



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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DIRECTOR: Ms. Myrmonde Dorismond

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC ACADEMY

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**20º domingo del
Tiempo Ordinario**

"He venido a traer fuego a la tierra y ¡Cuánto desearía que ya estuviera ardiendo!" (Lucas 12:49). En este domingo el Evangelio

nos lleva al grano, sin rodeos. Jesús habla de las divisiones y dificultades que existen en la vida del ser humano. Las divisiones siempre causan ansiedad, depresión y falta de ganas de hacer el trabajo con alegría. Sin embargo, estos momentos de tensión entre la familia, comunidad y sociedad, son oportunidades para aumentar la esperanza y la paz en el corazón. El seguir a Jesús, no quiere decir que todo sale bien.

En ocasiones parece que todo lo que gira alrededor es negatividad. Pareciera que la dirección que se toma es en medio del caos. Pero, permítame decirle que en ese caos se busca a Dios.

Un camino para encontrarlo es el tomar como habito el discernimiento. Aprender a discernir es un paso seguro para tomar decisiones buenas y mejorar las relaciones de uno para con el otro. El papa Francisco, nos ayuda con la siguiente reflexión: "El tiempo en el que vivimos nos exige desarrollar una profunda capacidad para discernir... Necesitamos 'leer desde dentro' lo que el Señor nos pide, para vivir en el amor y ser continuadores de esta su misión de amor? El discernimiento espiritual es la brújula que nos permite reconocer la acción del Espíritu Santo en nuestra vida, en nuestras comunidades y en el mundo." ¿Entonces? ¿Cristo vino a traernos la paz o la guerra? Pidamos, en la Eucaristía, que Dios nos de la fuerza que necesitamos para buscar siempre la paz en nuestras relaciones; a pesar de no estar de acuerdo en todos los puntos de la relación.

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. If you would like your child to attend Pre-K for FREE in a Catholic school environment, then call: (718) 778-3700 or visit us at 400 Lincoln Rd., Brooklyn, NY 11225.

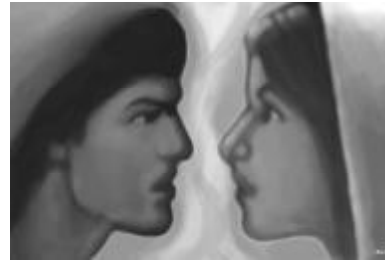


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Ap guen on sèl shangeman nan orere Mess yo nan sèzon e tè ya. Nan mwa juiyè ak out pap guen Mess Samdi matèn a 8:30 am.

Atención

Durante la meses de julio y agosto no celebraremos misa el sábado por la mañana a las 8:30 a.m. Continuaremos celebrando la misa los sábados a las 5:00 pm, como de costumbre.



**20ème dimanche du
temps ordinaire**

Toute la liturgie de ce jour nous replonge dans le contexte de la contradiction ! Les prophètes qui, comme Jérémie, annonçaient le

Messie ont été contredits et malmenés par leurs contemporains. Jésus lui-même alla résolument au devant des pires supplices pour satisfaire la justice divine. Les chrétiens de tous les âges, et en premier lieu les martyrs, n'hésitèrent pas à témoigner de leur foi au prix de leur sang. Assurément, la contradiction est là ! Celui qui veut appartenir au Christ doit se préparer au combat de la foi, car Jésus est lui-même un signe de contradiction : "Pensez-vous que je sois venu établir la paix sur la terre ? Non, vous dis-je, mais la dissension."

Chose terrible ? Affaire épouvantable ? Pas du tout ! C'est la voie à suivre, car il n'y en a pas d'autre ! Il faut s'y résigner comme Jésus lorsqu'il prit résolument le chemin de Jérusalem pour y subir sa Passion. La voie est tracée, le Maître y est passé le premier : il ne nous reste qu'à le suivre, si nous voulons participer à sa gloire. "Ne fallait-il pas que le Christ souffrît ainsi, pour entrer dans sa gloire ?" (Lc. 24, 26) Car il ne faut pas l'oublier : la contradiction est un point de passage, un lieu de transition, qui est obligatoire, mais qui est passager ! Par la Croix, Jésus nous ouvre le Ciel : en nous unissant à sa Croix, nous allons au Ciel nous aussi!

Dr. Daniel Meynen



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For parishioners who are already paying towards their pledges, a heartfelt thanks to them. Parishioners who have not yet made a pledge can do that by picking up a pledge card in church and filling it out and mailing it to the Catholic Appeal address on the envelope. The parish is truly grateful to whatever parishioners can give financially to the Appeal, to help us reach our goal.



20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Prince of Peace wants to set the world on fire? This Sunday's Gospel can sound more intense than what we may be accustomed to.

It's a passage of contradictions. Jesus so clearly prays for unity, yet here he speaks of division. Why would our God who comes as an offering of love speak so frankly about causing relationships to be torn apart?

The sobering truth is that Jesus is divisive. We see this throughout the Gospels, as the Pharisees critique him, the Romans condemn him, and not everyone in the crowd is enthusiastic about his words. Jesus has not come for the purpose of dividing, but what he does is so radical that it upends the status quo. And it doesn't end with his preaching and miracles! "There is a baptism with which I must be baptized." Jesus isn't talking about his baptism at the Jordan River, which has already occurred, but the passing through the waters of death on the Cross and rising again to new life in the resurrection. This is divisive stuff! Christ's spiritual fire turned the "fathers" - the Jewish people and Pharisees - against the "sons" - the common people. Not everyone wants the Gospel Jesus is preaching. Not everyone wants to be set on fire with the desire to love others. Some prefer to put on a warm sweater and curl up in front of the TV.

In living and loving as Jesus did, we, too, might ruffle some feathers. In disciplining our teenage child for sneaking out, we may cause some division (temporarily, we hope!). In standing up to gossip and the spread of cruel rumors in our workplace, we might cause division. In emphasizing the dignity of both the desperate mother and the unborn child, we might cause division. Not everyone wants the Gospel Jesus is preaching. Not everyone wants the Gospel we are invited to live. But that's no excuse not to live it.

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Registration for children and Youth in the Parish Religious Education

(AUGUST 17/18– SEPTEMBER 28/29, 2019)



Enrollment for children from 1st grade through High School. This program meets in the Parish Center Sunday Morning from 11 am—1:45 pm, including Mass. New students/returning/transfer students must register. Classes begin on Sunday, September 15, 2019.

Registration will be held before and after each Mass on the following Saturdays and Sundays in the back of the Church:

August 24 & 25

September 7, 8, 14, 15

Also weekday at the Religious Education office (Parish Center Room 10)

September 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18

Please bring the following items with you: Birth Certificate, Baptismal certificate, Registration fee: \$50, Parent/Guardian's membership envelope, transfer letter from previous Religious Education parish or catholic school, First Communion certificate (students requesting Confirmation)

For more information, please contact Religious Education Office: (718) 778-1302 or e-mail sfastbre@optimum.net

Are you going on vacation? Fr. Jervis has some news for you. He wishes to tell you that;



Going away on vacation is not going away from God! Try to attend Sunday Mass, wherever you are during the Summer. Please remember also to turn in your collections before starting vacation.



There are informational sheets in English, Spanish and Creole for any parishioners who are undocumented and need to protect themselves. Please take home the sheet if it applies to you and read carefully about your rights, particularly in regards to not opening your door to immigration officers (ICE officers) unless they have a valid search warrant, signed by a judge. Undocumented workers are similarly protected at their places of employment.

AUGUST 18, 2019

August 24th & August 25th

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM

Com: P. Clarke. **Lect:** M. Whitty.

EMHC: D. Rouse, P. Smith, E. Greene.

9:00 AM Com: C. Thomas. **Lect:** L. Payton,

E. Thierens. **EMHC:** Y. Dyett, V. Hodge,

S. Carter, J. Caines, J. Tropnas, J. Taylor, C. Watkis.

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

EMHC: Flor Fernandez, N. Lopez, R. Tejada.

12:30 PM Com: A. Thomas. **Lect:** F. Alexis,
F. Gomes-Gregory. **EMHC:** I. Alexis, L. Jean-Baptiste,

M. LaFontant, G. Augustin, M. B. John, A. Seales.

5:00 PM Com: D. Olivier. **Lect:** M. Previlon.

EMHC: Rosemarie Jean, O. Jean-Gilles, R. Lavache.



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.



Parish Center Closure

There will be no meetings in the Parish Center during the month of August. This is necessary so that the building can be thoroughly cleaned and the floor scrubbed, polished and buffed in preparation for the resumption of meetings and activities in September.



It is customary for parishes to have fewer Masses during the summer months, particularly the weekend Masses when many church members are away on vacation. **Our parish will**

not have the Saturday Morning 8:30 am Mass during July and August. This Mass will resume after Labor Day in September.

Collection Report Weekend: August 10th & 11th

Adults	Attendance	Contribution
5:00 P.M.	108	\$1,753.00
9:00 A.M.	258	\$2,311.00
11:00 A.M.	142	\$ 896.00
12:30 P.M.	170	\$1,587.00
5:00 P.M.	108	\$ 418.00
On-Line Giving		\$ 381.58
TOTAL	786	\$7,346.58

Candles: \$42.00 Fuel & Maintenance: \$1,407.00

AUGUST 18, 2019

 **Mass Intentions
for the Week**

Saturday 5:00 PM	August 17th —Vigil of the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time †Lamuel A. Stanislaus/the family
Sunday 9:00 AM	August 18th —Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time B'Day blessings for Carlita
11:00 AM	†Jorge L. Perez/Gloria & family
12:30 PM	†Judith C. Donowa/Rudolpho Donowa
5:00 PM	†Harry, Mireille & Judith Toussaint & Judith LaRose/Berty
Monday 7:30AM	August 19th — St. John Eudes, priest †Vibert Joseph & Robert Elva/Alex
Tuesday 8:30 AM	August 20th — St. Bernard, Abbot B'Day blessings for Mary B. John/Nina Suarez
Wednesday 7:30 AM	August 21st — St. Pius X, Pope †Rufus Prescott & Rufus Jauanes/Alex
Thursday 8:30 AM	August 22nd — The Queenship of the BVM †Marie Alfred & Thomas Judanes/Alex
Friday 7:30 AM	August 23rd — St. Rose of Lima B'Day blessings for Alford Corriette/the family
Saturday 8:30 AM	August 24th — St. Bartholomew, Apostle No Mass
5:00 PM	†Anre Thiem/Thiem family
Sunday 9 :00 AM	August 25th — Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Thanksgiving for Ricardo F. Lecky/Judith C. Mortimer-Taylor
11:00 PM	†Jorge L. Perez/Gloria & family
12:30 PM	†Justine Andrews & Reginal John/Alex
5:00 PM	B'Day blessings for Brent Bissainthe/his mother

Readings for the week of August 18, 2019

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Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 [14b]/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44 [4a]/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 9b]/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [2a]/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [8a and 9a]/Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 [1b]/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Jn 1:45-51

Next Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2, [Mk 16:15]/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30

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, Eguelino Edouard, Joan Cato, Carlyle Martial, John Collymore, Christopher Henderson, Cecil Gilbert, Claire McCarthy, Sheila Smith, Denise Jean-Baptiste, Herve Jan-Pierre, Yvonne Marchan, Jennifer Warren and Jean Gaspar.



 **Pray for**

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

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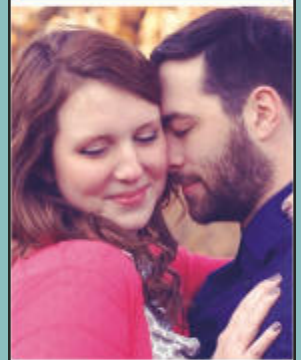


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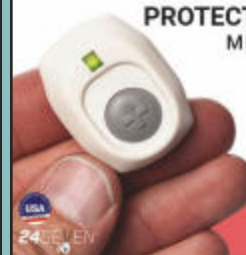


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