

# Saint John the Evangelist-Saint Rocco Roman Catholic Parish

## Staff

Rev. Kevin P. Cavalluzzi, D.Min., Pastor  
Rev. Dr. Belén González y Pérez, Associate Priest  
Rev. Terrence M. Curry, SJ, In Residence  
Awilda Rosado, Coordinator of Religious Education  
Ana Alexander, Secretary

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday  
9:00am - 4:00pm

## HORAS DE LA OFICINA PARROQUIAL

Lunes - Jueves  
9:00am - 4:00pm

## CONFESIONS/CONFESIONES

**Saturday 4:30pm - 5:00pm**

**Sábado 4:30pm - 5:00pm**

## MARRIAGES / MATRIMONIOS

Arrangements should be made with a Priest at least 6 months prior to the wedding date.

Arreglos deben ser hechos con el sacerdote al menos 6 meses antes de la fecha del matrimonio.

## BAPTISMS / BAUTISMOS

Please bring your child's Birth Certificate to the Rectory to make arrangements for Baptism. We do not schedule Baptisms on Saturdays

**Por favor traiga el certificado de nacimiento de su hijo a la Rectoría para hacer los arreglos del bautismo. No programamos Bautismos el día Sábado**

## MASS SCHEDULE

### Saturday

**English      5:30 p.m.**

### Sunday

**English      8:45 a.m.**

**Spanish      10:00 a.m.**

### Monday - Thursday

**English      8:30 a.m.**

### Friday

**Spanish      7:30 p.m.**

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## II DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

**DECEMBER 10, 2023**



## HORARIO DE LAS MISAS

**Sábado      en Inglés**

**Domingo      en Inglés**

**en Español**

**Lunes—Jueves      en Inglés**

**en Español**

## Parish Office

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**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**INTENCIones DE MISAS**

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SATURDAY	DECEMBER 9TH
	Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
5:30pm -	<b>Robert Salinas †</b> <i>De parte de Karen Salinas</i>
SUNDAY	DECEMBER 10TH
	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> <b>II DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO</b> Is 40:1-5, 9-11/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8
8:45am -	<b>Julia Kelly †</b>
10:00am -	<b>Robert Salinas †</b> <i>De parte de Karen Salinas</i>
MONDAY	DECEMBER 11TH
	Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26
8:30am -	<b>Lucia Caruso †</b> <i>Requested by James Yazzo</i>
	<b>Alpha Toro †</b> <i>Requested by Eliza Domenech</i>
TUESDAY	DECEMBER 12TH
	Zec 2:1-17 or Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
8:30am -	<b>Daniel Manning †</b>
WEDNESDAY	DECEMBER 13TH
	Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30
8:30am -	<b>Lucia Caruso †</b> <i>Requested by James Yazzo</i>
THURSDAY	DECEMBER 14TH
	Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15
8:30am -	<b>Robert Yazzo †</b> <i>Requested by James Yazzo</i>
	<b>Maria Giovanna D'Onofrio †</b> <i>Requested by Tha Family</i>
FRIDAY	DECEMBER 15TH
	Is 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
7:30pm -	<b>Ximena Abad †</b> <i>(por los niños no nacidos)</i> <i>De parte del Comité de la Virgen del Cisne</i>

**A TITHING PARISH**  
We are called to share! Thank you for sharing  
your gifts here in the parish.  
**Sunday Collection:**  
Last week: **\$891.00**  
**Nosotros estamos llamados a compartir!**  
Gracias por compartir sus dones en nuestra Parroquia.



**Christmas Mass Schedule**

Sunday, December 24th

**Christmas Eve:** 6:00 PM  
(Bilingual Mass)

Monday, December 25th

**Christmas Day:** 10:00 AM  
(Bilingual Mass)



**Horario de las Misas**  
**de Navidad**

Domingo, Diciembre 24

**Nochebuena:** 6:00 PM  
(Misa Bilingüe)

Lunes, Diciembre 25

**Dia de Navidad:** 10:00 AM  
(Misa Bilingüe)

**Please pray for the homebound, the elderly, those who are alone, and the sick:**

Especially for Liza & Lisette Ferreiro, Amanda Lara, Irma & Joe Rutyna, Estela Polanco, Jeanette DePinto, Genobeva Nieves, Brígida Ríos, Reina Tapia, Lucille Toto, John Toto, Dulcinia Ayala, Maria Eugenia Tapia, Alejandro Contla, John & Lucile Carpenito, Frank Tranofali, Miriam Acevedo, Millie Delgado, Orazio & Maria DeGregorio, Alberto Gonzalez, Yolanda Figueroa, Gladys Alarcon, Kris Figueroa, William Figueroa, Nora Diaz, Tina Barrett, Rene Lara, Ann Riccardi, Rocco Osso, Julie Opra, Carmen Reyes, Lillian Figueroa, Tom Loughlin, George Rivera, Aracelia Hernandez, Joyce Lafata, Lydia Carril, Bonnie Rodriguez, John Niedzielski, Julia Tarantino, Jesús & Arminda Ferreiro, Michelle Flores, John Vasquez, Ramona Martinez, Vinny Ioviero, Cynthia Ryan, Josie Mchorter, José Isabel Guerra, Anthony Lafata, Omar Cruz, Delia Rivera and Rosina Lanzo Finelli.

### **Christmas Mass Remembrance**

Christmas is a sacred time of the Church year when we celebrate our Lord's Birth. This celebration takes many forms: attending Holy Mass, Christmas cards, the exchanging of gifts and visits from family and friends. One further way to celebrate our Lord's birth is to have someone (living or deceased) remembered in a special way at all of our Christmas Masses. Please use the envelopes marked Christmas Mass Remembrance that you will find in the pews and in the vestibule of the church. Simply write the person's name on the envelope and return it in the basket with your regular Sunday offerings. Those whose names are inscribed on these envelopes will be remembered at all of our Parish Masses beginning Christmas Eve through Thursday, December 28th. By having a person remembered in this way, you are giving one of the greatest gifts someone could receive: the gift of prayer.

### **Recordatorio de Misa Navideña**

La Navidad es un tiempo sagrado del año de la Iglesia cuando celebramos el nacimiento de nuestro Señor. Esta celebración toma muchas formas: asistencia a la Santa Misa, tarjetas navideñas, intercambio de regalos y visitas de familiares y amigos. Otra forma de celebrar el nacimiento de nuestro Señor es recordar a alguien (vivo o fallecido) de manera especial en todas nuestras misas de Navidad. Utilice los sobres marcados como Navidad el Recuerdo Masivo que encontrará en las bancas y en el vestíbulo de la Iglesia. Simplemente escriba el nombre de las personas en el sobre y devuélvalo en la canasta con sus ofrendas dominicales habituales. Aquellos cuyos nombres están inscritos en estos sobres serán recordados en todas nuestras misas parroquiales desde la víspera de Navidad hasta el Jueves 28 de Diciembre. Al hacer que una persona sea recordada de esta manera, le está dando uno de los regalos más grandes que alguien podría recibir:

### **Reconciliation Monday**

December 18th is Reconciliation Monday throughout the Diocese of Brooklyn. Priests will be available to hear confession at Saint John the Evangelist Church from 3:00PM to 7:00 PM. Let us experience God's mercy and prepare the way of the Lord in our lives and in our world.

### **Lunes de Reconciliación**

El 18 de Diciembre es el Lunes de Reconciliación en toda la Diócesis de Brooklyn. Los sacerdotes estarán disponibles para escuchar confesiones en la Iglesia de San Juan Evangelista de 3:00 PM a 7:00 PM. Experimentemos la misericordia de Dios y preparemos el camino del Señor en nuestra vida y en nuestro mundo.

## **An Announcement from the Pastor about the Saturday 5:30 PM Mass**

Dear Friends in Christ:

Our bishop, the Most Reverend Robert Brennan, wrote a letter to the clergy, staffs and parishioners of the parishes of our diocese on November 3, 2023. This letter was inserted into our parish bulletin on the weekend of November 4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> and published in the bulletin on the weekend of November 11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>. In his letter, the bishop explains that in 2017, Mass attendance in our Diocese was reported at an average of 205,502 per weekend. In 2022, the average was reported 124,031. This is a decrease of nearly 40 percent in Mass attendance in our diocese in the last 5 years. Thus, many parishes throughout the diocese with large capacity churches are witnessing a significantly reduced Mass attendance. Also, due to a high number of priest retirements and deaths in recent years, there are fewer priests serving in our 175 parishes.

In light of these realities, the bishop is asking pastors to review and evaluate their Mass schedules, and where prudent, reduce the number of weekend Masses by a least one or maybe more Masses, depending on the number of people attending and the capacity of the church.

Since my arrival at Saint John the Evangelist – Saint Rocco four years ago, of growing concern to me has been our 5:30 PM Saturday Vigil Mass. The attendance at this Mass has dwindled to 5 to 8 people per weekend. One evening during the summer no one attended the Mass. I celebrated the Mass this past weekend and the total attendance was 2 persons. The collection for this Mass rarely exceeds \$50.00. The expense of opening, lighting and heating the church far exceeds the collection. In addition, when I am unavailable to celebrate the Mass, there is the added expense of bringing in a priest.

In light of all these factors, good stewardship of our parish's resources has necessitated that I make the difficult decision to discontinue the Saturday, 5:30 PM Vigil Mass effective January 1, 2024. I pray that this decision does not cause anyone undue hardship. I also pray that those parishioners who attend the 5:30 PM will consider joining us for the 8:45 AM Mass on Sundays.

I thank you in advance for your understanding, and please be assured of my desire to continue to effectively serve the pastoral needs of our parish.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Kevin P. Cavalluzzi, D.Min  
Pastor



The Catholic Charismatic Group  
*A New Love*

Invite you to their Prayer Group every Monday from 7:00pm-9:30pm in our Church at 250 21st Street, Brooklyn, NY 11215.

For information please call  
646-242-3238.

The event is in spanish



We still have Mass Intentions available for both weekday AND weekend celebrations of Eucharist. Please consider having a Mass celebrated for a loved one or family member—either living or deceased. We are ALL in need of prayers, and there is no greater prayer than the celebration of the Eucharist. Each Mass Intention is only \$15.00. If you are interested in having a Mass celebrated in memory of a deceased loved one, or in honor of someone who is living, please call Ana at the Rectory and she will be more than happy to assist you.



Todavía tenemos intenciones de Misa disponibles para las celebraciones de la Eucaristía entre semana y los fines de semana. Considere celebrar una Misa por un ser querido o un miembro de su familia, ya sea vivo o fallecido. TODOS tenemos necesidad de oraciones, y no hay mayor oración que la celebración de la Eucaristía. Cada intención de Misa cuesta sólo \$15.00. Si está interesado en que se celebre una Misa en memoria de un ser querido fallecido, o en honor de alguien que vive, llame a Ana a la Rectoría y ella estará encantada en ayudarle.



OUR PARISH GOAL: \$16,606.00  
PLEDGED: \$15,395.00  
PAID: \$14,019.00  
DONORS: 36  
(AS OF 12/4/2023)



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(HASTA ESTA FECHA 12/4/2023)