

Christos Anesti - "Christ is Risen!"

"Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me.

I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing." - John 15:4-5



∞ 10:00 AM Mass Celebration

- ✦ For Our Parish Families
- ✦ Successful Bishop Appeal

∞ 12 Noon Mass Celebration

- ✦ Happy 18th Wedding Anniversary Tracey & Colvert Ferguson Req. Fay Hawks
- ✦ For Our Parish Families
- ✦ Successful Bishop Appeal
- ✦ In Memory of Pearl Harrison Req. Renee Hartwell

∞ 5:00 PM Mass Celebration

- ✦ For Our Parish Families
- ✦ Successful Bishop Appeal

Remember in your prayers for God's Healing

Fr. Joseph Abraham, Fr. Philip Abraham SJ., Sandy Bryant, Georgeann Campbell, Doris Colon, Beverly Correia, Ron Copeland, Cynthia Fairly, Carolyn Green, Linda Hazel, Terrace & Doris Palmer, Katherine Randall, Santos Rodriguez, Carl Spivey, Catherine Spivey Evelyn Washington, Yvonne Young

Adoration
of the
Blessed Sacrament



Sunday, May 6th ✦ 4:00 – 5:00 PM
Followed by the 5:00 PM Mass

Morning Mass – 8:30 AM
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday - St. Benedict
Thursday & Friday - St. Bonaventure

Readings for the Week of April 29, 2018

Monday 4/30: *Joyful Mysteries*
Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16 [1ab]/Jn 14:21-26
St. Pius V, Pope

Tuesday 5/1: *Sorrowful Mysteries*
Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 Jn 14:27-31a
St. Joseph the Worker
Gn 1:26–2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4, 12-13, 14 and 16 [cf. 17b]/Mt 13:54-58

Wednesday 5/2: *Glorious Mysteries*
Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [cf. 1]/Jn 15:1-8
St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Thursday 5/3: *Luminous Mysteries*
1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Jn 14:6-14
**Sts. Philip and James, Apostles;
National Day of Prayer**

Friday 5/4: *Sorrowful Mysteries*
Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 [10a]/Jn 15:12-17

Saturday 5/5: *Joyful Mysteries*
Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21
Happy Birthday Father Ted!

6th Sunday of Easter: Glorious Mysteries
Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 [26a]/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

In today's Gospel, we hear the familiar teaching of the vine and the branches. Jesus reminds us that if we remain close to Him—living in humility, following God's law, loving our neighbor—we will notice a positive change in our life and the lives of those around us. *"Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit."* The Holy Spirit is life-giving. He is fruitful. The Spirit of God won't refuse grace to a heart that is open and sincere.

As we progress through life, learning how to live and love, we grow. Our personalities flower. We discover we can be a blessing to others. We will also experience lack, loss, and the results of our failures. We know what it is like to *"wither"* at times, particularly the times when we willingly separate ourselves from Jesus. *"Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me."* For most of us, this experience of being disconnected and off track generates a desire to return to what is right and good, to return to the vine.

But this Gospel is more than "Are you in or are you out? Or are you doing the hokey pokey?" Even when we remain in God, when we follow Jesus, we are not exempt from the challenges, the pruning. *"Everyone that [bears fruit] He prunes."* A prudent trim is necessary in the natural world of trees and vines. Dead wood, broken shoots, and diseased branches need to be cut back in order for the plant to bear fruit. Jesus wants us to be healthy! He says as much himself: *"By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."* Take a look at your life today. Where are you bearing fruit? Where do you need to be pruned?

Our Sacrificial Giving To our Parish



Together let's meet our weekly goal of \$5,000.00

- ✦ 10:00 AM / 130 - \$1,540.00
- ✦ 12 Noon / 92 - \$ 1,519.00
- ✦ 5:00 PM / 32 - \$ 388.00

Please use your
2018 Contribution Envelopes

Boiler Fund Collected to Date: \$8,040.00

Thank you!!!!

Generation of Faith If you made a Pledge...

Please make your payments!

To date \$115,580.50 has been collected.

Use Blue Generation of Faith envelopes or see

Angela to enroll into Electronic Payment.

www.cfbq/generations/payments. Thank You!



Parish Goal \$ 26,616.00

**Annual Catholic
Appeal 2018**
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

God and Father of all gifts, we praise you, the source of all we are. Teach us to acknowledge you always with generous gratitude the many good things your infinite love has given us, as we support the work of our Diocese in Brooklyn and Queens. Open our hearts that we may answer your call to follow the message of the Gospel as disciples in love and service, so that all may come to know you. Amen

Please make a Pledge!

**We Need \$9,000.00 to meet our goal.
Anything over the goal comes back to
the parish!!**



Today

*Confirmation Candidates begins the
Baby Bottle Drive*

Their efforts to save the lives of
innocent babies and the parents who
created them.

Please pick up baby bottle,

Fill it with change &

Please return by Mother's Day.

Donation will be given to
New Beginnings Center of Hope

Go To Galilee

The Glenn Mohr Chorale

The Early Ministry of the Apostles

A celebration told through drama, scripture & song

Sunday, May 6th • 3:00 PM

St. Pius V • 106-12 Liverpool Street

St. Benedict the Moor

Ministry of St. Vincent de Paul

Sponsoring

WELLNESS FAIR • May 20th

Church Hall after 12 Noon Mass

"A time to weep, and a time to LAUGH. A time to
mourn, and a time to DANCE" Ecclesiastes 3:4

Young Adult Ministry invites all to...

COMEDY NIGHT

Featured Comedian Liz Faublas

Saturday, June 2nd at 7:00 PM

Tickets \$10.00

St. Bonaventure Church Hall

A Night of laughter & fellowship!

Make – your – own Ice Cream Sundaes \$3.00

Monday & Thursday's ✦ 7:30 PM
Youth Basketball & Karate: 5:00 – 7:30 PM
Adult Physical Training,
Self Defense & Karate 7:30 – 9:30 PM
St. Benedict the Moor Church Hall
Mr. Sam 929-353-9373 or Mr. Rey 646-296-1171

St. Benedict School of Dance
Celebrating Women Who

A. C. E.

Achieve, Collaborate, Empower

Saturday, May 19th ✦ 1:00 – 4:00 PM

St. Benedict the Moor Church Hall

Sunday, May 20th

The Nigerian Group invites all for
Adoration with Divine Mercy to the Blessed
Sacrament at 3:00 PM ✦

Eucharistic Celebration 3:30 PM

St Bonaventure Church

*Come and receive the blessings of God. Light
Refreshment Follows.*

Jesus the Heart of the Story

Saturday, June 6th

Please pay for your reserve tickets

Do you receive SNAP Benefits?

Are you interested in the

ALLIED HEALTH FIELD?

Are you able to work 30+ hours per week?

Can you participate in a

EMPLOYMENT and TRAINING PROGRAM?

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Alithos Anesti - "Truly He is Risen!"