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– Matthew 21:42-43
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
All baptisms are private and will be held on Sundays. Please call the Faith Formation Office at 718-225-5191 to make arrangements. Parents must complete a Baptism Instruction class and submit a copy of the 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: 10:00 AM and 12 noon
- All weekend Masses will be livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube.

**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, Streamed on Facebook 12 noon Monday-Saturday and 2:00 PM Sunday
- St. Michael Chaplet: Streamed on Facebook 3:00 PM Tues. and Thurs.
- Litany to the Sacred Heart: Streamed on Facebook 3:00 PM Wednesday and Friday
- Divine Mercy Chaplet: Recited on all Facebook streams for the Rosary, St. Michael Chaplet, and Litany to the Sacred Heart
Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 3-4

Opening Song: Table of Plenty
( refrain ) Come to the feast of heaven and earth! Come to the table of plenty! God will provide for all that we need, here at the table of plenty.

1 - O come and sit at my table where saints and sinners are friends.
   I wait to welcome the lost and lonely to share the cup of my love.
2 - O come and eat without money; come to drink without price.
   My feast of gladness will feed your spirit with faith and fullness of life.
3 - My bread will ever sustain you through days of sorrow and woe.
   My wine will flow like a sea of gladness to flood the depths of your soul.
4 - Your fields will flower in fullness; your homes will flourish in peace.
   For I, the giver of home and harvest, will send my rain on the soil.

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First Reading: IS 5:1-7
Let me now sing of my friend, my friend’s song concerning his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside; he spaded it, cleared it of stones, and planted the choicest vines; within it he built a watchtower, and hewed out a wine press. Then he looked for the crop of grapes, but what it yielded was wild grapes.

Now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard: What more was there to do for my vineyard that I had not done? Why, when I looked for the crop of grapes, did it bring forth wild grapes? Now, I will let you know what I mean to do with my vineyard: take away its hedge, give it to grazing, break through its wall, let it be trampled! Yes, I will make it a ruin: it shall not be pruned or hoed, but overgrown with thorns and briers; I will command the clouds not to send rain upon it. The vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his cherished plant; he looked for judgment, but see, bloodshed! for justice, but hark, the outcry!

Responsorial Psalm: PS 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20
( refrain ) The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

1 - A vine from Egypt you transplanted; you drove away the nations and planted it.
   It put forth its foliage to the Sea, its shoots as far as the River.
2 - Why have you broken down its walls, so that every passer-by plucks its fruit,
   The boar from the forest lays it waste, and the beasts of the field feed upon it?
3 - Once again, O LORD of hosts, look down from heaven, and see;
   take care of this vine, and protect what your right hand has planted
   the son of man whom you yourself made strong.
4 - Then we will no more withdraw from you; give us new life, and we will call upon your name.
   O LORD, God of hosts, restore us; if your face shine upon us, then we shall be saved.

Second Reading: PHIL 4:6-9
Brothers and sisters: Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you.
Gospel: MT 21:33-43
Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: "Hear another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a hedge around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went on a journey. When vintage time drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to obtain his produce. But the tenants seized the servants and one they beat, another they killed, and a third they stoned. Again he sent other servants, more numerous than the first ones, but they treated them in the same way. Finally, he sent his son to them, thinking, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to one another, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and acquire his inheritance.' They seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. What will the owner of the vineyard do to those tenants when he comes?" They answered him, "He will put those wretched men to a wretched death and lease his vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the proper times." Jesus said to them, "Did you ever read in the Scriptures: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes? Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit."

Nicene Creed
I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Offertory Song: Prayer of St. Francis
1 - Make me a channel of your peace, Where there is hatred let me bring your love,
   Where there is injury your pardon Lord, And where there's doubt true faith in you.
2 - Make me a channel of your peace, Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope,
   Where there is darkness, only light, And where there's sadness, ever joy.
3 - O Master grant that I may never seek, So much to be consoled as to console,
   To be understood as to understand, To be loved as to love with all my soul.
4 - Make me a channel of your peace, It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
   In giving of ourselves that we receive. And in dying that we're born to eternal life.
(Text: Based on the prayer traditionally ascribed to St. Francis of Assisi, 1182-1226; Sebastian Temple. Text and music ©1967, 2003. All rights reserved. Dedicated to Mrs. Frances Tracy)

**Spiritual Communion Prayer**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

**Communion Song: Pan De Vida**

*(refrain)* Pan de vida, cuerpo del Señor, Cup of blessing, blood of Christ the Lord

*At this table the last shall be first, Poder es servir, porque Dios es amor*

1 - We are the dwelling of God, fragile and wounded and weak.
   We are the body of Christ, called to be the compassion of God.
2 - You call me Teacher and Lord; I, who have washed your feet.
   So you must do as I do, so the greatest must become the least.
3 - There is no Jew or Greek; there is no slave or free;
   there is no woman or man; only heirs of the promise of God.
4 - Somos el templo de Dios, frágiles seres humanos.
   Somos el cuerpo de Cristo, llamados a ser compasivos.
5 - Ustedes me llaman "Señor". Me inclino a lavarles los pies.
   Hagan lo mismo, humildes, sirviéndose unos a otros.
6 - No hay esclavos ni libres, no hay mujeres ni hombres,
   sólo aquellos que heredan el reino que Dios prometió.


**Prayer of Saint Michael the Archangel**

St. Michael the Archangel defend us in battle
Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,
And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host
By the Divine Power of God
Cast into Hell Satan and all evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

**Closing Hymn: For the Beauty of the Earth**

1 - For the beauty of the earth, For the beauty of the skies,
   For the love which from our birth, Over and around us lies,
   *Lord of all, to thee we raise, This our hymn of grateful praise.*
2 - For the beauty of each hour, Of the day and of the night,
   Hill and vale, and tree and flow'r, Sun and moon, and stars of light,
3 - For the joy of human love, Brother, sister, parent, child,
   Friends on earth, and friends above, For all gentle thoughts and mild,

(Text: 77 77 77; Lyra Eucharistica, 1864; Folliot S. Pierpoint, 1835-1917, alt. Music: Conrad Kocher, 1786-1872; adapt. William H. Monk, 1823-1899.)
Each year St. Anastasia Church 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.

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.

WHAT ARE THE OBJECTIVES OF THE Annual Catholic Appeal?

The Lord calls us all to care for one another and the church. It is up to us to answer that call in the ways we know how.

Those who are hungry, without shelter, without access to Catholic education, young people wanting to enter into a relationship with Christ and the Church, men discerning the priesthood and those who are ill and dying are just a few of the groups who depend upon our generosity to the Annual Catholic Appeal. Your gift to the Appeal is a response in love to serve our neighbors by funding the ministries of the Diocese of Brooklyn that cannot be supported by any one parish alone but benefit all parishes in our Diocese.

You can answer the call of Jesus who asks us to feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, visit the sick and imprisoned, honor our mother and father, celebrate the Eucharist and educate and make disciples of all nations through your donation to the 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal.

Why is my participation important?

St. Anastasia Church has always counted on the broad-based support of its parishioners to accomplish its fundraising objectives, particularly for the weekly offertory.

This appeal also needs that broad-based support. All households are asked to consider a gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal (over and above their continued annual support of the parish in the weekly collection) over the next ten (10) months.

WHAT IS NEXT FOR THE Annual Catholic Appeal AND HOW CAN WE HELP?

In the coming weeks, every family will be invited to participate in this appeal and prayerfully consider a pledge.

Please join with us to respond to those in Brooklyn and Queens who are in need and support the important work of our Diocese through a pledge to the Annual Catholic Appeal today.

Thank you and God bless you.
Here Is How You Can Help Our Church

If you haven’t thought about electronic giving for your weekly donations, now would be a wonderful time to sign up. As most of us understand, the Catholic Church survives on donations. The things we are able to provide come to us through the goodness of those who fill the pews.

Faith Direct guarantees St. Anastasia Church automatic deposits to count on being able to pay the bills. It might be something you can give some thought to. Here is the information for your convenience: Enroll at faithdirect.net Our church code is NY28. If you would like to call instead, the telephone number is (866) 507-8757.

Stabilize with $75

Another way to support the parish and help bridge the gap caused by the suspension of public Masses is through our Stabilize with $75 campaign. If every registered family donates $75, we will be able to stabilize our parish finances until the new year. You can send your donation to the Rectory (please mark it as the Stabilize with $75 campaign), log on to Faith Direct, or text-to-give with Faith Direct by texting the dollar amount you would like to donate to 917-540-0141.

We have a generous donor who will contribute an additional $7500 when we reach 200 donors and another $7500 for 300 donors.

We Are Very Grateful for Your Parish Support.
Reflection

Alpha and Omega
Paul Turner

Alpha and omega are the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. They are both vowels. Alpha equates to our letter A and is shaped the same way. Omega looks like a horseshoe: O. It has a long O sound, so its aural equivalent appears earlier in our alphabet. In Greek, though, alpha leads to omega as A leads to Z.

These two letters appear several times in the Book of Revelation (1:8; 21:6; 22:13), at the end of the Bible. Together they form a title of Jesus Christ, who is the first and the last; the beginning and the end; the one who is, who was, and who is to come; the almighty; the one who is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

At the Easter Vigil each year, the priest carves the letters Alpha and Omega into the candle while reciting a text that proclaims Christ as the beginning and the end. The symbols remain in the candle throughout the year. They may appear elsewhere in Christian art, often associated with the cross.

As one church year draws to a close and another begins on the First Sunday of Advent, it is appropriate to remember Christ, who stands above all time as the beginning and the end. He existed before time began. He will rule as judge at the end of days. And he appeared in human history, an event we recall every Christmas Day. Whether we are celebrating the turning of the church year or of the calendar year, we hail Christ as our Alpha and Omega, the first and the last, the one to whom all time belongs, and in whom we live, move, and have our being.

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Faith Formation

2020 - 2021 CCD Classes Begin
This Wednesday, October 7th, 2020

Family Rosary
(Gather outside by the statue of Mary)

First to Fourth Grade
4:00 PM

Fifth to Eighth Grade
7:00 PM

Please contact Mrs. Rose Ruesing with any questions you may have.
dfr@sta.nyc
718-225-5191

Haven’t registered yet? Visit:
www.sta.nyc/re2021

Our Lady of the Rosary Memorial
Wednesday, October 7, 2020

Holy Hour and Patriotic Rosary
Pray for our country, elected leaders, and all the States in our Union

Join us each Tuesday through November 3rd at 4:00 p.m. in the Church for Eucharistic Adoration and the Rosary

ST. ANASTASIA PARISH
45-14 249th St., Douglaston
718-631-4454

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Set up a recurring donation
or make a one-time gift **ONLINE**

**Visit faith.direct/NY28**
or **Text ‘Enroll’ to 917-540-0141**

Fall is here along with our traditional season of stewardship. However, this year has been anything but typical, which is why we are reaching out to our parishioners.

This year people throughout our community have turned to us for help. However, St. Anastasia can only continue to meet that need with your assistance. Your valuable online donations help us to continue our ministry to answer their call for help.

We prayerfully request that you consider signing up for eGiving from your computer, smartphone or tablet and set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift.

Sign up today by visiting [faith.direct/NY28](http://faith.direct/NY28), or text ‘Enroll’ to 917-540-0141.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family. God Bless You.

**ST. ANASTASIA PARISH: WORKING TOGETHER TO BATTLE COVID-19**

**WHAT THE PARISH HAS DONE:**
- Daily cleaning of high-touch surfaces
- Cleaning of pews and statues after each Mass
- Sanitizing fogger for sterilization of Church after Masses
- Use of EPA-approved cleaners for ALL coronaviruses
- Installation of ionizing air purifier in the new HVAC system
- Providing sanitizer at all candle stands and at entrances
- Removal of Holy Water fonts
- Missal replaced with bulletin for readings and music
- Doors are propped open
- Streaming of Sunday Mass for those most vulnerable to sickness
- Pews taped to maintain proper distance protocols
- Priest and deacon sanitizes hands before and after distributing communion, with hand sanitizer available if needed at the communion line
- Those wishing to receive the Eucharist on the tongue should wait until the end of the Communion line

**WHAT YOU CAN DO:**
- **STAY HOME** if you are sick
- **WEAR A MASK** during Sunday Mass and while online for communion
- Bring your own HAND SANITIZER
- **DO NOT** touch statues or the tabernacle.
- Use a wipe or hand sanitizer after lighting candles
- **TAKE HOME** what you BRING or **USE** – do NOT leave bulletins, tissues, or coffee cups in the pews or on tables at the Church entrance
2020-09-30 — BY VATICAN NEWS — St Jerome bequeathed to the Church “devotion to the Sacred Scripture, a ‘living and tender love’ for the written word of God,” says Pope Francis in a new Apostolic Letter on the 1600th anniversary of the death of the great Doctor and Father of the Church.

“Jerome’s profound knowledge of the Scriptures, his zeal for making their teaching known, his skill as an interpreter of texts, his ardent and at times impetuous defence of Christian truth, his asceticism and harsh eremitical discipline, his expertise as a generous and sensitive spiritual guide”, the Pope writes in Scripturae Sacrae affectus (“Devotion to Sacred Scripture”), “all these make him, sixteen centuries after his death, a figure of enduring relevance for us, the Christians of the twenty-first century.”

A life devoted to Christ and His word
Reviewing the life of the fourth century saint, Pope Francis notes that Jerome devoted himself entirely “to Christ and His word,” working unceasingly “to make the divine writings accessible to others. The Pope highlighted two dimensions of the saint’s life especially: his “absolute and austere consecration to God,” and “a commitment to diligent study, aimed purely at an ever deeper understanding of the Christian mystery.”

Pope Francis dwells on Jerome’s love of Scripture, which focused on the “humble character of God’s revelation,” more than on “the narrative and poetic genius of the Bible.” Jerome approached the Scriptures in an even “more systematic and distinctive” way than the other early Christian Fathers, emphasizing the necessity of knowing the Bible in order to know Christ.

Study steeped in obedience
Jerome’s study of the Scripture, the Pope says, was steeped in obedience, both to God Himself and “to those in the Church who represent the living Tradition that interprets the revealed message.” But, Pope Francis insists, “The obedience of faith” is not, however, a mere passive reception of something already known; on the contrary it demands an active personal effort to understand what was spoken.

Pope Francis notes that many people find the Bible difficult to read—not because of illiteracy, but because they have not learned the skills necessary to make the sacred text intelligible.

“This shows the need for an interpreter,” writes Pope Francis, adding, “Jerome can serve as our guide... because he leads every reader to the mystery of Jesus.”

The Vulgate translation
The Pope notes that Jerome’s translation of the Scriptures into Latin helped to shape western culture. “Jerome’s work of translation teaches us that the values and positive forms of every culture represent an enrichment for the whole Church,” while at the same time witnessing “to the fact that the Bible continually needs to be translated into the linguistic and mental categories of each culture and generation.”

Pope Francis also explains the importance of translation as a form of “hospitality”: a translator, he writes, “is a bridge builder,” helping people of different languages and cultures not only communicate with, but also understand one another.

Devotion to Rome and the Popes
Saint Jerome was also known for his deep devotion to Rome and to the Popes. “At a turbulent time in which the seamless garment of the Church was often torn by divisions among Christians, Jerome looked to the Chair of Peter as a sure reference point.”

Jerome himself “was often involved in bitter disputes for the cause of the faith,” which he often carried out with great passion. Nonetheless, although willing to fight vehemently for the faith, Jerome loved and desired peace. “Today more than ever,” writes Pope Francis, “our world needs the medicine of mercy and peace.”

Example of love for the Scriptures
Concluding his Letter, Pope Francis appeals to everyone to take Saint Jerome as an example of love for Sacred Scripture and devotion to study. “I would like to pose a challenge to young people in particular,” he writes: “Begin exploring your heritage. Christianity makes you heirs of an unsurpassed cultural patrimony of which you must take ownership. Be passionate about this history which is yours. Dare to fix your gaze on the young Jerome, who, like the merchant in Jesus’ parable, sold all he had in order to buy the ‘pearl of great price’.”

Pope Francis expresses his hope that we might “love what Jerome loved,” rediscover his writings, and allow ourselves “to be touched by his robust spirituality.” He points to the Blessed Virgin Mary as “the model of prayerful reading of the Scriptures,” encouraging us to “entrust ourselves to Our Lady who, more than anyone, can teach us how to read, meditate, contemplate, and pray to God, who tirelessly makes Himself present in our lives.”
Bread & Wine Memorial

In Memory of
Bernadette Gambeski
October 4 —10, 2020

Prayer Intentions

Please remember in your prayers our brothers and sisters who are sick and all those who have died.

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions

October 2020
The Laity's Mission in the Church
We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

Stay plugged into St. Anastasia!

If you have a cellphone and have not joined Flocknote please do it today! It is an easy way for us to communicate information to you regarding Parish happenings.

Two easy ways to stay in touch with the Church:

1. Online: Go to stanyc.flocknote.com
2. Cell Phone: Text stanyc to 84576

Text STOP to 84576 to stop text notifications. There is no charge for this service but your carrier's text and data rates may apply. Full terms at www.flocknote.com/tx

St. Anastasia Parish Registration

We welcome visitors who have joined us today. If you wish to join our faith community, please fill out this form and place in collection basket during Mass or drop it off at the Rectory.

Name ....................................................................................................................

Address ................................................................................................................

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Phone ............ Email .................................................................

Mass Intentions

Sunday, October 4, 2020
• John Cunniff
• Michael Shalley
• Joe Stock
• Frank Fini
• Pietro Petti
• Tammy Tam Kelly
• Theresa "Terry" Bergherr
• Mary Devlin
• For the people of the parish

Monday, October 5, 2020
• Joseph Stock
• Patrick Deneher

Tuesday, October 6, 2020
• Sean Kim
• Nancy McTiernan

Wednesday, October 7, 2020
• Klara Deuber
• Ann and Eugene Ferguson

Thursday, October 8, 2020
• Colin Ferguson
• Kaitlin O'Connell

Friday, October 9, 2020
• Larry and Peter Miller
• Nancy McTiernan

Saturday, October 10, 2020
• Gus Logerfo
• Charles Sununu

Sunday, October 11, 2020
• Isidoro Dizon, Jr.
• Bernadette Gambeski
• Anthony Lee
• Theresa "Terry" Bergherr
• Joe Stock
• John Lee
• Frank Fini
• For the people of the parish