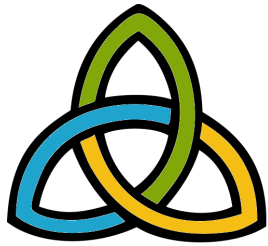


March 20th 2022 - THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



BLESSED TRINITY CATHOLIC PARISH

Roxbury - Rockaway Point - Breezy Point

SUNDAY MASSES

SAINT THOMAS MORE

Saturday Vigil 5:00pm
Sunday 8:30am, 11:30am

SAINT GENEVIEVE

Saturday Vigil 4:00pm
Sunday 9:00am, 12noon

SAINT EDMUND

Sunday 10:00am

WEEKDAY MASSES

SAINT THOMAS MORE

8:30am (Mon-Sat)

SAINT GENEVIEVE

9:00am (Tues & Thurs)

CONFESSION/RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday at 4:00pm at St.
Thomas More (Also at any time
convenient upon request)

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Arrangements can be made at the
Rectory. Second Saturday at 12:30pm
and Fourth Sunday at 2:00pm

ANointing OF THE SICK

Please call the Rectory or speak
with a priest to request the
Anointing of the Sick. Please do not
hesitate with people in serious
health crisis.

HOLY MATRIMONY

Couples are required to make
arrangements 6 Months in
advance. This allows time to
prepare the necessary paper work
and Pastoral Instructions.

PARISH OFFICE

204-25 Rockaway Point Boulevard
Rockaway Point, N.Y. 11697
718-634-6357 www.btparish.org
E-Mail: rectory@btparish.org

Parish Office Hours

Monday—Friday 9am—4pm
Saturday 8am-2pm

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHOOL

Saint Thomas More Rectory
204-25 Rockaway Point Boulevard
Rockaway Point, N.Y. 11697

PARISH CLERGY

Rev. Fr. Michael Louis GelfantPastor
Rev. Fr. Jeremy Canna.....Parochial Vicar
Deacon James F. Ruoff
Deacon Thomas J. Murphy

RETIRED CLERGY

Rev. Msgr. Ronald Newland Weekend Assistant
Rev. Fr. Michael Perry In Residence
Deacon Richard Lee

PARISH STAFF

Julie RatkaExec Assistant to the Pastor
Maureen McVeigh..... Coordinator Religious Education
Richard Louis-Pierre.....Director of Music Ministry
Brianne Ratka..... Youth Minister

THIRD SUNDAY IN
LENT



Mass Intentions



Sunday March 20th

8:30 am (St. Thomas)	† Kevin, Margaret, & Edward Buckley
9:00 am (St. Genevieve)	† Joseph Baci (Anniversary)
10:00 am (St. Edmund)	† Matthew Fitzgerald
11:30 am (St. Thomas)	† Tom Tobin
12:00 pm (St. Genevieve)	Pro Populo
	† For the Health of Fr. Gelfant
	† Jack Weinheim
	† Julia Ryan

Monday March 21st

8:30 am (St. Thomas)	† Julia Ryan
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Tuesday March 22d

8:30 am (St. Thomas)	† John Hudson
9:00 am (St. Genevieve)	† Michael Kelly

Wednesday March 23rd

8:30 am (St. Thomas)	† Timothy Fallon
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Thursday March 24th

8:30 am (St. Thomas)	† Arthur F. Brennan
9:00 am (St. Genevieve)	† John Manning

Friday March 25th

8:30 am (St. Thomas)	† Julia Ryan
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Saturday March 26th

8:30 am (St. Thomas)	† Monthly Memorial
4:00 pm (St. Genevieve)	† John Manning
5:00 pm (St. Thomas)	Pro Populo
	† Msgr. Michael J. Curran
	† Julien Collot
	† Coleen Cannon Bowerman



Michele Hogan, Olivia Benedetto, Blythe Finn, Maryann Dolan, Marissa Plaia, Danielle Candela, Kathy Winters, Marita Serkes, Father Peter Rayder, Joseph Luhrs, Marie Alleva, Peggy

Fogarty, Father Michael Louis Gelfant, Alicja Ptasznik, Mario Mazzoli, Lenny Luizzi Jr, Dolores Regan, Gracie Abel Meilak

**PEOPLE ADDED TO OUR PARISH PRAYER REQUEST LIST
WILL STAY ON FOR THREE WEEKS AND THEN BE REMOVED**



-VIA CRUCIS- STATIONS OF THE CROSS



**MONDAY-SATURDAY, ST. THOMAS
ROSARY AT 7:45, FOLLOWED BY STATIONS AT 8AM
BEFORE DAILY MASS.**

**&
FRIDAY'S 7PM AT ST. THOMAS**

The Stations of the Cross, also known as the Way of the Cross, are a popular Lenten devotion to help the Christian faithful make a spiritual pilgrimage through contemplation of the Passion of the Christ. Please join us!

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord...

...We remember in our prayers all the faithfully departed especially



Desiree D'Ambrosio-Campbell

WEEKLY MEMORIALS

**FOR THE WEEK OF
MARCH 20TH, 2022**

THE HOSTS AND WINE

IN HONOR OF

THE ANCIENT ORDER OF THE HIBERNIANS



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
OUR LADY OF KNOCK COUNCIL 17580**
Now accepting New Members to the Roxbury,
Rockaway Point and Breezy Point
Knights of Columbus Council
www.kofc.org/joinus

NOW ACCEPTING NEW MEMBERS

**NEXT COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, March 21st 7:30PM
Msgr. Connelly Parish Center**

WEEKLY REPORT

Thank you for your continued financial support of your parish.

Plate Offering \$5,252.00
Online Giving \$2,509.00
Total \$7761.00

Monthly Education \$840



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

We are now offering **Weekly Envelopes** to those who wish to contribute every week in the basket AND **Monthly Envelopes** for those who prefer to donate one total amount for the month. **Online Giving** is still preferred and is available to all parishioners. Three possible ways to give. Again, Thank You!

Blessed Trinity Seniors

BT GOLDEN AGE CLUB

Meeting March 22nd,

April 5th, & April 19th. 11AM

Msgr Connelly Parish Hall

ARTS & CRAFT CLUB

Every Wednesday, 10AM

New Members always welcome.

Msgr Connelly Parish Hall



LENT

Collecting
money
only during
Lent

2022

BRIAN'S
KIDS
NEWYORK

Brian's Kids, Inc. is a non profit organization dedicated to providing comfort items to those affected by childhood cancer.

Please do not drop off any items, monetary donations only

Calling all children of Blessed Trinity Parish

Lenten toiletry drive

Starts: Ash Wednesday, March 2nd

Ends: Holy Thursday, April 14th

Suggestions for donations:

Soap
Toothbrushes
Toothpaste
Face Cloths
Combs
Brushes
Toilet paper

Collection bins will be

Outside St. Edmund Church on Sundays during the 10:00 Mass

and

Mondays outside St. Edmund School of Religion from 4:00 – 5:30PM

and

Wednesdays outside St. Edmund School of Religion from 3:00 – 5:30PM



BLESSED TRINITY MISSION STATEMENT

Washed by the waters of the sea and blessed with generations of faithful worship we, a trinity of churches: Saint Edmund, Saint Genevieve and Saint Thomas More, stand united in our mission. To embrace the presence of Christ in our community and strive to assist all to deepen their relationship with the Lord. To seek to be a parish of service and comfort to all. To commit ourselves to be a vessel through which our Catholic heritage and traditions may be preserved and grow so that our parish may flourish in the Spirit of the Lord.

PILGRIMAGE TO IRELAND & NORTHERN IRELAND

11 DAYS: NOVEMBER 7- 17, 2022

BELFAST • DERRY • KNOCK • GALWAY • CONNEMARA
KILLARNEY • RING OF KERRY • BLARNEY • DUBLIN

Hosted by

BISHOP PAUL R. SANCHEZ ~ TOUR CHAPLAIN

FR. JIM CUNNINGHAM ~ TOUR DIRECTOR

ST. FRANCIS DESALES PARISH

FR. JEREMY CANNA ~ TOUR DIRECTOR

BLESSED TRINITY PARISH

\$2979 FROM NEW YORK*

*Air/land tour price is \$2479 plus \$500 gov't taxes/airline surcharges

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT

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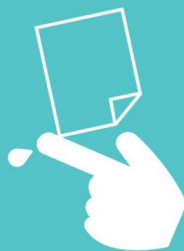


Space is running out quickly, reserve your tickets today!



Things that hurt more
than giving blood #66:

Paper cuts.



BLOOD DRIVE



Blessed Trinity Catholic Parish - St. Thomas More Church
204-25 Rockaway Point Blvd, Breezy Pt.

Wednesday – April 13, 2022

2:00pm – 8:00pm

To make an appointment, [Click here!](#) or scan code 67922



Or visit us at NYBC.org or call (516) 478-5023

Walk ins allowed based on capacity.

Appointments are preferred however walk-ins will be welcomed if space permits.

Need more information on the donor eligibility? Scan the QR Code - - - >

Please remember to eat, drink, and bring your donor ID card or ID with name and photo.

Masks are required for all donors regardless of vaccination status.

For full list of COVID-19 safety protocols, please visit nybc.org/coronavirus.



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STREAMING

ONLINE

LIVE

MASSES STREAMING LIVE

Weekdays 8:30am

Sunday 11:30am

FACEBOOK AND YOUTUBE

Weekly Prayers/ Devotions

- ♦ **Miraculous Medal Novena**, Monday's after Mass
- ♦ **The Rosary**, Prayed on Saturday's at 3:30pm (before the 4pm Vigil Mass) at St. Genevieve Church. and Monday-Friday at 8am at St. Thomas More Church
- ♦ **Prayer Group Meets** on Tuesday's at 7:30pm at St. Thomas More Church (**First meeting of 2022 will be March 22nd**)

Each year Blessed Trinity Parish and the Diocese of Brooklyn engage in the



Annual Catholic Appeal 2022

DIocese of Brooklyn

Annual Catholic Appeal which supports Catholic programs throughout Brooklyn and Queens and affects the lives of countless individuals and families living in our neighborhoods in addition to benefitting our parish.

How Does Our Parish Benefit?

In order for our parish to function, we need well-trained **priests and deacons** who can celebrate the sacraments and administer the parish. Without the **\$2.5 Million** from the Appeal allocated to vocations, we would not have the clergy our parish needs.

Our Children are the future of our parish and we are called to support them as they grow in faith. The Appeal provides funding which supports every parish **religious education program** as well as tuition assistance to those seeking **Catholic Education** at Catholic Academies and Schools. Over **\$2 million** from the Appeal is invested in the faith of our children in addition to also providing **adult faith formation**. Instruction programs for lay people, including those in our own parish, provide training in ministries such as Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors or prepare others for sacraments.

The Appeal also provides funding for the Youth Ministers working in parishes throughout Brooklyn and Queens. **\$150,000** each year from our donations sustains the Catholic **Youth Ministry Initiative**, which has been supported by Generations of Faith, ensuring that young people encounter Christ through the Church, forming life long bonds of faith which will sustain our parishes for years to come.

Christ Himself has called all on us to care for those among us in need, but as one parish we lack the time, space, skills and volunteers that it takes to address the needs of all our brothers and sisters who need our help. This is why, through the Annual Catholic Appeal, our parish supports the work of **Catholic Charities** and **Catholic Migration Services** which receive a total of **\$1.4 million** from the Appeal. Together we are able to welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, feed the hungry and shelter the homeless in the name of our Church.

In our efforts to spread the Gospel of Christ we also have a responsibility as Catholics to minister to those who are ill, students in high schools and colleges as well as those who are imprisoned, just as Christ directed us to. The Appeal provides **\$1.9 million** to ensure that **chaplains** bring the sacraments of the church to those who are ill, imprisoned or are studying in high school and college.

Why is my participation important?

As followers of Jesus here at Blessed Trinity, we understand our responsibility to our parish implies a responsibility to the diocese which unites us together with the entire Catholic community as the one body of Christ.

When one part of the body does not participate, the entire body suffers and makes it harder to function. Likewise, your participation in this Appeal, over and above your regular Sunday offering, will determine the ability of Blessed Trinity to faithfully support the mission of Christ while also providing the needed support we receive as one parish, which is part of the larger Catholic Church

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.

The goal at Blessed Trinity is \$64,722. Last year we had a record number of pledges (350) totaling \$101,000. We can do this as a parish!

Once we exceed our goal, we will then receive 100% of all funds raised above this figure directly back to our parish which will be used to renovate the Sanctuary and Sacristy at St. Thomas More Church.

For questions regarding the Annual *Catholic Appeal*, or to schedule an appointment to make a gift to the parish, please contact the Parish Office – 718-634-6357

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



Please join with us to respond as the Church of Christ together in Brooklyn and Queens through a pledge to the *Annual Catholic Appeal* today at

AnnualCatholicAppeal.org or text *DONATE* to 917-336-1255

Thank you and God bless you. Blessed Trinity Parish - 3230



LENTEN ADORATION

ST. EDMUND CHURCH
MARCH 29TH, 4PM

Join us for an hour of prayer, readings, & music

For Teens grades 6-12

Featuring Artist Alverlis



Good News Reflection *Third Sunday of Lent - March 20th, 2022*



MERCY- HOW IT HELPS EVIL-DOERS

How do you feel when someone who's been hurtful, cruel, or morally corrupt gets hit with a hardship that makes them suffer? Our natural tendency is to rejoice because justice has finally been meted out.

Jesus addresses this in this Sunday's Gospel reading. He wants us to understand that we cannot truthfully say that someone is a "greater sinner", even if that person is doing more damage than anyone else, is more unChristian than we are, or is blatantly an evil-doer.

Every person has been created in the image of God, even the worst ones. Those who display an opposite image are nonetheless loved by Jesus Christ, who died for them. It's a tragedy that they do not live as the person God created them to be, because this harms others. But it will be

an even worse tragedy if no one invites them to turn their lives over to Christ by loving them as he loves them. No person is an evil person. Evil-doers are children of God living in ignorance of their true identity. They are victims of evil and were seduced by it into believing that it's the best way to live. They don't understand that they can be healed by the Sinless One who conquered evil for their redemption. We should feel sorry for them -- this is the gift of mercy. We should mourn with Jesus for the tragedy that continues within their souls -- this is the most precious gift of mercy.

When we don't care enough to grieve over a person's inner destruction, we are sinning. We are disregarding what Jesus did for them on the cross. We are damaging our own souls.

All those who have sinned against you are like the fig tree in Jesus' parable. If you have access to them, he wants you to till their soil. He wants you to fertilize their souls with love and with the truth of the Gospel as taught by your actions and, when they're ready, by your words. He wants you to give them a gentle but obvious invitation to grow in the right direction.

Notice that Jesus doesn't want us to keep a diseased, disintegrating tree in the garden forever. After (and only after) we have done everything possible, if the evil-doer does not want to change, the best care we can give to the garden is to cut down the tree. This means walking away or calling in the authorities for intervention and letting the sinner reap what he sows. This, too, is very loving. When fertilizer won't produce good fruits, a fallen tree becomes mulch and enriches the ground for a new beginning.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

Who has been so hurtful to you that you wish God would punish them? Can you feel sorry for them? Can you pray for God to do good for them? If not, take this to the Sacrament of Reconciliation and ask for God's help in feeling more concerned about them. In this, you'll find freedom from the anger and pain that has been holding you captive.

Questions for Family & Community Faith Sharing:

What steps can be taken to fertilize the lives of the problematic people of your parish or family or workplace? How do you know when it's time to continue trying and when it's time to quit and chop a tree down?

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