Mission Statement

We are one body, the Body of Christ. We seek to live our parish life as Roman Catholics centered in Jesus as the Master of our lives. We cherish each member of our parish and are thankful for their gifts and talents, which they offer in service to God. We welcome new members and encourage them to join our parish ministries. We give worship to God in Liturgy and Eucharist. We strive to create a strong Catholic identity in our community and our world.

June 26, 2016

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Thomas V. Doyle Pastor
Rev. Michael J. McGee Parochial Vicar
Rev. Uririoghene Melchizedek Okrokoto Parochial Vicar
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**Weekend Mass Schedule**

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**Please note:** Celebrants are subject to change.

**Masses:**
- Weekday: 7:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
- Civic Holiday: 9:00 a.m.
- Saturday: 9:00 a.m.

**Confession:**
- Saturdays after 11:00 Mass;
- Sundays: 1:30-2:30 p.m. and 4:00-4:45 p.m.

**Parish Registration:** Please register at the Rectory.

**Baptisms:** Second Saturday of each month and the last Sunday of each month. Call the Rectory - Monday through Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to make an appointment with one of the priests or deacons.

**Marriages:** Call for an appointment with the priest or deacon of your choice to make arrangements at least six months prior to intended date.

**Sick Calls:** Emergency, call Rectory anytime.

**Hospitalized:** Ask the Catholic Chaplain to see the patient.

**Homebound:** Call Rectory during office hours to have a Eucharistic Minister bring Communion on Sunday morning.

**Catholic Cemeteries:** Call (718) 894-4888 for information.

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**This Week in the Parish**

**Sunday, June 26, 2016**
- 12:30 p.m. Father McGee’s Farewell Mass; Reception to follow in the Academy Auditorium

**Monday, June 27, 2016**
- 7:00 Margaret Rudloff
- 11:00 Margie Viggiano

**Tuesday, June 28, 2016**
- 7:00 Patricia Burke
- 11:00 Margaret Norton (20th Anniversary)

**Wednesday, June 29, 2016**
- 7:00 George Hoffman
- 11:00 Harry Moldaw

**Thursday, June 30, 2016**
- 7:00 Frank Rudloff
- 11:00 Patricia Burke

**Friday, July 1, 2016**
- 7:00 John O’Connell
- 11:00 Mary & John Dougal

**Saturday, July 2, 2016**
- 9:00 Mulroy Family; Regina Buckley; Irene Twomey; Ralph Schiano; Mary (30 years), Daniel, Joan & Sheila Coll.
- 5:00 Leonel E. Hevia (1st Anniversary)

**Sunday, July 3, 2016**
- 7:30 Elizabeth, Frank & Rocco Lubisic
- 10:00 Michael Panaro
- 12:00 For the People of the Parish

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**FOCUS ON THE MISSION**

“There are so many things to do.” “We have so little time.” How many variations of these statements have you heard or even said yourself? Actually neither statement is completely true. There are many things to do in this life, but really few things that are vitally important. Working, searching, conniving, and worrying our way to “gratify[ing] the desires of the flesh,” as Paul relates in today’s second reading, are really nonproductive. So little time? When we take on the freedom that Christ offers us, we have all the time we need in this world, and even more in the next.

Elisha, the prophet Elijah’s chosen servant, was slightly befuddled about what he should do. When Elijah called, he returned to bid farewell to his parents and provide food for his people. Only then did he follow. Jesus demands something different, something more of his disciples. He calls us to a single-minded determination to drop everything and follow him. Now, not later.

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**Remember Good Shepherd in your Will**

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**For the Week of June 26, 2016**

The Wine & Hosts and the Altar Flowers have been donated in memory of John O’Connell.

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**Please Note:** In observance of our Nation’s Birthday, the Rectory Office will close at 12:00 noon on Friday, July 1st, for the holiday weekend. We will be back on Tuesday, July 5th, 9:00 a.m. Relax and enjoy! Emergencies only.

Remember, the only Mass on Monday, July 4th, is at 9:00 a.m.
FROM THE DESK OF FATHER DOYLE

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Today I am proud to announce the beginning of a great undertaking in the history of the Diocese of Brooklyn entitled: **GENERATIONS OF FAITH.**

The $80 million campaign will raise critically needed funds to ensure that future generations will have the resources they need to build upon our legacy of faith and grow the Catholic communities of Brooklyn and Queens.

The objectives of **GENERATIONS OF FAITH** are the following:
1. Invest in our 187 parishes which are the heart of our Catholic community
2. Fulfill our duty to care for retired priests who have given up their lives out of love for us
3. Accelerate Youth Evangelization by placing youth ministers in parishes

Here at Good Shepherd our minimum target is **$1,005,000.00**. We will receive 50% of the funds raised up to this goal and 75% of funds raised over the target. If we exceed 125% of our goal, we will then receive 100% of all funds raised above this figure.

The funds we raise at Good Shepherd will enable us to complete the following priority projects:

- Repair the stained glass windows in the Church
- Repair sidewalks surrounding the Church property
- Replace the roof of the school and convent buildings
- Upgrade the security system around the Church property, including replacement of existing fencing and installation of additional exterior lighting where needed

Through early campaign activity we have already raised **$432,300.00** in pledges from 41 parishioners. This is wonderful news and I would like to thank those individuals and families as well as the other individuals and families who are currently prayerfully considering their own sacrificial contribution to the **GENERATIONS OF FAITH** campaign.

Over the next few weeks, you will be hearing more details about the campaign. Please keep an open and prayerful heart and mind as you are contacted over the next few weeks by parish volunteers or you receive invitations in the mail to join us at upcoming campaign information meetings.

Your openness and interest in learning more will help ensure the success of our campaign here at Good Shepherd.

Much peace!

**Rev. Fr. Thomas V. Doyle**
Pastor

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**“I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.” (John 10:11)**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Warmest greetings!

It is my pleasure to join you at Good Shepherd Parish as your Pastoral Associate.

In collaboration with Reverend Father Thomas Doyle and our pastoral staff, I look forward in developing with you the School of Evangelization. It is my deepest desire to help continue to build upon our faith formation programs especially with our children and adults. In addition, together we look forward to launching some new programs in Youth and Young Adult Ministries, CYO, Spiritual Retreats, Respect and Family Life, etc.

With eagerness I look forward to joining with you in prayer and thanksgiving “...together we can build something beautiful for God...” (Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta).

Yours sincerely in Jesus and Mary,

Robert A. Ruggiero

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**MONTHLY 50/50 FUNDRAISER**

The yellow 50/50 envelope can be found in your envelope packet and additional envelopes can be found in Church. Just place $10.00 in the envelope and put it in the collection basket or drop it off at the Rectory. The June drawing will take place on July 3rd. Your generosity greatly helps to pay some of the Parish bills.

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**CHURCH SECURITY**

A few months ago we had a security survey done by the Police Department in conjunction with a Grant proposal for updating security around the parish property. One of the recommendations was to lock the Church earlier than we are currently doing. After careful thought, the Church will be locked at 4:00 p.m. (Monday to Friday); if it is a civil holiday, the Church will be locked an hour after Mass.

We do this now, although the recommendation was made a few months ago, because recently we have had an individual sleeping in the confessional and she also made her way into the basement meeting room of the Church. Safety and security are important for all of us, as the motto of New York City is “If you see something, say something,” please let the Parish Office know if there is something you are concerned about.

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**SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE**

Please note that effective on July 2nd/3rd we will begin our Summer Mass schedule. Masses will be at the following times:

**Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m.**
Sunday at 7:30 a.m.; 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon
An additional change taking effect that weekend will be: Confessions will be celebrated from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. only.

The above changes are taking place in conjunction with a reduction of the priest staff - from 3 full-time priests to 2 full time priests.
Generations of Faith

Good Shepherd and the Diocese of Brooklyn are engaging in an unprecedented project that addresses the great potential of our region and touches the lives of Catholic families within our communities today and into the future.

After much prayer and consultation, together we are undertaking an historic initiative to address our needs called GENERATIONS OF FAITH.

GENERATIONS OF FAITH seeks to raise a minimum of $80 million to expand and enhance programs and ministries throughout the Diocese and assist us with our local needs at Good Shepherd.

WHAT ARE THE OBJECTIVES OF GENERATIONS OF FAITH?
The campaign priorities are to:

1. Strengthen the Heart of our Diocese by investing 50% of the total dollars raised, or $40,000,000, back into local parish communities for their own identified projects.
2. Fulfill Our Promise to Those Who Have Faithfully Served by augmenting the current Saint John Vianney and Good Shepherd Funds, by directing $30,000,000 to care for Senior and Infirm Priests.
3. Foster the Formation of the Future Generation of Catholics through the Catholic Foundation's Youth Evangelization Program. The program’s goal is to serve every parish throughout the Diocese with a qualified and trained youth by 2020.

Why is my participation important?
Good Shepherd Parish has always counted on the broad-based support of its parishioners to accomplish its fundraising objectives, particularly for the weekly offertory and Annual Catholic Appeal.

This campaign also needs that broad-based support. All households are asked to consider a gift to the campaign (over and above their continued annual support of the parish) as a major commitment of their charitable resources over a five year (5) period. The Annual Catholic Appeal for 2016 is included in our parish goal of $1,005,000. You will not receive any campaign solicitations for the Annual Catholic Appeal in 2016.

WHAT IS NEXT FOR GENERATIONS OF FAITH AND HOW CAN WE HELP?
In the coming weeks, every family will be invited to participate in this campaign and prayerfully consider a sacrificial gift of a five (5) year pledge.

A group of dedicated parishioners serving on behalf of Father Doyle are contacting our families regarding participation in the campaign. When that time comes, please consider your support with an open heart and pray for our success as we move forward.
GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC ACADEMY
REGISTRATION OF NEW STUDENTS
2016 - 2017 ACADEMIC YEAR

* Good Shepherd Catholic Academy is a Middle States Accredited School
* Our Academic Curriculum follows the NYS & Diocese of Brooklyn guidelines (Jr. Pre-K and Kindergarten to 8th Grade)
* State testing scores are above average
* Bishop Scholarships are accepted as a means of tuition assistance
* Computer Program, Physical Education, Italian, and Music are available to each student
* Title 1 Services are available to eligible students

Registration applications for Jr. Pre-K and K through 8th Grade are available in the School Main Office for the 2016 – 2017 School Year beginning January 31. Registration is ongoing.

**Jr. Pre-K (Nursery)**
Children must be 3 years old by 12/31/2016 and toilet trained.

**Universal Pre-K - 5 (Full Day Program)**
8:00 a.m. to 2:20 p.m.

This Program is Free

Children must be 4 years old by 12/31/2016.

**Kindergarten - 8th Grade**
8:10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Kindergarten children must be 5 years old by 12/31/2016.

Documents Needed to Register:

1. A copy of the child’s Birth Certificate
2. A copy of the child’s Baptismal Certificate
3. A copy of the Immunization Record (up-to-date)
4. A $150.00 Application/Registration Fee (non-refundable) to be paid at the time the application is processed for Jr. Pre-K (Nursery) and Kindergarten through 8th Grade.

Spread the News... Registration applications are available in the Main Office of the School for School Year 2016 – 2017!

“No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God.”

Luke 9:62

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND
IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF OUR LORD TOUR

April 19-29, 2017; estimated cost $3,430.00 per person in twin sharing, including breakfast and dinner daily.

Tour highlights: Mount of the Beatitudes, St. Peter’s house, Jordan Valley, Masada, Jerusalem, Holy Sepulcher, Eliat, Negev.

To register online visit: www.leviatour.com/tours-registration

To register by email contact: info@leviatour.com

To register by phone call Levia Tour at 1.347.787.4853

Flyers are available around the Church.

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NEWS FROM OUR NEIGHBORS

Jubilee Year of Mercy Pilgrimage to Fatima, Lourdes, Nevers and Paris - September 12 to 22, 2016 with Father Rafael Perez, Co-Spiritual Director/ Divine Mercy Parish. There are only 8 spaces left! For additional information, please contact Cathie or Mike Milano at 800.773.2660.

Diocesan Pilgrimage with Bishop DiMarzio to The Holy Doors of Rome, Assisi and the Holy Land in the Year of Mercy - Italy portion September 15 to 23; optional Holy Land Extension - September 23 to 29. For information and a brochure, please call Susan at 800.842.4842.

Sick:
Mariann Calabrese, Gen Cody, Kaitlin Connelly, Marty G. Connelly, Martin J. Connelly, Claire Denver, John Dodd, Thomas J. Egan, Frank Esposito, Amy Figliuolo, Alex Hanan, Lydia & John Javora, Robert Johnson, Charlene Kasnosky, Vera Kolbenheyer, Philip Mears, Edward Morrissey, Patty Nulty, Jack O’Connell, Richard Pensabene, Patricia Petrillo, Louis Pontone, Dennis Quigley, Rosa Maria Santos, Marianne Siemer, James Slattery, Virginia Smith, Lloyd Spangen, Tracy Sweeney, Phil Thomas, Karla Trotta, Robbie Twible (12 years old), and Christopher Walker.

(Please Note: The names on our Sick List will remain for three consecutive weeks unless the Rectory is notified otherwise.)

Deceased:
Salvatore Pettri, Charles John Daly, Ellen Feeley, John Martino, Joseph P. Murphy and Joseph Sweeney.