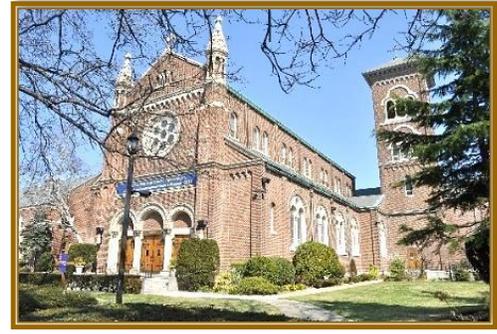




Our “Absolutely Beautiful Church” in Freeport (“Been there. Done that.” Alleluia!!!)



11 June 2019 marked the 108th anniversary of our absolutely beautiful church’s dedication. And while none of us were there when The Right Reverend Charles E. McDonnell, second Bishop of the Brooklyn Diocese dedicated our absolutely beautiful church, we have been “there” many times. We’ve been “there” for:

Baptisms (146 in 2018), First Holy Communions (138 in 2018), Confirmations (62 in 2018), Marriages (13 in 2018), Funerals (76 in 2018), Sunday Mass and other Holy Days of Obligation (*Assumption/15 August, All Saints Day/1 November, Immaculate Conception/8 December, Christmas/25 December, Mary Holy Mother of God/1 January, Ascension Thursday/Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter*), Ash Wednesday, Saint Patrick’s Day/17 March, Saint Anthony’s Day/13 June, All Soul’s Day/2 November, ... Yes: we have been “there” in our absolutely beautiful church many times, and please God, we will be “there” many more times in the future.

24 June 2019 – Fortnight for Freedom Day IV (Morning Prayer 9:00 A.M.) *The Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist.* The celebration of the Forerunner’s birth, gives us an opportunity to consider the question asked at every celebration of Baptism: **“What name have you given your child?”** Until very recently, the answer to that first question of the Catholic Rite of Baptism would readily call to mind the inspirational lives of Church Triumphant members in Heaven: men and women who went before us marked with the sign of faith. The men and women we call Saints! One could readily imagine the joy it brought to those in *Holy Communion* as they heard their names being claimed by the members of the Church Militant on earth. The intercession of the Saints is a powerful weapon in a Catholic’s fight to believe all that the Church teaches. The intercession of the Saints is a powerful weapon in a Catholic’s fight to renounce Satan, all his works, and all his empty show. That fight is only going to intensify as the days, weeks, months, and perhaps years of the third millennium go by. So please, if your Marital Union should be blessed by God with children, give those children the name of a Saint, and bring those children to our absolutely beautiful church for Baptism.

25 June 2019 – Fortnight for Freedom Day V (Morning Prayer 9:00 A.M.) Six months before Christmas 2019. Six months after Christmas 2018. The eleventh anniversary of my “coming home” to be the tenth Pastor of Our Holy Redeemer Parish in Freeport! **“The Almighty has done great things for me; Holy is His Name!”** (Saint Luke 1:49)

26 June 2019 – Fortnight for Freedom Day VI (Morning Prayer 9:00 A.M.) **Ashless Wednesday** (You went to church on Ash Wednesday; why not *come home* for Holy Mass every Wednesday?) The arrival of Father John

Victor, O.M.I. Father John Victor is the latest addition to the Our Holy Redeemer Family in Freeport! He is a "Missionary Oblate of Mary Immaculate", a native of Haiti, and currently completing his fourth year as an Associate Pastor of Corpus Christi Parish in Mineola, New York. **Welcome home Father John!**

27 June 2019 – Fortnight for Freedom Day VII (Morning Prayer 9:00 A.M.)

28 June 2019 – Fortnight for Freedom Day VIII (Morning Prayer 9:00 A.M. and **Last Friday Film Night: Becket.**) *The Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.* The celebration of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus certainly elicits a remembrance of *First Friday Devotion* and the Twelve Promises that Our Holy Redeemer entrusted to Saint Margaret Mary Aloccoque in 1672. In keeping with that devotion, we would all do well to make a Morning Offering; a holy practice that like the giving of a Saint's name to a child, can serve as a powerful weapon against the wickedness and snares of the devil that meet us during the course of any given day.

A MORNING OFFERING



O Jesus,
through the Immaculate Heart of Mary,
I offer You my prayers, works,
joys and sufferings
of this day for all the intentions
of Your Sacred Heart,
in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
throughout the world,
in reparation for my sins,
for the intentions of all my relatives and friends,
and in particular for the intentions of the Holy Father. Amen.

“ ... there is in the Sacred Heart a symbol and a sensible image of the infinite love of Jesus Christ which moves us to love one another, therefore is it fit and proper that **we should consecrate ourselves to His most Sacred Heart**-an act which is nothing else than an offering and a binding of oneself to Jesus Christ, seeing that whatever honour, veneration and love is given to this divine Heart is really and truly given to Christ Himself.

For these reasons We urge and exhort all who know and love this divine Heart willingly to undertake this act of piety; and it is Our earnest desire that all should make it on the same day, that so the aspirations of so many thousands who are performing this act of consecration may be borne to the temple of Heaven on the same day. But shall We allow to slip from Our remembrance those innumerable others upon whom the light of Christian truth has not yet shined? We hold the place of Him Who came to save that which was lost, and Who shed His blood for the salvation of the whole human race. And so We greatly desire to bring to the true life those who sit in the shadow of death. As we have already sent messengers of Christ over the earth to instruct them, so now, in pity for their lot with all Our soul we commend them, and as far as in us lies We consecrate them to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. In this way this act of devotion, which We recommend, will be a blessing to all. For having performed it, those in whose hearts are the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ will feel that faith and love increased. Those who knowing Christ, yet neglect His law and its precepts, may still gain from His Sacred Heart the flame of charity” (Taken from *Annum Sacrum*).

29 June 2019 – Fortnight for Freedom Day VIII, The Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, and *Now a Word from Saint Augustine* (Anyone named Augustine out there?) “There is one day for the passion of two Apostles. But these two also were as one; although they suffered on different days, they were as one. Peter went first, Paul followed. We are celebrating a Feast Day, consecrated for us by the blood of the Apostles. Let us love their faith, their lives, their labours, their sufferings, their confession of faith, their preaching.”

