

St. Edmund Parish

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Parish Vision Statement

We, the People of St. Edmund's Roman Catholic Parish, are, and desire to become, a more perfect Eucharistically Centered Faith Community. We seek to express our faith in a special way through the education of young people on both the elementary and secondary levels and through welcoming the unique contributions of people of different cultures, heritages and family structures.

SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:30 am & 11:00 am

WEEKDAYS: 9:00 am

BAPTISM: For Baptism inquiries
Email: info@stedmund-brooklyn.org

MARRIAGES: Arrangements must be made SIX months prior to the marriage.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday, 4:00pm to 4:30pm

SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Sick calls any day or night by calling the Rectory.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: First Fridays, following the 9:00 am Mass. Angelus and Benediction at 11:00am.

NOVENA: Miraculous Medal—Mondays—following the 9:00 am Mass.

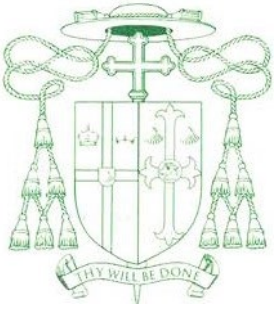
ROSARY: Daily, following the 9:00 am Mass.

PRAYER GROUP: Wednesdays, following the 9:00 am Mass.

REGISTRATION: We extend welcome to all new parishioners and invite them and any others, who have not yet registered, to become members of the St. Edmund's Parish Family. Please contact the Rectory Office for a Registration Form.



Sunday, November 19, 2023



Office of the Bishop

Diocese of Brooklyn

310 Prospect Park West
Brooklyn, New York 11215

November 3, 2023

To the Clergy, Staffs and the Faithful parishioners of Brooklyn and Queens,

Recently, I met with our Vicar General, Regional Vicars, local Deans and priests during our annual Priest Convocation in Douglaston. During this gathering, we discussed important issues that we will need to address in the near future, like new models of parish life, possible collaborations among parishes regarding Religious Education and other ministries, as well as assessing the current Mass schedules at all our parishes.

Allow me to share with you some statistics that were shared with the priests:

- In 2017, Mass attendance in our Diocese was reported at an average of 205,502 people per weekend. In 2022, the average was reported at 124,031. Due to demographic changes as well as the overall national trend of fewer Catholics attending Sunday Mass regularly, we see a decrease of nearly 40 percent in Mass attendance in our diocese in the last 5 years. This decline in Mass attendance means that we have in many parishes throughout the diocese large capacity churches with a significantly reduced Mass size.
- Due to a high number of priest retirements and deaths in recent years, there are fewer priests serving in our 175 parishes.
- In our diocese Mass is celebrated in 14 different languages on a weekly basis and in 26 languages monthly. This unique pastoral challenge in combination with the reduced number of clergy with bi-lingual skills further complicates the ability to best serve our parishes with specific language needs.

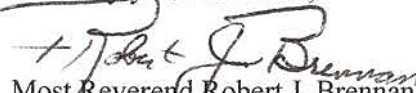
There is no simple solution to these issues. In many of our parishes it is evident that we do not need so many separate Masses to accommodate the number of parishioners in attendance at Sunday Eucharist each week. We are asking pastors and administrators throughout the diocese in Brooklyn and Queens, in consultation with their pastoral councils, to review and evaluate their Mass schedules. In many parishes, the number of Masses celebrated each weekend could be reduced by at least one or maybe more Masses, depending on the number of people attending and the capacity of each church.

Additionally, your pastor in coordination with your Regional Vicar and local Dean, are beginning discussions at the deanery level concerning possible collaborations among neighboring parishes regarding Religious Education programs and other ministries, that could possibly lead to formal parish partnerships.

I ask for your openness and cooperation with these possible changes. Not every parish will be affected, but most will go through some sort of adjustment, in order to be able to most effectively serve the current needs of the People of God in our great Diocese.

Be assured of my prayers for each of you, and may I humbly ask for your prayers, especially for our pastors and administrators, and all those who will be part of these discussions taking place throughout our parishes and deaneries.

Sincerely yours in Christ,


Most Reverend Robert J. Brennan
Bishop of Brooklyn

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**READINGS**

Proverbs 31: 10-13

Psalm 128: 1-2, 3, 4-5

I Thessalonians 5: 1-6

Matthew 25: 14-30

**Please pray for the sick in our parish**

Peter DeRosa, Odelea Ferreira, Jeanette Steitz,
Helen Wisniewski, Harold Ling, Camille Modica,
Joan Mallon, Frank Talerico, Debbie Rudzitis,
Richard Tringali, Barbara Tringali, Joan Cook,
Ruth Rodriguez, Nicholas Calabrese, Ann Viola,
Cynthia Graham, Frances Lipari, Frank Burch,
Millie Afflitto, Nancy Perez, Alex Del Rio,
Joseph Sanfratello, John Raugolas,
Joseph Alonzo & Julianna Collazo.

In these difficult times, remember in your
thoughts and prayers all those in the Armed
Services who fight for our freedom all over the
world.

Remember Those Who Have Died**Liturgy of the Hours: Week I of the Psalter
Reflection on the Gospel**

When it comes to the “investments” of Christian living, the risks that make us “good and trustworthy” servants are found in the ordinary exchanges of daily life: forgiving rather than burying a grudge in our hearts; standing by another in times of sorrow, failure, or misunderstanding, associating with those some consider the “wrong kind” of people; laying down one’s life for another—perhaps a misunderstood friend, rebellious child, a terminally ill spouse, aged parents. All this “now” effort is preparing us for the “not yet” entry into the kingdom.

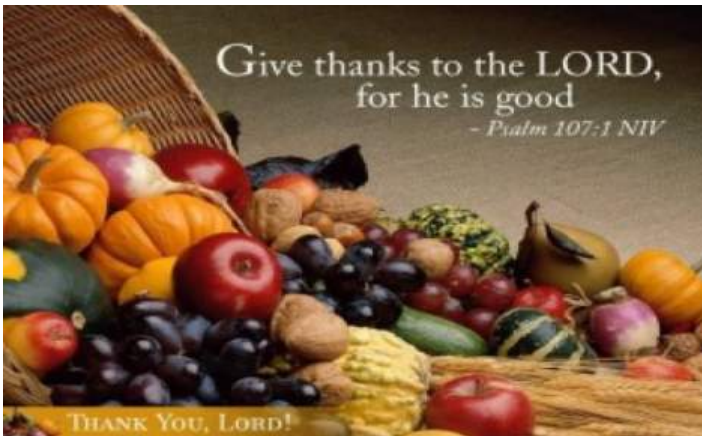
—Living Liturgy”, Thirty-Third Sunday in
Ordinary Time 2023

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2023**United in Communion— United in Charity****St. Edmund Parish Goal \$31,022****% of Participation 27.69%****Pledged \$20,070.00 Paid \$19,797.15**

**Once we exceed our goal we will then receive 100%
of all funds raised above this figure directly back to
our parish.**

The work and services made possible through
your donation to the *Annual Catholic Appeal*
help people in Brooklyn and Queens in ways
that no one parish can alone.

Let us pray that the 2023 *Annual Catholic Appeal* will
be successful in both allowing us to reach out in love
to those in need, as well as allowing our hearts to
respond to Jesus in Faith, Hope and Charity.



During the month of November we look forward to the American Feast of Thanksgiving, we give thanks to the Lord for the fruits of the harvest. On Wednesday, November 22nd at 7:00PM we will have our **“Parish Thanksgiving Mass.”**

Please set aside an hour to come to Church and give thanks for all that we have. At this Mass we have our annual food collection for the poor.



ST. EDMUND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

St. Edmund Elementary School is planning to “Light Up The Christmas Season.” We are offering everyone the opportunity to celebrate, memorialize a loved one or advertise your business on a **Christmas Wreath.**

Your request will be displayed on a 28” lighted wreath decorated with a bow and a plaque. They will be lit for the month of December and remain lit into the New Year.

The donation is \$50.00. If you are participating, please pick up a form on the radiators of the Church and submit it with your check to the School Office no later than Wednesday, November 29, 2023. If you have any questions, please call Mrs. DeCordova at (718)648-9229 x104. Thank you for your support & Generosity.

*Feast of St. Edmund of Canterbury
Our Patron Saint
Will Be Celebrated*

Sunday, November 19, 2023

At the 11:00AM Mass

God who raised up St. Edmund to be father of the poor and patron of the afflicted children, please grant that I may learn from Edmund’s example how to love all God’s children, that I may become like him, eyes for the blind, feet for the lame, and a friend to strangers in trouble; and that by his intercession I may be protected from all evil and distress. I ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

St. Edmund Elementary

Annual Christmas Fair

Gifts-Baskets-Raffles-Santa’s Attic-Plants & Wreaths-Games- Sweet Table Food Concession

Breakfast with Santa-Saturday December 2nd

Join us for our Annual Tree Lighting
Friday December 1st at 6:30pm

Friday, December 1st 5:00PM—9:00PM
Saturday, December 2nd 10:00AM –2:00PM

Parish Hall
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PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FOR THE WEEK

Monday November 20th
 9:00AM Mass
 9:45AM . Miraculous Medal Novena

Tuesday November 21st
 9:00AM Mass

Wednesday November 22nd
 9:00AM Mass
 7:00PM Thanksgiving Eve Mass

Thursday November 23rd
Thanksgiving Day
 9:00AM Mass

Friday November 24th
 9:00AM Mass

Saturday November 25th
 9:00AM Mass
 4:00PM Confession
 5:00PM Mass

Sunday November 26th
 8:30AM Mass
 11:00AM Family Mass

Monday November 20th
 9:00AM James & Diane Chung

Tuesday November 21st
 9:00AM In Honor of St. Anthony

Wednesday November 22nd
 9:00AM Aurora B. Domingo
 7:00PM John Farina

Thursday November 23rd
 9:00AM Rosa L. Bertella

Friday November 24th
 9:00AM In Honor of Padre Pio

Saturday November 25th
 9:00AM Anna Burns
 5:00PM James & Diane Chung

Sunday November 26th
 8:30AM Lidia Bove
 11:00AM For The People of the Parish

Weekly Collection

Weekend of 11/12/2023

1st Collection \$2,126.00

2nd Collection \$ 411.00

Sanitizing & Cleaning

A very special thank you to our Parishioners

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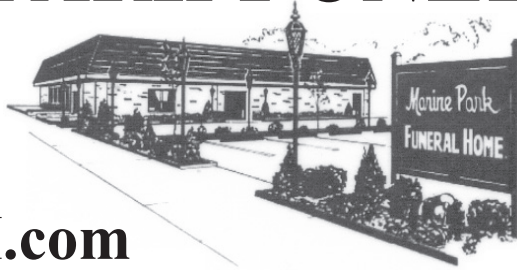
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