



ASCENSION

Roman Catholic Church
86-13 55th Avenue Elmhurst, NY 11373

Papish Mission Statement

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we, the people of Ascension, strive to be united in Christ through worship and prayer, grow in Christ through God's word and the sacraments, and serve Christ in one another by sharing time, talent and treasure.

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 12, 2026



From the Pastor's Desk

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 12, 2026
Matthew 13:1-23

Dear Ascension Family,

Blessings of peace and good health!

Parables have such a marvelous way of capturing our imagination. We listen intently and our imagination "sees" the story in action. Parables speak to the heart, because we can see or visualize something familiar to our life experience.

The gospel reading today pictures a farmer sowing seeds in his field. His efforts produce different results. Obviously the variation in these results is not to be attributed to him, since he presumably planted the seeds evenly everywhere. So here we learn a lesson applicable to whoever sows in other people (children, students, friends) good advice and good example. Even if we do our best as sowers, the results are never guaranteed and will vary from individual to individual. This is a lesson that parents, teachers and friendly advisors should always remember.

I knew of a couple who were really good parents but saw one of their children took a wrong turn at one point and ended up in drugs. Because they were so conscientious and devoted parents, they blamed themselves for the tragic end of their son. They forgot that they were not the only influence which was exerted on their son. There was also the influence of the school, of peers, of friends, of the mass media. Very often the influence exerted outside the home is much stronger than that exerted by the parents.

Moreover, whatever good influence a child might receive, he or she still remains a free agent and can therefore choose to resist any influence. The case of Judas, one of the apostles, is a case in point: despite having been under the direct

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Monday - Friday: 9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon | 1:00 PM - 4:30 PM
Saturday 9:00 AM - 12 Noon | 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM
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SCHOOL: Saint Adalbert Catholic Academy

<https://saintadalbertca.org>

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday: 8:00 AM

Saturday : 8:00 AM

: 5:00 PM (Vigil Mass)

Sunday : 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM

1:00 PM (Spanish)

1st Saturday @ 5:00 PM (Cebuano Choir)

2nd Saturday @ 5:00 PM (Tagalog Choir)

3rd Saturday @ 5:00 PM (God the Father

of all Mankind with El Shaddai Choir)

4th Saturday @ 5:00 PM (Divine Mercy)

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and constant influence of a perfect man, Jesus, the Son of God himself, Judas still ended up badly. How many of us have seen young people head straight for disaster despite our best efforts to alert them to the danger they were running and to help them make wise choices? As long as they were free agents, they were free to reject our advice and to ruin their lives if they wanted to.

The parable speaks of how disposition - the kind of soil - can affect the fruitfulness of the seeds. The type of soil into the seed falls determines the seed's fruitfulness. If the seed falls on a path, the chances of survival are zero. If it falls into a rocky ground, its roots will not be able to sustain the harsh conditions of the natural elements. If the seed gets blown into rows of thornbushes that are used to enclose fields to discourage animals from entering them, it will most likely not survive. However, if the seed falls on good soil, it will undoubtedly flourish and be brought to its complete fulfillment. Despite the unproductive grounds on which the other seeds fell, in the end, the seed that fell onto good soil produces yields of thirty, sixty, and even a hundredfold.

Jesus explained that the sower is God, the seed is God's Word, and the soil is the one who hears the Word.

The parable reminds us that the inner dispositions we bring with us when we expose ourselves to God's Word will be decisive factors in that Word's effect on us. For the seed to grow and bear fruit, any type of soil will not do. It needs good soil.

The path represents those who have callous hearts - people who may be caught up with pride and with a frame of mind that makes it hard for them to accept truths opposed to their own. The rocky ground represents those who are overjoyed to receive the Word of God when they first heard it. But when persecutions and trials come, they wavered in their faith. The seed that fell among thorns represents those who hear and receive the Word of God. But because of the bristles of worldly concerns and ambitions, God's Word is blocked off in their lives. The good soil represents those who hear God's Word, internalizes it and puts it into practice, thus bringing forth a yield of thirty or sixty or even hundredfold.

Now, the question for us is, "What kind of soil am I in relation to the seed which is the word of God?"

Praying for you all,
Fr. Anacleto

ENSURING A SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL

The Diocese of Brooklyn has reached an agreement with the New York State Attorney General to enhance child safety measures. This agreement required updated training for all clergy, employees, and volunteers who work with children. The new training is designed to provide valuable information to help adults ensure the safety of children and adults during interactions.

If you are working with children in any capacity, please log in to your account at Virtus.org and complete any of the outstanding training items. If you have any questions, please contact 718-965-7300 X6076.

SACRAMENTS

Baptism

2nd Saturday of the month @ 11:00 AM, Baptism Class is the last Saturday of the month preceding the baptism @ 9:00 AM, pre-registration is needed, available in English & Spanish instruction. Please call the rectory to schedule, at least one month ahead of desired date. For further information and for the requirements of the godparents, please call the rectory office.

Confession

Saturday @ 4:00 – 4:40 PM and by appointment

Marriage

Couple should contact the rectory office for information and registration at least 6 months prior to the date of marriage.

Anointing of the Sick

Call the rectory to arrange for a Priest's visit.

CHURCH OFFERING

July 5th, 2026

1st Collection - \$4,504.00

2nd Collection - \$1,694.00 (Youth Ministry)

Upcoming Collections

July 12th - Air Conditioning

July 19th - Church Maintenance

July 26th - Upkeep of Rectory and Grounds

August 2nd - Air Conditioning

Online Giving

If you are interested in donating online, please visit the parish website at www.ascensionparishelmhurst.org. Parishioners can schedule their contribution to be made weekly, bi-weekly or monthly.

JESUS NEEDS YOU

(Priestly & Religious Vocations)

"Let everyone heed what they hear."

Is the Lord inviting you to know, love, and serve Him more closely in the priest-hood or consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org





Saturday, July 11th

5:00 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, July 12th -

9:30 AM Wilfredo Agcaoli (L)
Emma & Rodrigo Rosado
Linda Castellano (L)

11:30 AM Mario Abrera
Alfredo B. Eduardo

1:00 PM Josafat Palacios
Ashley Martinez Morales & Family (L)

Monday, July 13th - St. Henry
8:00 AM Richard C. Stoike

Tuesday, July 14th - St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin
8:00 AM Joseph Cossentino

**Wednesday, July 15th - St. Bonaventure, Bishop and
Doctor of the Church**
8:00 AM Canlas Family (L)

Thursday, July 16th - Our Lady of Mount Carmel
8:00 AM Lina R. Risser
Marie Luisa S. Agcaoli

Friday, July 17th -
8:00 AM Ashley Martinez Morales & Family (L)

**Saturday, July 18th - St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest;
BVM**
8:00 AM Carmelita V. Maranan (L)
Pamela Silverio

Please pray for:

Deceased members of our families



MEMORIALS

July 12- July 18



Altar Bread and Wine has been donated
In Loving memory of
Emma & Rodrigo Rosado

Sanctuary Lamp will burn in
Loving Memory of
Joseph Cossentino



Altar Flowers has been donated
In Loving Memory of
*(please contact the Rectory Office to request a
flower memorial)*



Altar Candles will burn in
Loving Memory of
Tom Colago

Memorials are available, kindly contact Rectory Office



Pray for the Sick:

Rosa Tan, Lydia Go, Remedios Sisco Louie, Julissa Martinez, Luis Amulfo, Elizabeth Yee, Joel Rivera, Gloria Patricia Rios, Harold, Diego y Kennedy Gomez, Elisa Marquina, Maria Daulo, Karla Nicole Paredes, Romelia Arenas, Rubelia Arenas, Enrique Soto, Eduardo D. Soto, Teresta Rustia Danseco, Evangeline & Victoria Danseco, Nazarete Serion, Nerissa Infante, Laura Krefl, Shirley Ann Gundran, Avelina Quilung, Dennis Anthony Calimlim, Exelito Valencia, Bonifacio Guingab, Margie Bulwag, Egbert Nuñez, Maria Dala Rosa George, Leticia Maranan, Denise Giglio, Beth Bagnol Enriquez, Cely DeBorja, Teresa Reale, Janet P. Cordi, Cristian Ardiña, Rey Garcia, Susan, Elena Rivera, Lizzette Sanchez Ricardez, Aquino Zapanta, Jose Luis Peralta, Antonio Miele, Ruby Tan, Ben Gil, Jevonn Christoff Tan, Julieta Mercado, Renato Mercado, Ivan Tasyayo, Mario Tasyayo, Ruth Dicoquino, Margarita Vasquez, Arlene Mary Ruth Rustia-Songcan and Hans Aristote Rustia, Jenny Chua, Wena Chia, Catherine Fraser, Victoriano Arroyo Barrientos, Ernesto Tapia, Sergio Jensen Tan, Juliana Tan, Lele Uy, Damian Rudy Hernandez Velasquez, Francen Ong, Maria Fe De Jesus, Dina Mandap Niestemski, Lucia Vasquez and Marites Danseco, Maria Lopez, Matthew and Mary DiGiorgi, Jose Luis Peralta, Angela Z. Reddin, Alba Lucia Vigoya, Esperanza Ortega de Moreno and Josie Licas and Ashley Martinez Morales. To add names, please call the Parish Office.



2026 Annual Catholic Appeal

One Church. Diverse Ministries. United Mission.

The 2026 Annual Catholic Appeal supports the mission of our parish and the daily work of the Church in Brooklyn and Queens.

Once we exceed our goal, we will then receive 100% of all funds raised above this figure directly back to our parish for operations and improvements. Donations for this year are being accepted. Donate at Annual Catholic Appeal.org or text ACA to 917-336-1255.

Summary Report as of July 6, 2026

Goal: \$56,228.00
Pledged: \$43,554.00
Received: \$24,685.00

To donate on-line: <https://catholicfoundationbq.org/annual-catholic-appeal/> Checks can be made out directly to:

Annual Catholic Appeal
Diocese of Brooklyn P.O. Box 310
Kensington, CT 06037-0310

Remember, that no gift is too small. Thank you.

Spanish Corner:

El Sacramento del Bautismo

Tenemos Bautismo en español el tercer sábado del mes a las 11:00 AM. La clase pre-bautismal será el sábado antes del bautismo a las 9:00 AM. Se requiere inscripción previa para la clase y el Bautismo con un mes de anticipación. Llamar a la oficina parroquial para más información.

Clases de Educación Religiosa Para Adultos

La Orden de la Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos (OICA) son clases para adultos necesitados de recibir los sacramentos de Bautismo, Comunión o Confirmación. Las clases de OICA también son para adultos que no son Católicos, pero están interesados en ser Católico.

Para información sobre el programa y atención en español, llamar al 718-335-2626, en el horario de día de lunes a Sábado.

Clases De Educación Religiosa Para Niños/ Jóvenes

Las clases de Educación Religiosa para los niños/jóvenes del primero a octavo grado toman lugar los domingos de septiembre a junio. Se requiere prueba de bautismo y acta de nacimiento para todo niño registrado por primer vez. Para más información en español llamar al 718-335-2626, en el horario de día de lunes a Sábado.

Horario de Clases para Septiembre 2026

Todos los estudiantes inscritos en las clases de Educación Religiosa deben de estar en el edificio de la escuela (86-37 53 Ave) a las 9:00 AM. Asistencia será a las 9:15 AM seguido por Oración, lectura del Evangelio dominical y discusión. Las clases serán de 9:30 AM a 10:45 AM. Después de clases: 10:45 AM a 11:00 AM los estudiantes recogen sus libros y caminan hacia la Iglesia con sus maestros para la Misa de 11:30 AM, Misa de familia. Después de la Misa los niños son despedidos y pueden ser recogidos por sus padres.

Garantizando un Lugar Seguro Para Todos

La Diócesis de Brooklyn ha llegado a un acuerdo con la Fiscalía General del Estado de Nueva York para reforzar las medidas de seguridad infantil. Este acuerdo exige entrenamiento actualizado para todo el clero, empleados y voluntarios que trabajan con niños. El nuevo entrenamiento está diseñado para proporcionar información valiosa que ayuda a los adultos a garantizar la seguridad de niños y adultos durante las interacciones.

Si trabaja con niños, inicie sesión en su cuenta en Virtus.org y complete cualquiera de los elementos de entrenamiento pendientes. Si tiene alguna pregunta, comuníquese al 718-965-7300 X6076.

PRAYER GROUPS & DEVOTIONS

Monday:	Miraculous Medal Novena Mondays @ 8:30 AM Spanish Prayer Group @ 7:00 PM Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena @ 8:30 AM Novena Mass Holy Hour / Exposition & Benediction 1 st Friday @ 8:30 AM Mass Our Lady of Fatima Most Sacred Heart of Jesus & Black Nazarene 1 st Friday – Angelus Rosary Novena to Our Lady of Fatima @ 6:00 PM & Mass @ 7:00 PM Parish Choir Practice 3 rd Friday 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM (Lower Church) Divine Mercy Devotion Prayer Group Choir Practice 4 th Friday 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM (Lower Church) Religious Education Children's Choir 2 nd , 3 rd , & 4 th , and if applicable 5 th Friday @ 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (Lower Church)
Friday:	2000 Hall Mary 1 st Saturday @ 8:30 AM Lady of Mary, Mediatrix of all Grace 2 nd Saturday @ 8:30 AM God the Father of All Mankind Devotion Prayer Group 3 rd Saturday @ 4:00 PM Novena (Church) followed by the 5:00 PM Mass Divine Mercy Devotion Prayer Group 4 th Saturday @ 4:00 PM Novena (Church) followed by the 5:00 PM Mass El Shaddai 2 nd and 3 rd Saturday 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (Lower Church) Youth Ministry 4 th Saturday 1:00 PM – 4:30 PM (Lower Church)
Saturday:	Ascension Parish Rosary Society 1 st Sunday @9:30 AM (Church) CFC Christian Life Program* 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , and if applicable 5 th Sunday @ 2:00 to 5:00 PM (Lower Church) 4 th Sunday of the month @ 3:00 to 6:00 PM (Lower Church) Rosary Making Ministry To request supplies and/or pick up rosaries, please email: marie_panas@msn.com
Sunday:	Religious Education Classes for September Class Schedule for September 2026 All students enrolled in Faith Formation classes are to be at the school building (P.S. 211Q Grand Avenue) at 9:00 AM, 9:15 AM Attendance General opening prayers/Sunday Gospel reading and sharing Class: 9:30 AM—10:45 AM 10:45 AM—11:00 AM students gather their belongings 11:00 AM students and teachers walk to the Church 11:30 AM Mass with parents After the Mass children are dismissed and can be picked up by parents. Registrations for Faith Formation are presently being accepted at the Rectory Office for classes from: 1 st - 8 th Grades. Proof of baptism and birth certificate is required for children who are being registered for the first time. For further information on registration please call the rectory office at 718-335-2626.

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA)

Are you an unbaptized adult but want to be baptized in the Catholic church? Or, are you baptized non-Catholic who desires to be a Catholic? Or, are you baptized Catholic in need of the Sacrament of Confirmation? The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults is the place for you. For further information please call the rectory office at 718-335-2626.

Saint's Corner:

St. Maria Goretti

July 6

Maria Goretti was born in 1890 on a small farm near Ancona, Italy, the third of seven children. Her father died when she was nine. As soon as she was able to, she helped out with the care of her younger siblings while her mother worked in the farm. She and her family lived in a rented house shared with another family of two men. Giovanni Serenelli (the partner of her father) and his 20-year-old son, Alessandro. Although not quite 12 years old, Maria was physically mature, and Alessandro began propositioning her. She refused, she always resisted his advances. But she said nothing about them to her mother because he threatened to kill her and her mother if she did.

On July 5, 1902, when Maria was left alone at home, Alessandro attempted to rape her at the point of a knife. She resisted with fierce determination, shouting: "No, it is a sin! God does not want it!" In his frenzy Alessandro stabbed Maria 14 times, then left her bathing in her blood.

Maria was rushed to the hospital, but the surgeons were unable to save her life. She died on this date in 1902. However, before dying she stated clearly that she forgave Alessandro Serenelli, that she would pray for his repentance, and that she wished to see him in heaven.

Alessandro was sentenced to 30 years of imprisonment. For a long time, he was brutal and unrepentant. But then, after eight years, he had a complete change of heart after a dream or a vision in which Maria Goretti appeared gathering flowers and offering them to him. After that he became an exemplary prisoner and was released at the end of 27 years for good behavior. His first free act was to visit Maria's mother to beg her forgiveness. Then he became a Capuchin lay brother.

Maria was canonized in 1950 by Pope Pius XII before a crowd of a quarter-million people, the largest crowd ever to attend a canonization. For the first time in history, the ceremony was held in St. Peter's square because St. Peter's Basilica (although the biggest church in the world) could not accommodate the people. In attendance were Maria's aged mother and all her siblings, as well as her 66-year-old murderer, Alessandro Serenelli. This was a unique event in the history of the Church.

NEW TO OUR PARISH? WELCOME! PARISH MEMBERSHIP:

New parishioners are to register in the Parish. Please notify the Parish Office of any changes in address or phone number.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

I wish to receive a registration form

I have an address change

I am moving out of the Parish

Please cut out and return to Parish office or drop in the collection basket. Thank you.

Children's Section:



SUNDAY GOSPEL ACTIVITIES

But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirty-fold.

Matthew 13: 8



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