeed among us? St. Francis of Assisi reminds us, "*It is no use walking anywhere to preach unless our walking is our preaching.*" Let us, therefore, live lives that embody the Gospel, so that every action and every step proclaims the Good News and the love of God.

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

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## Bread & Wine Memorial



**Rev. Monsignor Michael J. Cantley**

July 6 – 12, 2025

## Holy Father's Prayer Intentions



**July 2025**

**For formation in discernment**

Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

## Prayer Intentions



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

Also remember the homebound, sick and those who have asked for 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, July 6, 2025

5:00 p.m. Vigil Estelle Chatterjee (Living)  
Jean Morrissey

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

10:00 a.m.

12:00 noon

Monday, July 7, 2025

8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, July 8, 2025

8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, July 9, 2025

8:30 a.m. John Paul Denneen

Thursday, July 10, 2025

8:30 a.m. MC George

Friday, July 11, 2025

8:30 a.m. Sr. Maria Rita Zucchetto  
Alfonso Martinez

Saturday, July 12, 2025

8:30 a.m. Dolores M. Murphy  
Marin Coric

Sunday, July 13, 2025

5:00 p.m. Vigil Thomas R. Buckley, Jr.  
Brian Brady

8:00 a.m. Pietro & Paul Nardozi

10:00 a.m. Clara Randazzo  
Dolores A. Jacobus

12:00 noon People of St. Anastasia Parish



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