



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI-ST. BLAISE PARISH

MISSION STATEMENT

As members of the Body of Christ in St. Francis of Assisi-St. Blaise Parish in Prospect Lefferts Gardens, we seek to be one in our worship of the Father, through his Son Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Centered in our life of liturgical, communal, and personal prayer we work together to enable our multi-cultural, multi-lingual faith community to live the Gospel more fully. We are committed to reaching out to the wider community as instruments of peace and mercy.

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekdays: English

7:30 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Friday in Church
8:30 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday in Chapel
335 Maple Street

Weekends

Saturday: Vigil 5:00 p.m. English
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. English
Sunday: 11:00 a.m. Español/Spanish
Sunday: 5:00 p.m. Haitian Kreyol

SACRAMENTS

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 4:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

BAPTISM: Call the rectory for registration and the schedule of baptisms.

MARRIAGE: Couples are to make arrangements at least six months prior to the wedding date. Call the rectory for an appointment.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Anyone seriously ill may ask for this Sacrament of Healing. You may also request Holy Communion Calls for sick and home-bound parishioners. Call the rectory.

DEVOTIONS:

Daily Morning Prayer at 8:15 a.m.
Holy Hour Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.
First Fridays: Adoration after 8:30 a.m. Mass

Rev. Msgr. Paul W. Jervis, Pastor
Rev. Fr. Gerald Dumont, Parochial Vicar
In Residence: Rev. Fr. Jean-Pierre Ruiz

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday: 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
PARISH SECRETARY: Ms. Fatmata B. Bangura
BOOKKEEPER: Ms. Joycelyn Adrien

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

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2º Domingo de la Cuaresma

En las lecturas de hoy se refleja la tendencia que el ser humano experimenta cada día de su vida. Vive en una constante tensión

de quedarse o irse. Por ejemplo; si estamos en un lugar tranquilo, donde se respira paz y armonía se suele decir "Me gustaría quedarme aquí para siempre". En cambio, si se sufre de alguna enfermedad grave, o muere un ser querido y se sume en el dolor se comenta, "Deseo salir de esto cuanto antes". Se vive así, quedándose y yéndose; dos polos opuestos. En este Evangelio, quedarse e irse esta junto en la vida del discípulo.

Pedro, Santiago y Juan, fueron con Jesús al monte para hacer oración. Mientras oraba, Jesús se transfiguro y su ropa se volvió de una blancura fulgurante. El Evangelio nos narra que Moisés y Elías conversaban con él. En ese instante, Pedro y sus compañeros despertaron y ante tanta belleza, Pedro le propone a Jesús lo siguiente: "Maestro, ¡qué bueno que estemos aquí! Levantemos tres chozas: una para ti, otra para Moisés y otra para Elías." (Lucas 9:33). Sin duda, Pedro quería quedarse, no deseaba bajar---era difícil para el irse de ese lugar. Pasa ahora lo mismo; la jornada del discípulo es saber estar en gloria y saber sufrir para poder resucitar. ¿Cómo saberlo? ¿Cómo distinguirlo? Buscando a Dios, estando alerta siempre, aprendiendo en el silencio de la oración sus deseos. Estar, o irse: son dos contradicciones que los seguidores de Jesús viven. El reto es fuerte, la voz de Dios resuena en el Evangelio: "Este es mi Hijo, mi Elegido; escúchenlo." (Lucas 9:35). ¡Esta semana solo se trata de escuchar!

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Academy

Ongoing enrollment is available for grades K-8. In addition to that, FREE Pre-Kindergarten at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Academy. SFACA has seats available in the Pre-K for All (UPK) program (FREE Pre-K) starting September. If you have a child who was born in 2015, then she/he is eligible for the program. call: (718) 778-3700 or visit us at 400 Lincoln Rd., Brooklyn, NY 11225.



Fr. Quinn's Memorial Mass

Fr. Paul invites parishioners to attend with him the Annual Memorial Mass of Fr. Bernard Quinn **on Saturday, April 6th. Please sign up at the rectory for school bus transportation of only \$20 to St. Brigid's Church in Westbury, a nearby town in Long Island. The bus leaves at 7:15am and will be returning by 2pm.** You may benefit personally by attending the memorial Mass for the Servant of God, who is bestowing countless blessings from God on people at this time.



2ème dimanche de Carême

"En ce deuxième dimanche de Carême, l'Eglise nous invite à contempler le mystère de la Transfiguration du Seigneur Jésus. C'est une étape importante.

C'est un moment privilégié pour nous préparer à revivre la Passion du Christ lors de la Grande Semaine, la Semaine Sainte, celle qui se conclut par la fête de Pâques. Car lors de la Transfiguration, Jésus apparaît dans la Gloire, c'est-à-dire dans cet état de béatitude et de bonheur qui est celui du Christ, et aussi celui de tous les élus qui vivent en lui. Or, si Jésus apparaît dans la Gloire, et que ses disciples le voient dans cet état sublime, c'est précisément pour que ces mêmes disciples soient réconfortés par cette vision céleste avant de passer par cette épreuve tragique de la Passion du Sauveur.

- Père Daniel Meynen



The goal of the Annual Catholic Appeal is to raise a minimum of \$8 Million to provide programs and ministries throughout the Diocese. Those who are hungry, without shelter, without access to Catholic education, men discerning the Priesthood, and those who are ill and dying are just a few of the groups who depend on our generosity to the Annual Catholic Appeal.

The goal for our Parish is \$65,760

HOW WILL OUR PARISH BENEFIT?

Once we exceed our goal, we will then receive 100% of all funds raised above this figure directly back to our Parish.

Please remain assured that your gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal cannot be used in the settlement of abuse claims or for anything other than the intended purpose outlined in the Appeal materials.

WHAT IS NEXT FOR THE ACA 2019 AND HOW CAN WE HELP?

In the coming weeks, every family will be invited to participate in this Appeal and carefully consider a pledge. Please join us to respond to those in Brooklyn and Queens who are in need and support of the important work of our Church through a pledge to the Annual Catholic Appeal.

For questions regarding the Annual Catholic Appeal, please contact the Parish Office.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



2nd Sunday of Lent

As we march through Lent, it can be easy to think it's all about sacrifice. No chocolate, no alcohol, no meat on Fridays. Yet here, only in the second week of Lent, we have the story of the transfiguration.

This reading reminds us of the "why" behind what we do. We don't fast from dessert to lose weight. We don't donate money or serve others because it's merely a nice thing to do. Lent is about transformation!

Peter, James, and John trudged up the mountainside behind Jesus. This must have been a difficult hike, because when they reached the top, "Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep." Despite our best efforts, perhaps we, too, can be asleep to the deeper meaning of the Lenten season. Jesus is transfigured while they slumber, but eventually they become "fully awake, [and] they saw his glory and the two men standing with him."

This is no small thing! The disciples witness Jesus in his divine splendor and see the miraculous apparitions of Moses and Elijah. The entire mountain becomes a spiritual breakthrough. "A cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud." These symbols are present in the Old Testament. They are present on Mount Sinai when Moses prayed alone and received the 10 Commandments. Elijah had a similar experience when he prayed alone before God. But here are ordinary men, former fishermen, who have been drawn up into an adventure beyond their wildest expectations. Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah, the fulfillment of all that came before. But Christianity is not the religion of the elite, where only the select few are allowed to participate. We are all invited into spiritual transformation. Lent is a privileged time for this!

Group karismatic
Kréyol La ap invité nou
Tout nan yon pèlerinaj
Nap Fè

Dimanch 28 Avril, 2019

Nou pralé nan pyé, Sénye jezu ki sous tour gras et ki pleim
Misericorde Divine, Stockbridge, Mass
Nap pati a 6:30am Tapan devan L'egliz
St. Fancie (Lincoln rd & Nostrand Ave.)
Bus la se \$55.00
Fre-m yo, Se-m yo. Ann Al Benyen
Nan sous la
Contact presbytière: 718-756-2015
Ou 917-442-7218

Haitian Chrisimatic Group of our church invites you to a
Pilgrimage to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, on April
28th, at the National Shrine of The Divine Mercy,
Stockbridge, Massachusetts.

Bus departs 6:30 AM on Lincoln Rd. corner of
Nostrand Ave. and the side of church

Contact: 718-756-2015 or 917442-7218. Price \$55.00



The following are the
days and meeting
places for the ARISE
groups, March 12 to
April 13, 2019

Tuesday Sessions 1,2,3,4,5,6, in Sacristy at 6pm

Wednesday Sessions 2,3,4,5,6, in Parish Center
music Rm. At 6pm

Thursday sessions, 2,3,4,5,6, Frist fl. Parish Center.

Friday Sessions 2,3,4,5,6, 2nd fl parish center.

Saturday sessions: 2,3,4,5,6, 1st fl. Parish center.
Sessions 3,4,5,6, facilitator music Rm. Parish center.
11:30am

Sessions 2,3,4,5,6, 1st fl. Parish center 3:00pm

Sessions 2,3,4,5,6, choir blue Rm 1st fl. Parish
center 3pm

Sessions 2,3,4,5,6, 1st fl. Parish center 6pm

Sessions 2,3,4,5,6 (host)
young adults 6pm

It is not too late to join.



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Deadline to purchase tickets is April 28, 2019

Installment payments may be made through April 28, 2019

Contacts: Marina Farquhar (718) 774-7016, Kathleen Hypolite
(347) 409-2438, Margaret Valentine (347) 276-4990, Marie
Aurelus (917) 916- 6738 or contact the Parish Office.

BUS LEAVES (Nostrand Av & Lincoln Rd) at 6 AM SHARP!

MARCH 17, 2019

March 23rd & March 24th

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM

Com: D. Rouse Lect: P. Smith.

EMHC: C. Thomas, E. Greene, P. Clarke.

9:00 AM Com: L. Payton. Lect: F. Alexis,
J. Taylor. EMHC: Y. Dyett, J. Phillip, S. Carter,

J. Caines, J. Tropnas, C. Watkis, M. Valentine.

11:00 AM Com: S. Adams. Lect: E. Bracho.

EMHC: N. Burdier, O. Gomez, L. Lopez.

12:30 PM Com: P. Clarke. Lect: M. Cato, A. Seales.

EMHC: I. Alexis, L. Jean-Baptiste, A. Seales, G. Augustine,
A. Thomas, M. B. John.

5:00 PM Com: J. Bissainthe. Lect: O. Danice.

EMHC: O. Jean-Gilles, R. Lavache, A. Delice.



If you would like to dedicate either the candle, hosts, or wine for your intention, please call the rectory to submit your request. The donation for either the candle, hosts, or wine is \$20.00 weekly. Your intention will be published in the bulletin.



HAVE YOU HEARD?

Our religious education program is having an Easter Feast Show on Saturday April 13, 2019 in the school auditorium. Come and see our youngsters in action through Dance, Song, Plays and Fashion. Lend your support, purchase a ticket for only \$20. Tickets are available at the rectory during office hours and after each weekend Mass beginning this weekend.

GROUPE CHRISMATIQUE HAITIEN MI-CAREME JUENE & RECOLLECTION

PLACE: Eglise du St. Francis de Assisi

DATE: Samedi 6 Avril, 2019

HEURE: 8 AM—1PM Messe du matin en Anglais

Les autres points du jour

Chapelet, prière, partages bibliques, témoignages, chemin
chemin d'Emaus, 1PM Cloture

Adoration 12-1:00PM.

NB: Apportez: Bible, chapelet, papier crayon/plume, et un Coeur
bien disposé

Collection Report Weekend: March 9th & 10th

Adults	Attendance	Contribution
5:00 P.M.	122	\$1,942.00
9: 00 A.M.	147	\$1,387.00
11:00 A.M.	101	\$ 415.00
12:30 P.M.	171	\$1,153.00
5:00 P.M.	105	\$ 698.00
On-Line Giving		\$ 520.17
TOTAL	646	\$6,115.17

Candles: \$31.00 Fuel & maintenance: \$1010.00

MARCH 17, 2019

 **Mass Intentions
for the Week**

Saturday	March 16th—Vigil of the Second Sunday of Lent
5:00 PM	†Sauveur & Andrea Fortune/Marie Bois
Sunday	March 17th—Second Sunday of Lent
9:00 AM	B/Day blessings for Marie S. Kanu/Judith C. Mortimer-Taylor
11:00 AM	Thanksgiving for the Contrera family/Juana
12:30 PM	†Simeon Cooper/the family
5:00 PM	†Marie Emicile Amesfort/Doris & Marie
Monday	March 18th—Lenten Weekday
7:30AM	†Margaret Messer/the family
Tuesday	March 19th—St. Joseph, Spouse of the BVM
8:30 AM	B'Day blessings for Jerliane Jean-Gilles/Oliane
Wednesday	March 20th—Lenten Weekday
7:30 AM	For the Holy Souls/The Pond Family
Thursday	March 21st—Lenten Weekday
8:30 AM	†Andre Thiem/The Thiem family
Friday	March 22nd—Lenten Weekday
7:30 AM	†Ernst Clerfe/Morning prayer group
Saturday	March 23rd—Lenten Weekday
8:30 AM	†Henry Larosiliere/the family
5:00 PM	Souls in purgatory/Thiem family
Sunday	March 24th—Third Sunday of Lent
9 :00 AM	†Edward & Gertrude Mark/Sybil Millet
11:00 PM	†Lydia Cruz/Sonia Cotto
12:30 PM	Thanksgiving for Lorraine
5:00 PM	For the People of the Parish

Readings for the week of March 17, 2019

Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14[1a]/Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36
Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [cf. 103:10a]/Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [37]/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Next Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 [8a]/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9

Our Sick: Rose Baptiste, Gertrude Conception, J. Patrick Alexis,



Pray for

, Glenna Williams, Jeanette Sandiford, Deotha Armstrong, Josephine Pierre-Louis, Tracey Austin, Darius Hayward, Violet Ryan, Orin Fisher, Maura St. Clair,, Alex, Dee, Shane Dabareo, Mavis Pique, Robert Matthew, Debra Dookwah-Brown, Angela Silverio, Marie Brutus, Claire McArthur, Celine Mosley, Letna Murden, Eguelino Edouard, Joan Cato, Carlyle Martial, John Collymore, Christopher Henderson, Cecil Gilbert, Claire McCarthy Sheila Smith and .

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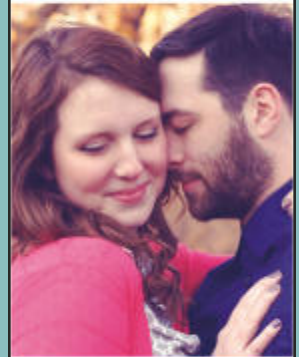
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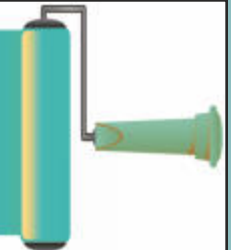
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