



Pray for and Support Vocations to the Priesthood

The shortage of priests is experienced throughout the Church, but to bring the issue closer to home, here are some numbers regarding priests in the Diocese of Brooklyn. These figures were calculated in June of 2017. There are 273 priests assigned to parish ministry. There are 148 retired priests. Since June 2017, for various reasons, the numbers in each age group have decreased.

Age range - Number of priests:

26-30	15
31-40	37
41-50	42
51-60	72
61-70	90
71-74	46
76-94	120
Total	422*

*Includes retired priests, excludes some released from diocesan assignment.

Priests may choose to retire at 71 years of age with mandatory retirement at age 75.

The numbers above indicate a large number of priest retirements in the next 5 to 10 years with ordinations not nearly keeping pace with those numbers.

There has been a 12% decrease in the number of priests in parish ministry from 2006 to 2017.

Mass attendance in 1999: 265,913

Mass attendance in 2006: 239,361 (10% decrease)

Mass attendance in 2016: 205,502 (14% decrease)

In the diocese of Brooklyn including Queens, there are 186 parishes. 17 parishes have 2 worship sites. 4 parishes have 3 worship sites. 23 parishes share a pastor/administrator with another parish.

All of these trends are taken into account when parishes merge (or close) or when the number of Masses are cut back in a particular parish or area.

The numbers are a stark reminder of the hope and need for young men to hear the Lord's call to service and to respond with trusting and generous hearts. For sure the "call" from the Lord is there though it may be difficult to hear for a variety of reasons. Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood! Pray for the young men you know to have the faith and courage to follow Christ as priests!

God's blessings,
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PARISH OFFERING

The offering to the parish last week was: \$5175
Thank you for your generosity and support of
Queen of All Saints!

PARISH WEEKLY GOAL

Thank you for your sacrificial giving each week. Please remember that in order for us to meet our ordinary expenses, we need a minimum of \$7500 in each Sunday's offering. Please continue to be as generous as you can. If you miss a week for any reason, please try to make up for it the following week or when you return. This is especially true on holiday weekends and during the summer months. Thank you again for your understanding.

May ~ Mary's Month

As Catholics, we traditionally devote the month of May to Mary, Mother of the Lord and our Mother. As our Mother, Mary is always close to us, protecting us, interceding for us and guiding us. Mary is a model of faith and a model of discipleship through her complete confidence in God's providential love. In this way, Mary brings us closer to her Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Hence, the expression "Ad Iesum per Mariam" ~ "To Jesus through Mary". Our Lady, as our Mother, wants us to be quick and confident in approaching her for help, guidance and encouragement. Of course, as our loving Mother, Mary also knows what we need most even before we ask!

The prayer, **The Memorare**, is attributed to St. Bernard of Clairvaux:

"Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly unto you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To you I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy, hear and answer me. Amen.

Have a blessed week and **pray the Rosary!**
Our Lady, Queen of All Saints, pray for us.

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER. BREAD AND WINE IN MEMORY OF MAURICE HOLLAND REQUESTED BY JESSIE HOLLAND.

Sunday, April 29
8:30am Open
10:30am Pro Populo
Monday, April 30
8:30am Open
Tuesday, May 1st
8:30 am Blesselle Hervias (40th Birthday)
Wednesday, May 2nd
8:30 am Open
Thursday, May 3rd
Maurice Holland
Friday, May 4
Carl and Nancy Del Cielo
Saturday, May 5
8:30 am Candida Jimenez
5pm Open
Sunday, May 6
8:30am Open
10:30am Pro Populo



*In Our
Thoughts
and Prayers*

THE PRAYER LIST FOR THE SICK
Marlene McIntosh, Mirlande Guerrier, Danielle Prout,
Faith Prout, Marie Henry, Deborah Khudan. Joseph
Aitken, Stacy McGhie, sindu Senengele, Ruby Allen,
Dorothy Brown, Jacques Maurice, Idolly Hutchinson,
Bettye Pinkney, June Roberts.

PRAYER LIST FOR DECEASED OF THE PARISH
Jose Torres sr, Jacqueline Jones, Syble Iantha Deshong,
Renee Wolf Calvin, Margaret Walker, Sylvia Baker,
Mary Brown, Jacqueline Goings.
(Please call the rectory to add the names of your family
members.)

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
AA Meets every Monday at 6:30 pm and every
Wednesday at 7:15 pm in St Joseph Hall.

