



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

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3º Domingo de la Cuaresma

Cuántas veces hemos escuchado estas frases tan trilladas de personas que se encuentran en diferentes circunstancias. Puede ser entre matrimonios, o

de hijos a sus padres, o de alumnos a sus maestros: "Por favor dame una segunda oportunidad, déjeme tratar otra vez, permíteme hacerlo una vez más". Reflexionemos en la higuera de la parábola por la cual el viñador abogo para que no fuera cortada. "Señor, déjala un año más y mientras tanto cavaré alrededor y le echaré abono. Puede ser que así de fruto en adelante y, si no, la cortas." (Lucas 13:8-9). Un año más; que corto tiempo, pero sí, es muy valioso para arreglar la tierra y ponerle abono. Los agricultores y jardineros lo entienden muy bien; ellos saben que importante es el cambio total de tierra para que las raíces tomen fuerza.

La parábola que Jesús pone de ejemplo con la higuera es clave para que en este tercer Domingo de Cuaresma quede claro que se trata de la conversión del corazón. Dios nos da el tiempo suficiente para el arrepentimiento. ¡Una Cuaresma más! No perdamos el tiempo; acerquémonos al Sacramento de la Reconciliación. Es tiempo de dejar la falsedad, el egoísmo la flojera. La vida diaria ofrece muchas oportunidades de cambio y de aprendizaje. No importa la edad ni la condición, Dios nos espera con sus brazos abiertos. Imagina ese abrazo de Dios que tanto necesitas ahora.



Has it been Generations since you paid to the Faith Campaign?

93 parishioners have made no payments in three years.

94 parishioners are far behind with their payments.

86 parishioners are up to date with their payments. We thank them very much.

73 parishioners paid in full. We thank them plentifully.

Our parish goal is \$680.000.00

All together, parishioners pledged \$1,282.311.00

Paid so far \$442.205.95

Parish is short \$301.34.87 of goal

Parishioners who have fallen on hard times and cannot not continue (or can only give a lesser amount) can explain their situation in confidence to Fr. Paul. **He asks parishioners who can fulfill their payments not to fall behind and he is filled with gratitude to all who have completed their payments. Thanks to all.**



3ème dimanche de Carême

On entend souvent cette question : pourquoi la souffrance, la douleur, la mort ? Pourquoi les maux de toutes sortes ? La réponse est à la fois simple et complexe. Elle

est simple si on se base sur cette sentence de Saint Paul, qui déclare : "Par un seul homme, le péché est entré dans le monde, et par le péché la mort." (Rm. 5, 12) Ce qui veut dire que, par le péché d'Adam, et comme conséquence de ce péché, l'homme a été assujetti à la mort temporelle : en raison du péché originel, Dieu a imposé à l'homme cette pénitence de la mort temporelle. Mais la réponse est aussi complexe, car Jésus le dit bien : ce n'est pas parce qu'un homme aura beaucoup péché qu'il souffrira beaucoup durant sa vie temporelle. Ce qui veut dire qu'il y a bien une relation entre le péché et la souffrance, mais qu'il n'y a rien de proportionnel ici.

En effet, si Dieu est juste, il est aussi miséricordieux ! Et, si certains hommes, si certaines femmes, qui sont pourtant très fidèles à Dieu et à l'Eglise, souffrent beaucoup et depuis longtemps, c'est par miséricorde ! La souffrance, la douleur, c'est une grâce que Dieu donne à ceux qu'il aime plus que tous les autres ! Quelle est la personne humaine qui a souffert le plus, tout en ayant aucun péché sur elle, sinon Marie, la Mère de Jésus, présente au pied de la Croix, compatissant avec son Fils unique mourant pour tous les hommes ? Sans aucun doute, Marie est le plus bel exemple de personnes qui souffrent sans qu'elles aient de péchés à présenter à la miséricorde de Dieu. Il est vrai que Jésus a énormément souffert aussi, mais il portait sur lui tous les péchés du monde, et c'est précisément pour ces mêmes péchés qu'il a souffert et est mort sur la Croix.

- Père Daniel Meynen



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

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

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

Thursday Sessions, 2,3,4,5,5, 1st 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. 11:30 am

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

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.



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



3rd Sunday of Lent

Perhaps this Lent you are working hard to stick with your devotions, avoid hamburgers on Fridays, and fight your temptations for soda since you gave it up for Jesus. You are planting seeds in your spiritual life in

hopes of growing them into something beautiful and meaningful.

However, you have been trying this approach now for many years, and it is hard to say that much has grown during all that time. You could deduce that what you are doing is not as worthwhile as you once believed. There is no fruit because these things don't matter. Or you could take a real hard look at your life, see where you are planting those seeds, and finally notice what the problem has been all along. WEEDS!

As good stewards who are called to discern how we respond to the call of Jesus Christ, we must be about ripping those weeds out of our lives so the good seeds we plant can grow. For each of us, the weeds are different: money, ego, sex, greed, etc. If we don't take a good honest look at our lives and make some tough choices, no amount of devotion or good works will make us better disciples. We will simply wait for the next Lent to do the same things all over again.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Celebrate our unity this Pentecost

on Sunday June 9th, with one tri-lingual parish Mass at 10AM and afterwards our Parish Festival on the school grounds. **Allow the Holy Spirit to unite our parish community more closely as the one body of Christ.**

The feedback from parishioners at last Sunday's Masses, is generally in favor of the one Mass for Pentecost but please tell the priests if you are not in favor of it.

Group karismatic
Krèyol La ap invité nou
Tout nan yon pèlerinaj
Nap Fé

Dimanche 28 Avril, 2019

Nou pralé nan pyé, Sénye Jezu ki sous tour grac et ki pleim
Misericorde Divine, Stockbridge, Mass.
Nap pati a 6:30am Tapan devan L'egliz
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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 Aurelius (917) 916- 6738 or contact the Parish Office

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

MARCH 24, 2019

March 30th & March 31st

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM

Com: P. Smith **Lect:** E. Greene.

EMHC: P. Clarke, J. Ofodile, D. Rouse.

9:00 AM Com: J. Taylor. **Lect:** C. Thomas,

A. Springer. **EMHC:** Y. Dyett, J. Phillip, S. Carter,

J. Caines, V. Hodge, L. Payton, J. Tropnas.

11:00 AM Com: L. Lopez. **Lect:** S. Adams.

EMHC: R. Almonte, A. Alvarez, Flor Fernandez.

12:30 PM Com: R. Boyce. **Lect:** K. Carrington,
F. Gomes-Gregory. **EMHC:** I. Alexis, L. Jean-Baptiste, A. Seales,
G. Augustin, A. Thomas, M. LaFontant.

5:00 PM Com: M. Roy. **Lect:** O. Jean-Gilles.

EMHC: Rosemarie Jean, M. G. Ferdinand, F. Sandeus.



This week's candle burns in memory of Gail
Peters, wine in memory of the deceased
Hypolite family.



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

Children Easter Spring Concert

Our religious education program is having an Easter Show on **Saturday April 13, 2019 in the school auditorium. Come and see our youngsters in action through Dance, Songs, 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

Collection Report Weekend: March 16th & 17th

Adults	Attendance	Contribution
5:00 P.M.	113	\$1,917.00
9:00 A.M.	245	\$3,454.00
11:00 A.M.	132	\$ 807.00
12:30 P.M.	182	\$1,846.00
5:00 P.M.	111	\$ 646.00
On-Line Giving		\$ 216.57
TOTAL	783	\$8,886.57

Candles: \$107.00

MARCH 24, 2019

 **Mass Intentions
for the Week**

Saturday 5:00 PM	March 23rd—Vigil of the third Sunday of Lent Souls in purgatory/Thiem family
Sunday 9:00 AM	March 24th—Third Sunday of Lent †Edward & Gertrude Mark/Sybil Millet
11:00 AM	†Lydia Cruz/Sonia Cotto
12:30 PM	Thanksgiving for Lorraine
5:00 PM	For the People of the Parish
Monday 7:30AM	March 25th—The Annunciation of the Lord †Rubens Clerfe/morning prayer group
Tuesday 8:30 AM	March 26th—Lenten Weekday †Marie Marthorne/morning prayer group
Wednesday 7:30 AM	March 27th—Lenten Weekday †Anna Alexander/Marie Alberic
Thursday 8:30 AM	March 28th—Lenten Weekday †Gracieuse Colon/Mireille Lafontant
Friday 7:30 AM	March 29th—Lenten Weekday †Maraget Rose Amour/morning prayer group
Saturday 8:30 AM	March 30th—Lenten Weekday †Anre Thiem/Thiem family
5:00 PM	For RCIA new members of the church
Sunday 9 :00 AM	March 31st—Fourth Sunday of Lent B'Day blessings for Akosua Twum/Sonia Carr
11:00 PM	For the People of the Parish
12:30 PM	†Imode Milfort/Andrea Paul
5:00 PM	†Deceased members of the Bangura family

Readings for the week of March 24, 2019

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
Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8, 8b-9, 10, 11 [8a, 9a]/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [6a]/Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 [12a]/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 [cf. 11 and 9a]/Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab [cf. Hos 6:6]/Lk 18:9-14
Next Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [9a]/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32



Pray for

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

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Erla Mason, Joy LaRose and Erlene Fleming.

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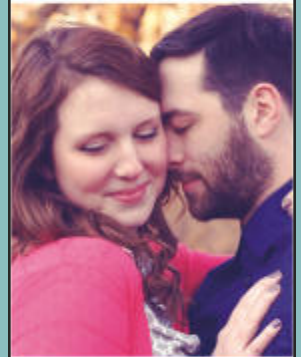
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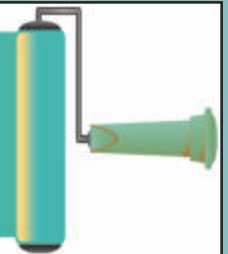
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