



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

335 Maple Street
PHONE: 718.778.1302
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4º Domingo de la Cuaresma

"Padre, he pecado contra Dios y ante ti. Ya no merezco ser llamado hijo tuyo." (Lucas 15:21). En esta parábola se encuentra la

misericordia de Dios en abundancia, sin límites, para aquel hijo arrepentido. El Evangelio nos narra: "Pero el Padre dijo a sus servidores: ¡Rápido! Traigan el mejor vestido y pónganselo. Colóquenle un anillo en el dedo y traigan calzado para sus pies. Traigan el ternero gordo y mátenlo; comamos y hagamos fiesta?". (Lucas 15:22-23). Jesús no tiene límites; recibe a todas las personas, a nadie le da con la puerta en las narices, como decimos comúnmente. El se abre totalmente al que lo busca; tal como lo hace el Padre al hijo pródigo.

El Padre es modelo de misericordia y perdón. Sabe reconciliar y después del abrazo de bienvenida llega la fiesta a lo grande para el hijo. El Papa Francisco, nos recuerda que "Jesús no describe a un padre ofendido y resentido, un padre que, por ejemplo, dice al hijo: 'me las pagarás, ¡eh!'; no, el padre lo abraza, lo espera con amor. Al contrario, la única cosa que el padre tiene en su corazón es que este hijo este ante él sano y salvo y esto lo hace feliz y hace fiesta". Y el papa agrega. "En cualquier situación de la vida, no debo olvidar que no dejaré jamás de ser hijo de Dios, ser hijo de un Padre que me ama y espera mi regreso. Incluso en las situaciones más feas de la vida, Dios me espera, Dios quiere abrazarme, Dios me espera." (11 de mayo 2016).



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 \$301,340.87 of goal

Parishioners who have fallen on hard times and cannot 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.**



4ème dimanche de Carême

Aujourd'hui, l'Eglise nous propose de réfléchir sur la parabole de l'enfant prodigue, c'est-à-dire sur cet épisode où Jésus raconte comment un fils

demanda à son père l'héritage qui lui revenait, dépensa tout son argent en débauche et en plaisir, et finit par revenir chez son père avec un esprit de repentir pour les fautes qu'il avait commises. Il s'agit d'un enfant prodigue, car il dépensa tout son bien d'une manière désordonnée et scandaleuse : il fit un mauvais usage des biens que son père lui avait remis pour sa part d'héritage. Mais il s'agit surtout d'un enfant, d'un fils dont le père est admirable de bonté et de bienveillance, car ce que ce fils a dépensé sans mesure, c'est précisément tout ce que la condescendance de son père lui avait octroyé largement.

Cet enfant prodigue sait qui est son père ! Il sait qu'il est bon et tendre envers tous les gens de la maison, du plus petit jusqu'au plus grand. Il sait que son père est bon, car il l'a éprouvé à maintes reprises. Et il s'en souvient ! "Combien de gens aux gages de mon père ont du pain en abondance." Assurément, il s'en souvient ! Et nous aussi, nous avons tant et tant de fois éprouvé la bonté et la miséricorde de Dieu à notre égard... Et nous aussi, dans l'Esprit de Dieu, nous nous en souvenons ! Les bienfaits que Dieu nous a accordés durant toute notre vie sont autant de gages de sa tendresse et de son amour envers nous. - Père Daniel Meynen

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Time: 11:00 a.m –3:30 p.m.

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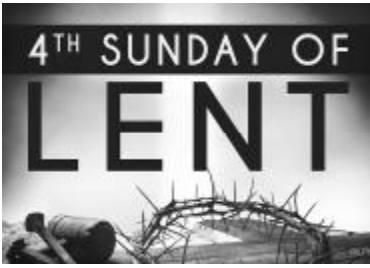
**Also FREE Head & Neck Cancer Screening
When: Monday, April 1st from 8 am-12pm
Suite H at SUNY Downstate Ctr.**

450 Clarkson Avenue, Brooklyn, NY

Risks include Smoking, Chewing tobacco and Alcohol.

Takes 10 minutes. No age requirement.
No insurance needed. No Appointment necessary.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



4th Sunday of Lent

So you never have been that serious about a stewardship way of life? It's not that you have been greedy or unloving toward others. You give of yourself when you determine there is a real need. However, you haven't

intentionally worked toward surrendering all you are, all you have, and all you do to your God. It's hard because when you compare yourself to others, you seem pretty good. You aren't some prodigal child who needs to return to God because you have lived a life full of sin and selfishness.

Yet, there lies the problem. We can easily feel we aren't so bad, so why change anything? We can lull ourselves into a belief that we will probably get to heaven, therefore why do more?

Assurance of salvation is another topic, but basically we can look at our life as a series of transactions with God.

However, we shouldn't determine our actions based upon what we get. The actions of a loved one are due to the love for one's beloved. Jesus gave his life out of love for us. He has shown us what complete surrender looks like. He does not need our surrender but wants it because that is what those in love do. This Lent, perhaps our prayer should not be to simply be better stewards, but to love Him more. Then our motivation will not be based upon what we should do but on what we are moved to do out of love.

-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 the last two Sunday Masses, is in favor of the one Mass for Pentecost, and we will have it at 10:30 AM.**

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

Dimanche 28 Avril, 2019
Nou pralé nan pyé, Sénye Jezu ki sous tour grac et ki pleim
Misericorde Divine, Stockbridge, Mass.
Nap pati 6:30am Tapan devan L'egliz
St. Francis (Lincoln Rd. & Nostand 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



**Annual Catholic
Appeal 2019**
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

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.

HOW WILL OUR PARISH BENEFIT?

The goal for our Parish is **\$65,760**.

Once we exceed our goal, we will then receive 100% of all funds raised above this figure (above) 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.



The St. Vincent de Paul Society invites you to join them on their trip to see JESUS

at the

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MAY 25, 2019

Cost: Adults (\$160.00); Children, 12 and under (\$80.00)

(includes motor coach bus, breakfast on the bus, stop at Tanger Outlets, lunch at Millers Restaurant and the Jesus show)

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 31, 2019

**April 6th & April 7th
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM**

Com: M. Whitty **Lect:** C. Thomas.

EMHC: P. Clarke, E. Greene, P. Smith.

9:00 AM Com: A. Springer. **Lect:** K. Hypolite,
M. Valentine. **EMHC:** Y. Dyett, J. Taylor,
S. Carter, J. Caines, V. Hodge, C. Watkis, L. Payton.

11:00 AM Com: O. Gomez. **Lect:** L. Lopez.

EMHC: N. Lopez, R. Tejada, S. Adams.

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

5:00 PM Com: M. Brutus. **Lect:** E. Derilus.

EMHC: O. Jean-Gilles, R. Lavache, Anne-marie Bien-Aime.



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.



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 at 6:30pm 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 23rd & 24th

Adults	Attendance	Contribution
5:00 P.M.	108	\$1,576.00
9: 00 A.M.	265	\$2,593.00
11:00 A.M.	147	\$ 914.00
12:30 P.M.	242	\$1,476.00
5:00 P.M.	103	\$ 707.00
On-Line Giving		\$ 378.46
TOTAL	865	\$7,644.46

Candles: \$102.00

MARCH 31, 2019

 **Mass Intentions
for the Week**

Saturday	March 30th—Vigil of the Fourth Sunday of Lent
5:00 PM	For the RCIA new members of the church
Sunday	March 31st—Fourth Sunday of Lent
9:00 AM	B'Day blessings for Akosua Twum/Sonia Carr
11:00 AM	For the People of the Parish
12:30 PM	†Imode Milfort/Andree Paul
5:00 PM	Deceased members of the Bangura family
Monday	April 1st—Lenten Weekday
7:30AM	Thanksgiving for the family/Margery Murray
Tuesday	April 2nd—Lenten Weekday
8:30 AM	B'Day blessings for Rosemarie Jean
Wednesday	April 3rd—Lenten Weekday
7:30 AM	†Susanna Leevy/The Family
Thursday	April 4th—Lenten Weekday
8:30 AM	For the forgotten souls/Thiem family
Friday	April 5th—Lenten Weekday
7:30 AM	†Ronald Roch/the family
Saturday	April 6th—Lenten Weekday
8:30 AM	†Rosanna Lundy/Marie Lundy
5:00 PM	†Bernadette Normil/The family
Sunday	April 7th—Fifth Sunday of Lent
9 :00 AM	†Fachino Dort/Bianca Dort
11:00 PM	Thanksgiving for Sally Russell
12:30 PM	Fr. Bernard Quinn memorial
5:00 PM	Thanksgiving for Jocelyn Guillaume

Readings for the week of March 31, 2019

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
Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [8]/Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 [8a]/Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23 [19a]/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53
Next Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11



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, Denise Jean-Baptiste and Herve Jean-Pierre.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Our Recently Deceased:

Erla Mason, Joy LaRose and Jacqueline Jeffers.



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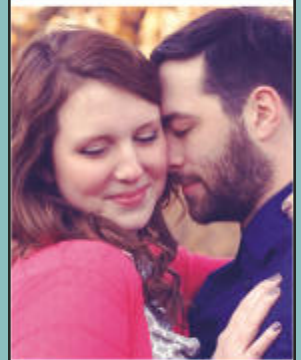
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