Holy Mary, protect all mothers
FAMILY MASS
Last 9:30am Family Mass - June 10, 2018
As the school year comes to an end so does our Family Mass. Do not worry - it will return with the new school year. If vacationing away from home this summer, grab a bulletin and snap a family picture in front of the church; send it to Marlene Boyd at mmb@boydcast.com to have shared with our parish family.

HIS EMINENCE CARDINAL DOLAN WRITES:
Dear Friends in the Lord,
Next weekend Pentecost Sunday, our second collection is for two very needy mission appeals. It is a single collection shared by both for Catholic Home Missions and the Church in Latin America. Please be as generous as your means permit. Your support makes a difference in the faith lives of our brothers and sisters at home and in Latin America and the Caribbean.

BLESSED SACRAMENT SENIORS
The next meeting of the Blessed Sacrament Seniors will be held on Tuesday, May 22nd at 1:30pm. Please enter through the school parking lot on Greenleaf Avenue at the double doors to the school. We are looking for Senior men and women who would like to share cake & coffee, some good conversation, interesting trips and fun! All are welcome!

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PRAY FOR THE SICK
The sick are comforted just knowing that you pray for them. In your charity please remember: Margaret Pittman-Boyle, Douglas Pfleger, Jr., Phyllis Ribaudo, Ann Socci, Concetta Chicolo, Mary Kenny, Jean Carter, Jane Redmond, Carolyn DeStefano, Robert Tursi, Nicholas Toto, Marykate Rose, Peggy Travers, Mary Anne Blaine, Jean Cunningham, Jean Elmadary, Alan March, Sebastian Lattuga, Grayce Novaro, Angela Siuzausk, Helen Ramsey, Katherine Barbera, Margaret Romani, Br. William Herbst, Barbara Brown, Michael Caruso, Patricia Connolly, Mary Bell, Mark Volpe, Linda Hansen, Dean Robert Ziegler, Danielle Ziegler, Marco Antonio Gonzalez, Larry Taylor, Jr., Kathy Quinlan, Katie Hanley, Jose Ruiz, Rosemary Callahan, Elizabeth Coyne, Robert Hammerton, Catherine Vitale, Capala Lusi, Jack McGarry, Robert McQuade, Brian Nelson, Julia Micol, Molly Cafaro, Bob Miuccio, Maryann & Danny Brown, James McGarrigle, James Finnigan, Robert Blake, Lelia Moran, Gail Kees, Michelle Farley, Cara Healy, Eileen Doran, Phyllis Morrell, Marion Coolen, Michael Roskowski, Barbara Braisted, Jeff Orr, Debbi Caporale, Ana Ely Diaz, Ruth Orr, John G. Ferriera, Gina King, Anna Scampas, Kaitlyn, Elinor Walshe, Debra Olsen, and Joan Callahan.

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SYMPATHY
Remember the soul and the souls for whom Mass will be offered during the week, especially:

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SUNDAY COLLECTION

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THE SANCTUARY LAMP
KEEPS ITS SILENT VIGIL
BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
VICTORIA MAGLIOCCA

The Bread and Wine this week are offered in memory of Salvina Vella.
SCHEDULE FOR MAY 20, 2018

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COFFEE SUNDAY
Next Sunday, May 20th will be Coffee Sunday. Please join us after the 8am, 9:30am and 11am Masses for a cup of coffee, a donut and some friendly conversation.

SAVE THE DATE
Holy Name Society’s Communion Breakfast, Sunday June 3rd after the 8am Mass in the Parish Center Meeting Room. Featuring representatives from our Girl Scouts and Children’s Choir, honoring parishioners Fred Sklenar, Annemarie Morrell and Rosemary Salaycik for community service, recognizing BSS 8th grade St. John Paul II essay finalist and Altar Servers. Guest Speaker from The Christophers. Tickets will be on sale the next 2 weekends outside church. Cost $20 per person, $10 for grammar school children.

CROSS ROAD FOUNDATION
Please join us for our Fifth Anniversary Garden of Life Brunch. Father Louis Jerome will be honored with the Cardinal John O’Connor Guardian of Life Award, for promoting the Culture of Life. Mrs. Joan Mutone will be honored as the Volunteer of the Year. Tickets are only $30 per person. Family rates available. Call 718-556-3474 or visit www.crossroadfoundation.org to reserve your seats.

PARISH NURSE PROGRAM
The Parish Nurse’s office hours are on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. If you wish to make an appointment with the Parish Nurse, Peggy Smith, please call her at 718-447-9657.

GOLDEN JUBILEE WEDDING MASS
Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2018 are invited to attend the Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at St. Patrick’s Cathedral on Sunday, June 3 at 2:15pm. Pre-registration is required. Please contact your parish to register. The closing date to register for the Mass is Monday, May 14th.

CONGRATULATIONS!
We wish to congratulate our Parish children who received the Sacrament of First Eucharist on Saturday, May 5th. A special “Thank You” to Sister Anne Dolores, Director of Religious Education and the teachers who prepared the children so well for this most special Sacrament.

FROM THE PASTOR
Happy Mother’s Day! To all of our mothers, living or deceased we offer our love, prayers and appreciation for all your sacrifice and do for all of us who sometimes pay attention, strive to do more and above and beyond everything really and truly love you for all you are in our lives.

We also celebrate you in the beautiful month of Mary dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, our spiritual family.

Recently Pope Francis announced that this new memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church should be inscribed in the Roman Church calendar on the Monday after Pentecost and be now celebrated every year.

All this took place when the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments issued a Decree on the celebration of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mother of the Church in the General Roman Calendar for the whole Christian World.

Here is what the Decree said when presented to Pope Francis for his approval.

The joyous veneration given to the Mother of God by the contemporary Church, in light of reflection on the mystery of Christ and on his nature, cannot ignore the figure of a woman (cf. Gal4:4), the Virgin Mary, who is both the Mother of Christ and Mother of the Church.

In some ways this was already present in the mind of the Church from the premonitory words of St. Augustine and St. Leo the Great. In fact the former says that Mary is the mother of the members of Christ, because with charity she cooperated...
in the rebirth of the faithful into the Church, while the latter says that the birth of the Head is also the birth of the body, thus indicating that Mary is at once Mother of Christ, the Son of God, and mother of the members of his Mystical body, which is the Church. These considerations derive from the divine motherhood of Mary and from her intimate union in the work of the Redeemer, which culminated at the hour of the cross.

Indeed, the Mother standing beneath the cross (cf. Jn 19:25), accepted her Son’s testament of love and welcomed all people in the person of the beloved disciple as sons and daughters to be reborn unto life eternal. She thus became the tender Mother of the Church which Christ begot on the cross handing on the Spirit. Christ, in turn, in the beloved disciple, chose all disciples as ministers of his love towards his Mother, entrusting her to them so that they might welcome her with filial affection.

As a caring guide to the emerging Church Mary had already begun her mission in the Upper Room, praying with the Apostles while awaiting the coming of the Holy Spirit (cf. Acts 1:14). In this sense, in the course of the centuries, Christian piety has honoured Mary with various titles, in many ways equivalent, such as Mother of Disciples, of the Faithful, of Believers, of all those who are reborn in Christ; and also as “Mother of the Church” as is used in the texts of spiritual authors as well as in the Magisterium of Popes Benedict XIV and Leo X111.

Thus the foundation is clearly established by which Blessed Paul VI, on 21 November 1964, at the conclusion of the Third Session of the Second Vatican Council, declared the Blessed Virgin May as “Mother of the Church, that is to say of all Christian people, the faithful as well as the pastors, who call her the most loving Mother” and established that “the Mother of God should be further honoured and invoked by the entire Christian people by this tenderest of titles”.

Therefore the Apostolic See on the occasion of the Holy Year of Reconciliation (1975), proposed a votive Mass in honour of Beata Maria Eclesia Matre, which was subsequently inserted into the Roman Missal. The Holy See also granted the faculty to add the invocation of this title in the Litany of Loreto (1980) and published other formularies in the Collection of Masses of the Blessed Virgin Mary (1986). Some countries, dioceses and religious families who petitioned the Holy See were allowed to add this celebration to their particular calendars.

Having attentively considered how greatly the promotion of this devotion might encourage the growth of the maternal sense of the Church in the pastors, religious and faithful, as well as a growth of genuine Marian piety, Pope Francis has decreed that the Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, should be inscribed in the Roman Calendar on the Monday after Pentecost and be now celebrated every year.

This celebration will help us to remember that growth in the Christian life must be anchored to the Mystery of the Cross, to the oblation of Christ in the Eucharistic Banquet and to the Mother of the Redeemer and Mother of the Redeemed, the Virgin who makes her offering to God.

The Memorial therefore is to appear in all Calendars and liturgical books for the celebration of Mass and of the Liturgy of the Hours. The relative liturgical texts are attached to this decree and their translations, prepared and approved by the Episcopal Conferences, will be published after confirmation by this Dicastery.

Where the celebration of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, is already celebrated on a day with a higher liturgical rank, approved according to the norm of particular law, in the future it may continue to be celebrated in the same way.

Anything to the contrary notwithstanding.

From the Congregation of Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, 11 February 2018, the memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Lourdes.

Blessed Virgin, Mother of the Church
Our Lady of Lourdes
Pray for Us

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Msg. Finn
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