

# MARCH 7th 2010—THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

## BAPTISMS / BAUTISMOS

Baptisms are celebrated twice monthly, once in English and once in Spanish. Please see the bulletin for exact dates. Parents should make arrangements at the Rectory at least one month in advance and must present child's Birth Certificate and proof of residence within the parish.



Los padres deben hacer los arreglos por lo menos un mes antes del Bautismo es necesario presentar el Acta de Nacimiento y prueba de que viven dentro de la parroquia.

## MARRIAGES / MATRIMONIOS

Couples should make arrangements at least six months in advance.

Los novios deben hacer los arreglos en la oficina parroquial, por lo menos seis meses antes de la fecha propuesta. Las parejas preparando para el sacramento se reúnen cada otro martes en el centro., Salon Guadalupe.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OF CHILDREN / CATECISMO

For information about the program, please call our Director of Religious Education at (718) 278-1881, Monday through Friday, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Favor de llamar a Zilia (718) 278-1881, Lunes hasta viernes, desde 10:00 am hasta 4:00 de la tarde.

## QUINCEANERA

Favor de llamar a Zilia (718) 278-1881

## PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK / SACRAMENTOS PARA LOS ENFERMOS

Call the Rectory to arrange for a Priest or Eucharistic Minister to bring Communion to the homebound. In case where one's health is seriously impaired by sickness or old age, please contact one of the Priests to administer the sacrament of the anointing of the sick.

Favor de llamar la oficina parroquial para los enfermos.

## CHOIR / CORO

The Choir meets every Monday from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm in the Lower Church. If you are interested in joining the choir, please call the Rectory.

Coro Español: Martes 7:30 pm en la iglesia abajo.

## CARMEL DIAMOND SENIORS

Meet every Thursday from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. in the Parish Center, Guadalupe Room.

## ROSARY SOCIETY

Rosary Society meets the first Sunday of each month after attending the 10:00AM Mass. We have a brief meeting followed by refreshments in the Lourdes Room. Come join us... we warmly welcome new members.

## GRUPO DE ORACION CARISMATICA

"Manatales de Gracia": Todos los viernes 7:30 pm en la Iglesia de abajo.

## DISABILITIES ADVOCATE

Mrs. Frances Peace. Please note that the north-west church door close to the parking lot is handicapped-accessible (no steps). All levels of the Parish Center are accessible by elevator.

## PARENT-TOT GROUP

Meets on Tuesdays from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm in the Parish Center-Guadalupe Room. They also meet after the Family Mass on Sunday, which is usually the 2nd Sunday of every month. Please check bulletin for exact date.

## JORNADA YOUTH

Meet every Friday evening at 7:30 pm in the Parish Center—Guadalupe Room

## YOUNG ADULT—CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP

3rd Sunday of every month—5:00 pm Mass.

## SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Coordinator: Ms. Winnie Burke. Awareness education required for all volunteers who interact with minors

## FAMILY MASS

Generally Second Sunday of every month at the 11:15 am Mass. Check inside of bulletin for exact date.

## CATHOLIC CEMETERIES / CEMENTERIOS CATOLICOS

For information and availability options, please call (718) 894-4888. Please remember that cremated remains should be interred in the same manner as bodies, out of respect for the human body.

## PRE-ADMISSION ANOINTING

If you know you will be entering the hospital for elective surgery, it is appropriate and recommended to received the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick **BEFORE** entering the hospital. Simply ask one of the parish priests to give you the sacrament before admission.

## BAPTISM SCHEDULE-2009/2010—ENGLISH

WEDNESDAY	SUNDAY
Conference 8:00 pm-Center	Ceremony 2:00 pm
March 10	March 14
April 7	April 11
May 12	May 16
PLEASE NOTE MAY 16 BAPTISM WILL BE AT 4:00 PM	
June 9	June 13

## HORARIO de BAUTISMOS—2009/2010—ESPANOL

MIERCOLES	DOMINGO
Charla 8:00 pm—Centro	Bautismo 2:00 pm
24 Marzo	28 Marzo
21 Abril	25 Abril
19 Mayo	23 Mayo
23 Junio	27 Junio

## PARISH REGISTRATION/ INSCRIPCIÓN PARROQUIAL

Please return this form in the collection or drop off at rectory. We will send you weekly collection envelopes every two months.

Favor de volver en la colecta o en la casa curial. Les enviamos los sobres semanales cada dos meses por el correo.

Family Name/ Apellido \_\_\_\_\_

Head of Household/Cabeza de familia \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Esposo(a) \_\_\_\_\_

Address/Dirección donde vive \_\_\_\_\_

Apartment \_\_\_\_\_ \_Zip\_Code/Código postal \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone #/Telefono # \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail/Dirección del Correo electrónico \_\_\_\_\_

         **New Registration**          **Moving Out of Parish**  
**Change of Name/Address**

## MASSES



### **OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL**

#### **SATURDAY, MARCH 6**

(Lenten Weekday)

8:00 am Vincenzo & Guiseppa Barretta

5:00 pm Jennie Cacchioli

#### **SUNDAY, MARCH 7**

(3rd Sunday of Lent)

8:00 am Raffaele & Sabbia Carullo

10:00 am Luisa Bertolotti

11:15 am Giuseppe Alaimo & Marianna Graci

12:30 pm Ana Ivette Flores

5:00 pm Parish Family

#### **MONDAY, MARCH 8**

(Lenten Weekday)

8:00 am Jakova-Sime Zorovich

Noon Filippo & Margherita Sferrazza

#### **TUESDAY, MARCH 9**

(Lenten Weekday)

8:00 am Wafa Brajkovic (Living)

Noon Ilse Littek

#### **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10**

(Lenten Weekday)

8:00 am Josephine Giaccone

Noon Camillo Vernaneo & Family

#### **THURSDAY, MARCH 11**

(Lenten Weekday)

8:00 am Josephine Giaccone

Noon Celesta & John Fecci

#### **FRIDAY, MARCH 12**

(Lenten Weekday)

8:00 am William O'Donnell

12:00 pm Leonard DiVittorio, Sr.

#### **SATURDAY, MARCH 13**

(Lenten Weekday)

8:00 am Thank You Mass

5:00 pm Anthony Ricotta

### **REMEMBERING THOSE WHO ARE ILL:**

Sophie Assunta Caro, Josephine McPartland, Eddie Ferguson, Andrew Saporato, Sabina O'Sullivan, Eileen Leggio, Dorothy Klos, Ronald Slagle, Michael O'Malley, Paul Morrissey, Evelyn Filomena, Juan Luis Guerra, Adele Logan, Dorothy Lawlor, Vinny Falcetti, George Nagy, Mauricette Latuner, Eugene Browne, Joseph Immordino, Josephine Tramposch, Arthur Owen, Frank Tramposch, Joe Immordino, Adam Herman, Helen Curran.

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED**

**JOSEPHINE GIACCONE**

**FRED CIFUNI**

**JOHN DEVITT**



The **ALTAR FLOWERS** have been donated this week in loving memory of—

**LEONARD DIVITTORIO, SR.**

This was requested by **the family**

The **ALTAR BREAD and WINE** has been donated this week in loving memory of—

**LEONARD DIVITTORIO, SR.**

This was requested by **the family**

The **SANCTUARY LAMP** is burning this week in loving memory of—

**LEONARD DIVITTORIO, SR.**

This was requested by **the family**

The **ALTAR CANDLES** are burning this week in loving memory of—

**LEONARD DIVITTORIO, SR.**

This was requested by **the family**

### **THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

#### **TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading: Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15**

*The Lord promises to deliver his people from slavery in Egypt and give them a land where they can build fruitful lives again.*

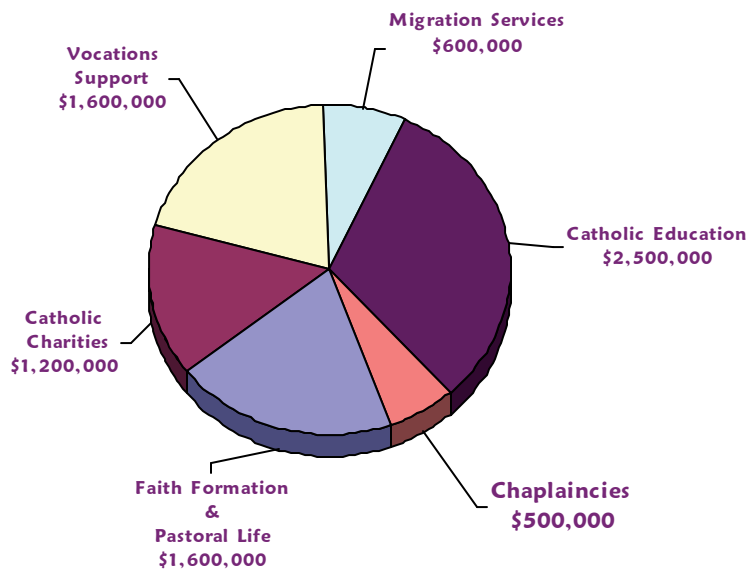
**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12**

*Paul tells us that God cared for Moses and the people who were delivered from slavery, but they were expected to remain faithful to God.*

**Gospel: Luke 13:1-9**

*God gives plenty of opportunity for repentance. Without repentance the people will perish.*

2010 ANNUAL  
**Catholic Appeal**  
 DIOCESE of BROOKLYN



*God's Love*  
 Shines through us...  
 We are a Priestly People

**2010 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL  
 PARISH OBJECTIVES**

1. repair the church wall on Crescent Street
  2. repair stained glass window of "Christ the Light of the World"
  3. install a back-flow valve at St. Margaret Mary to prevent flooding
- Help us to exceed our diocesan goal so we can address these issues.
  - Please make a pledge or gift in solidarity with all our parishioners.
  - Pledge cards come in the mail, or will be distributed next weekend for the in-pew solicitation.

**2010 Campaña Anual Católica  
 OBJETIVOS DE LA PARROQUIA**

1. la reparación de la pared de la iglesia en la calle Crescent
  2. la reparación vidriera de "Cristo, la Luz del Mundo"
  3. instalar una válvula de flujo a Santa Margarita María para evitar inundaciones
- Nos ayudan a superar nuestro objetivo diocesano para que podamos abordar estas necesidades.
  - Por favor, haga una promesa o una donación en solidaridad con todos nuestros feligreses.
  - Tarjetas de promesa vienen en el correo, o se distribuirá la próxima semana para la solicitud en las bancas.

**LENT— SEASON OF THE CROSS**

The cross expresses the mystery of Jesus' death out of love for us and the failure of people like us, including his disciples, to recognize who he was. The cross is a place of defeat and despair; yet a place of triumph, a tree of shame and a tree of life. Make the cross a Lenten symbol in your home to express your openness to conversion and rebirth.

**Living Cross:** Erect a cross of twigs or branches in a pot of soil. Take a cutting from an ivy or other climbing vine and root it in the pot. As the plant grows, it will encircle and climb the cross—a living example of Jesus as the source of life and of the cross as the tree of life.

**Loving Cross:** Make a cross out of cardboard or stiff construction paper. Divide the cross into six sections—for the five weeks of Lent and Holy Week. Decide on a sign of love to perform each week; for example, refusing to complain, giving up gossip, helping a sibling. Color in the section each week after performing the action. By the conclusion of Lent, you will have created a colorful mosaic of love, the perfect sign of Easter joy.

**Hands-On Cross.** Make a large cross of paper and fasten it to a wall. Have each member of the household trace his or her hand on construction paper, cut out the tracing, and write on it something special he/she will do during Lent. These can change weekly or stay the same. Place the hands on the cross as a reminder. Attach paper flowers to the cross on Holy Saturday to express the blossoming of these actions into something beautiful like the cross of Christ at the first Easter.



**MASSES**

**St. Margaret Mary  
SUNDAY, March 7th, 2010**

(3rd Sunday of Lent)

10:00 am Nathaniel Strickland  
11:30 am Eileen Sloane

**EVENTS FOR THE WEEK of  
MARCH 7th – MARCH 14th  
ST. MARGARET MARY**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 7th**

11 a.m. Spanish Faith Sharing Group – (Room A)  
6 – 9 p.m. "Peregrinos de Cristo Jesús" - (Hall & Chapel)

**MONDAY, MARCH 8th**

5:00 Religious Education Classes

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10th**

7:30 p.m. Spanish Prayer Group – (Chapel)

**THURSDAY, MARCH 11th**

7:30p.m. N.A. Step by Step Meeting – (Hall)

**NEXT SUNDAY – MARCH 14th**

11 a.m. Spanish Faith Sharing Group – (Room A)  
6 – 9 p.m. "Peregrinos de Cristo Jesús" (Hall & Chapel)

**St. Margaret Mary Food Pantry News:**

In the month of **January 2010** a total of 1,884 people were served. This number included; 873 Children, 748 Adults and 263 Seniors.

**A total of 399 families served.**

For an appointment to our food pantry, please call (718) 721-9020

**FOOD STAMP SCREENING**

available at St. Margaret Mary Office, 9-18 27th Ave, Astoria, NY 11102.

Call for an appointment (718) 721-9020.

Walk-ins are welcome. Office hours 9 to 11 a.m.

**ELDERLY IRISH OUTREACH**

"Senior Help Line USA" is a toll-free, confidential listening service for staffed by older volunteers, (some from Astoria) initiated by Irish President Mary McAleese to reach out to older Irish-born in this country who need someone to listen or talk to. Call 1-877-997-5777 Monday to Friday, 4:00 to 6:00 pm.

**INCOME TAX PREPARATION AT:**

St. Margaret Mary 9-18 27 Ave. Astoria, NY 11102  
Federal and NY State Forms (\$75)

*You may be eligible for earned income tax credit*

**OBTAIN TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS (APPLICATIONS \$20)**

Call Denise for more info: (718) 721-9020

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**IMPUESTOS (INCOME TAX)**

**SE PREPARAN AQUI:**

Santa Margarita María 9-18 27 Ave. Astoria, NY 11102

Formulario Federal y Estatal de NY (\$75)

*Usted hasta pueda calificar para el crédito de los impuestos de salario*

**Obtenga su número de identificación de impuestos (Aplicaciones \$20)**

Llame a Denise para más información al: (718) 721-9020

**RUMMAGE SALE AT**

**ST. MARGARET MARY CHURCH**

**9-18 27th Avenue, Astoria, NY 11102**

**(718) 721-9020**

**Tuesday, MARCH 16th,**

**Wednesday, MARCH 17th &**

**Thursday, MARCH 18th, 2010**

*(doors will open @ 9:00 a.m.)*

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**VENTA EN LA IGLESIA**

**SANTA MARGARITA MARIA**

**9-18 27 Avenue, Astoria, NY 11102**

**(718) 721-9020**

*Martes, MARZO 16,*

*Miércoles, MARZO 17 y*

*Jueves, MARZO 18, 2010*

*(las puertas se abrirán a las 9:00 a.m.)*

**BISHOP MCDONNELL HIGH SCHOOL**

The Bishop McDonnell High School Reunion will be held on Saturday, March 27th from noon to 5:00 pm at the former Bishop McDonnell building. Classes graduating in the years ending in 0 and 5 will be honored. All graduates of the 30's and 40's classes are welcome. For specific information, please contact Rita Monaghan-Maloney '59 at (718) 857-2700 x2253 or [rmaloney@blmhs.org](mailto:rmaloney@blmhs.org).

**FAMILY MASS**

The Family Mass & the Parent-Tot Group will have their Mass on Sunday, March 14th, 2010 at the 11:15 am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Following the Mass, the Parent-Tot Group will meet in the Parish Center, lower level.



## ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASS

A six week course starts Thurs. April 15th at 7:30 PM-- preparing for Pentecost Sunday confirmation (Sunday May 23 at 11:15 Mass). Please register with the rectory: 718-278-1834.

## GET CATHOLIC TV ON YOUR CABLE PROVIDER

Our Diocesan TV station, the "NET", can only be seen on Time Warner system. Please petition the other cable providers to start carrying this wonderful means of evangelization. This Sunday and next you will find postcards to mail them. Fill out the card and we will deliver it for you. Thanks and God bless!

## WESTERN QUEENS CAREGIVERS NETWORK-HANAC PROGRAM

Are you caring for a parent, spouse or friend with Alzheimer's, dementia or another chronic illness? Are you overwhelmed, anxious and isolated by your care-giving responsibilities? You are not alone. Our services are free of charge and include: Weekly caregivers support group, counseling sessions, information and referrals, individual or group respite available. For more information, please contact Vivian Papamichael and/or Manuella Topsidelis at (718) 777-6941.

## LABOR HOTLINE

The Catholic Migration Office Protects Workers' Rights—Free

- Denied overtime pay?
- Paid below minimum wage?
- Doing dangerous work without safety precautions or equipment?
- Experiencing illegal working conditions?

You have the right to be treated fairly under the law, regardless of your immigration status.

**Catholic Migration Office, Queens, 47-01 Queens Blvd, Suite 203B, Sunnyside, 877-52-LABOR.**

## LINEA LABORAL

La Oficina Católica de Migración Protégé Los Derechos de Los Trabajadores—Gratuita

- No le pagan sobre tiempo?
- Le pagan menos del salario mínimo?
- Esta haciendo trabajos peligrosos sin protección o equipo de seguridad?
- Esta atravesando condiciones ilegales de trabajo?

Usted está protegido por las leyes y tiene el derecho de ser tratado con igualdad, sin importar su estatus migratorio.

## ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY

The St. John's University Speech and Hearing Center will be sponsoring free Speech and Hearing screenings from February 1, 2010 through May 3, 2010. Please call (718) 990-6480 for an appointment and directions. The Speech and Hearing Center is located at 152-11 Union Turnpike, Flushing, NY.

### Do you or someone you know attend YORK or LAGUARDIA COLLEGE?

*You are not alone - become part of college students following the Lord!* Contact: Fr. Martin – Catholic Chaplain  
Phone: 347 261 4406 Email: [mesguerra@dobmail.org](mailto:mesguerra@dobmail.org).

## LENTEN ACTIVITIES AT MOUNT CARMEL:

**Three-evening Lenten retreat in English and Spanish March 22, 23 and 24, with Father James Kuroly, a recently-ordained priest of our diocese.**



**LENTEN SERVICE SCHEDULE**

Stations of the Cross (English) every Friday in Lent: after 12:30 PM Mass

Stations of the Cross (Spanish) every Friday in Lent: at 7:00 PM.

Adult scripture study: Every Tues 7:30 PM (except Mar. 23)- Fatima Room (using Mike Aquilina's book "Sharing Christ's Priesthood")

Adult scripture study: Every other Saturday morning starting March 20 from 10 AM to 12 PM. (using DVD series "A Quick Journey Thru the Bible" with scholar Jeff Cavins.)

Monday, March 29 "Reconciliation Monday": confessions all day here and in most parishes of Brooklyn and Queens and Long Island (check local schedules).

As usual confessions every Saturday in our lower church from 3:30 to 4:30.

## EVENTOS CUARESMA EN MONTE CARMELO (iglesia de abajo)

**Retire bi-lingue (español/ingles): Lunes a miércoles 22, 23, 24 marzo, 7:30 PM: Rev. James Kuroly (de Los Dolores)**

Vía Crucis (español) cada viernes 7:00 PM

Vía Crucis (ingles) cada viernes 12:30 PM

Día de Reconciliación: lunes 29 marzo todo el día en cada parroquia de Queens, Brooklyn y L.I.

Confesiones cada sábado: 3:30 a 4:30

### DOMINICAN VILLAGE

Independent and Assisted Living Residence

Open Houses:

Saturday, March 13th from 1-3 pm

Thursday, March 18th from 1-3 pm

Saturday, March 27th from 1-3 pm

For more information or to schedule a tour at your convenience, please call (631) 842-6091.

## DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

The annual **Diocesan Wedding Anniversary** celebration will take place on Saturday, **April 24, 2010** at Our Lady of Angels Church, located at 7320 Fourth Avenue, Brooklyn NY 11209. It will begin at 11:00 AM. **Couples celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, and 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and above** are invited to attend with their families..

All registered couples will receive a personalized certificate and those couples in attendance will have their picture taken with the Bishop. There will be light refreshments following Mass. Those interested should speak to Msgr. Ogle or one of the staff. Registration must be sent in by the parish by March 31, 2010. If you would like to attend, please contact Celeste and the Rectory (718) 2781834.

### **ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI**

St. Francis of Assisi Bereavement Support Group will begin a new session on Wednesday, March 23, 2010 at 7:00 pm. Meetings will take place in the Rectory Basement, located at 21-17 45th Street. If you or someone you know are mourning the death of a loved one and are having a hard time coping with daily events, you may find some comfort by attending these sessions. Please call St. Francis Rectory Office at (718) 728-7801 if you wish to attend or you need more information.

## **RACHEL'S HELPERS**

Rachel's Helpers, a program, Forgiven and Set Free, for women who have had an abortion and are seeking spiritual healing from this experience. The program takes place with a weekly meeting in a small group setting from 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm for 11 weeks beginning Monday, March 8th. Please call (718) 939-6646 for more information. All calls are confidential. There are no fees.

*Tutti siete invitati alla festa di  
San Giuseppe*

*Venerdi 19 di Marzo ,2010*

*Alle'ore 10:00 del mattino*

*La Santa Messa celebrate in Italiano*

*Distribuzione dei panini di San Giuseppe subito  
dopo la messa*

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*You are all invited to the Chapel of Our Lady Mt.  
Carmel Church*

*Where there will be a big celebration in Honor of*

**SAINT JOSEPH**

**On March 19, 2010**

**10:00 AM**

*The mass will be celebrated in Italian*

*Distributions of St. Joseph bread after the Mass.*

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## **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**

There are four Catholic Schools in our area. Below are the names, address and phone numbers of the schools. Catholic Schools Week begins next week, and that is when open house and registrations begin. If you are interested in sending your child to a Catholic School, please call the individual school to find out the dates and times of their Open House:

**St. Joseph School**  
**43-19 30th Avenue**  
**LIC, NY 11103**  
**Phone: (718) 728-0724**

**Immaculate Conception**  
**21-63 29th Street**  
**Astoria, NY 11105**  
**Phone: (718) 728-1969**

**Most Precious Blood**  
**32-52 37th Street**  
**LIC, NY 11106**  
**Phone: (718) 278-4081**

**St. Francis of Assisi**  
**21-18 46th Street**  
**Astoria, NY 11105**

## **CATHOLIC MIGRATION OFFICE**

The recent tragedy in Haiti has affected Brooklyn and Queens as well. Every effort is being made pastorally by the Diocese of Brooklyn to console and pray for the affected. The Catholic Migration Office (CMO) is fully qualified and ready to help eligible members of our Haitian community to apply for Temporary Protected Status (TPS) and Employment Authorization. CMO Staff will be available to assist in this effort for the duration of the application period.

In order to apply, you must bring the following:

- Copy of passport and I-94 if any, or birth certificate with English translation (*proving your Haitian nationality*)
- Most recent rent receipts, payroll stubs, bank statements, school, medical and other records (*proving continuous physical presence in the USA since January 12, 2010*)
- Two recent passport style photographs
- \$510.00 in Cash or Money Order payable to Catholic Migration Office (*No Personal Checks, please*)

**IMPORTANT:** If you were arrested, we will need to review all your Certificates of Disposition to determine if you are eligible.

Please call to make an appointment. We have two locations:

Brooklyn Office (Main)  
1258 65th Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11219  
(718) 236-3000

Queens Office  
47-01 Queens Blvd, Suite  
201  
Sunnyside, NY 11104  
(347) 472-3500

### **40 DAYS FOR LIFE IN QUEENS**

The Spring 40 Days for Life Prayer Campaign will commence on February 17 in 163 cities in the US, Canada and Northern Ireland and run until March 28. We will pray at two side-by-side abortion clinics in Jackson Heights at 89-22 Roosevelt Avenue. This will be the sixth national campaign and by far the largest Spring pro-life campaign that this country has ever seen. The website is [www.40daysforlife.com](http://www.40daysforlife.com). For more information and to sign up for times, please contact Ray Mooney at [rayjm1942@gmail.com](mailto:rayjm1942@gmail.com) or 718-309-6126.

### **SECOND COLLECTION**

This weekend, there will be a second collection for the American Bishop's Overseas Appeal to aide in Catholic Relief Services, Migration and Refugee Services, Holy Father's Relief Program, Apostleship of the Sea and USCC Department of Social Development and World Peace. Please be as generous as possible. Thank you.

## DIOCESAN ALCOHOL AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE ASSISTANCE

The Diocese of Brooklyn and Queens has created a program to provide confidential ongoing assistance to parish and community families who suffer from the effects of alcohol and substance abuse. The program provides counseling, support, treatment and care to those seeking assistance. To connect to a network of services that will help you and your family in addressing this concern, please make the confidential to THE HOTLINE: 1-800-659-1903 [www.ccbq.org](http://www.ccbq.org).

## HELP TO SENIORS

Bishop DiMarzio, along with Catholic Charities of Brooklyn and Queens, has launched the **Blessed John XXIII Senior Services website**. Seniors can now obtain access to a multitude of resources, including Alzheimer's and dementia services, social services, home care, services for the homebound elderly, health insurance, hospice care, nursing and rehabilitation programs, affordable senior housing, and senior centers. Please visit our website at [www.ccbq.org](http://www.ccbq.org).

## GREAT JOB OPPORTUNITY

NYS is offering a Civil Service test for Beginning Clerical Worker--SG-6.

Salary \$27,444 to start. After a one year traineeship, there is an automatic advancement to a SG-9--starting salary \$31,181.

There are NO EDUCATIONAL OR EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS for this exam.

Here is the link to the exam announcement. The application deadline is March 15, 2010 and the exam is on May 8, 2010:

<http://www.cs.state.ny.us/examannouncements/types/oc/>

## YOU CAN HELP HEAL YOUR MARRIAGE

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue? Have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped thousands of couples worldwide experiencing all types of marital difficulties. For confidential information about the Retrouvaille program, or to register for the upcoming weekend that begins on Friday, March 12th, 2010, please call (800) 470-2230 and you will be connected directly and confidentially to a couples from Long Island/Metro Retrouvaille who can help.

The Census has extended its testing until March 25 at the Queens North Community Center

**Salaries range from \$14 - \$21 an hour**

**Full-time, Part-time, evening and weekend shifts are available**

**ELIGIBILITY: To be eligible for employment, you must**

- ✓ **Be 18 or older**
- ✓ **Be a US Citizen or Permanent Resident**
- ✓ **Successfully complete a written test**

*(28 multiple choice basis skills questions measuring knowledge, skills, and abilities required to perform a variety of census jobs)*

**REGISTRATION FOR THE TEST IS REQUIRED!**

**Test information location, date and times:**

**Catholic Charities Community Center  
23-40 Astoria Blvd, Astoria, NY 11102**

**Thursday, March. 11, 18, and 25- 2010 at 2:00pm;**

**YOU MUST ARRIVE ON TIME!!!!!!!!!!!!**

❖ Bring Photo ID, documents needed for I-9\* verification and sharpened #2 pencils.

❖ Please allow 1 ½ -2 hours for application process and test taking!

To register for the test PLEASE CALL **347-231-1140**.

*Space is Limited!*

**\*For more information visit**

**[www.us-census-jobs.110mb.com](http://www.us-census-jobs.110mb.com)**

## Art and the Religious Sense

The Human Person's Longing for Beauty—  
A Yearning for the Ideal.

A panel discussion with distinguished artists who witness to the fact that being an artist means first of all to be passionately human,

**Monday, March 8th, 2010 at 6:30 pm at the American Bible Society, 1865 Broadway at 61st Street, New York.**

For more information, please visit their website at [www.crossroadsculturalcenter.org](http://www.crossroadsculturalcenter.org)