

SEPTEMBER 11, 2022—TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

9:15am (Tues & Thurs)

CONFESSION/RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday at 4:00pm at St.
Thomas More and by 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 for
paper work and Pastoral Instruction.

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-12pm, 1-4pm
Saturday 8am-12pm

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
Rev. Msgr. Ronald Newland Weekend Assistant
Deacon Thomas J. Murphy

PARISH STAFF

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

RETIRED DEACONS

Deacon Richard Lee
Deacon James F. Ruoff



SUNDAY MASS READINGS

FIRST READING *Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14*

The LORD said to Moses,

“Go down at once to your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt, for they have become depraved. They have soon turned aside from the way I pointed out to them, making for themselves a molten calf and worshiping it, sacrificing to it and crying out, ‘This is your God, O Israel, who brought you out of the land of Egypt!’ I see how stiff-necked this people is,” continued the LORD to Moses. “Let me alone, then, that my wrath may blaze up against them to consume them. Then I will make of you a great nation.”

But Moses implored the LORD, his God, saying, “Why, O LORD, should your wrath blaze up against your own people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with such great power and with so strong a hand? Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, and how you swore to them by your own self, saying, ‘I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky; and all this land that I promised, I will give your descendants as their perpetual heritage.’” So the LORD relented in the punishment he had threatened to inflict on his people.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19 (Luke 15:18)*

R. I will rise and go to my father.

SECOND READING *1 Timothy 1:12-17*

Beloved:

I am grateful to him who has strengthened me, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he considered me trustworthy in appointing me to the ministry. I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and arrogant, but I have been mercifully treated because I acted out of ignorance in my unbelief. Indeed, the grace of our Lord has been abundant, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. This saying is trustworthy and deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Of these I am the foremost. But for that reason I was mercifully treated, so that in me, as the foremost, Christ Jesus might display all his patience as an example for those who would come to believe in him for everlasting life. To the king of ages, incorruptible, invisible, the only God, honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL *Longer Form Luke 15:1-32*

Tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.” So to them he addressed this parable. “What man among you having a hundred sheep and losing one of them would not leave the ninety-nine in the desert and go after the lost one until he finds it? And when he

does find it, he sets it on his shoulders with great joy and, upon his arrival home, he calls together his friends and neighbors and says to them, ‘Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.’ I tell you, in just the same way there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance.

“Or what woman having ten coins and losing one would not light a lamp and sweep the house, searching carefully until she finds it? And when she does find it, she calls together her friends and neighbors and says to them, ‘Rejoice with me because I have found the coin that I lost.’ In just the same way, I tell you, there will be rejoicing among the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

Then he said,

“A man had two sons, and the younger son said to his father, ‘Father give me the share of your estate that should come to me.’ So the father divided the property between them. After a few days, the younger son collected all his belongings and set off to a distant country where he squandered his inheritance on a life of dissipation. When he had freely spent everything, a severe famine struck that country, and he found himself in dire need. So he hired himself out to one of the local citizens who sent him to his farm to tend the swine. And he longed to eat his fill of the pods on which the swine fed, but nobody gave him any. Coming to his senses he thought, ‘How many of my father’s hired workers have more than enough food to eat, but here am I, dying from hunger. I shall get up and go to my father and I shall say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers.”’ So he got up and went back to his father. While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him. His son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.’ But his father ordered his servants, ‘Quickly bring the finest robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Take the fattened calf and slaughter it. Then let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found.’ Then the celebration began. Now the older son had been out in the field and, on his way back, as he neared the house, he heard the sound of music and dancing. He called one of the servants and asked what this might mean. The servant said to him, ‘Your brother has returned and your father has slaughtered the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.’ He became angry, and when he refused to enter the house, his father came out and pleaded with him. He said to his father in reply, ‘Look, all these years I served you and not once did I disobey your orders; yet you never gave me even a young goat to feast on with my friends. But when your son returns, who swallowed up your property with prostitutes, for him you slaughter the fattened calf.’ He said to him, ‘My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.’”



Mass Intentions



Sunday September 11th

8:30 am (St. Thomas) † For those killed on 9/11
 9:00 am (St. Genevieve) † For those killed on 9/11
 10:00 am (St. Edmund) † For those killed on 9/11
 11:30 am (St. Thomas) † For those killed on 9/11
 12:00 pm (St. Genevieve) † For those killed on 9/11
 6:00 pm - Roxbury Outdoor Mass † For those killed on 9/11

Monday September 12th

8:30 am (St. Thomas) † Mary & Bill McDonald
 4:00 pm (St. Edmund) Religious Ed Opening Mass

Tuesday September 13th

8:30 am (St. Thomas) † Catherine Hines Brennan
 9:15 am (St. Genevieve) † Miriam Murphy

Wednesday September 14th

8:30 am (St. Thomas) † Louis Lianza
 3:00 pm (St. Edmund) Religious Ed Opening Mass

Thursday September 15th

8:30 am (St. Thomas) † Connie & Frank Spina
 9:15 am (St. Genevieve) † Raymond Somerville

Friday September 16th

8:30 am (St. Thomas) † Thomas Ahern

Saturday September 17th

8:30 am (St. Thomas) † Gus Lizzi
 4:00 pm (St. Genevieve) † Larry McElroy
 5:00 pm (St. Thomas) † Monte Rosenstein

WEEKLY REPORT

Thank you for your continued financial support of your parish.

Plate Offering	\$9,748
Online Giving	\$6,977
Total	\$16,725

Catholic University \$630



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEORSITY!

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!

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord...



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

And those in our families and those with no one to remember them.

Sunday, September 18, 2022

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY 10 AM

MASS ST. EDMUND CHURCH

Come and Welcome our Catechists as they are Commissioned for the New Year.

Pray for the Sick

James Cannon, Barbara Joyce, Maryann Dolan,
 James LaSalle, Mario Mazzoli

PEOPLE ADDED WILL STAY ON FOR THREE WEEKS AND THEN BE REMOVED UNLESS THERE IS A REQUEST FOR THE PERSON TO REMAIN ON THE PRAYER LIST

MASSES STREAMING LIVE



Weekdays 8:30am
Sunday 11:30am
FACEBOOK AND YOUTUBE

Home Bound?

If you or a loved one is homebound (meaning unable to attend Mass for a period of time) and would like to receive the sacraments (Confession, Anointing or Holy Communion), please call the rectory at 718-634-6357. The parish priests and Lay Ministers will visit.

Anointing of the Sick and Confession are also available to those who cannot come to Church.



Blessed Trinity Parish

Online Giving

Register on the website:

btparish.churchgiving.com

Once you reach the website, click on **MAKE A DONATION**. It will give you the option of making a recurring donation (weekly or monthly) or a one time donation. Please call the office to speak to Julie.



**BT SPORTS
SOCCER & TRACK
OPENING MASS
SEPTEMBER 18, 2022**

**11:30am
St. Thomas More Church**

**FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION
AND LUNCH**

Friday, October 1st we will have Mass & Adoration at 11 am at St. Genevieve Church, followed by lunch at Father Hession Hall.

Seating will be limited, advanced \$15 reservation required. Contact Dottie Wayne (917) 868-7109 or Loretta Pye 917-817-4481 for further information and to reserve your place.



**TEEN MOVIE
NIGHT**

SEPTEMBER 30TH 7PM

**FEATURED FILM:
FERRIS BUELLER'S DAY OFF
[PG-13]**

**MSGR. CONNELLY HALL
ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH
ROCKAWAY POINT**

**St. Pio
Mass**

and

**Veneration of
the relic of
his Glove
& Anointing of
the Sick**

**FRI SEPT 23RD
7:00PM**



**ST. THOMAS MORE
CHURCH**



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2022 Parish Dinner-Dance Journal Ad Reservation Form

Honoring:

Maryellen Barnes

Anthony Burti

Richard Duemig

Gertrude Hendry

☐ **Full Page Ad:** \$200.00 (8 ½ x11) ☐ **½ Page :** \$100.00 (4 ¼ x5 ½)

Journal Advertising Deadline: **September 30, 2022**

Please make checks payable to Blessed Trinity Parish. Please email your ad to fundraising@btparish.org

Name: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone #: _____

Email: _____

The 2022 Parish Dinner Dance will be held on October 13, 2022 at the Rockaway Hotel at 6:00 pm. Tickets are \$150.00 per person and are available in the rectory office.

Thank you for your generous support.

ST. GENEVIEVE CHURCH
ROXBURY

ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH
ROCKAWAY POINT

ST. EDMUND CHURCH
BREEZY POINT

WEEKLY MEMORIALS

FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 11TH



BREAD AND WINE FOR THE PARISH CHURCHES

\$25 WEEKLY

WEEKLY FLOWERS MEMORIALS AVAILABLE \$75 EACH

- ALTAR FLOWERS AT ST. GENEVIEVE CHURCH
- ALTAR FLOWERS AT ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH
- ALTAR FLOWERS AT ST. EDMUND CHURCH

Blessed Trinity Seniors

BT GOLDEN AGE CLUB

September 13, 2022

Msgr Connelly Parish Hall

FLU SHOTS

11am—Golden Age Members Only

12:30— All Parishioners

ARTS & CRAFT CLUB

September 14th @10am

New Members always welcome.

Msgr Connelly Parish Hall

BAPTISM SCHEDULE



Formation Class

Wednesday, Oct 5, 2022 @ 7pm

Baptism Celebrations

Sunday, Sept 25, 2022 @ 2 pm

Sat., Oct 8, 2022 @ 12:30pm

Parents may register their child for baptism at the Parish Office.

Weekly Prayers/ Devotions

- ♦ **Miraculous Medal Novena**, Monday's after Mass
- ♦ **The Rosary**, Monday-Friday at 8am at St. Thomas More Church
- ♦ **Prayer Group** Meets on Tuesday's at 7:30pm at St. Thomas More Church



Faith Formation

We will be having Masses to start the Religious Education year.

*Monday, September 12 at 4PM in St. Edmund Church
Grades 6, 7 and Confirmation Class will be attending*

*Wednesday, September 14 at 3PM in St. Edmund Church
Grades K – 5 will be attending*

*All parents are invited to attend these Masses and meet their
child's catechist.*

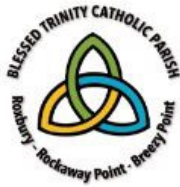


KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
OUR LADY OF KNOCK COUNCIL 17580
www.kofc.org/joinus

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING IS
SEPTEMBER 12TH 7PM
MSGR CONNELLY HALL

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.



JOIN US IN CELEBRATING AT OUR
ANNUAL DINNER DANCE
AND THIS YEAR'S HONOREES:

Maryellen Barnes

Anthony Burti

Richard Duemig

Gertrude Hendry

6:00pm | THURSDAY
13 | 2022
OCTOBER

THE ROCKAWAY HOTEL
108-10 ROCKAWAY BEACH DRIVE, ROCKAWAY PARK, NY

RSVP BY OCTOBER 6TH

Tickets Are Available at the Rectory Office

RSVP by October 6, 2022

\$150 per person

718-634-6357

**Check made Payable to "Blessed Trinity
Parish"**

Tables of 10

OR first come first seat basis

JOURNAL AD's ARE AVAILABLE

Wedding Anniversary Mass

**The Sacrament of Marriage should be
celebrated.**

**All couples regardless of the anniversary
year are invited to renew their vows.**

**Bring your family to witness your exchange
and the continued commitment to one
another.**

**Saturday, September 24, 2022
11:00 AM**

**Resurrection-Ascension Church
61-11 85 Street, Rego Park**

Celebrant: Bishop Robert Brennan

Information is due by September 9, 2022

A PRAYER FOR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

God our Father, Giver of life,
we entrust the United States
of America to Your loving
care. You are the rock on
which this nation was
founded. You alone are the
true source of our cherished
rights to life, liberty and the
pursuit of happiness. Reclaim
this land for Your honor and
glory and dwell among Your
people. Through Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.

Good News Reflection *Sept 11th*



RECOVERING THE LOST

This Sunday's Gospel reading is an assurance of God's desire to regain what has been lost. Our Lord is a God of reconciliation and renewal. He pursues those who have strayed from the truth. Why?

Because he cares — he cares more than we do about the people we know who are "lost sheep" or "lost treasures" like the coin in this parable.

Think of the people who have been lost to you because they have abandoned you. God cares and is pursuing them to bring healing to the relationship, and he will continue his efforts even until they take their last earthly breath (sometimes the healing comes after death).

Think, too, of people who are neglecting their faith. Jesus is a Good Shepherd who will never give up pursuing them. Why? Because their value to your family and the Church is important! Their absence is depleting the strength of the community. And God, who is the source of the life of the community, is doing everything possible — well, even the impossible — to lead them to repentance and healing and a safe return.

However, we cannot leave it all up to God. He works through us. Only when we've tried and our influence is nil does God say, "Let go. Trust that I am continually working on the problem." We can believe that Jesus is still chasing after them, even though they hide from him. He is not far from them, even though they push him away.

If there is something else we can do to invite them back into the sheepfold, but we don't, someday we will have to explain to Jesus why we didn't. Why did we fail to love as much as he loves them? Why did we let them stray away without researching how we could help them? Have we done anything to push them

away?

No matter how difficult it gets as we partner with Christ to bring others back to the sheepfold, the most important thing we can do is keep loving them unconditionally. Hopefully, they will see in us the love that Jesus is offering to them.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

Who are the lost sheep and missing treasures of your family and your parish community? What will you do this week to reveal Jesus and his merciful love for them? Is there a parish ministry or an evangelization program that you could join to learn how to better help others turn to Jesus?

Questions for Family & Community Faith Sharing:

When the lost are not ready yet to turn to Jesus or return to us or to the Church, how do our attempts to give them Jesus prepare them for an eventual conversion? Why is it worth trying, even if we don't see any fruits for our efforts? Even if it includes sacrifice and extra humility on our part?

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NEVER FORGET

On Sunday, Sept 11, 2022 at 6pm, Blessed Trinity Parish will offer a Mass of Remembrance at the Roxbury 9/11 Memorial. We will Honor And Remember Those Who Lost Their Lives, Loved Ones, And Those Who Courageously Fought To Save Lives.

Special tributes after Mass.



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SEPTEMBER 11, 2001



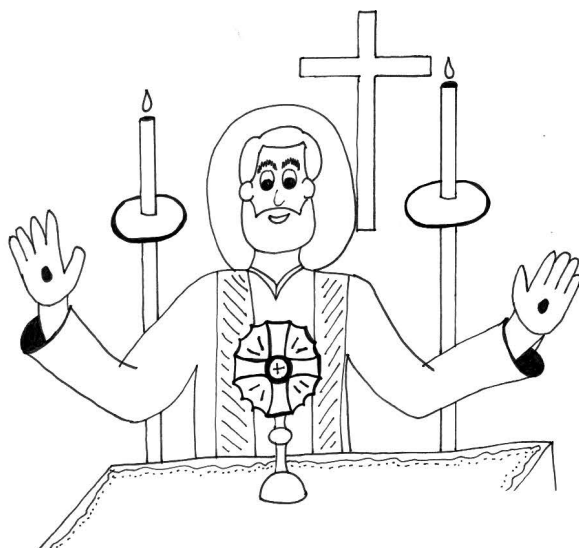
Catholic Kids

Bulletin

September 11, 2022
Ordinary Time
Color: Green



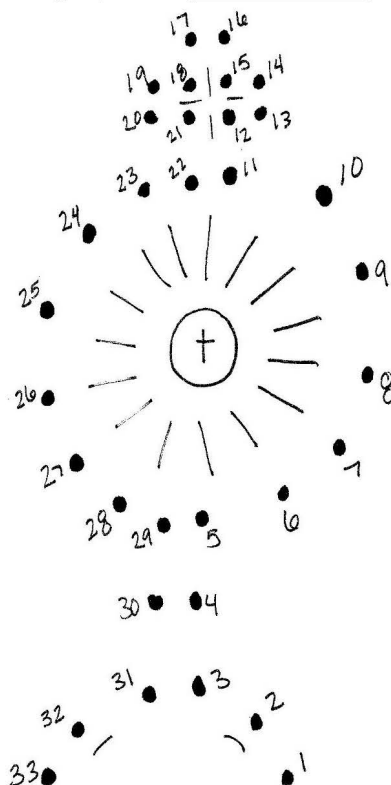
Saint Padre Pio



Follow the dots to draw a Monstrance. A monstrance is a special place to hold the Eucharist.

Saint Padre Pio told people to pray, go to church, and go to confession.

When people went to confession with him, he KNEW when they were forgetting something. He would help them remember so they learned from all of their sins.





- 1: Green
2: Grey
3: Blue
4: Yellow
5: Light Green
6: Black

Gospel

If you had 100 sheep and you lost one, what would you do?
Would you look and look until you found it? Jesus feels that way about us.
He cares for each of us and listens to our prayers