

June 14, 2009 - Body and Blood of Christ

MARRIAGE

Saturday, June 20 - 3:30 P.M. Nuptial Mass
Jonathan Koop & Susan Piscitello

FATHERS' DAY NOVENA

We will have our annual Fathers' Day Novena of Masses starting June 22. Those wishing to enroll their father, living or deceased, may do so by filling out a Novena envelope. Novena envelopes and cards are available throughout the church. Please return them before Fathers' Day in the special box provided in the center aisle or in the collection basket.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM REGISTRATION

Registration for new students grades 1-7 for our Religious Education Program will take place in the Religious Education Office Tuesday Evening June 16th 7:30 - 8:45 p.m., Wednesday - Friday June 17 - 19th from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon, and after all the Masses June 20 - 21. Parents, please bring your child's Baptismal Certificate. We must see the original. We will make a copy to keep for our records.

The Registration fee is \$60.00 for one child, \$115 for 2 children and \$165 for 3 children. Grades 1-5 will meet on **WEDNESDAYS** from 2:30 - 3:45, Grade 6 will meet on **WEDNESDAYS** from 4:00 - 5:15 p.m. Grade 7 will meet on **SUNDAYS** at 8:30 a.m. and then attend the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Classes for Grade 7 will begin on November 15.

Parents of our current students are receiving re-registration forms as soon as possible. Early registration will help us prepare for the next year. If you have any questions, please contact Sister Anne Bernadette at 718-745-0077..

ST. ANSELM WORKFORCE MINISTRY

The St. Anselm's Workforce Ministry recently held its first event for four dozen parishioners and members of our larger community in Meletia Hall. The event in cooperation with The Good Help Program of the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce and Opportunities for a Better Tomorrow, participated with presentations about their resources and services related to employment opportunities, job training, resume critiquing, and more. If you were unable to attend the April event, but are interested in hearing about future programs that are being planned for the Fall, please e-mail the Workforce Ministry at workforceministry@gmail.com or leave a message at 888-250-8669. Please provide your name, phone number and e-mail address when contacting the group. We hope you are able to join us at future Workforce Ministry events.

The Annual Graduating Class Essay Writing Contest sponsored by the Holy Name Society was won by Ms. Madison Mayol and her essay "What Guides Your Conscience Daily" is printed below.

"What guides your conscience daily?"

What guides my conscience daily is the idea of a moral life. The whole point of living a moral life is to be happy. Can we truly be Catholics with a sense of morality? Can we really be human?

The answer to this is simple: we are made in the image and likeness of God. This means that we can only find true happiness by fulfilling God's plan for us. Telling the truth, living justly, developing our conscience, keeping our promises - we need to learn and to practice all these things and more if we are to grow as human beings created in the image and likeness of God. If we are to be truly human we cannot view morality as simply an option. Rather, we must realize that it is an absolute requirement. It is morality that keeps us faithful to ourselves as human beings made in God's image. It is morality that makes our lives together possible.

The main reason morality is the guide of my conscience is because its overall aim is, not to wear me down and make me weary, but to help me recognize what a good and successful life is and how I need to live in order to have it. Morality is a search for such a good life, a life capable of bringing us genuine satisfaction, deep happiness and joy, and certain lasting fulfillment. We should never think of morality as the enemy. The aim of morality is to help us understand how to live a truly good life. This is something all of us need to learn if our lives are to be truly successful and happy.

As people of faith morality is vital. We cannot be human without it. Wise and great people know that sin and selfishness will not bring us success. It is goodness that brings us joy and love that gives us life. Neither goodness nor love is easy to learn or practice but they are what keeps us human and makes us like God.

As I mentioned before, we must develop our conscience. Our conscience is what keeps us human, which is why we must listen to and respect it. Conscience is the most basic awareness that what we are doing is right or wrong, and we need to know the difference and act accordingly. Conscience also tells us the important goods and values of life and obliges us to respect them. It is our conscience that tells us that violence is evil, that suicide is a sin, and that justice is always important. It is what lets us know that morality matters in every area of life. In its most basic form, conscience lets us know that we should do good and avoid evil.

The drive to develop my conscience and live morally is what guides my conscience to make appropriate decisions. When I fail to take care of it or continually act against it I can weaken and eventually destroy my conscience. I care for my conscience when I do what is

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right; I destroy it when I continuously do bad things.

My conscience is my moral dignity, it is my character, and it represents my honor and integrity as a person created by God. To act against it would be to act against myself. It is to say I do not have enough courage to be who I really am. This is why I feel bad when I act against my conscience. Not only am I letting another person down; I'm letting myself down because I have failed to be true to myself.

Prayer is a very important part in the guidance of my conscience. When I pray I speak to God about the decisions I need to make and the hard choices I sometimes face. I talk about my fears or uncertainties and ask the Spirit to guide me. When I pray I invite God to be a partner in my decisions, which is tremendously reassuring. It lets me know that when I act in a good conscience I am never alone: God is always acting with me.

My conscience is my most precious possession. I guard it well because it is one of the most powerful signs that I am made in the image and likeness of God. This is why to abandon my conscience is to lose my dignity and to forget who I really am.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL REPORT AS OF JUNE 8, 2009

Goal:	\$103,389
Number of Pledges	349
Amount Pledged	\$115,731
Amount Received	\$ 84,280



EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

Every day, orphaned children in Afghanistan live without adequate clothing or school supplies. Through the efforts of Troop 310, you will have the opportunity to help these children. In so doing, you are also helping our military in its efforts to free Afghanistan from terror and establish a free and democratic country for its people.

Please consider donating clothing, school supplies (i.e. crayons, notebooks, construction paper, paste) to the 4th Avenue entrance of the Church on June 14th from 10 am to 2 pm. If you are unable to donate clothing or school supplies, please consider sponsoring a box for \$15.00 each. For any other questions, please contact EagleScoutOrphans@gmail.com and www.t310bsa.org. Thank You.

LIFE CENTER COMMUNION BREAKFAST

The Life Center of New York located on 68 Street and 5th Avenue is having their Annual Communion Breakfast at St. Anselm's Church on Sunday, June 28. Father Norman Bennett CSSR will be the keynote speaker. Please call 718-748-4490 for further information.



For the Weekend of
June 6th/June 7th

Weekly Expenses	\$13,000.00
Plate Offering	\$10,727.00
Faith Direct	\$ 2,000.00

Total Parish Collection \$12,727.00

- \$ 273.00

Retired Religious

June 2009	\$5,348.00
June 2008	\$5,953.00

Religious Women and Men have shared faith and wisdom with the Faith Community of the Brooklyn Diocese. As we contribute to their retirement years may we also pray for them as a constant sign of our gratitude for all they have given us.

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION THE MSGR. COLBERT CENTER Brother Robert 718-745-0077

Parish Library - Our library schedule for June is: *Sunday, June 14, after the 10am Mass, *Sunday, June 28 after the 8am Mass, *Every Thursday after the 11am Mass. Books and videos are available on a wide variety of religious topics. Popular writers such as Thomas Merton, James Martin, Bishop Sheen and Ann Rice are featured.

Living The Word - *Scripture Study of the Sunday Readings*. Come and explore the Bible and grow closer to the Lord as we prepare for Mass. Schedule for June is: Thursdays at 12:00 pm. *All are welcome!*

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults - Have you thought about becoming a Catholic? Are you baptized? Do you wish to receive Holy Communion and be confirmed? *It's never too late.* New classes begin on Wednesday evenings starting **September 23rd**. Please call Bro Robert: 718-745-0077 x2.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

**THE GUERNSEY LITERARY
AND POTATO PEEL PIE SOCIETY**
by Mary Ann Shaffer & Annie Burrows
Thursday, June 18th, 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Colbert Center



HONORING AND PRAYING FOR OUR OWN

May God protect and reward our parishioners serving our country during this time of war:



Pvt. Eddie Azzolino, LTJG Victor Baldoni,
PFC Steven Giordano,
Sgt. John J. Roache,
Cpl. Patrick C. Waage,

**SAINT ANSELM
PURGATORIAL
SOCIETY
ENROLLMENT**



Louis Constabile
Leo DeSantis
Elizabeth Woods
Anthony Lettieri

John Curry
John O'Brien
Jack O'Brien
Margaret Whitcome



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

All who are ill are remembered in all of our prayers and Masses

Margaret Ashton, Gretchen Baglino, Diane Canino, Rosa Castillo, John Castorina, Denise Ciacio, Roberto Concepcion, Eileen Daly, Constantine Anthony De Mairo, Virginia Deppart, Alexis Diani, Evelyn Diaz, Michael Formato, Carlos M. Garcia, Betty Gimbel, Thomas Greaney, Baby Chloe Griffith, David Herbert, William Jennings, Susan Kennedy, Baby Christina Khaled, Phyliss Kessinger, Gworek Krzysztop, Owen Lavin, Florio Lettieri, Josephine Leto, Donald Frank Maguire, Teresa Manfredo, Joseph Maringulich, John J. Moloney III, Cathy McGuigan, Mary Nader, Emily Nash, Noreen Rammarione, Catherine Roberto, Sonny Roberto, Sonny Roberto, Jr., Darren Saunders, Basilisa Sawali, John Silvia, Lorraine Thomas, Elizabeth Tolton, John Vaccaro, Eugene T. Walsh, Molly Zisk

PLEASE NOTE In the event of recovery or improvement, please contact the rectory. **A person's name will be deleted after three weeks unless notification to remain is received.**

NOVENAS

Miraculous Medal with the relic of St. Catherine Labouré: Mondays after 11:00AM Mass

St. Anthony: Tuesdays after the 11AM Mass

St. Jude with the relic of St. Jude: Wednesdays after 11:00AM Mass

DEVOTIONS

Morning Prayer: at 10:40AM in the Rosary Chapel.

Rosary: Prayed after 11:00AM Daily Mass in the Rosary Chapel.

Eucharistic Adoration for Vocations: Every Friday after the 11:00AM Mass until 2:45PM. Benediction at 3:00PM.

Our Mission Statement

We, the Body of Christ: St. Anselm Parish in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, rejoice in our parish's more than 80 years of service to God, our Church, our country, and our community.

As Christ is Priest, Prophet, and King, we celebrate the sacramental life of the Church, proclaim the Word of God, and serve the needs of our parishioners and neighbors always with faith, hope, and charity.

Walking with Christ, we accept the challenge to call all people to worship, to teach all nations His Truth, and to love one another as He has loved us.

Mass Intentions



Sunday, June 14, 2009

8:00 - Jenne Guyette
10:00 - Purgatorial Society
12:00 - Edna & John Ahlrich
5:00 - Miriam & Tom Mooney

Monday, June 15, 2009

6:35:- Leonora Lianza
11:00 - Pro Populo
(For living & deceased people of St. Anselm)

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

6:35 - Thomas & Mary Marsh
11:00 - Dec. Membs. "Young at Heart"

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

6:35 - Dec. Membs. Frankola & Smilovich Families
11:00 - Helen Harkins & Patricia Fox - Birth.

Thursday, June 18, 2009

6:35 - Michael Lyden & Family
11:00 - Mr. Shelley Rothman

Friday, June 19, 2009

6:35 - John Gardella - Birth.
11:00 - Scott Goodman

Saturday, June 20, 2009

11:00 - Consuelo Mahanna
5:00 - Louis G. Ricciardi

Sunday, June 21, 2009

8:00 - John Moran
10:00 - Purgatorial Society
12:00 - John J. Scalia - Birth.
5:00 - Thomas Egan - Living