

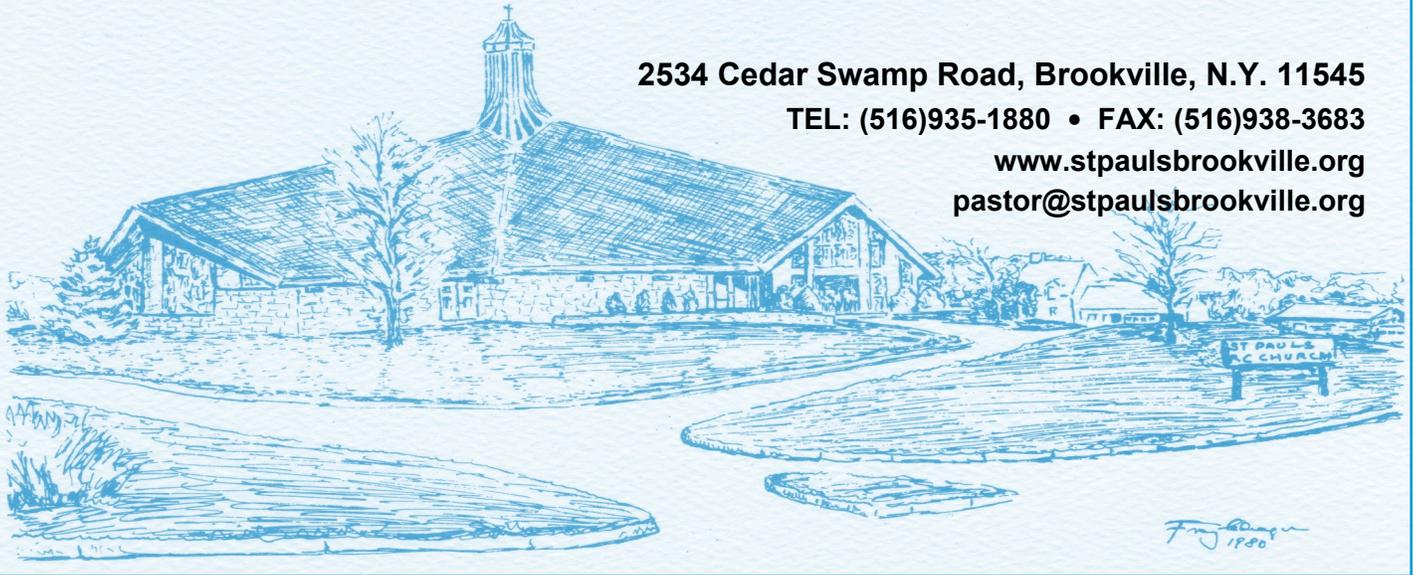
CHURCH OF ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 AM
Weekday: Monday thru Friday: 8:00 AM
First Saturday : 9:00AM
Holy Day: As Announced

PRAYER

NOVENAS AFTER 8:00AM MASS

MONDAY MIRACULOUS MEDAL
TUESDAY MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP
WEDNESDAY ST. JOSEPH
THURSDAY SAINTS : Ann, Jude, Anthony & Peregrine
FRIDAY SACRED HEART

FIRST SATURDAY after 9:00AM Mass

ROSARY IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

ROSARY: Daily after 8:00AM Mass

ADORATION: 1st Friday 12:00-8:00PM

SACRAMENTS

CONFESSION: Saturday 4:00 - 4:45 PM

BAPTISM:

1st & 3rd Sunday 1:00PM / 2nd & 4th Saturday 12 Noon

MARRIAGE: Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance by calling the Parish Office for an appointment with the Pastor. At least one of the two people being married must be a parishioner of St. Paul's. Weddings are celebrated on Friday afternoons/evenings and on Saturday between the hours of 11:00AM and 3:00PM and on Sundays between 2:00PM and 4:00PM. Nuptial Masses are not celebrated on Sundays.

ANointing OF THE SICK:

First Saturday of every month 9:00AM in chapel
Prior arrangements must be made with the Pastor.

PASTOR:

Rev. Msgr. James F. Pereda, J.C.D.

Sunday Assistance by the Marianist Fathers of the Meribah Province

PARISH OFFICE

Office: (516)935-1880

Monday: 1:00-4:00PM

Tuesday-Thursday: 9:00AM to 12:00PM & 1:00 to 4:00 PM

Friday, Saturday, Sunday by appointment only

Mrs. Barbara Genna, *Parish & Administrative Assistant*

OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Red Barn: (516)938-4530

Msgr. Mario C. Costa (Lower) Hall: (516)935-1902

Br. Joseph Bellizzi, S.M., *DRE*

Mrs. Louise Shannon, *Faith Formation Administrator*

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Office: (516)935-4127

Mrs. Gayle Crimarco, *Director*

Mrs. Debbie Oliva, *Administrative Assistant*

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Office: (516)433-3575

Mr. Bart Piscitello

DIRECTOR OF LITURGICAL MUSIC

Mr. Gary Ducoing (516)935-1880

COORDINATOR OF PARISH MINISTRIES

Mrs. Linda Curro (516)935-1880

**FOURTH SUNDAY
OF LENT
MARCH 6, 2016**

ADVISORY COUNCILS TO THE PASTOR

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MINISTRIES and ORGANIZATIONS

ALTAR GUILD contact: Ursula Coughlin (516)433-2450

ALTAR SERVERS contact: Ileana Perez-Castillo (516)822-4501 or email: swtyd@aol.com

CENTERSTAGE contact: Toni Romas (516)551-4711 or email: tonir624@yahoo.com
or Jim Black (516)384-9706 or email: jmbiiesq@aol.com

CHOIR meets Tuesdays at 7:30PM in Church - contact: Gary Ducoing (516)935-1880

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS meets 3rd Thursday of each month 7:30PM

contact: Jim Galante, Grand Knight, (917)613-4971 or email: jgalante2010@gmail.com

SQUIRES meet 4th Friday of each month 7PM

contact: Peter Boyle (516)937-6516 or email: repeter_65@hotmail.com

MARIAN GUILD meets 3rd Wednesday of each month 7PM - contact: Gina Cinelli
(516)333-5611

MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION contact: Gina Cinelli (516)333-5611

MINISTRY OF HOPE meets third Thursday of month Room 2 Msgr. Costa Hall
contact: Gerard Wendelken (516)364-0640

OUTREACH contact: Rectory (516)935-1880

PRAYER GROUP meets Thursday 11:00AM in Chapel - contact: Elise LeVaillant
(516) 433-3503

PRE CANA contact: Linda Curro (516)681- 4479 or email: paulsapostle@verizon.net

RCIA contact: Jesmel & Sachi B. (516)396-4505

SENIORS meet 2nd & 4th Thursday of each month at 1PM - contact: Madeline Wilson
(516)349-1017

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL / FOOD PANTRY - contact: Joe Curro through rectory
(516)935-1880

TROOPS OF ST. GEORGE contact: Michael Musella (516)315-7204

YOUTH GROUP contact: Michaela Lynch (516)462-3130

USHERS: contact Peter Boyle (516)937-6516 or email: repeter_65@hotmail.com

TO CONTACT THE PASTOR IN AN EMERGENCY
WHEN A PRIEST IS NEEDED FOR THE SERIOUSLY
SICK OR DYING, CALL (516) 935-1880.

From the Pastor
March 6, 2016
Fourth Sunday in Lent – Laetare Sunday

DEATH OF MY MOTHER

May I first of all express sincere gratitude to all of you at the time of my mother's going home to God in the early hours of Sunday, February 21st. She died at 2.46AM at the Queen of Peace Residence of the Little Sisters of the Poor in Queens Village where she had resided for the previous seven years. It was a most holy death, fortified by the sacraments and the Apostolic Pardon, and surrounded by the loving and fervent prayers of the Little Sisters of the Poor. As you know, the Little Sisters of the Poor keep watch at the deathbed with constant prayer. It was also a most peaceful death. For years, months, weeks and days before her death she had been in great tribulation and agitation. The day of her death brought a calm and serenity. In the words of Mother Celine, the superior of Queen of Peace, her life ended as peacefully as the light of the sanctuary candle being extinguished. For that mercy I am most grateful to God. I had the wondrous grace to remain with her mortal remains until 5AM – my own private little wake in a manner of speaking. At five in the morning I kissed her mortal remains and returned to St. Paul's where the Sunday Masses awaited me. Although my mother had not known me for three years before her death, on that Saturday morning the 20th she knew me and called my name.

I am most grateful to all of you for your kind expressions of sympathy and condolence. So many came to the wake and so many came to the Funeral here at St. Paul's. It had always been my fond wish that my mother would one day come to the Church where her son is Pastor. That finally happened on the day of her Funeral. Including myself there were 34 priests present, as well as three bishops, and two deacons. So many parishioners and family friends came. Your presence was a great consolation to my family and me and a sign of respect for my mother. May God bless you always and reward you. My parents were very simple but devout people. On the bottom of my ordination chalice, which was their gift to me, is simply inscribed my name and ordination date (May 9, 1981). But also inscribed there are their names with the Latin phrase "*Deo Dederunt Sacerdotem.*" The translation is "*They have given to God a Priest.*" May my mother and father, who gave God a priest, now know the rewards of Heaven, and please pray that I may see them again in the joy of heaven.

So many have asked if there is anything you could do. My family and I have requested that donations be made *In Loving Memory of Marie R. Pereda* to the Little Sisters of the Poor, Queen of Peace Residence, 110-30 221st, Queens Village, NY 11429.

LAETARE SUNDAY

Today is the Fourth Sunday in Lent popularly known as *Laetare Sunday*. The word *Laetare* means *Rejoice!* and is taken from the very first words of the Mass prayers for today. It marks Mid-Lent and so we pause for a moment to regain our strength as we continue the rest of the journey to Easter. Today the priests wear rose colored vestments and our memories are immediately enkindled since we see them every year, but only on two occasions. They are used only on the Third Sunday in Advent and the Fourth Sunday in Lent. In Spain, the Holy See has granted to that nation and its former empire, as well as, to all priests of Spanish heritage the privilege that they are worn a third time, on December 18th, a week before Christmas. Spain also has been granted the privilege (in Canon Law called an indult) to use blue vestments as the liturgical color only on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 8th. The Rose reminds us very vividly that Easter will soon be upon us.

Please remember that we have the Stations of the Cross and Benediction on each of the Fridays of Lent at 7.30PM. On Friday of this week, we will have our annual Lenten Soup Supper. This will be served at 6.00PM in Monsignor Costa Hall. Our young people in the Squires and Troops of St. George will prepare and serve a simple Lenten Supper of bread and soup. We would ask each family attending to donate what they would have spent on a more ample meal to the poor. There will be a receptacle for that at the supper. It is always a great joy for me to see the several generations of our parish come together in this act of mercy toward the poor.

PARISH FEASIBILITY

I am so pleased that our parish feasibility study moves along in great progress. May I thank all who have supported this great endeavor for God's glory. Naturally, change of any kind may seem somewhat frightening. We realize that in many facets of life. But as God has given to us to be the generation to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the building of St. Paul's, I know you will respond with great magnanimity. May I share with you a quote from the writing of one of the most well-known of the saints of the 20th century, St. Josémaría Escrivá: *That woman in the house of Simon, the leper in Bethany, anointing the Master's head with precious ointment, reminds us of the duty to be generous in the worship of God...All the richness, majesty and beauty possible would still seem too little to me...And against those who attack the richness of the sacred vessels, of vestments, and altars, we hear the praise given by Jesus "opus enim bonum operata est in me" – "She has done me a good turn."*

The meetings last week were very positive and encouraging. I tried to be at as many as I could in light of the fact that I had just buried my mother on Friday. However at one of the meetings, and I forget which one and who used it, the word *inexplicable* was used. I would like to meditate on this word for a moment and then move on to explaining one proposed enhancement of the Church, just as I will explain every proposed enhancement.

Like many of you, we receive the Long Island Newspaper *Newsday*. We all probably have our favorite parts. Perhaps some immediately read the Sports section or the review of movies or restaurants. Each day I read just two small parts before Holy Mass (I read the rest later in the day). I look at the obituaries to see if there are some whom I have known who have now gone home to God and should remember at that day's Mass then I turn to a part I love called *This Day in History*. It just so happened that on Sunday – the day I heard the word *inexplicable* used – one of the items that appeared in the column under 1953 was: Francis Crick and James Watson discovered the molecular structure of DNA, the so called double helix for which they received the Nobel Prize in 1962. Immediately I remembered my high school years when I first learned about this and how I never understood it and still do not understand it. My biology teacher (who doubled as the French teacher – a subject much more to my liking) was Monsignor John C. Nosser – one of my closest friends today. (He was chaplain to one of the bishops at my mother's funeral). And although I know that I cannot understand this DNA structure, and probably never will, I never thought (and still do not think) that it is *inexplicable*. You see the word *inexplicable* means that there is no explanation for it. Although I was certain that I did not know it, I was always certain that many other people did indeed understand it; they taught it, and could explain it. Just because I did not know it, I could never say it was *inexplicable*.

So I guess what I am asking is for everyone to remain calm and to trust...First we trust God Our Lord. It had been my fond hope when I arrived here that as I loved and trusted you that would be reciprocated. Remember the office of Pastor is not merely a job. It is called a sacred trust. Your priest stands in the place of Christ the Good Shepherd. And I write this with some embarrassment but I do so to encourage your trust. Your pastor has been a priest for 35 years; he has received his doctorate *summa cum laude* from one of the most ancient and prestigious Roman Pontifical Universities; he has been a professor at St. John's University

and at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception and Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary. In addition to being pastor of St. Paul's, your pastor has served as Judicial Vicar of the Diocese for nine years and continues to do so, much to the financial benefit of St. Paul's. (This position is considered third in the Diocese, after the Diocesan Bishop and the Vicar General). I write these things not to draw attention to myself, but to assure you that I may be passing familiar with some of the matters that are under consideration.

And now, so that no one may say it is inexplicable, I will try to explain one enhancement to our Church, the placement of the tabernacle.

THE LOCATION OF THE TABERNACLE

It sometimes happens that a person who is not a Catholic may enter our Church or any other for that matter. Imagine the church building itself presenting Jesus Christ to anyone, no matter how young or unaware or unknowing of the faith that person may be.

When the tabernacle is placed in the center of the sanctuary, the eye goes to that golden box. The lamp is lit. Mysteriously, the presence is offered to the glance; the person, whether stranger, or child, or wanderer, apprehends holiness. Many have been converted by this Presence alone. (Such was the case of Captain Charles Ryder in Evelyn Waugh's masterful novel, *Brideshead Revisited*). Seeking shelter in a place he vaguely perceives as *other*, as set apart, the pilgrim finds a presence that answers the heart's deepest longing.

Jesus Christ is present, body, blood, soul, and divinity, in the Blessed Sacrament. The gold of the box and the light of the beautiful lamp are valuable signs of that hidden presence that makes the tabernacle holy. Pope Benedict XVI, writing when he was Cardinal Ratzinger in the *Spirit of the Liturgy*, stated flatly *a church without the Eucharistic presence is somehow dead*.

When in the early Church the Sacrament was reserved for the sick, it became clear to all believers that *we must make a proper place for this presence*. In our own time where Our Lord's presence has been shunted off to the side, we have experienced a loss of memory. We have lost a "Eucharistic catechesis."

And what we have learned when the tabernacle is shunted off to the side largely unseen and certainly ignored, is that the eye, needing a focal point, rests on...the priest.

Putting the priest front and center in the sanctuary creates a serious theological and practical difficulty. Rather than servant of the people and their spiritual father (as Pope Francis has said the priest must be) consecrated and chosen to offer worship, the priest becomes the Master of Ceremonies and an entertainer. The Priest is the center of attention. That is spiritually dangerous to the worshipping assembly but even more so to the priest himself.

Teaching someone *why* we go to Church becomes very difficult when what we experience there is the closed circle, with the priest as the point of reference for the Liturgy. Restoring the tabernacle to the center of the Church physically and materially restores the spiritual goal of the mass: To Worship God. All the *doings* will be calmed. The *confusion of signs* will be stilled. The priest will have spiritual, mental, and emotional room to discover his true calling and relationship to God and to the people.

I will continue writing on this subject next week as I will on all the enhancements to the beauty of the Church. It is now my fond hope that we all realize these matters, while certainly spiritual and mystical, are not *inexplicable*.

*In Jesus and Mary,
Monsignor James F. Pereda*

LENTEN BREAD AND SOUP SUPPER

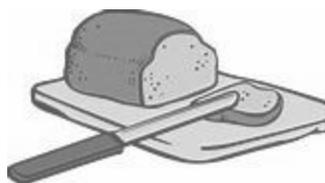
FRIDAY, March 11, 2016

6:00PM

Msgr. Costa Hall



Come and join us for a simple meal of homemade soups and bread to be served by the young people of our parish—the Squires and Troops of St. George.



We ask that you donate what it would have cost if you and your family had gone out to a restaurant for a meal. There will be collection baskets for your donation.



Donations will benefit our St. Vincent de Paul and Outreach Programs. Stations of the Cross as written by Fr. Anderson will be led by Deacon Raymond P. D'Allesio followed by Benediction at 7:30PM.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE



Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Palm Sunday—March 20

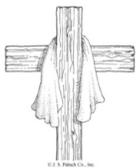
Masses: Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday 8:00 AM
9:30 AM
11:00 AM

Diocesan Day of Reconciliation
Monday—March 21
Confession 3:00—8:00 PM

Holy Thursday—March 24
Mass of the Lord's Supper—7:30 PM
Followed by Adoration in the Church until 10:00 PM



Good Friday—March 25
Solemn Service of the Lord's Passion—3:00 PM
Confession—5:00-6:00 PM
Stations of the Cross—7:30 PM
Confession—8:30 PM



Holy Saturday—March 26
Blessing of Easter Food—9:30 AM
Confession—10:AM-12 Noon
Easter Vigil Mass—7:30 PM
(fulfills Easter Sunday obligation)

Easter Sunday—March 27
Masses: 8:00 AM
9:30 AM
11:00AM



Parish Feasibility Study Coming to a Close!

All parishioners have been asked to participate in a parish-wide planning study to determine the extent of parishioner support for our proposed plan to accomplish major capital improvements and enhancements to our parish buildings and grounds.

To date, over 150 families have participated! Please review the needs statement, detailing the proposed improvements and complete the questionnaire mailed to your home or log onto the parish website at www.stpaulsbrookville.org and download the information. You can return the questionnaire by mail or place it in the collection basket at mass.

Your input and advice will help Msgr. Pereda and parish leadership with key decisions and help determine the final details of the improvements we propose to accomplish.

All Responses are due by March 13th



MARIAN GUILD

Next Meeting:
March 16th 7PM
Lenten Program
Speaker: Fr. Daniel Nash
Pastor of St. Patricks, Glen Cove

Coming Up:
April 20th 7PM - Movie Night
May 18th 7PM - Game Night
June 15th 7PM - End of Year Dinner

Sunday, May 22nd 9:30AM
Mary's Day Mass & Communion Breakfast
Speaker: Bishop Andrzej Zglejszewski

RSVP to Rosemarie Marciano 516 884-1875



SENIORS

SENIOR ADULT CLUB

ST. PATRICK'S DAY LUNCH
Thursday, March 10, 2016
1PM
Corn Beef Sandwiches
\$13 p/p
RSVP to Fran

Bultman 433-9093



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Next Meeting:
March 17th @ 7:30PM



JOB SEARCH

Need help with your job search? Our parish volunteers can help you in updating or creating a resume, identify information about potential job opportunities, and provide tips on interviews, networking skills, and cover letters. Contact Gerard Wendelken at (516)364-0640 or meet with us on the third Thursday of each month in Room 4 of Msgr. Costa Hall from 7:30PM-9:00PM.

Our Weekly Masses

Monday, March 7

8:00 AM Aloysius T. Lawn
(requested by D. Mardovich)



Tuesday, March 8

8:00 AM Marie R. Pereda
(requested by H. Black)

Wednesday, March 9

8:00 AM Marie R. Pereda
(requested by R. Schiffano)

Thursday, March 10

8:00 AM Corrado Oliva
(requested by M. Oliva)

Friday, March 11

8:00 AM For the Pope
7:30 PM Stations of the Cross (in Church)

Saturday, March 12

5:00 PM James S. Pereda

Sunday, March 13

8:00 AM Corrado Oliva
(requested by M. Oliva)
9:30 AM Parishioners of St. Pauls
11:00 AM Gina Tarantini
(requested by A. Tarantini)
Thomas Meade
(requested N.& L. Katt)
Peter Martelli
(requested by M. Martelli)
Muriel Gallagher
(requested by A. Greco)
Marie Pereda
(requested by St. Paul's Senior Grp.)



PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED LOVED ONES

Weekend of :

February 27-28, 2016
\$7,708.



Thank you for your continued support to the parish.

Memorials

ALTAR BREAD, WINE & CANDLES

*In Memory of
Marie R. Pereda*

SANCTUARY LIGHT

*In Memory of
Peter Martelli—First Anniversary
Donated by M. Martelli*

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

Blessed Virgin Mary & St. Joseph
For the Intentions of Our Pastor, Msgr. Pereda

PAPAL & AMERICAN FLAGS

February 29, 2016-August 31, 2016
In Memory of Lucia Sigurdson
Donated by Mr. & Mrs. J. Cromer

CELEBRANT OF HOLY MASS

Saturday, March 12, 2016
5:00 PM Msgr. Pereda

Sunday, March 13, 2016
8:00 AM Marianists
9:30 AM Msgr. Pereda
11:00 AM Msgr. Pereda



Confession—every Saturday
in the Church from 4:00-
4:45PM.

Stations of the Cross every
Friday in Lent at 7:30PM in the Church.

REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONE

Mass Intention	\$ 20
Bread Wine & Candles for the week	\$ 50
Altar Flowers	\$ 125
Sanctuary Light for the week	\$ 25
Devotional Candles before Our Lady & St. Joseph	\$ 50

Tree of Life Memorials *Call Parish Office*

BAPTISMS

Congratulations to the family of the newly baptized: Liliana Deborah Amato



If you are planning to have your baby baptized, please contact the religious education office at 516 938-4530 x110. Please do this before making any arrangements with catering venues to be sure date is available.

Please note that godparents must be, confirmed Catholics, at least 16 years old and in good standing with the Church. They must obtain a sponsor certificate from the Parish where they are presently living.

PRESCHOOL

For information concerning the Preschool, please call Gayle Crimarco at 935-4127 ext. 106.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
For information concerning religious education classes, please call 938-4530 ext. 110. Do not call the parish office.



CALENDAR OF SCHOOL DAYS AND SPECIAL EVENTS FOR 2016

March

- 6 Family Mass 9:30am
- 7 Pageant Practice 5:30pm Msgr. Costa Hall
Gr. 7 Reconciliation Service 7:30pm Church
- 14 Pageant Practice 5:30pm Msgr. Costa Hall
Gr. 8 Robe Fitting 7:30pm
- 20 Palm Sunday**
- 21 Gr. 7 & 8 Make-up classes
Easter Pageant 4:30pm Msgr. Costa Hall
- 22 Easter Pageant 4:30pm Msgr. Costa Hall
- 24 Holy Thursday**—Mass 7:30pm
- 25 Good Friday**—Prayer Service 3pm
Stations of the Cross 7:30pm
- 26 Blessing of the Food 9:30am
- 27 Easter**
(Stations of the Cross every Friday in Lent 7:30pm)

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please pray for those whose names are on the parish sick list. If you would like a family member placed on the sick list, please call the bulletin editor at the parish office. Only family members (or the individual themselves) may place names on the sick list.



Geraldine Jesberger, Linda DiBenetto, Bobby Sullivan, Matthew DiLascio, Noella Rao, Christopher Louie, Anthony Grasso, Sr. Eva Ernandes O.P., Anthony Ambrosio, Michael DiBari, Sr. Regina Kraft O.P., Kelly Ann Crovello, Teresa Bencardino, Mary Grace Spotter, Natella Astuto, Pasqualina D'Onofrio, Nellie Ambrosio, Robert Simone, Vincent Meade, Michael Kovac, Rita King, Constance Ballantyne, Hank Brakeman, Jamie Dunn, Joseph Herbst, Linda Malone, Guido Penafiel, Francesco Vizzari, Jeremiah McCarthy, Santiago Alvarez, Rosa Marrone, Gabriella Fiorillo, Lorraine and Matthew Masiello, Maria Perez, Linda LeVaillant, Susan Mulligan, Giovanna Vizzari, Mildred McCarthy.

Please let us know when you loved one can be taken off the list. Thank You.

PRAYERS FOR OUR ARMED SERVICE



Please pray for our parishioners in the military:

*David J. Munafo, 1st Lt. US Army
John P. Orr, Lt.jg, US Navy CEC
Steven Paniccia, Pfc. US Army
Brandon Rieber, Lance Corporal US Marines
Robert Simon Jr., MS US Army
Michael F. Wendelken, Major USAF*

PRAYER MINISTRY

Group meets Thursday mornings at 11:00AM in the chapel to lift up in prayer the requests mentioned in the intentions books. These books are located in the narthex of the church and chapel.

If you are in need of prayer, please make use of these books.

For information,
call Elise LeVaillant
516 643-3029 or
email intercessorell@gmail.com

