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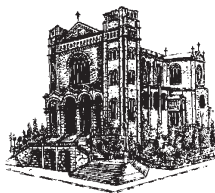
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Monthly Messenger



Feast of
Our Lady of Perpetual Help
June 27th



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MASSES:

Saturday – (Lower Church), 8:45 a.m., 12:10 p.m., 5:00 p.m., (English) & 7:00 p.m. (Spanish)
Sunday (Lower Church) 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., & 11:45 a.m. (Chinese) 2:00 p.m. (Vietnamese)
Sunday – (Upper Church - Spanish) 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m.
Weekdays – 8:45 a.m., 12:10 P.M., 7:00 p.m. Tues, Wed, Thurs (Spanish)
Holy Days – (Eve of) 6:15 p.m. (English); 7:30 p.m. (Spanish)
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SACRAMENTS:

BAPTISMS:

Baptisms are administered in Spanish on the 3rd Saturday of the month and in English on the 4th Saturday of the Month. To register for the required classes and interview, come to the Rectory office.

RECONCILIATION:

Wednesday – 9:30 a.m., 12:45 P.M. & 6:45 p.m.
Saturday – 12:45 p.m. & 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

MARRIAGES:

Please make reservations at least 8 MONTHS in advance and before engaging your reception hall. Only parishioners who live within the parish boundaries may be married at the Basilica of Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:

In any danger of death or serious illness, please call the rectory promptly.
Phone 718-492-9200.

DEVOTIONS:

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena:

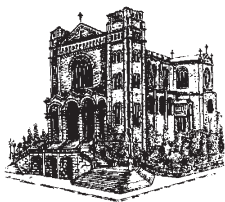
Wednesday – after 8:45 a.m. and 12:10 p.m. Masses.
Spanish Novena & Mass 6:45 p.m. (Lower Church)

First Friday: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after 12:10 P.M. Mass until 7:00 P.M. Healing Mass -- 7:30 p.m. on First Friday

First Saturday: The Fatima Rosary is recited 12:45 p.m.

RECTORY HOURS:

Monday to Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
The office will close on Legal Holidays at 2:00 p.m. **Urgent sick calls any hour.**



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MISAS:

Sábado - (Iglesia de Abajo) 8:45 a.m. & 12:10 p.m., 5:00 p.m. (en Ingles), & 7:00 p.m. (en Español)
Domingo - (Iglesia de Abajo) 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 11:45 (Chínesa), 2:00 p.m. (Vietnamita)
Domingo - (Iglesia de Arriba en Español) 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.
Durante la Semana - 8:45 a.m., 12:10 p.m., 6:45 p.m. Martes, Miercoles & Jueves (en Español)
Días de Guardar - (Vísperas) 6:15, 7:30 p.m. (en Español)
Día de La Fiesta - 8:45 a.m., 12:10 p.m., 6:15 p.m., 7:30 p.m. (Español)

SACRAMENTOS:

BAUTISMO:

Los Bautizos serán en Español el 3er Sábado de cada mes, y en Ingles el 4to Sábado de cada mes.
Para las clases y entrevista requisitas favor de registrarse en la Oficina de la Rectoría.

RECONCILIACION (CONFESIONES):

Miércoles - 9:30 a.m., 12:45 & 6:45 p.m.
Sábado - 12:45 p.m. & 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

MATRIMONIO:

Favor de hacer reservaciones en la Iglesia, por los menos OCHO MESES de antemano, antes de alquilar el salón de recepción.

SACRAMENTO DE LOS ENFERMOS:

En caso de emergencia, llamen 492-9200 a cualquier hora.

DEVOCIONES:

Novena a la Virgen del Perpetuo Socorro:

Miércoles - Después de la misa de las 8:45 a.m., 12:10 p.m.
Misa y Devoción en Español a las 6:45 p.m. (Iglesia de Abajo)

Primer Viernes: Exposición del Santísimo después de la misa de las 12:10 hasta las 7:00 p.m. Misa de Curación - 7:30 p.m. (Iglesia de Abajo).

Primer Sábado: El Rosario en honor a la Virgen de Fátima se reza a las 12:45 p.m.

HORAS DE OFICINA:

Lunes a Sabado 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Domingo: 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
La oficina va a estar cerrada los días feriados a las 2:00 p.m.



From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners and Friends of OLPH,

Greetings from the parish community of Our Lady of Perpetual Help!

I trust you are well, along with your family members and friends, even as we continue taking precautions in the face of the pandemic. May Mary, Health of the Sick, bring health and healing to all who suffer the lingering effects of Covid. And may Jesus, our Redeemer, bring those who have died into their eternal resting place with him.

OLPH church is now open to full capacity. We ask all to wear masks in church since not everyone is vaccinated. Those who are not vaccinated are asked to socially distance from others out of fraternal charity. Hand sanitizing is always important. We pray that the new variants of the virus can be stopped from spreading. Prudence and love for each other are our guides.

May is Mary's month. So, we honored Mary with the Knights of Columbus praying the Rosary on Mondays before the Mary statue on 5th Avenue and 60th Street, on the steps to the upper church. The Daughters of Mary did the same on Sunday mornings after the 8 a.m. Mass. And of course, we celebrated Mother's Day on May 9th. Very belated Mother's Day greetings to all!

Saturdays in May were happily busy with First Communions on May 8th and 15th – about 140 children received the Eucharist for the first time. Bishop Witold Mroziwski, Auxiliary Bishop of Brooklyn, celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation with 146 teenagers on May 22nd. Also on May 22nd, Pentecost Eve, at the 5 p.m. English Mass, 6 adults received Confirmation and First Eucharist. May these sisters and brothers persevere as members of the church community of OLPH.

June 20th was Father's Day – belated greetings to all the fathers!

The Redemptorists are happy to announce that on July 24th Deacon Song You, C.Ss.R., will be ordained to the priesthood by the imposition of hands of Redemptorist Bishop Bruce Lewandowski, Auxiliary Bishop of Baltimore. In view of this wonderful occasion, the theme for the Triduum of Our Lady of Perpetual Help was "vocation": special vocations in the church – priesthood, diaconate, religious life, and lay ministry, and the vocation that each person has from God. At all the Masses on June 22nd, 23rd, and 24th we prayed the Novena of OLPH and prayer for vocations.

Sunday, June 27th, was the actual feast day of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. May her prayers awaken in young persons the desire to serve the church community in the priesthood, religious life and lay ministry. May her prayer awaken in all of us prayers of gratitude for the vocation each of us has received and lived throughout our lives.

Please keep Redemptorist Deacon Song You in your prayers as he prepares for ordination. He has been assigned to OLPH for priestly ministry in our parish community. You will certainly get to know him and appreciate his gifts.

Blessings on your families this summer! Keep safe!

Faternally,

Fr. James Gilmour, C.Ss.R.

Pastor

Desde el Escritorio del Párroco

Mayo – Junio 2021

Apreciados Parroquianos y Amigos de N. S. del Perpetuo Socorro,

¡Saludos desde nuestra comunidad parroquial de NSPS!

Confío que ustedes estén bien, junto con sus familiares y amigos, aún mientras seguimos tomando medidas de precaución de cara la pandemia. Que María, Salud de los Enfermos, conceda salud y sanación a todos los que sufren las secuelas de COVID. Y que Jesús, nuestro Redentor, lleve a los fallecidos al lugar preparado para ellos en el Reino de los Cielos.

Nuestra iglesia de NSPS ahora está abierta a 100% de capacidad. Pedimos a todos que llevan la mascarilla en la iglesia ya que no todos están vacunados. Los que no están vacunados debieran, por amor fraterno, mantener el distanciamiento social de los que no viven en el mismo hogar con ellos. Es importante desinfectar las manos. Oramos que se pueda parar el contagio de las nuevas variantes del virus. La prudencia y el amor fraterno son nuestros guías.

Mayo es el mes de María. Por lo tanto, honramos a María por el rezo del Rosario por los Caballeros de Colón todos los lunes frente a la imagen de María sobre la 5ª avenida y la calle 60 en las gradas a la iglesia de arriba.

Las Hijas de María hicieron lo mismo los domingos después de la Misa de las 8 a.m. Celebramos el Día de la Madre el 9 de mayo – ¡saludos tardíos a todas las madres!

El 8 y 15 de mayo celebramos la Primera Comunión de unos 140 niños. El 22 de mayo el Obispo Auxiliar de Brooklyn, Mons. Witold Mroziowski, celebró el sacramento de la Confirmación con unos 146 jóvenes. También, el sábado, 22 de mayo, en la Misa de la Víspera de Pentecostés, 6 adultos recibieron la Confirmación y Primera Eucaristía. Nos alegramos con nuestros hermanos y hermanas que han recibido estos sacramentos de iniciación cristiana. Que perseveren en la gracia recibida como miembros de la comunidad de NSPS.

El Día del Padre celebramos el domingo, 20 de junio - ¡saludos tardíos a todos los padres!

Los redentoristas se complacen en anunciar que el sábado, 24 de julio, se ordenará sacerdote misionero el Diácono Song You, C.Ss.R., por imposición de manos del Obispo Auxiliar de Baltimore, el Mons. Bruce Lewandowski, C.Ss.R. En preparación para esta feliz ocasión, el tema del Triduo de N.S. del Perpetuo Socorro fue las vocaciones especiales en la iglesia: el sacerdocio, el diaconado, la vida religiosa y el ministerio laical, como también la vocación que cada persona recibe de Dios. Rezamos la Novena del Perpetuo Socorro y la Oración por la Vocaciones en las Misas del Triduo. El domingo, 27 de junio, celebramos nuestra Fiesta Patronal. Que la intercesión de María despierte en los jóvenes el deseo de servir a la comunidad eclesial como sacerdote, religioso o religiosa, y ministro laical. Que su oración suscite en todos nosotros una oración de gratitud por la vocación que hemos recibido y vivido a lo largo de los años de nuestra vida.

Recuerden al Diácono redentorista Song You en oración en los días de su preparación para la ordenación. Ha sido asignado a nuestra parroquia para su ministerio sacerdotal. Lo van a conocer como persona y sacerdote, y apreciar sus dones.

¡Que Dios les bendiga a ustedes y sus familiares durante el verano!
¡Cuidense!

Su hermano en Cristo,

Padre Santiago Gilmour, C.Ss.R.

Párroco

God So Loved the World

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Since it is Mother's Day, I will give a little tribute to my own mother by telling one of the many stories I have about her. As a teenager I went off to the Redemptorist high school seminary near Erie, Pennsylvania. It was 1963 and the seminary at that time was quite rigorous in its rules. We had three meals a day that might average what a normal teenager would eat as one meal. There was no snacking between meals since the kitchen was locked. We were allowed to receive an occasional package from home if we needed something like sneakers or notebooks. So, I decided to write home for some sneakers. A few days later, the shoes arrived. As I unpacked them, there was a false bottom in the shoebox. I opened it found several packs of Twinkies. My mother would have been a good drug smuggler. Eventually I had more sneakers than Michael Jordan. God bless you, Mom, I know you are watching over me.

There are many kinds of love in the world. The love of husband and wife, the love of grandparents for their grandchildren, the deep bond of close friends, the love that some people have that leads them to do incredibly heroic deeds for others; there is also the deep bond of close friends. I know it is dangerous turf to stand on but I would say that even though most fathers have a great depth of love for their sons or daughters, it does seem to me that there may be no more powerful love on earth than that of a mother for her child, even when *that child* is fifty or sixty years old. I once made the mistake, and it was an error I learned from, of waxing eloquent in a sermon about the incredible bond that exists in a woman from carrying her child in her womb. No doubt that is a very deep bond. After the Mass, a woman gently spoke to me and said, *Father, my children are adopted and I love them as much as any human being could love another*. From what I have observed over the years, I know that to be true.

All of these loves that I mention, and any other love in the world, is a tiny reflection of the love that God has for each one of us. In the *First Letter of John* we read: *And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God is in them*. We get glimpses of the divine by analogy. So, if you reflect on how loved you are by your Mom, your Dad, your spouse, you are getting a little hint of what it means to be loved by Almighty God.

Over the course of the pandemic, I have read five children's books online to the parishioners here in St. Mary's. I was impressed when someone told me he likes hearing the stories. He is a brilliant canon lawyer so I guess these books are for everybody. However, Father Krastel complained that the plots are a bit too complicated for him.

Not long after reading one of the books, a parishioner sent me a children's book entitled, *Why Isn't God a Girl*. I felt a little anxious since I wondered how such a book would go over with many people. But there was a very lovely card inside of the book and the parishioner thanked me for my ministry. She said her sister-in-law had written this book and she wondered what I thought of it.

Like most children's books, it was easy to read. It made the point that God is neither a girl nor a boy. Certainly, Jesus, the Son of God, was a man. Still, Both God the Father and God the Holy Spirit are Spirits. They do not have bodies. Still, I think most of us have come to think of God as masculine. Certainly, we almost always refer to God as *He*. We call God our *Father* over and over again in prayer. If at the time of the *Our Father* I were to say *our Mother in heaven*, some of you would be upset or at least uncomfortable. I know I might be in hearing it said. There is no doubt that God is referred to most often in a masculine way in the Scriptures. Most of us are accustomed to that.

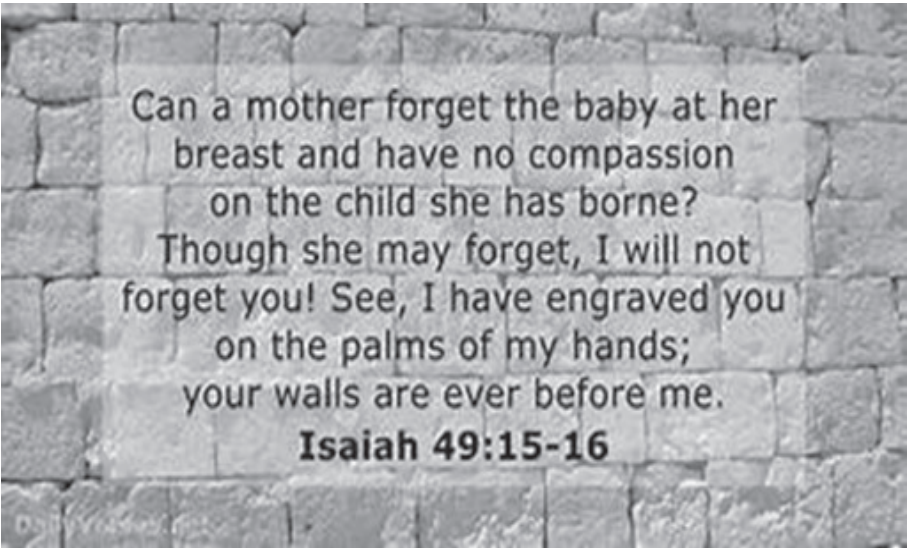
Still, there are some very strong Biblical images of God in the scriptures that speak of God in a feminine way. In the Gospel of Luke, as Jesus looks over the city of Jerusalem, he says, *O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!* God as a mother hen is an image that we might not have pondered often. The prophet Isaiah uses a very motherly image to describe the love of God: *Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you!* Mothers do not forget their children and God does not forget us.

One of the moving hymns often played at funerals is *Eagle Wings*. The song is based on verses from the *Book of Exodus* where God's love and care is compared to that of how a female eagle mother teaches her young to learn to fly. When young eagles are learning to fly, the mother eagle soars up high and then lets her baby go. The little eagle frantically flaps its wings but may not as yet mastered the

skill of flying. And if the little chick eagle falters, the mother swoops down and holds and protects it before she falls upon the earth.

In the Gospel we hear: *If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him. Philip said to him, Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us. Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip?* The apostles are seeking to know God. Jesus says, if you know me, you know the Father. We best grasp the divine through the divine man Jesus. Yet, on this Mother's Day, we get a taste of the divine love as we reflect on the gift of our own mothers as well as in the gift that Jesus gave us in his own mother Mary. God reveals himself in so many ways, in particular in the love of others. We pray to the Holy Spirit to enable us to know how loved we are by our God.

Father Patrick Woods, C.Ss.R.

A black and white photograph of a stone wall with text overlaid. The text is in a serif font and reads: "Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you! See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands; your walls are ever before me." The text is centered and occupies the middle portion of the image.

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breast and have no compassion
on the child she has borne?
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Isaiah 49:15-16

Pope Francis proclaims “Year of Saint Joseph”

With the Apostolic Letter “**Patris Corde**” (“With a Father’s Heart”), Pope Francis recalls the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church by Blessed Pope Pius IX in 1871. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a “Year of Saint Joseph” to be begin on December 8, 2020, and to close on December 8, 2021.

In his new Apostolic Letter, Pope Francis describes Saint Joseph as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father; a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows.

The Holy Father wrote *Patris corde* against the backdrop of the Covid-19 pandemic, which, he says, has helped us see more clearly the importance of “ordinary” people who, though far from the limelight, exercise patience and offer hope every day. In this, they resemble Saint Joseph, “the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence,” who nonetheless played “an incomparable role in the history of salvation.”

A beloved, tender, obedient father

Saint Joseph, in fact, “concretely expressed his fatherhood” by making an offering of himself in love “a love placed at the service of the Messiah who was growing to maturity in his home,” writes Pope Francis, quoting his predecessor St Paul VI. And because of his role at “the crossroads between the Old and New Testament,” St Joseph “has always been venerated as a father by the Christian people”. In him, “Jesus saw the tender love of God,” the one that helps us accept our weakness, because “it is through” and despite “our fears, our frailties, and our weakness” that most divine designs are realized. “Only tender love will save us from the snares of the accuser,” emphasizes the Pontiff, and it is by encountering God’s mercy especially in the Sacrament of Reconciliation that we “experience His truth and tenderness,” – because “we know that God’s truth does not condemn us, but instead welcomes, embraces, sustains and forgives us” Joseph is also a father in obedience to God: with his ‘fiat’ he protects Mary and Jesus and teaches his Son to “do the will of the Father.”

Called by God to serve the mission of Jesus, he “cooperated... in the great mystery of Redemption,” as St John Paul II said, “and is truly a minister of salvation”

Welcoming the will of God

At the same time, Joseph is “an accepting Father,” because he “accepted Mary unconditionally” — an important gesture even today, says Pope Francis, “in our world where psychological, verbal and physical violence towards women is so evident.” But the Bridegroom of Mary is also the one who, trusting in the Lord, accepts in his life even the events that he does not understand, “setting aside his own ideas” and reconciling himself with his own history.

Joseph’s spiritual path “is not one that explains, but accepts” — which does not mean that he is “resigned.” Instead, he is “courageously and firmly proactive,” because with “Holy Spirit’s gift of fortitude,” and full of hope, he is able “to accept life as it is, with all its contradictions, frustrations and disappointments.” In practice, through St. Joseph, it is as if God were to repeat to us: “Do not be afraid!” because “faith gives meaning to every event, however happy or sad,” and makes us aware that “God can make flowers spring up from stony ground.” Joseph “did not look for shortcuts but confronted reality with open eyes and accepted personal responsibility for it.” For this reason, “he encourages us to accept and welcome others as they are, without exception, and to show special concern for the weak”.

A creatively courageous father, example of love

Patris corde highlights “the creative courage” of St. Joseph, which “emerges especially in the way we deal with difficulties.” “The carpenter of Nazareth,” explains the Pope, was able to turn a problem into a possibility by trusting in divine providence.” He had to deal with “the concrete problems” his Family faced, problems faced by other families in the world, and especially those of migrants.

In this sense, St. Joseph is “the special patron of all those forced to leave their native lands because of war, hatred, persecution and poverty.” As the guardian of Jesus and Mary, Joseph cannot “be other than the guardian of the Church,” of her motherhood, and of the Body of Christ. “Consequently, every poor, needy, suffering or dying person, every stranger, every prisoner, every infirm person is ‘the child’ whom Joseph continues to protect.” From St Joseph, writes Pope Francis, “we must learn... to love the Church and the poor”

A father who teaches the value, dignity and joy of work

“A carpenter who earned an honest living to provide for his family,” St Joseph also teaches us “the value, the dignity and the joy of what it means to eat bread that is the fruit of one’s own labour.” This aspect of Joseph’s character provides Pope Francis the opportunity to launch an appeal in favour of work, which has become “a burning social issue” even in countries with a certain level of well-being. “there is a renewed need to appreciate the importance of dignified work, of which Saint Joseph is an exemplary patron,” the Pope writes. Work, he says, “is a means of participating in the work of salvation, an opportunity to hasten the coming of the Kingdom, to develop our talents and abilities, and to put them at the service of society and fraternal communion.” Those who work, he explains, “are cooperating with God himself, and in some way become creators of the world around us.” Pope Francis encourages everyone “to rediscover the value, the importance and the necessity of work for bringing about a new ‘normal’ from which no one is excluded.” Especially in light of rising unemployment due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Pope calls everyone to “review our priorities” and to express our firm conviction that no young person, no person at all, no family should be without work!”

A father “in the shadows,” centered on Mary and Jesus

Taking a cue from *The Shadow of the Father* — a book by Polish writer Jan Dobraczyński — Pope Francis describes Joseph’s fatherhood of Jesus as “the earthly shadow of the heavenly Father.” “Fathers are not born, but made,” says Pope Francis. “A man does not become a father simply by bringing a child into the world, but by taking up the responsibility to care for that child.” Unfortunately, in today’s society, children “often seem orphans, lacking fathers” who are able to introduce them “to life and reality.” Children, the Pope says, need fathers who will not try to dominate them, but instead raise them to be “capable of deciding for themselves, enjoying freedom and exploring new possibilities.”

This is the sense in which St Joseph is described as a “most chaste” father, which is the opposite of domineering possessiveness. Joseph, says Pope Francis, “knew how to love with extraordinary freedom. He never made himself the center of things. He did not think of himself, but focused instead on the lives of Mary and Jesus.” Happiness for Joseph involved a true gift of self: “In him, we never see frustration, but only trust,” writes Pope Francis. “His patient

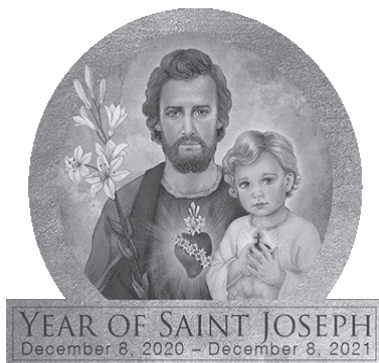
silence was the prelude to concrete expressions of trust.” Joseph stands out, therefore, as an exemplary figure for our time, in a world that “needs fathers,” and not “tyrants”; a society that “rejects those who confuse authority with authoritarianism, service with servility, discussion with oppression, charity with a welfare mentality, power with destruction.”

True fathers, instead, “refuse to live the lives of their children for them,” and instead respect their freedom. In this sense, says Pope Francis, a father realizes that “he is most a father and an educator at the point when he becomes ‘useless,’ when he sees that his child has become independent and can walk the paths of life unaccompanied.” Being a father, the Pope emphasizes, “has nothing to do with possession, but is rather a ‘sign’ pointing to a greater fatherhood”: that of the “heavenly Father”

A daily prayer to St Joseph... and a challenge

In his letter, Pope Francis notes how, “Every day, for over forty years, following Lauds [Morning Prayer]” he has “recited a prayer to Saint Joseph taken from a nineteenth-century French prayer book of the Congregation of the Sisters of Jesus and Mary.” This prayer, he says, expresses devotion and trust, and even poses a certain challenge to Saint Joseph,” on account of its closing words: “My beloved father, all my trust is in you. Let it not be said that I invoked you in vain, and since you can do everything with Jesus and Mary, show me that your goodness is as great as your power.”

Taken from Vatican News Service





St. Rita of Cascia **Feast Day May 22nd**

St. Rita of Cascia is known to be the patroness of impossible causes as St. Jude is the patron of such causes. Each has their following in this work of intercession. The devotees of St. Rita are many and will convince you of the power of her intercession by stories they have personally experienced. For those unfamiliar with St. Rita, the following is a short version of her life.

Rita Lotti was born in 1381 in the tiny hamlet of Roccaporena, near Cascia, in the Province of Umbria, Italy. Her parents Antonio and Amata looked upon their only child as a very special gift from God since she was born to them as they were already getting on in years.

The Lottis were a devout Christian couple, offering their daughter the witness of strong faith in God and a practical example of Gospel living, especially in their role as official peacemakers or reconcilers among their fellow citizens. It should not have been surprising then that Rita, who shared her parents strong faith and religious devotion, would have desired to dedicate her life to God as a nun. Unexpected, rather, was the response of Antonio and Amata, who preferred to see Rita married, and who, in fact, had arranged a suitable husband for her.

Though initially disappointed, Rita understood this choice to be the expression of God's will for her and so she consented. Thus Rita was married to Paolo Mancini, a good man though of strong and impetuous character. Their marriage was blessed with two sons, perhaps twins, and Rita's days were soon filled with the typical concerns of wife, mother and housekeeper, while Paolo was employed as a watchman for the town. As a minor civil servant, Paolo often found himself drawn into the conflicts that existed between rival political factions, and this may account for the tragedy which eventually touched the Mancini family. One day as he was returning from work Paolo was ambushed and killed. The pain which this unexpected and violent death inflicted upon Rita was only compounded by the fear that her sons would seek to avenge their father's death. As it happened, both sons died within the year.

Now alone, Rita gave herself to works of charity and to a more intense life of prayer. Eventually the desire to enter the convent once more grew

in her, but her request for entrance among the Augustinian Nuns of Cascia was refused, not once but three times. Though Rita was known to the nuns of the Monastery of Saint Mary Magdalene, her good character and religious spirit were outweighed, in the judgment of the community, by the violence that surrounded Paolo's death. The nuns were afraid of tempting the peace of convent life, possibly because one of their members belonged to the family responsible for Paolo's murder. But Rita felt deeply that this was the vocation to which she was called and she turned to her three patron saints to intercede for her. After the third refusal of the nuns, Rita recognized that she herself must put their fears to rest. She approached Paolo's family as well as their rivals, and persuaded them to put an end to their hostility and to live in peace.

The example of her own forgiving spirit, no doubt, was an inspiration and - perhaps an embarrassment - to them. The families were reconciled. They signed a document to this effect, and when Rita presented the document to the nuns, they no longer had reason to refuse her. Rita Lotti Mancini now became Sister Rita.

For the next forty years Rita lived the life of an Augustinian Nun, according to the Rule of the saint she had chosen years before as her spiritual father, Saint Augustine of Hippo. His was a gentle Rule which invited the members of the community to strive in every way possible to achieve communion of mind and heart with God and one another. Her days were spent in prayer and contemplation, in service to the sick and the poor, and in activities necessary to support the life of the small community.

After twenty-five years of religious life, Rita was given what she considered a most treasured and singular gift from God. Always devoted to Jesus crucified, her desire constantly grew to share in his great act of love for her and for all humanity by helping to carry his cross. One day as she knelt in prayer, her forehead was pierced by a violent wound, a thorn from the crown that covered Jesus's own head. She bore this wound for fifteen years until the day of her death.

For the last several years of her life Rita was confined to bed. The last of the many crosses she was presented in life was now the humbling condition of an invalid, totally dependent upon the charity of her sisters. Finally, on May 22, 1457 Rita's life on earth came to an end. The various crosses she had born as wife, widow, mother and nun were now put aside once and for all as she met the embrace of her Risen Lord.

St. Rita is a relatively newly canonized Saint in that she was canonized by Pope Leo XIII on May 20, 1900.



THE HOLY SPIRIT

Father John McKenna, C.Ss.R.

In the beginning, The Spirit hovered over the world
Like a mother hen cooling her egg
On a torrid day.
And the world burst forth.
And God saw that all was good.

The Sprit in a burning bush
Spoke to Moses
"Break my people's chains."
The Sprit blew the waters of the Red Sea apart
To set a people free.

The Sprit empowered the prophets
And overshadowed a Virgin
And spoke to a man from Nazareth
Dripping with baptism water
"You are my beloved Son.

The Sprit hovered again
Like a mother hen, cooling the egg
Of the early followers
Locked in a room (a womb?)
To burst forth into life,
And filled them with courage
With faith and hope
With Wisdom and understanding and counsel

Hover dear Sprit, the Giver of Life
Over theses gifts
Of bread and wine
"Let Your Spirit come upon them
And make them holy,
So that they may become
The Body and Blood of Your Son
Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Hover too over these people gathered
At our parish Mass .
Let your Spirit come upon them
And make them holy.
Make them faith-filled and brave apostles
Empowered, by the hurricane wind of the Spirit
By the consuming fire of God's Love.

The Feast of Corpus Christi: FOOD, GLORIOUS FOOD

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Philosophers tell us that anything we know comes to us through the senses – through one or some or all of our five senses: seeing, hearing, touching, smelling and tasting.

The way we know and love God comes to us through our senses. The way we know and love anyone or anything else comes to us through our senses. We see the person or an object with our EYES. We hear this, that or the other thing with our EARS. We TOUCH another with our hands, our bodies. We SMELL the air, the scents, the aromas with our noses. We like or dislike meat, vegetables, bread, water with our sense of TASTE.

So we are locked inside ourselves and the senses connect us, relate us to reality – to what is. Our senses mark our memories and connect us with God, the world and others. The five senses – seeing, hearing, touching, smelling and tasting make it possible for us to relate, to connect, to remember, to break out of our inner darkness.

Food is a universal connector. Isaiah, the prophet, connects food to heaven itself when he wrote: “On this mountain the Lord of hosts will provide for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines, juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines.” (Is.25:6) So often the sight, the taste, the smell, the touch of food relate us to different times and people. Food is nourishing and necessary but it is also very relational. Each time I taste tomato soup or enjoy a grilled cheese sandwich, I am back to my grade school days and I see myself sitting at the kitchen table, home for lunch on a school day. My mother is there and she is young and alive and I am bolting down my lunch so that I can get back to the schoolyard for a game of box ball before Sister Joseph Liguori rings the bronze bell in her hand. The sight, the scent, the taste of that food relates me to other days and other people.

Whenever I look at Irish soda bread, I can see my Aunt Mary who baked the best soda bread in the world. A pack of Chuckles – those

green, red, black, yellow and orange jelly candies – always bring my Uncle Herbert to mind. He was a Passionist priest, my grand uncle, who subwayed once a month from his Hoboken monastery to Brooklyn to visit us for supper. I can see him walking down the street with a brown bag under his arm – 24 packs of Chuckles – his monthly gift to us children. It sounds strange but Chuckles connects me to Uncle Herbert.

The taste of homemade lemon cake always brings Theresa Mahoney back to me. Theresa was the wife of Jim, our basketball coach at St. Mary's Seminary. Theresa always marked each priest's birthday by baking a lemon cake. I do not see a round yellow lemon cake in the middle of a birthday meal. I see Theresa and I remember her goodness to us.

I cannot look at a menu in an Italian restaurant without thinking of my friends, Chris and Dorothy. I officiated at their wedding back in the 1970's. After 16 years of marriage Dorothy got pregnant. Chris was so thrilled realizing that he was finally going to have a son. On the night Dorothy went into labor, Chris called his favorite Italian restaurant to order veal saltimbocca. “My wife is having a baby boy tonight and veal saltimbocca was my father's favorite meal. So in memory of my deceased Dad, I'll have his favorite meal to welcome my son into this world.”

An hour later the delivery boy came to the door and to Chris' shock the delivered entre was not veal saltimbocca but veal rollatini. “This can't be. I ordered veal saltimbocca in memory of my Dad and in honor of my newborn son. Hours later Dorothy gave birth to a beautiful baby girl. The delivery of the meal was a mistake but the delivery of the first born was not. His first born son turned out to be a beautiful little girl. This experience always comes back to me at the sound of, the taste of and the smell of veal.

There are hundreds of food items that connect us to people. Food is definitely relational. I am sure that Jesus was aware of this, the importance of food, meals and gatherings. Jesus was a Meal Man. The Franciscan Robert Karris points this out in his book Eating your Way Through Luke's Gospel. In Luke's gospel, Jesus is either at a meal, going to a meal or leaving a meal. Many of his parables, teachings and miracles happened while Jesus was at table. The

references to food abound on almost every page of Luke's gospel. All during his life, Jesus was dependent on the hospitality of friends and strangers for his food and lodging.

After he calls Matthew (Levi) from his tax table he goes to his home for a meal. (Lk. 5:32) The Pharisees call Jesus a glutton and a drunkard who eats and drinks with tax collectors and sinners.

He has dinner with a Pharisee named Simon (Lk.36:50) when a notorious woman charges in, weeps at his feet and dries them with her hair.

There is a meal in a deserted place in Bethsaida where he miraculously fed 5,000 people with a few loaves and some fish. (Lk. 9:16-17) He often visits the home of Martha and Mary for supper and some R and R. (Lk. 10: 38 – 42)

There is the noonday meal at the house of a Pharisee who criticizes Jesus for not carrying out the formalities of hand washing and the purification of cup and dish. (Lk.11: 37 – 44) The Pharisees and Scribes watch him closely and are offended when he cures a man on the Sabbath. (Lk.14: 1-11) He calls Zacchaeus down from his perch in a tree and invites himself to supper at his house. (Lk 19:1-10)

Many of Jesus' meals are lacking in fun and food and relaxation. Yet there must have been hundreds of meals with friends and hospitable strangers, filled with graciousness, good food, wine and even hilarity.

We are all familiar with his final meal when he told his apostles to remember him and to do what he did. His best presence to us down through the centuries remains in the bread blessed and broken and in the cup poured out and shared.

After his resurrection Jesus appeared to two downcast walking away disciples in the breaking of the bread. (Lk 24:13 – 35) In his appearance to the eleven in the upper room he asked them if they had anything to eat. They gave him a piece of broiled fish and he ate it in their presence. (Lk.24: 41 – 43)

Food and Jesus go hand in hand. He was symbolic food at his birth in a manger – a place where food is kept for animals. His birth took place in Bethlehem - “the house of bread.”

Jesus shared food with others throughout his ministry. He becomes real food and drink at his final supper. Before his Ascension he tells his apostles to feed and to serve others.

Jesus continues to remain with us under the appearance of ordinary food and drink. He is there in the bread – the universal food of human kind. He remains with us in ordinary wine – the drink of celebration. He told the people and he tells us “unless you eat this bread and drink this cup, you will have no life in you.”

None of us can survive and live a healthy life without eating several times a day. Without a regular and proper diet we would get sick and eventually starve to death. Jesus said “Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him.” We call this sacrament many things: the Eucharist, the Blessed Sacrament, Holy Communion, the Bread of Angels, the Body and Blood of Christ. Jesus refers to himself as the Bread of Life. The tiny communion wafer connects us in a most real way to Jesus himself because it is Jesus himself.

Jesus comes to us, stays with us, remains in us not as fine, elegant and expensive cuisine, not in a banquet of hors d'oeuvres and appetizers, not in an expensive entre or a never dreamed of dessert. Instead he chooses ordinary bread. It looks like bread, tastes like bread, feels like bread, smells like bread. St. Thomas Aquinas in his Eucharistic verse tells us that sight, taste and touch are deceived – only hearing helps us to believe. So we continue to believe the faith fact that this ordinary food is the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ himself.

Food continues to be the great connector. The simple ordinary communion wafer unites us to the Lord himself.

That's why it is a good idea to echo the request of Charles Dickens' fictional character, Oliver Twist, and his immortal request: “Please sir, may I have some more?” The Eucharist will forever be our Food, glorious food.

John McGowan, C.Ss.R.



FEAST OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

June 11, 2021

Devotion to the Heart of Jesus did not originate with St. Margaret Mary. John the Evangelist directed the attention of the Church to the One who had been pierced. (John 19:37) St. Augustine speaks of the birth of the Church from the open Heart of Jesus. The mystics of the Middle Ages, especially St. Bernard, meditating on the writings of the Fathers of the Church, saw in the mystery of the opened Heart a

symbol of the love of God which endures forever.

Margaret Alacoque, was born July 22, 1647 in the village of Verosvres in France. She was not born a saint; she became one slowly and only with effort and struggles. The Holy Spirit, author of all holiness, inspired her to dedicate herself to God at an early age. She endured much suffering as a child but this taught her to conform her life to that of Jesus in His paschal mystery. Her gift of mystical prayer enabled her to experience union with God and to make this union the focus of her life. This call to total dedication finally led her to enter the Visitation Monastery in Paray-le-Monial, France, on June 20, 1671 shortly before her 24th birthday.

From 1673 to 1675 Christ appeared to her showing her His Heart. “My divine Heart,” He said during the first revelation, “is so passionately fond of the human race, and of you in particular, that it cannot keep back the pent-up flames of its burning charity any longer. They must burst out through you.” He mourned the world’s indifference, coldness and thanklessness and asked Margaret Mary for a communion of reparation on the First Friday of each month.

During her second term as assistant Superior, her health broke down, “Nothing serious” said her doctor, but Margaret disagreed: “I shall not live for I have nothing left to suffer. I need nothing but God and to lose myself in the Heart of Jesus.” Seconds later, this confidante of the Sacred Heart and “heiress of all its treasures” (Jesus’ words) died October 17, 1690 at age 42. She was canonized in 1920.

What, then, is the importance of St. Margaret Mary to this devotion? Pope Pius XII gives us the answer: “Christ our Lord, exposing His Sacred Heart, wished in a quite extraordinary way, to invite the minds of all to a contemplation of, and a devotion to, the mystery of God’s merciful love for the human race . . . Christ pointed to His Heart, with definite and repeated words, as the symbol by which all should be attracted to a knowledge and recognition of His love . . . and a pledge of mercy and grace for the needs of the Church of our times.” (from the Encyclical “Haurietis Aquas.”)

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St. Anthony and the Lily

Besides holding the Christ child, St. Anthony is often shown with a lily. Obviously, the lily is a symbol. The real Anthony would probably not have wanted to walk through life with a lily in his hand—especially if he was preaching to a group of construction workers!

But the lily symbolizes purity, innocence, integrity. This symbol has been especially associated with the Virgin Mary and other virgin saints. In Annunciation scenes, for example, the Archangel Gabriel is often portrayed as arriving with a lily to symbolize Mary’s purity. St. Joseph, too, is frequently shown with the same

flower. Images of St. Cecilia, St. Clare, St. Francis of Assisi and St. Dominic often include lilies.

With great frequency, St. Anthony is shown holding both a lily and the Christ child. A special significance can be drawn from this. Placing a vulnerable child under the care of another human being shows a tremendous amount of trust toward that person. The risks are apparent: Any child can be easily harmed, neglected, misguided or even abused by a human parent or mentor.

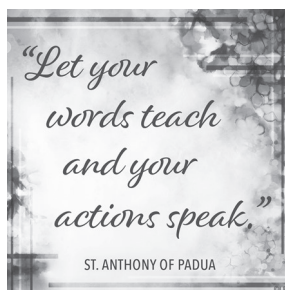
In light of this, God gave Mary an immense honor in choosing her as Jesus' mother. St. Joseph, too, received a similar honor. And when Catholic tradition—through its many painters and artisans—placed the child Jesus in Anthony's arms, they were granting the saint a similar gesture of honor and trust.

By adding the lily symbol, these artists were planting a big clue as to why Anthony, too, deserves such honor and trust. In today's world, when children are so often victims of neglect and abuse, the combined symbolism—of Anthony, child and lily—gives us rich food for prayer and meditation. Our children, our Church, Christ himself are sacred gifts entrusted to the People of God.

In many places, lilies are blessed on the feast of St. Anthony and given to those who want them. The prayer of blessing, approved by Pope Leo XIII, asks for the gift of chastity, peace and protection against evil.

Excerpted from an article by Jack Wintz, O.F.M.

St. Anthony's Feast Day is June 13th



The Miraculous Picture of Our Lady of Perpetual Help

About the time that Columbus brought the “Santa Maria” to the shores of the Americas, another sailing vessel was bringing this wonder-working image to the shores of Europe. Who painted it, or when, we do not know. It had been venerated in the isle of Crete and from Crete it came to Rome. There it was retained by a private family until our Blessed Mother herself appeared to the little girl of the household and told her that she wished her picture to be placed in a church. She even designated the place – “between my beloved Church of St. Mary Major and that of my beloved son, St. John of Lateran.”

On March 27, 1499, the picture was exposed for veneration, as she ordered, in the Church of St. Matthew where it remained for three long centuries drawing pilgrims from all parts of the Christian world. In 1798 war demolished the venerable structure, but the picture was not allowed to perish. The good Augustinian Fathers, who all these years had been in charge of St. Matthew’s, took it with them to the new monastery granted by Pope Pius VII in another part of the city.

The very last member of their Order to be professed in old St. Matthew’s was Brother Augustine Orsetti. In his new home he had as a frequent visitor a youth named Michael Marchi, who later became a Redemptorist priest. The Redemptorists came to Rome in 1855 and built a Church in honor of their founder, St. Alphonsus, on the site of the ancient St. Matthew’s. The old Brother had often spoken to young Michael about the Madonna in the monastery Chapel saying, “Don’t forget now – mind me well – the picture in our Chapel is the one that was venerated in old St. Matthew’s. It was indeed a miraculous picture.”

So when Father Marchi told of the miracle-working image in the Augustinian monastery, the Redemptorists petitioned Pope Pius IX to have the image placed in the Church on the spot chosen by Our Lady herself. And the Pope in granting the request said: “It is our will that this picture of the Blessed Virgin be returned to the Church between St. Mary Major and St. John Lateran.” At the same time he commanded the Redemptorists to “make her known” all over the world.

On April 26, 1866, a solemn procession carried the miraculous Madonna to her chosen spot in the Church of St. Alphonsus Maria de Liguori, one of Mary's greatest lovers and defenders. Today the original painting reposes in Rome while millions of replicas bring her and her PERPETUAL HELP to all men everywhere. Her feast day is June 27.



Feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Help
June 27

The circle of a girl's arms
has changed the world
the round sorrowful world
to cradle for God.
O Mother of God,
be hands that are rocking
the world to a kind rhythm of love:
that the incoherence of war
and the chaos of unrest
be soothed to a lullaby;
and the sorrowful world,
in your hands, becomes
the cradle of God.

Caryll Houselander:
"The Reed of God"



SCHOOL NEWS

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Academy of Brooklyn has been abuzz with activity. Our Second Graders along with the students in the O.L.P.H. Parish Faith Formation Program received the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. How wonderful to see our young students participating in receiving the sacraments. We congratulate the children and their families on these wonderful occasions. May they continue to grow in faith and call upon the Holy Spirit to give them spiritual strength.

The students continue to put their best efforts into all they do. Two new programs which have been added to our academic plan are helping our students to practice skills in reading and math. I Ready is an adaptive learning program that starts students at their individual level then helps them practice skills. During the year there have been 3 Benchmark Diagnostics that inform the teachers of the levels the students have achieved. We also use Freckle which provides added practice and challenges. The activities on both programs are aligned with the Next Generation Learning Standards.

The Junior High students continued to meet the challenges in our STEM classes. Using science, technology, engineering and math, the students solve problems, draw conclusions and explore their creativity. They have created geodesic spheres using straws, explored aerodynamics with a paper airplane challenge and a Tornado challenge by building towers with playing cards that had to withstand wind from a simulated tornado. The students' sense of competitiveness heightened as some of the towers quickly collapsed while others endured the "tornado force winds". These are not experiences that can be achieved with online classes. Fortunately our fully in person classes have been able to provide great learning opportunities for our students throughout the year.

Excitement was in the air during the O.L.P.H.C.A.B. Virtual Card Party. Mary Brolly and the Board of Directors provided an evening of fun and great gifts. Due to Covid 19 our annual Tricky Tray Card Party event had to be postponed. Heeding the call of how much people missed this great event the alternative to have a virtual online event was the answer. There were once again great prizes as Antonio the host spun the wheel and announced the winners. Virtual "Guests" were

thrilled to win air fryers, comforters, kindles, Vera Bradley purse, gift cards to great restaurants and fun door prizes. Thank you to Mary and her team and thank you to all who supported this great fundraiser and Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Academy of Brooklyn.

As the ad says, “you have to be in it to win it.” O.L.P.H.C.A.B. is accepting registration for the new school year 2021-2022. So to be a part of all the great things that happen at our school you have to be in it! We have grades Pre-k to Junior High Grade 8. Our Religion program includes Sacramental preparation for Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Our academic program is aligned with the Next Generation Standards and includes STEM, Language, Music, and Gym. Each student has access to in school iPads for online learning opportunities. Visit us on Facebook to see our students in action. Ask about scholarship and tuition assistance.

Don't wait! Please call the office at 718- 439-8067 from 9 AM to 2 PM for information and to register your child to be part of our great school.



March • Friendliness

Pre-K 3 & 4	Catalina Once	4th Grade	Adara Bargas
Kindergarten	Renee Jiang	5th Grade	Sarah Santos
1st Grade	Betzabe Alvarado	6th Grade	Justin Beers
2nd Grade	Emma Falanga	7th Grade	Saira Johnnie
3rd Grade	Christopher Fernandez	8th Grade	Rebecca Moronta

April • Friendliness

Pre-K 3 & 4	Leela Rodriguez	4th Grade	Hailey Beers
Kindergarten	Isabella Valazquez	5th Grade	Camila Arizpe
1st Grade	Olivia Lu	6th Grade	Melissa Mendoza
2nd Grade	Olivia Rivera	7th Grade	Sophia Velez
3rd Grade	Ronday Portelli	8th Grade	Jowcenny Fabian

WEDDINGS

March 13

Rigoberto Corona & Teresita DeJesus A. Guzman

March 27

Yasmani Patricio Orellana-Bermeo & Ana Lucia Cordova-Suaui

April 10

Vincent Richard Borowski & Jane Ann Wade

April 24

Faris DeJesus-Caba & Rosianny Vazquez-Aza

May 1

Jose Rodolfo Onofre-Romero & Maria Isidra Reyes-Troche

FUNERALS

Valerio Normando	March 19	Rosa Amores	April 23
Thomas Kirwan	March 22	Loreine Radman	
Carlos Aponte	March 27	Ricarda Rosa Sostenes	April 24
Richard Majewski	March 31	Jose Luis Sostenes	April 24
Julio Murillo	April 7	Patrick Anthony Drury	April 28
Candida Micaela Farcierl	April 10	Jose Ramon Ortiz	April 29
Emanuel Fuentes	April 12	Naula Luis Vicente Cuzco	
Maureen O'Donnell	April 15	Maria Tramsito Cuzco-Zaruma	
Esteban Cortez-Pedrero		Javier Colpes	May 6
Basilisa Ramos	April 20	Brian Brody	May 6

Baptism

November 28

Iris Renee Gonzalez, Avery Justice Melendez,
Jiovanni Raul Merino-Vega, Liana Luisa Rivera

February 27

Noah Angel Rodriguez, Scarlett Jae Sanchez

March 20

Hailey Sofia Escalante, Diego Hernandez-Serrano,
Julissa Hernandez-Serrano, Alondra Rebecca Medina-Olivo,
Andoni Daniel Onofre, Sebastian Peralta-Caralampio

March 27

Kamilah Ahinara Ramos, Sara Valentina Villar-Barrero

April 3

Fulgencio Conde-Molina, Saqueo Jairo Ramirez-Ramirez,
Yenyi Vazquez-Diaz, Leonardo Villafranco-Perez, Alexis Wu,
Congnan Chen, Kaili Chen, Gongfeng Chen, Die Huang,
Henry Jiang, Ryan Jiang, Limao Lei, Fei Li, Fulin Lin, Biwu Liu,
Muxiang Liu, Bilong Ni, Rong Sun, Min Zhang, Xu Zhang,
Jiheng Zheng, Juan Zheng, Dong Chen

April 17

Colleen Sophia Contreras, Jayden Antonio Gonzalez-Rodriguez,
Jacob Lopez-Arias, Allison Molina, Eliana Morales-Leal,
Layla Celeste Osorio-Manzano, Kimberly Rodriguez-Garcia,
Melissa Rodriguez-Plaza, Kaiden Adriel Vazquez

April 24

Shea Rae Ann Hernandez, Ayden Matteo Tapia



ANNOUNCED MASSES

April 2021



PLEASE NOTE:

The English Masses can be viewed on Facebook “OLPH Brooklyn”
Sundays at 10 AM, and daily at 8:45 AM.

The Spanish Masses on Facebook “Charles McDonald” are:
Sundays at 8 AM, and Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 7 PM..

THESE MASSES CAN ALSO BE VIEWED ON OUR WEBSITE:

www.OLPHBKNY.ORG

Saturday, May 1

- 8:45 +Mary Sammon
Purgatorian Society
- 12:10 Special Intention of Darryl
Emmanuel
- 5:00 +Marc Pierre-Noel
- 7:00 (SP) Virgen María Auxiliadora
+Juan Apolinarro 1 año de
fallecido
+Sara Pauta
Acción de gracias San
Francisco Asís
+Francisca Gerez
+María Sinché
+Benoit Lesperance
+Juan Valerio & +Luminada
Valerio
+Por la salud de Placida
Placencia
+Por la salud de Enrique del
Rosario
- +Juana Durante Benitez
+Lydia Frias
+Elena Vasquez Castillo
+Mat Jones Broserso
+Mat Den Coyote
Accion de gracias al Senor de
los Milagros
+Julio Cesar Lazo-Lazo
- 12:30 (SP) +Carlos Marmolejo
- 2:00 (V) +Giuse Tri Tin
+Giuse Vo An Khuong
+Lucas & +Mary
Linh Hon ong ba cha me Va
an Ntlan
Xin binh An ch go
+LH Marta
+LH Ambros Khong Hung
LH Giuse Nguyen Hien Tho
LH Giuse Tran Kim Ngoc
LH Gioan Baotixita Nguyen
Van Thoi

Sunday, May 2

- 8:00 +Mary DeGuzman
- 8:00 (SP) Por las almas benditas del
Purgatorio
- 10:00 +Mary Sammon
- 10:00 (SP) Virgen María
Auxiliadora
Acción de gracias a dios y las
almas bandito
Por la salud de Gil Meza Diaz
+Brandon Zempoalecatl Meza

Monday, May 3

- 8:45 For the People of the Parish
Purgatorian Society
- 12:10 +Christopher Atton Serono

Tuesday, May 4

- 8:45 +Brian Skelly
Purgatorian Society
- 12:10 +Dorothy Morosi & Family
- 7:00 (SP) +Manuel & Enedina
Cortez

Wednesday, May 5

- 8:45 +Michael & Mary Lynch
Purgatorian Society
- 12:10 +Thomas, +Julia,
+AnnMarie,+Kevin and
+Rev. John Costello, C.Ss.R
- 7:00 (SP) +Constantina & Victor
Oriol-Lozada

Thursday, May 6

- 8:45 +Helen Scullin
Purgatorian Society
- 12:10 +William McLaughlin
- 7:00 (SP) Virgen Maria Auxiliadora

Friday, May 7

- 8:45 Special Intention of Luca &
Isabella Zocche
Purgatorian Society
- 12:10 +Celina Rosa Bocaranda
Hernandez

Saturday, May 8

- 8:45 Thank you to OLPH
Purgatorian Society
- 12:10 +Kathleen Kenny Tobin
- 5:00 +Edward and Philip
McGarrity
- 7:00 (SP) Virgen Maria Auxiliadora
+Crispina Genis
+Xelia Mandez
+Tomas Aquino Espinal
+Jose Torrez
Por la Salud de Antonia
Sambrano
Por el cumpleaños de Juana
Fransisca Garcia
+Rodolfo Ramirez Velazco
+Roberto Diaz
+Robert A. Chuatencos

Sunday, May 9

- 8:00 For the People of the Parish
- 8:00 (SP) Por las almas benditas del
Purgatorio
- 10:00 +Timothy Ray
- 10:00 (SP) Virgen María Auxiliadora
+Titi Gómez
+María Jesús Pagan
+Rosa María Feliciano
+Aracely Abreu Leung
Por el cumpleaños de Janet
Olmedo
+Elena Vásquez Castillo
+Alda y Brian Linzan
+Librada Ureña
+Eulogio Pena
+Rosa Amores
- 12:30 (SP) +Letty Caranza
(1st anniversary)
- 2:00 (V) +Vincent Nguyen Dinh Vinh
+Maria Nguyen Thi Phan
+Rev Phero Vu Tien Dal
+Linh Hon 2 ben Noi Ngoai
The Khanh Family
LH +Anna Nguyen Thi Huong
LH Joan Batixita & Teresa
LH Giuse Vu Dinh An
Peter Cao Get Well
LH Andre Nguyen Tan Thanh

Monday, May 10

- 8:45 +Patrick Lenihan
Purgatorian Society
- 12:10 Darryl Emmanuel

Tuesday, May 11

- 8:45 Antoinette Calio Special
Intention
Purgatorian Society
- 12:10 Darryl Emmanuel
- 7:00 (SP) +Dora Esperanza
Merchan

Wednesday, May 12

8:45 Rebecca Alexandre
Purgatorian Society
12:10 +Catherine Walsh
7:00 (SP) +Normando Valerio

Thursday, May 13

8:45 +Janet S. Kraner
Purgatorian Society
12:10 Rebecca Alexandre
7:00 (SP) +Bonifacio de los Santos

Friday, May 14

8:45 +Luzviminda Pelayo
Purgatorian Society
12:10 Rebecca Alexandre

Saturday, May 15

8:45 Christopher Charlotin
Purgatorian Society
12:10 Bagnall Family
5:00 +Tommy Harkins
7:00 (SP) Virgen María Auxiliadora
Néstor Meza
+Etilvia Fontalvo Trujillo
+Noemí y Víctor Delgado
+Rafael Pacheco
+Pedro Lozano Valenzuela
Por el cumpleaños de Jorge
Gómez

Sunday, May 16

8:00 For the People of the Parish
8:00 (SP) Por las almas benditas del
Purgatorio
10:00 +Alexander Mongelli
10:00 (SP) +Rosa Elena Borja
Virgen María Auxiliadora
+Máximo Pena
+Esperancita y Gerardo
Tecuanhuchie
Por el cumpleaños de Michelle
Meza Cazales

+Marciana Hernández +Zaida
Pedraza
Por la salud de Gladys
Plascencia
+Amalia Morel
+Bárbara Ramírez Aguilar
Acción de gracias y
recuperación de Mario
Alberto Castillo
Ramón Emilio Rodríguez
12:30 (SP) +Esperancita y
+Gerardo Tecuanhuehue
2:00 (V) +Tony Ky` Chiu
+Giuse Tran Tri Tin
+A Tung Xin Cho Me bink
Phuc
+Oan Thao Lav`bing an cho
gia Tinh
+Oan Thao Cau cho ong ba to
Tien
LH Maria Giusse

Monday, May 17

8:45 +Richard Lenihan
Purgatorian Society
12:10 +Julio Murillo

Tuesday, May 18

8:45 Thank you to OLPH for
Vadyne Moussignac
Purgatorian Society
12:10 +Osvaldo Robert Ramos
7:00 (SP) Pro-Vida

Wednesday, May 19

8:45 Thank you to OLPH for
Andrew Maussignac
Purgatorian Society
12:10 Grace and deliverance of
Vadyne Moussignac
7:00 (SP) +Jose y Luz Cueva
Macrina

Thursday, May 20

- 8:45 +Salvatore T. Calio
Purgatorian Society
12:10 +Bertille & Michael Feeley
7:00 (SP) +Sanaida de los Santos

Friday, May 21

- 8:45 +Gerardo N. Schiraldi
Purgatorian Society
12:10 +Henry Lavelle

Saturday, May 22

- 8:45 Grace and deliverance of
Fritzner Moussignac
Purgatorian Society
12:10 Ancilla Charlotin
5:00 +Frank Gillespie and family
7:00 (SP) Virgen Maria Auxiliadora
+Agustina Corio
+Jesús Tapia
+Jose Ramon Antigua

Sunday, May 23

- 8:00 For the People of the Parish
8:00 (SP) Por Las Almas Benditas
del Purgatorio
10:00 Santo Niño Group
10:00 (SP) Virgen María Auxiliadora
+Ana A. Tavares Pérez
+Marciana Hernández +Zaida
Pedraza
Por la salud de Gladys
Plascencia
Gracias al Señor por
cumpleaños Alina Camilo
+Rosa Amores
+Pedro Salazar
+Carmen Vega
+Antonio Morales
+Ana Luisa Morales
+Hipólito Jaimez

- 12:30 (SP) +Maria Elena Vasquez
2:00 (V) Family Nguyen Thi My
Hanh
+Hua Dinh Hon
+Gerardo N. Schiraldi
Nancy Nguyen Family
+Giuse +Maria
+Giuse Tran Tri Tin

Monday, May 24

- 8:45 Purgatorian Society
12:10 +Richard Majewski

Tuesday, May 25

- 8:45 +Charles McCarthy
Purgatorian Society
12:10 +Lillian Marchiano
7:00 (SP) Por las intenciones
personales de la Familia
Gutierrez Cervantes

Wednesday, May 26

- 8:45 El Matrimonio de Carolina
Diaz y Steven Rivera
Purgatorian Society
12:10 +Bella & Phil Proscia
7:00 (SP) +Martha Francisca
Ocampo Sanchez

Thursday, May 27

- 8:45 Grace and Deliverance of
Andrew Moussignac
Purgatorian Society
12:10 +Anna Donnelly
7:00 (SP) +Derek Emanuel Trucio

Friday, May 28

- 8:45 +Charles McCarthy & Charles
McCarthy, Jr.
Purgatorian Society
12:10 +Joseph Schick

Saturday, May 29

- 8:45 +Idanes Lourdes Rodriguez
Purgatorian Society
12:10 +Carol and John Tyrcha
5:00 +George Boyle
7:00 (SP) Virgen María Auxiliadora
+Francisca Gerez
+María Magdalena Mesa

Sunday, May 30

- 8:00 For the People of the Parish
8:00 (SP) Por las almas benditas del
Purgatorio
10:00 Deceased members of the
Harnett Family
10:00 (SP) Virgen Maria
Auxiliadora
+María Petronila Espinal
Acción de gracias al Señor de
los Milagros
1 Ano +María Esther Martínez
+María Elena y Gustavo
Calderón
+Petronila Martínez
12:30 (SP)
2:00 (V) +Catarina Nguyen Thi Ba
+Phero Pham Minh Chau
+Phero Nguyen Van Loi
+Matha Nguyen Al
+Phero Nguyen Ba
+Phaolo Truong Ngoc
+Maria Truong Thi Le Thuy
+LH Ong Ba to tien Ngoan
+LH Maria Va & Giuse

Monday, May 31

- 8:45 Purgatorian Society
12:10

Tuesday, June 1

- 8:45 Purgatorian Society
12:10 +
7:00 (SP)

Wednesday, June 2

- 8:45 Purgatorian Society
12:10
7:00 (SP)

Thursday, June 3

- 8:45
12:10
7:00 (SP)

Friday, June 4

- 8:45 +Gerry Donnelly
Purgatorian Society
12:10 +Dorothy Morosi & Family

Saturday, June 5

- 8:45 Brian Skelly
Purgatorian Society
12:10 +Gerald Bagnall
5:00 +Susan Burgess
7:00 (SP)

Sunday, June 6

- 8:00 +Sandra Santos-Vizcaino
For the People of the Parish
8:00 (SP) Por las almas benditas del
Purgatorio
10:00 +William & Dorothy Lane
10:00 (SP) Acción de gracias a dios y
las Almas Venditos
+Marciana Hernández +Zaida
Pedraza
Por la salud de Gladys
Plascencia
En Acción de gracias a la
Divina Misericordia
En Acción de gracias al Divino
Nino Jesús
Acción de gracias al Señor
+Elena Vasquez Castillo
12:30 (SP) +Hugo Rafael Vera
2:00 (V) +Lucas +Mary
+Giuse Tran Tri Tin

GD Canh - Loan
 +Phero & Martha Omg ba noi
 Ngoai
 Go Hai Thuan Thanks be to
 God & Mary
 LH Gioan Baotixita Nguyen
 Van Thoi
 +LH Giuse Va Dinh An
 Peter Cao Get Well
 LH Andre Nguyen Tan Thanh

Monday, June 7

8:45 Special Intention of Luca &
 Isabella Zocche
 Purgatorian Society
 12:10

Tuesday, June 8

8:45 +Theresa Greaney & The
 Greaney Family
 Purgatorian Society
 12:10 +Michael & Mary Lynch
 7:00 (SP) Por la salud de Paulina
 Parra

Wednesday, June 9

8:45 For the People of the Parish
 Purgatorian Society
 12:10 +Thomas, +Julia,
 +AnnMarie, +Kevin and +Rev.
 John Costello, C.Ss.R
 7:00 (SP) +Juana Duarte Benitez

Thursday, June 10

8:45 Antoinette Calio special
 intention
 Purgatorian Society
 12:10
 7:00 (SP) +Eloy de los Santos Cano

Friday, June 11

8:45 Salvatore T. Calio
 Purgatorian Society
 12:10
 7:00

Saturday, June 12

8:45 Purgatorian Society
 12:10 +Kathleen Lane.
 5:00 +Edward & +Philip
 McGarrity
 7:00 (SP)

Sunday, June 13

8:00 For the People of the Parish
 8:00 (SP) Por las almas benditas del
 Purgatorio
 10:00 +Baba Phillip & Thanksgiving
 to St. Anthony
 10:00 (SP) +Elena Vasquez Castillo
 +Pedro Cabrera
 12:30 (SP)
 2:00 (V) +Giuse Tri Tin
 +Giuse Vo An Khuong
 +Nancy Nguyen Peace on the
 family
 GD Tri-Chinh
 +Phero & Martha
 LH Giuse Nguyen Hich Tho
 LH Giuse Tran Kim Ngoc
 LH Joan Batixita & Teresa
 Special intention for Hai Thuan
 Family

Monday, June 14

8:45 Purgatorian Society
 12:10 +Anibal Soto

Tuesday, June 15

8:45 Purgatorian Society
 12:10 +Anthony Pellichio
 7:00 (SP) Pro-Vida

Wednesday, June 16

8:45 Purgatorian Society
 12:10 Thanks to OLPH
 7:00 (SP)

Thursday, June 17

8:45 Purgatorian Society
 12:10
 7:00 (SP) +Sipriano de la Santos
 Cano

Friday, June 18

8:45 +Joseph Schick
 Purgatorian Society
 12:10

Saturday, June 19

8:45 Purgatorian Society
 12:10
 5:00 +Nydia Rivera-Mehl
 7:00 (SP) +Agustina Corio
 +Fidel Mitre
 +Susana Orla
 +Gabino Martínez Vega
 +Fernando Trejo Jr.

Sunday, June 20

8:00 For the People of the Parish
 8:00 (SP) Por Las Almas Benditas
 del Purgatorio
 10:00 +Peter & +Patrick Tuohy
 10:00 (SP) +Alfonso y +Francisco
 Plasencia
 +Marciana Hernandez +Zaida
 Pedraza
 Por la salud de Gladys
 Plascencia
 +Ignacio Lopez
 +Elena Vasquez Castillo
 12:30 (SP) +Raul Cortes
 2:00 (V) +Geraldo N. Schiraldi
 +Giuse Tran Tri-Tin
 +Phero & Anna
 +Mr. Joe Va

Monday, June 21

8:45 Purgatorian Society
 12:10

Tuesday, June 22

8:45 Purgatorian Society
 12:10 Bagnall Family
 7:00 (SP) Jose Ramon Antigua

Wednesday, June 23

8:45 +Regina Ward
 Purgatorian Society
 12:10 +Por el Matrimonio de
 Carolina Diaz y Steven
 Rivera
 7:00 (SP)

Thursday, June 24

8:45 +Joseph Schick
 Purgatorian Society
 12:10 +Ana Hernandez
 7:00 (SP)

Friday, June 25

8:45 +Richard Lenihan
 Purgatorian Society
 12:10 +Marta Isabel Rodrigues
 Flores

Saturday, June 26

8:45 Thanksgiving to OLP
 Purgatorian Society
 12:10
 5:00 +Richard Majewski
 7:00 (SP) +Martha Francisca
 Ocampo Sanchez
 +Ana A. Tavarez Perez
 +Juana Trujillo Lauriano

Sunday, June 27

8:00 For the People of the Parish
 8:00 Por Los Almas Benditas del
 Purgatorio
 10:00 +Peggy & Margie Maguire
 10:00 (SP) +Elena Vasquez Castillo
 12:30 (SP) +

2:00 (V) +Phero Vu Tien Dat
+Phero & Inn Haxio

Monday, June 28

8:45 Purgatorian Society
12:10 +Idanes Lourdes Rodriguez

Tuesday, June 29

8:45 Purgatorian Society
12:10 +Peter Tuohy (birthday)
7:00 (SP) +Dereck Emanuel Trucios

Wednesday, June 30

8:45 Purgatorian Society
12:10 +Henry Lavelle (wedding anniversary)

Thursday, July 1

8:45 +John O'Dea
Purgatorian Society
12:10 +Paul Higler
7:00 (SP) +Andrea Luna Coyotl

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Staff and Personnel

Redemptorist Community

Rev. Karl Esker, C.Ss.R., Rector
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Rev. Michael Cunningham, C.Ss.R.*
Rev. Clement Krug, C.Ss.R.*
Rev. Joseph Lu *
Rev. Ruskin Piedra, C.Ss.R. *
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Rev. Joseph Hung Duc Tran, C.Ss.R.*
Deacon Song You, C.Ss.R.

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Rev. Joseph Lu

Vietnamese Apostolate

Rev. Joseph Hung Duc Tran

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Parish Music Director

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Priscilla Moronta

Fabian Otavalo

Stephanie Rivera

Irma Soto

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Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish *Parish Organizations*

EDUCATIONAL:

R.C.I.A. - R.I.C.A.

Rectory Office
526 59th Street - 718-492-9200

Office of Religious Education

5901 6th Avenue - 718-439-1281

LITURGICAL:

Music Ministry

Joseph Giordano - 718-492-9200
Judy Hernandez - 917-202-0366
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Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors - English

Sr. Lucille Aliperti, CSJ
347-603-3738

Eucharistic Ministers - Hispanic

Luis Arias - 718-439-4594

Lectors - Hispanic

Fidel Hernández - 646-596-0784

Ushers - Hospitality Ministry

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Louis Nevilles -
English - 718-439-6003

Altar Servers

Rev. Joseph Tran
Sofia Medina

PASTORAL:

St. Vincent de Paul

Sr. Lucille Aliperti, CSJ

Juan Neumann Center Redemptorist Immigration Services

545 60th Street - 718-439-8160
Mon.-Thurs. 9 AM-12 PM, 1-3 PM
Wed. 9 AM-12 PM, 1-3 PM, 6-8 PM
Sat. 9 AM-12 PM

Advocate for the Disabled

Rev. Norman Bennett, C.Ss.R.

Legion of Mary / Legión de María

Curia - St. Alphonsus Hall -
3rd Sunday, 2:30-4:00 PM
Praesidium N.S. del Perpetuo
Socorro -
Rectory - Saturday, 4:00 PM -

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Academy of Brooklyn

5902 6th Avenue - 718-439-8067
Principal: Margaret Tyndall

Hijas de María

First Sunday,
Mass and Meeting: 10:15 AM
Ana Concepción and Ana León

Santo Nombre

2nd Sunday,
Mass and Meeting: 10:15 AM
Rev. Ruskin Piedra, C.Ss.R.

Cofradía del Sagrado Corazón de Jesús

3rd Sunday,
Mass and Meeting: 10:15 AM
Ana Concepción

Cursillistas

Every Wednesday,
7:30 PM Upper Chapel
Eugenia Tlaxcantitla

Prayer Group - Hispanic

St. Gerard Hall, Fridays, 7:30 PM
Roberto Rodríguez - **347-461-6621**

Jornada - Youth

Sundays, 1-3 PM,
Parish Center
Stephanie Rivera

Circle of Friends

558 59th Street - Notre Dame Hall
Tuesdays, 11:30 AM - 2:30 PM
Sr. Lucille Aliperti, CSJ

Knights of Columbus

Brooklyn Council #60
5901 6th Avenue, Room 4
2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:30 PM
Ben LaSpina - **347-782-8036**

Ladies Auxiliary of the Basilica

Eileen McConeghy -
Notre Dame Hall
First Sunday each month
Mass and meeting: 9:00 AM

Catholic War Veterans

3rd Thursdays

Al-Anon

Tuesdays, 1:00 PM
5901 6th Avenue
Sundays, 7:00 PM
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Ladies only - Tuesdays 6 PM
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Fridays 6 PM & 8 PM
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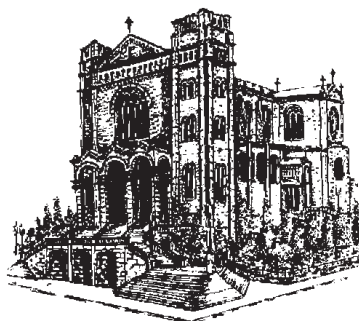
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Kevin Henneman - **718-614-4460**
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Swimming Teams - Boys & Girls CYO

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Girls: Charles Boulbol
917-331-5600
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Summer!

