



## 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

### PARISH OFFICE & MAILING ADDRESS

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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday: 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
**PARISH SECRETARY:** Ms. Fatmata B. Bangura  
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### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

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**5º Domingo de la Cuaresma**

"Vete y ya no vuelvas a pecar." (Juan 8:11).  
Que hermosas palabras para esta mujer sorprendida en adulterio. Que alivio

para ella poder respirar nuevamente la vida. Que gran manifestación del amor de Dios que defiende lo que le pertenece. No es favoritismo al defenderla, es simplemente defender la justicia. En aquel entonces, y ahora, el mundo vive tensiones de dureza de corazón. La enseñanza de Jesús es ayudar a reconocer que todos somos pecadores, por lo tanto, todos merecemos la Misericordia infinita de Dios; ¡Su perdón! La Cuaresma es un tiempo que abre nuevos horizontes de vida nueva en Jesús.

Los fariseos y los letrados juzgaban a la mujer con la ley. Jesús, con su autoridad de Hijo de Dios, la libera con sus palabras evangélicas, con su mirada de amor inconfundible hacia los pecadores. La misericordia y la conversión se encuentran en este domingo. El 18 de junio en la audiencia jubilar en la plaza de San Pedro, el Papa Francisco dijo: "La auténtica conversión se produce cuando experimentamos en nosotros el amor de Dios y acogemos el don de su misericordia; y un signo claro de que la conversión es auténtica es cuando caemos en la cuenta de las necesidades del prójimo". Queda poco tiempo para llegar a la Pascua. Sin embargo, viene lo difícil, lo doloroso, el camino de la cruz, la subida a Jerusalén. Señor, sé que Tú me puedes purificar para quedar limpio, como dice el salmo 50. Solo me queda reflexionar y preguntarme: ¿Cómo le respondo al Señor al ser perdonado? ¿Cómo va mi conversión en esta Cuaresma? ¿De qué forma voy con Él al Calvario? Ojalá que en todos los actos de la vida seamos justos y bondadosos con los demás.

**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC ACADEMY**

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**5ème dimanche de Carême**

Les textes bibliques de ce dimanche nous révèlent un Dieu libérateur et sauveur. Dans la première lecture, le prophète Isaïe nous rappelle

comment le peuple des Hébreux a été libéré de l'esclavage d'Égypte. Mais cet événement fondateur n'est pas que de l'histoire ancienne. Isaïe s'adresse à un peuple qui vient de vivre une longue période de captivité. Il lui annonce cette bonne nouvelle : c'est aujourd'hui que Dieu sauve son peuple de l'exil. Ce dernier va pouvoir entrer dans la Terre promise. Le désert qu'il va traverser sera jalonné d'oasis. Il faut y voir un signe que Dieu peut donner vie et espérance aux cœurs les plus arides.

C'est important pour nous aujourd'hui. Dans ce monde qui est le nôtre, beaucoup vivent dans la désespérance. Il a besoin de témoins qui lui révèlent la source d'eau vive, celle qui fait fleurir tous les déserts, ceux de nos familles, ceux de nos milieux de vie et ceux de notre monde. Il faut le dire et le redire : Dieu prépare pour son peuple des temps nouveaux ; ce peuple formé par Dieu est appelé à chanter sa louange.

Dans son Evangile, saint Jean nous parle de la miséricorde qui libère. Il nous raconte le procès de cette femme coupable d'adultère. Ses accusateurs sont des scribes et des pharisiens, des experts de la loi de Moïse, des personnes reconnues pour leur ferveur religieuse. D'après la loi de Moïse, cette femme devait être lapidée. Mais s'ils se tournent vers Jésus, c'est d'abord pour le piéger.

**Please remember your contributions for the Easter Lilies that make our church so beautiful on Easter Sunday. Your contributions can be given in memory of your deceased loved ones.**



**MSGR. BERNARD J. QUINN**

*Future Saint of Brooklyn*



Today is the 79th Anniversary of Msgr. Bernard Quinn's death. We thank a few of our parishioners who joined others in going on the bus pilgrimage yesterday, to celebrate the Memorial Mass of his death at St. Brigid Church, Westbury. We look forward any time now to the completion of the report on his sanctity which will be presented to the Vatican Congregation for the Causes of Saints. You can seek his intercession in your prayers to God for whatever your needs are.

Bernard Quinn, Pray for and with us!

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



### 5th Sunday of Lent

"The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery and made her stand in the middle." The episode of the woman caught in adultery is a powerful story. We have perhaps all felt as the woman has at some point in our lives, surrounded by those who would condemn us. The beauty of Christ's mercy at the end is clear? and a welcome relief as we all struggle to be good and holy people. But have we ever imagined ourselves on the edge of the circle? Have we pictured ourselves in the sea of dusty robes? Perhaps, we hope, we're hovering at the edge of the circle of judgment. But we've all been there.

How easy it is to be righteous when someone else's reputation is at stake. When the small child is acting up in the grocery store or on the plane. When another company has a scandal break or a major error sets back their profits. Could it be easy to pick up the stone and feel its weight and heft in our hands? Because if we've got a stone in our hands, our own righteous category is clear. Our judgment is our insurance that we won't be on the receiving end of the criticism. If we can point out a wrong, surely we are firmly in the right.

"Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her"? they went away one by one." This Lent, not only are we invited to receive God's mercy, but to show God's mercy.

### RECONCILIATION MONDAY

**Next Monday, April 15 of Holy Week,** we will be having Confessions in church **from 3 to 9 PM.**

This will also be occurring in all Catholic Churches in our diocese and in Manhattan and other boroughs of NYC. It is a blessed time for parishioners to be reconciled with the Lord by receiving the Sacrament of Penance in preparation for Easter.



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Kréyol 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,  
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**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!**

Looking Ahead...to next week

### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

**(NEXT WEEKEND) Saturday Mass: 5 PM (English). April 13  
PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 14**

**Blessing of the Palms-- 8:40 AM in School Parking Lot**

**English Masses: 9 AM, 12:30 PM (the blessing of palms outdoors at 12:12pm), 11 AM (Spanish), & 5 PM (Kreyol)**

**RECONCILIATION MONDAY, April 15**

Confessions 3 to 9 PM

**HOLY THURSDAY, April 18**

7:30 PM Tri-lingual Mass of the Lord's Supper

followed by Adoration until Midnight in the Parish Center

**GOOD FRIDAY, April 19**

Outdoors Tri-lingual  
Stations of the Cross 1:30  
PM

Solemn Liturgy of the  
Lord's Passion at 3 PM

Church will remain open  
until 8 PM for private  
prayer.

**HOLY SATURDAY,  
April 20**

Easter Vigil Mass: 8 PM

**EASTER SUNDAY, April 21**

Masses: 9 AM, 12:30 PM (English), 11 AM (Spanish),  
& 5 PM (Kreyol)



## APRIL 07, 2019

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**April 13th & April 14th**  
**Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM**

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

**EMHC:** M.B. John, D. Rouse, J. Ofodile.

**9:00 AM Com:** L. Payton. **Lect:** J. Taylor,

M. Valentine. **EMHC:** J. Caines, Y. Dyett, J. Phillip,

C. Watkis, S. Carter, V. Hodge, A. Springer.

**11:00 AM Com:** O. Gomez. **Lect:** A. Mercedes.

**EMHC:** N. Lopez, R. Almonte, A. Alvarez.

**12:30 PM Com:** L. Pierre. **Lect:** M. Cato, A. Seales.

**EMHC:** I. Alexis, L. Jean-Baptiste, G. Augustin,  
M. LaFontant, A. Thomas.

**5:00 PM Com:** N. Charles. **Lect:** L. Previlon.

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

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### REMINDER

**USHERS** meeting will held next Saturday, April 13, at 11 AM in church. All ushers from the three communities are asked to attend.

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### GOOD FRIDAY REGULATIONS

Please remember that Good Friday is **a day of fasting** (one full meal is permitted) **and abstinence** from the eating of meat. Stations of the Cross this Friday at 7PM.

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### CHILDREN EASTER SPRING CONCERT

Our religious education program is having an Easter show this **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.

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### Collection Report Weekend: March 30th & 31st

| Adults                | Attendance | Contribution      |
|-----------------------|------------|-------------------|
| 5:00 P.M.             | 118        | \$1,898.00        |
| 9:00 A.M.             | 260        | \$3,092.00        |
| 11:00 A.M.            | 120        | \$ 608.00         |
| 12:30 P.M.            | 195        | \$1,706.00        |
| 5:00 P.M.             | 97         | \$ 441.00         |
| <b>On-Line Giving</b> |            | \$ 409.82         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>790</b> | <b>\$8,154.82</b> |

**Candles: \$135.00    Catholic Relief: \$1,207.00**

APRIL 07, 2019

 **Mass Intentions  
for the Week**

|                             |   |
|-----------------------------|---|
| <b>Saturday</b><br>5:00 PM  | <b>April 6th—Vigil of the Fifth Sunday of Lent</b><br>†Bernadette Normil/The family                       |
| <b>Sunday</b><br>9:00 AM    | <b>April 7th—Fifth Sunday of Lent</b><br>†Fachino Dort/Bianca Dort  |
| 11:00 AM                    | Thanksgiving for Sally Russell  |
| 12:30 PM                    | Fr. Bernard Quinn Memorial  |
| 5:00 PM                     | Thanksgiving for Jocelyn Guillaume  |
| <b>Monday</b><br>7:30AM     | <b>April 8th—Lenten Weekday</b><br>Thanksgiving for Rosemarie Jean  |
| <b>Tuesday</b><br>8:30 AM   | <b>April 9th—Lenten Weekday</b><br>†Patricia Stapleton/Bernadette Johannes                                |
| <b>Wednesday</b><br>7:30 AM | <b>April 10th—Lenten Weekday</b><br>†Joyce Shaw & Stella Douglas/Violeta Anderson                         |
| <b>Thursday</b><br>8:30 AM  | <b>April 11th—Lenten Weekday</b><br>Souls in purgatory/Thiem family                                       |
| <b>Friday</b><br>7:30 AM    | <b>April 12th—Lenten Weekday</b><br>†Cardinal Gabriel/Teresa Gabriel                                      |
| <b>Saturday</b><br>8:30 AM  | <b>April 13th—Lenten Weekday</b><br>†Andre Thiem/Thiem family   |
| 5:00 PM                     | For the People of the Parish  |
| <b>Sunday</b><br>9 :00 AM   | <b>April 14th—Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</b><br>†Lois Jordan & Sheila Roberts/Carlita & Carol |
| 11:00 PM                    | †Marie Teresa & Benito Cotto/Sonia Cotto  |
| 12:30 PM                    | †Shaunya James/James & Johannes families  |
| 5:00 PM                     | Thanksgiving to St. Francis/Gislaine Leon   |

**Readings for the week of April 7, 2019**

Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11  
Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [4ab]/Jn 8:12-20  
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21 [2]/Jn 8:21-30  
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/Jn 8:31-42  
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Jn 8:51-59  
Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 [cf. 7]/Jn 10:31-42  
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/Jn 11:45-56  
Next Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14--23:56 or 23:1-49

**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, Herve Jean-Pierre Jean Gaspar and Lucille Jean-Pierre.



  
**Pray for**

**IN LOVING MEMORY**

**Our Recently Deceased:**

Erla Mason, Joy LaRose, Jacqueline Jeffers Ulna Etienne.



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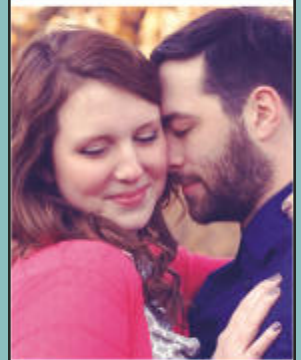


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