

# Genealogical FAQ's

## What area does the Brooklyn Diocese cover?

The Diocese of Brooklyn currently consists of *Kings County (Brooklyn)* and *Queens County (Queens)* only.

If you are seeking information on an ancestor who lived in *Manhattan, the Bronx or Staten Island*, please contact the Archdiocese of New York:

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## Where can I find sacramental records?

The sacramental records of the Diocese of Brooklyn have not been centralized. This means that you must contact the appropriate parish to obtain a sacramental record, supplying them with the name and date you want them to check. To contact the appropriate parish you will need to determine their address during the time period you are interested in.

## What records do parishes have?

Canon law requires every parish to permanently keep records of baptism, confirmation and marriage. Many parishes retain records of first communion, but not all, since it is not required by canon law. While some parishes kept records of sick calls and funerals, this was not always the case.

## What information can I find in these records?

1. Baptismal records contain the following information: the name of the person being baptized, his or her date of birth, date of baptism, parents' names, sponsors, and priest officiating.
2. First Communion records list the name of the communicant and the date.
3. Confirmation records list the date, the name of the person being confirmed, the sponsor, and the presiding bishop.
4. Marriage records list the bride and groom, date of wedding, witnesses, and priest officiating.

## I don't know where my ancestor lived in Brooklyn. What should I do?

To determine a place of residence, I suggest that you try the following:

1. Search the Vital records (birth, marriage, death) at the NYC Municipal Archives (<http://www.nyc.gov/html/records/html/vitalrecords/home.shtml>)
2. Search the Brooklyn City Directories found at the Municipal Archives or the Public Library.
3. Search for census records at the National Archives Regional Office ([www.archives.gov](http://www.archives.gov)).
4. These records can also be searched at the nearest Mormon Family History Center ([www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org))

From the above sources you should be able to determine where the individuals lived at the time you are researching. If you need more help in determining the appropriate parish, contact us.

### **What Parish did my ancestors live in?**

During the 1800's and 1900's two types of parishes were erected: *national parishes* and *territorial parishes*. National parishes were founded for Catholics of a specific nationality: e.g., German, Italian, Polish, Lithuanian, Spanish-speaking. Territorial parishes were the predominant type, covering a specific geographical area. Irish Catholics and others without a specific national church would have attended the territorial parish whose boundaries they lived within. During the twentieth century, parishes were specifically founded for African-Americans. Rather than founding parishes for new ethnic groups, parishes offer Mass in their language (some parishes have Mass in five languages!). Unless otherwise noted, the parishes listed below were territorial parishes.

### **Brooklyn Parishes**

1. St. James Cathedral-Basilica, Downtown Brooklyn (1922). Records at parish.
2. St. Paul, Cobble Hill (1838), renamed St. Paul and St. Agnes. Records at parish.
3. Most Holy Trinity (1841), Williamsburg. Started as a German parish. Renamed Most Holy Trinity-St. Mary. Records at parish.
4. Assumption of the BVM, Brooklyn Heights (1842). Records at parish.
5. St. Patrick, Kent Avenue (1843). Renamed St. Lucy-St. Patrick in 1974. Merged with Mary of Nazareth, 2011. Records at new parish.
6. Ss. Peter & Paul, Williamsburg (1844). Records at parish.
7. St. John the Evangelist, Park Slope (1849). Records at parish.
8. St. Charles Borromeo, Brooklyn Heights (1849). Records at parish.
9. Holy Cross, Flatbush (1852) Records at parish.
10. Immaculate Conception of the BVM, Williamsburg (1853). Closed 2007. Records at Most Holy Trinity-St. Mary.
11. St. Joseph, Prospect Heights (19853). Records at parish.
12. St. Benedict, Bedford-Stuyvesant (1853). Started as a German parish. Closed 1973. Records at Archives.
13. St. Patrick, Bay Ridge (1854). Records at parish.
14. St. Boniface, Downtown Brooklyn (1854). Started as a German parish. Records at parish.
15. Visitation of the BVM, Red Hook (1854). Records at parish.
16. St. Mary Star of the Sea, Carroll Gardens (1855). Records at parish.
17. Our Lady of Mercy, Downtown Brooklyn (1857). Parish closed 1930. Records at Archives
18. St. Anthony of Padua, Greenpoint (1858). Renamed St. Anthony-St. Alphonsus in 1975. Records at parish.
19. St. Peter, Cobble Hill (1859). Closed 1975. Records at St. Paul and St. Agnes.
20. St. Ann, Fort Greene (1860). Closed 1986. Records at Archives.
21. St. Vincent De Paul, Williamsburg (1860). Closed in 2004. Records at Archives.
22. St. Michael, East New York (1860). Started as a German parish. Now St. Michael-St. Malachy. Records at parish.

23. St. Malachy, East New York (1862). Merged with St. Michael, East New York, 2006. Records at St. Michael-St. Malachy.
24. Annunciation of the BVM, Williamsburg (1863). Started as a German parish, became a Lithuanian parish by 1914. Records at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Williamsburg.
25. St. Nicholas, Williamsburg (1866). Started as a German parish. Merged with St. Cecilia and St. Francis of Paola as Divine Mercy Parish, 2011. Records at parish.
26. St. Francis in the Fields, Bedford-Stuyvesant (1866). Started as a German parish. Closed 1888. Records at Archives.
27. St. Stephen, Carroll Gardens (1866). Renamed Sacred Hearts of Jesus Mary and St. Stephen in 1941. Records at parish.
28. St. John the Baptist, Bedford-Stuyvesant (1868). Records at parish.
29. All Saints, Williamsburg (1868). Started as a German parish. Records at parish.
30. Our Lady of Victory, Bedford-Stuyvesant (1868). Merged with St. Peter Claver and Holy Rosary, 2007, to form St. Martin De Porres. Records at St. Martin De Porres.
31. St. Louis, Bedford-Stuyvesant (1870). Started as a French parish. Closed in 1946. Records at Archives.
32. St. Augustine, Park Slope (1870). Records at parish.
33. St. Bernard, Carroll Gardens (1871). Started as a German parish. Closed 1941. Records at Archives.
34. Nativity of Our Blessed Lord, Bedford-Stuyvesant (1871). Closed in 1973. Records at St. Martin De Porres.
35. Sacred Heart, Fort Greene (1871). Merged with St. Michael-St. Edward and St. Lucy-St. Patrick as Mary of Nazareth, 2011. Records at parish.
36. St. Leonard of Port Maurice, Bushwick (1871). Started as a German parish. Closed in 1978. Records at St. Joseph Patron of the Universal Church, Bushwick.
37. Our Lady of Lourdes, Bushwick (1872). Merged with St. Martin of Tours, 2007. Records at St. Martin of Tours, Bushwick.
38. St. Alphonsus, Greenpoint (1873). Started as a German parish. Closed in 1975. Records at St. Anthony-St. Alphonsus, Greenpoint.
39. St. Cecilia, Greenpoint (1874). Merged with St. Francis of Paola and St. Nicholas as Divine Mercy Parish, 2011. Records at parish.
40. St. Teresa of Avila, Prospect Heights (1874).
41. Transfiguration, Williamsburg (1874). Records at parish.
42. St. Michael, Bay Ridge (1874). Records at parish.
43. St. Rose of Lima, Parkville (1874). Records at parish.
44. St. Casimir, Fort Greene (1875). Founded as a Polish parish. Closed in 1980. Records at Our Lady of Czenstochowa-St. Casimir, Bush Terminal.
45. St. Agnes, Carroll Gardens (1878). Merged with St. Paul, Cobble Hill, 2007. Records at St. Paul and St. Agnes.
46. Holy Name, Windsor Terrace (1878). Records at parish.
47. St. John's Chapel, Fort Greene (1878). Records at Queen of All Saints, Fort Greene.
48. Holy Family, Park Slope (1880). Started as a German parish. Merged with St. Thomas Aquinas, Park Slope, 2008. Records at parish.
49. St. Brigid, Wyckoff Heights (1882). Records at parish.
50. St. Ambrose, Bedford-Stuyvesant (1883). Closed in 1978. Records at Our Lady of Montserrat-St. Ambrose, Bedford-Stuyvesant.
51. St. Thomas Aquinas, Park Slope (1884). Merged with Holy Family, Park Slope, 2008. Records at parish.
52. Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, Carroll Gardens (1884). Started as an Italian parish. Closed in 1941. Records at Sacred Hearts of Jesus Mary and St. Stephen, Carroll Gardens.
53. Our Lady of Good Counsel, Bushwick (1886). Merged with St. John the Baptist, Bedford-Stuyvesant, 2007. Records at St. John the Baptist.
54. St. Matthew, Crown Heights (1886). Records at parish.
55. St. Francis Xavier, Park Slope (1886). Records at parish.

56. Fourteen Holy Martyrs, Bushwick (1887). Started as a German parish. Closed in 1976. Records at St. Martin of Tours, Bushwick.
57. Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Williamsburg (1887). Records at parish.
58. Our Lady of the Presentation, Brownsville (1887). Merged with O. L. of Loreto, 2008. Merged with O. L. of Mercy, Brownsville, 2011. Records at parish.
59. Guardian Angel, Brighton Beach (1889). Records at parish.
60. Holy Rosary, Bedford-Stuyvesant (1889). Merged with Our Lady of Victory and St. Peter Claver, 2007, to form St. Martin De Porres. Records at St. Martin De Porres.
61. St. Finbar, Bath Beach (1889). Records at parish.
62. St. Mark, Sheepshead Bay (1889). Records at parish.
63. St. Mary Mother of Jesus, Bensonhurst (1889). Records at parish.
64. Our Lady of Sorrows, Bushwick (1889). Started as a German parish. Closed in 1942. Records at St. Joseph Patron of the Universal Church, Bushwick.
65. St. Stanislaus Martyr, Park Slope (1891). Started as a Scandinavian parish. Closed in 1980. Records at Holy Family-St. Thomas Aquinas, Park Slope.
66. St. Thomas Aquinas, Flatlands (1891). Records at parish.
67. St. Michael Archangel, Fort Greene (1891). Started as an Italian parish. Closed in 1942. Records at Mary of Nazareth, Ft. Greene.
68. St. Edward, Fort Greene (1891). Renamed St. Michael-St. Edward in 1942. Merged with Sacred Heart and St. Lucy-St. Patrick, 2011. Records at Mary of Nazareth, Fort Greene.
69. Blessed Sacrament, Cypress Hills (1891). Records at parish.
70. Our Lady of Angels, Bay Ridge (1891). Records at parish.
71. St. Frances De Chantal, Borough Park (1892). Records at parish.
72. St. Barbara, Bushwick (1893). Started as a German parish. Records at parish.
73. Our Lady of Perpetual Help Basilica, Bay Ridge (1893). Records at parish.
74. Our Lady of Loreto, East New York (1894). Started as an Italian parish. Records at Archives.
75. Immaculate Heart of Mary, Kensington (1894). Records at parish.
76. Holy Family, Flatlands (1895). Records at parish.
77. St. Mary of the Angels, Williamsburg (1896). Started as a Lithuanian parish. Closed in 1981. Records at Archives.
78. SS. Simon & Jude, Gravesend (1897). Records at parish
79. St. Francis of Assisi, Crown Heights (1898). Renamed St. Francis of Assisi-St. Blaise in 1980. Merged with St. Ignatius, 2011. Records at parish.
80. St. Stanislaus Kostka, Greenpoint (1898). Started as a Polish parish. Records at parish.
81. Our Lady of Peace, Carroll Gardens (1899). Started as an Italian parish. Records at parish.
82. Our Lady of Czenstochowa, Bush Terminal (1900). Started as a Polish parish. Renamed Our Lady of Czenstochowa-St. Casimir in 1980. Records at parish.
83. Our Lady of Solace, Coney Island (1901). Records at parish.
84. Our Lady of the Rosary of Pompeii, Williamsburg (1901). Started as an Italian parish. Records at parish.
85. St. Gabriel, East New York (1901). Merged with St. John Cantius, 2007, to form Mary, Mother of the Church. Records at Mary, Mother of the Church.
86. St. Jerome, Flatbush (1901). Records at parish.
87. St. Catherine of Alexandria, Borough Park (1902). Records at parish.
88. St. John Cantius, East New York (1902). Started as a Polish parish. Merged with St. Gabriel, 2007, to form Mary, Mother of the Church. Records at Mary, Mother of the Church.
89. St. Lucy, Fort Greene (1904). Started as an Italian parish. Closed in 1974. Records at St. Lucy-St. Patrick, Fort Greene. Merged with Mary of Nazareth, 2011. Records at parish.
90. St. Rosalia, Bensonhurst (1905). Started as an Italian parish. Renamed St. Rosalia-Regina Pacis in 1963. Records at parish.

91. Epiphany, Williamsburg (1905). Merged with SS. Peter & Paul, 2007. Records at SS. Peter & Paul, Williamsburg.
92. St. Rocco, Bush Terminal (1905). Started as an Italian parish. Merged with St. John Evangelist, 2011. Records at parish.
93. St. Saviour, Park Slope (1905). Records at parish.
94. St. Martin of Tours, Bushwick (1906). Renamed St. Martin of Tours-Fourteen Holy Martyrs in 1976. Merged with Our Lady of Lourdes and renamed St. Martin of Tours, 2007. Records at parish.
95. Our Lady of Guadalupe, Bensonhurst (1906). Records at parish.
96. St. Gregory the Great, Crown Heights (1906). Merged with St. Matthew, 2011. Records at parish.
97. St. Brendan, Midwood (1907). Records at parish.
98. St. Blaise, Crown Heights (1908). Started as an Italian parish. Closed in 1980. Records at St. Francis of Assisi-St. Blaise, Crown Heights.
99. Our Lady of Charity, Weeksville (1908). Started as an Italian parish. Merged with St. Matthew, Crown Heights, 2011. Records at St. Matthew.
100. St. Ignatius, Crown Heights (1908). Merged with St. Francis of Assisi-St. Blaise, 2011. Records at new parish.
101. Sacred Heart, Barren Island (1908). Started as a Polish parish. Closed 1942. Records at Archives.
102. Holy Innocents, Flatbush (1909). Records at parish.
103. Holy Family, Greenpoint (1909). Started as a Slovak parish. Merged with St. Anthony-St. Alphonsus, 2011. Records at new parish.
104. Our Lady of Consolation, Williamsburg (1909). Started as a Polish parish. Records at parish.
105. St. George, Fort Greene (1909). Started as a Lithuanian parish. Renamed St. Ann-St. George in 1986. Closed in 2003. Records at Diocesan Archives.
106. St. Columbkille, Greenpoint (1910). Closed in 1939. Records at SS. Cyril & Methodius, Greenpoint.
107. Our Lady of Refuge, Flatbush (1911). Records at parish.
108. St. Catherine of Genoa, Flatbush (1911). Records at parish.
109. St. Agatha, Bay Ridge (1912). Records at parish.
110. Queen of All Saints, Fort Greene (1913). Records at parish.
111. St. Athanasius, Bensonhurst (1913). Records at parish.
112. St. Rita, East New York (1913). Started as an Italian parish. Records at parish.
113. Our Lady of Pilar, Cobble Hill (1916). Started as a Spanish-speaking parish. Closed in 1935 and merged with St. Peter. Records at St. Paul and St. Agnes, Cobble Hill.
114. SS. Cyril & Methodius, Greenpoint (1917). Started as a Polish parish. Records at parish.
115. St. Francis of Paola, Greenpoint (1920). Started as an Italian parish. Merged with St. Cecilia and St. Nicholas, 2011. Records at parish.
116. St. Margaret Mary, Manhattan Beach (1920).
117. St. Peter Claver, Bedford-Stuyvesant (1920). Started as an African-American parish. Merged with Our Lady of Victory and Holy Rosary, 2007, to form St. Martin De Porres. Records at St. Martin De Porres.
118. St. Ephrem, Dyker Heights (1921). Records at parish.
119. Holy Spirit, Borough Park (1922). Records at parish.
120. St. Anselm, Bay Ridge (1922). Records at parish.
121. St. Edmund, Sheepshead Bay (1922). Records at parish.
122. St. Vincent Ferrer, Flatbush (1923). Records at parish.
123. St. Sylvester, City Line (1923). Records at parish.
124. Resurrection, Gerritsen Beach (1924). Records at parish.
125. St. Joseph Patron of the Universal Church, Bushwick (1924). Started as an Italian parish. Records at parish.
126. St. Therese of Lisieux, East Flatbush (1926). Records at parish.

127. Most Precious Blood, Coney Island (1927). Started as an Italian parish. Records at parish.
128. Good Shepherd, Marine Park (1927). Records at parish.
129. Our Lady Help of Christians, Midwood (1927). Records at parish.
130. Mary Gate of Heaven, Mill Basin (1927). Records at parish.
131. St. Fortunata, East New York (1934). Started as an Italian parish. Records at parish.
132. Our Lady of Grace, Gravesend (1935). Started as an Italian parish. Records at parish.
133. St. Bernadette, Dyker Heights (1935). Started as an Italian parish. Records at parish.
134. Our Lady of Miracles, Canarsie (1939). Started as an Italian parish. Records at parish.
135. St. Bernard, Mill Basin (1961). Records at parish.
136. St. Jude, Canarsie (1961). Records at parish.
137. St. Frances Cabrini, Bensonhurst (1961). Records at parish.
138. St. Laurence, East New York (1964). Records at parish.
139. Our Lady of Mercy, Brownsville (1965). Records at parish.
140. Our Lady of Montserrat, Bedford-Stuyvesant (1966). Started as a Spanish-speaking parish. Renamed Our Lady of Montserrat-St. Ambrose in 1978. Merged with All Saints in 2008. Records at parish.
141. St. Columba, Marine Park (1967). Records at parish.
142. St. Andrew the Apostle, Bay Ridge (1972). Records at parish.
143. St. Dominic, Bensonhurst (1972). Started as an Italian parish. Records at parish.
144. Mary Mother of the Church, East New York, 2007. Merger of St. John Cantius and St. Gabriel.
145. St. Martin de Porres, Bedford-Stuyvesant, 2007. Merger of Holy Rosary, Our Lady of Victory and St. Peter Claver.
146. Mary of Nazareth, 2008. Merger of Sacred Heart, St. Michael the Archangel-St. Edward
147. Divine Mercy, 2011. Merger of St. Cecilia, St. Nicholas and St. Francis of Paola

## Queens Parishes

1. Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Long Island City (1841). Records at parish.
2. St. Monica, Jamaica (1848). Closed in 1973. Records at Archives.
3. St. Michael, Flushing (1848). Records at parish.
4. Blessed Virgin Mary Help of Christians, Woodside (1854). Started as a German parish. Records at parish.
5. St. Fidelis, College Point (1856). Started as a German parish. Records at parish.
6. St. Margaret, Middle Village (1863). Started as a German parish. Records at parish.
7. St. Raphael, Long Island City (1868). Records at parish.
8. St. Mary Star of the Sea, Far Rockaway (1868). Records at parish.
9. St. Mary, Long Island City (1868). Records at parish.
10. St. Patrick, Long Island City (1868). Records at parish.
11. St. Luke, Whitestone (1870). Records at parish.
12. St. Stanislaus Kostka, Maspeth (1872). Records at parish.
13. Our Lady of Sorrows, Corona (1876). Records at parish.
14. Sacred Heart, Bayside (1878). Records at parish.
15. St. Joseph, Long Island City (1879). Started as a German parish. Records at parish.
16. St. Elizabeth, Ozone Park (1885). Started as a German parish. Records at parish.
17. Presentation of the BVM, Jamaica (1886). Started as a German parish. Records at parish.
18. St. Rose of Lima, Rockaway Beach (1886). Records at parish.
19. St. Adalbert, Elmhurst (1892). Started as a Polish parish. Records at parish.
20. St. Aloysius, Ridgewood (1892). Started as a German parish. Records at parish.
21. St. Benedict Joseph Labre, Richmond Hill (1892). Records at parish.
22. St. Sebastian, Woodside (1894). Records at parish.
23. SS. Joachim & Anne, Queens Village (1896). Started as a German parish. Records at parish.

24. St. Leo, Corona (1903). Started as an Italian parish. Records at parish.
25. St. Joseph, Jamaica (1904). Started as a Polish parish. Records at parish.
26. St. Mary Gate of Heaven, Ozone Park (1904). Records at parish.
27. St. Pancras, Glendale (1904). Started as a German parish. Records at parish.
28. St. Rita, Long Island City (1904). Started as an Italian parish. Records at parish.
29. St. Bartholomew, Elmhurst (1906). Records at parish.
30. St. Francis De Sales, Belle Harbor (1906). Records at parish.
31. St. Gerard Majella, Hollis (1907).
32. St. Matthias, Ridgewood (1908). Started as a German parish. Records at parish.
33. St. Pius V, Jamaica (1908). Started as an Italian parish. Records at parish.
34. Transfiguration, Maspeth (1908). Started as an Italian parish. Records at parish.
35. St. Thomas Apostle, Woodhaven (1910). Started as a German parish. Records at parish.
36. Holy Child Jesus, Richmond Hill (1910). Records at parish.
37. St. Josaphat, Bayside (1910). Records at parish.
38. Holy Cross, Maspeth (1912). Started as a Polish parish. Records at parish.
39. St. Camillus, Rockaway Beach (1912). Merged with St. Virgilius, 2008. Records at parish.
40. St. Mary Magdalene, Springfield Gardens (1913). Records at parish.
41. St. Clement Pope, South Ozone Park (1913). Records at parish.
42. St. Andrew Avellino, Flushing (1914). Records at parish.
43. St. Anastasia, Douglaston (1915). Records at parish.
44. St. Nicholas of Tolentine, Jamaica (1917). Records at parish.
45. Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, Ridgewood (1917). Records at parish.
46. Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Forest Hills (1917). Records at parish.
47. St. Joan of Arc, Jackson Heights (1920). Records at parish.
48. St. Virgilius, Broad Channel (1921). Merged with St. Camillus, 2008. Records at parish.
49. St. Catherine of Sienna, St. Albans (1922). Merged with St. Pascal Baylon, 2008 as Our Lady of Light. Records at parish.
50. Most Precious Blood, Long Island City (1922). Records at parish.
51. Our Lady of the Cenacle, Richmond Hill (1922).
52. St. Stanislaus Bishop & Martyr, Ozone Park (1923). Started as a Polish parish. Merged with Nativity of the B. V. M. Records at parish.
53. St. Gabriel, East Elmhurst (1923). Records at parish.
54. Our Lady of Perpetual Help, South Ozone Park (1923). Records at parish.
55. St. Gertrude, Edgemere (1923). Merged with St. Mary Star of the Sea, 2008. Records at parish.
56. St. Clare, Rosedale (1924). Records at parish.
57. Immaculate Conception, Jamaica Estates (1924). Records at parish.
58. Immaculate Conception, Long Island City (1924). Records at parish.
59. Our Lady of Grace, Howard Beach (1924). Records at parish.
60. Our Lady of Lourdes, Queens Village (1924). Records at parish.
61. Nativity of the BVM, Ozone Park (1925). Started as an Italian parish. Merged with St. Stanislaus Bishop & Martyr, 2008. Records at parish.
62. St. Kevin, Flushing (1926). Records at parish.
63. Mary's Nativity, Flushing (1926). Records at parish.
64. Resurrection-Ascension, Rego Park (1926). Records at parish.
65. St. Ann, Flushing (1927). Records at parish.
66. Incarnation, Queens Village (1927). Records at parish.
67. St. Teresa, Woodside (1928). Records at parish.
68. St. Teresa of Avila, South Ozone Park (1929). Records at parish.
69. Blessed Sacrament, Jackson Heights (1929). Records at parish.
70. Sacred Heart, East Glendale (1929). Started as a German parish. Records at parish.
71. St. Francis of Assisi, Astoria (1930). Records at parish.
72. Our Lady of Mercy, Forest Hills (1930). Records at parish.
73. Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament, Bayside (1930). Records at parish.
74. St. Bonaventure, Jamaica (1930). Merged with St. Benedict the Moor, 2009. Records at parish.

75. St. Pascal Baylon, St. Albans (1930). Records at parish.
76. St. Benedict the Moor, Jamaica (1932). Started as an African-American parish. Merged with St. Bonaventure, 2009. Records at parish.
77. Christ the King, Springfield Gardens (1933). Records at parish.
78. St. Gregory the Great, Bellerose (1936). Records at parish.
79. Sacred Heart, Cambria Heights (1936). Records at parish.
80. Corpus Christi, Woodside (1937). Records at parish.
81. St. Thomas More-St. Edmund, Breezy Point (1937). Merged with St. Genevieve as Blessed Trinity Parish, 2008. Records at parish.
82. St. Anthony of Padua, South Ozone Park (1937). Started as an Italian parish. Records at parish.
83. Our Lady of the Angelus, Rego Park (1938). Records at parish.
84. Queen of Peace, Kew Gardens (1939). Records at parish.
85. St. Robert Bellarmine, Bayside (1939). Records at parish.
86. Holy Family, Flushing (1940). Records at parish.
87. St. Mel, Flushing (1941). Records at parish.
88. Ascension, Elmhurst (1945). Records at parish.
89. American Martyrs, Bayside (1948). Records at parish.
90. Our Lady of the Snows, North Floral Park (1948). Records at parish.
91. Our Lady of Fatima, Jackson Heights (1948). Records at parish.
92. St. Genevieve, Roxbury (1950). Merged with as Blessed Trinity Parish, 2008. Records at parish.
93. Queen of Angels, Sunnyside (1953). Records at parish.
94. St. Helen, Howard Beach (1960). Records at parish.
95. St. Pius X, Rosedale (1960). Records at parish.
96. Our Lady of Hope, Middle Village (1960). Records at parish.
97. St. Margaret Mary, Long Island City (1961). Merged with Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Long Island City, 2007. Records at Our Lady of Mount Carmel.
98. St. Paul the Apostle, Corona (1964). Records at parish.
99. Holy Trinity, Whitestone (1965). Records at parish.
100. St. John Vianney, Flushing (1967). Records at parish.
101. St. Paul Chong Ha-Sang, Flushing (2006). Records at parish.
102. Blessed Trinity, 2008
103. Our Lady of Light, 2008

### **Eastern Rite Parishes**

1. St. Elias Byzantine Catholic Church, Greenpoint. A Parish of The Eparchy of Newton ([www.melkite.org](http://www.melkite.org)).
2. Virgin Mary Melkite Catholic Church, Park Slope. ([www.melkite.org](http://www.melkite.org))
3. Our Lady of Lebanon Cathedral, Brooklyn Heights. The Cathedral of the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn. ([www.stmaron.org](http://www.stmaron.org)).
4. St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church, Park Slope (1916). A parish of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Stamford ([www.stamforddio.org](http://www.stamforddio.org)).
5. St. Mary Protectress Ukrainian Catholic Church, Ozone Park ([www.stamforddio.org](http://www.stamforddio.org)).
6. Resurrection Coptic Catholic Church, Park Slope (1985) ([www.stamforddio.org](http://www.stamforddio.org)).
7. Holy Cross Ukrainian Catholic Church, Astoria ([www.stamforddio.org](http://www.stamforddio.org)).
8. Holy Ghost Ukrainian Catholic Church, Williamsburg ([www.stamforddio.org](http://www.stamforddio.org)).
9. Annunciation of the BVM Ukrainian Catholic Church, Fresh Meadows ([www.stamforddio.org](http://www.stamforddio.org)).

### **Chapels**

Sacred Heart Chapel, Carroll Gardens.

Closed 1995.

Records at St. Mary Star of the Sea, Carroll Gardens.



St. Frances Cabrini Chapel, Carroll Gardens.  
Closed 1996.  
Records at Sacred Hearts of Jesus Mary and St. Stephen.

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Brooklyn, NY 11204  
(718) 259-5424

Our Lady of China Chapel  
54-09 92<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Elmhurst, NY 11373  
(718) 699-1929  
[olcny@aol.com](mailto:olcny@aol.com)  
[www.olc.faithweb.com](http://www.olc.faithweb.com)

Our Lady of the Skies Chapel  
John F. Kennedy International Airport  
Terminal #4—Fourth Floor  
Jamaica, NY 11430  
(718) 656-5348

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Chapel  
103-56 52<sup>nd</sup> Avenue  
Corona, NY 11368  
(For information please contact St. Leo, Corona)

St. Raphael's Korean Martyrs Apostolate  
35-20 Greenpoint Avenue  
Long Island City, NY 11101  
(718) 729-2220

### **How do I make a records request?**

If the records are at a parish, contact that parish directly. Contact information is available *through the parishes section of our diocesan website*.

For the Chancery please contact:

R.C. Diocese of Brooklyn  
Office of the Chancery  
75 Greene Avenue—P.O. Box C  
Brooklyn, NY 11202  
(718) 399-5900

If the records are at the Archives, please contact:

R.C. Diocese of Brooklyn  
Office of the Archivist  
310 Prospect Park West  
Brooklyn, NY 11215  
(718) 965-7300

Before researching your request, we ask that you send a donation of at least \$25.00 to defray the cost of researching your request. Please make your check or money order payable to "R.C. Diocese of Brooklyn" and mail it to the address given above.

## **Where can I find Orphanage Records?**

The Diocesan Archives does not possess any orphanage records. Childcare institutions still in operation are St. Vincent Home (founded 1869), Guardian Angel Home (1899), and St. John's Home (founded 1868 in Brooklyn, moved to Rockaway Beach in 1937). For St. John's see [www.stjohnsresidence.org](http://www.stjohnsresidence.org), for St. Vincent's see [www.svs.org](http://www.svs.org), and for Guardian Angel see [www.mercyfirst.com](http://www.mercyfirst.com).

Orphanages were run mainly by women's religious communities. Some parishes had their own orphanages, while many convents included accommodations for a dozen or so orphans. For many years, the Sisters of St. Dominic were active in German parishes, so German-American genealogists should contact that community's archive. Other communities active in this field were the Sisters of Charity, Sisters of St. Joseph, Sisters of Mercy and the Franciscan Brothers of Brooklyn. For further information please contact their community archives:

Archivist, Sisters of Mercy  
273 Willoughby Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11205  
(718) 622-5750  
[www.mercymidatlantic.org](http://www.mercymidatlantic.org)

Archivist, Sisters of St. Dominic  
555 Albany Avenue  
Amityville, NY 11701  
(631) 842-6000  
[www.amityvilleop.org](http://www.amityvilleop.org)

Archivist, Sisters of Charity  
Mt. St. Vincent-on-Hudson  
6301 Riverdale Ave.  
Bronx, NY 10471-9930  
(718) 543-4898  
[www.scnny.org](http://www.scnny.org)

Archivist, Sisters of St. Joseph  
St. Joseph's Convent  
1725 Brentwood Road  
Brentwood, NY 11717  
(631) 273-4531  
[www.sistersofstjosephbrentwoodny.org](http://www.sistersofstjosephbrentwoodny.org)

Franciscan Brothers of Brooklyn  
135 Remsen Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11201-4212  
(718) 858-8217  
[www.franciscanbrothers.org](http://www.franciscanbrothers.org)

## **Where can I find Cemetery Records?**

The Diocesan Archives does not possess any cemetery records. Please consult the web site for the Catholic Cemeteries Office ([www.cathcemeteries-bklyn.org](http://www.cathcemeteries-bklyn.org)).

## **Which cemeteries were used by Brooklyn Catholics?**

Catholics were buried in three kinds of cemeteries: parish cemeteries, diocesan cemeteries, secular or multid denominational cemeteries in graves that have been blessed.

**Parish Cemeteries (with dates of usage)**

1. St. James Cathedral (1823 - 1849)
2. Most Holy Trinity (1841-present)
3. St. Paul, Cobble Hill (1838-?)
4. Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Astoria (1843-?)
5. St. Monica, Jamaica (no dates listed)
6. St. Mary Star of the Sea, Far Rockaway (cemetery in Lawrence, no dates listed)

**Diocesan Cemeteries (with dates of usage)**

1. Holy Cross, Flatbush (1849-present)
2. St. John, Middle Village (1880-present)
3. Mount St. Mary, Flushing (1862-present)
4. St. Charles/Resurrection Cemeteries, Farmingdale (unknown)
5. Trinity Cemetery, Amityville (unknown)

**Please Note:**

Calvary Cemetery, Woodside, was established in 1849, before the Brooklyn Diocese was formed. It remains the property of the Archdiocese of New York. Record inquiries should be sent to:

Catholic Cemeteries Office  
Archdiocese of New York  
1011 First Avenue  
New York, NY 10022  
(212) 371-1000  
[www.archny.org](http://www.archny.org)

For cemeteries in the Rockville Centre Diocese please contact:

Office of Catholic Cemeteries  
P.O. Box 182  
Westbury, NY 11590  
phone: (516) 334-7990  
[www.holyroodcemetery.org](http://www.holyroodcemetery.org)

**How do I Contact Other Diocesan Archives?**

Not every diocesan archives has a website, but the best way to find out is to check the diocesan website first. A good way to find diocesan websites is by going to the website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops ([www.nccbuscc.org](http://www.nccbuscc.org)).