



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
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

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ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC ACADEMY

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**21º domingo del
Tiempo Ordinario**

Recuerdo, cuando niña, mis padres me decían la siguiente frase: "Esfuézate por siempre hacer las cosas bien." Así

sea lo más simple, debe ser bien hecho, aunque te tardes poquito más. Esforzarse significa que lo que se hace debe tener como motivo principal hacer el bien a ti mismo y a los demás. La sociedad en que vivimos nos mueve a hacer todo con prisa y esto motiva a que en ocasiones no haya esfuerzo. Si preguntáramos a los atletas profesionales que es lo que los llevo al éxito en las diferentes carreras que eligen, nos dirían en su respuesta que el esfuerzo es lo que los ha llevado al éxito.

Seguir a Jesús en su camino a Jerusalén no es fácil; la puerta es angosta, estrecha y para entrar en ella hay que esforzarse.

Es decir, para estar dentro del Reino de Dios se debe de trabajar duro. El Papa Francisco nos dice que:

El camino de la salvación, según explica el Señor, prevé el traspaso de una puerta. ¿Cuál? Jesús mismo es la puerta. Lo dice Él en el Evangelio de Juan: "Yo soy la puerta" (Jn 10, 9).

Él nos conduce a la comunión con el Padre, donde encontramos amor, comprensión y protección. Pero ¿Por qué esta puerta es estrecha?, se puede preguntar. ¿Por qué dice que es estrecha? Es una puerta estrecha no porque sea opresiva; sino porque nos exige restringir y contener nuestro orgullo y nuestro miedo, para abrimos con el corazón humilde y confiado a Él, reconociéndonos pecadores, necesitados de su perdón. Por esto es estrecha: para contener nuestro orgullo, que nos hincha. La puerta de la misericordia de Dios es estrecha, pero ¡siempre abierta de par en par para todos!" Ciudad del Vaticano (lunes, 22-08-2016, Gaudium Press)

¿Cuál puerta eliges?

**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.



Atansyon

Ap guen on sèl shangeman nan orere Mess yo nan sèzon e te 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.



**21ème dimanche du
temps ordinaire**

Un homme vint trouver Jésus et lui posa cette question : "Seigneur, n'y aura-t-il qu'un petit nombre d'hommes qui soient sauvés ?" Qui est cet homme ? Saint Luc ne

nous le dit pas ; mais il s'agit sans doute de quelqu'un qui était en train d'écouter l'enseignement de Jésus, probablement un de ses nouveaux disciples. Oui, un homme que la grâce de Dieu attirait vers Jésus posa cette question cruciale : "Seigneur, n'y aura-t-il qu'un petit nombre d'hommes qui soient sauvés ?"

Et nous-mêmes, disciples du Seigneur comme cet homme, nous posons-nous cette question ? L'avons-nous déjà posée à celui qui est chargé de nous instruire dans la foi ? Parlons-nous en de temps à autres avec nos proches ?

La question posée à Jésus est importante. Car si la réponse était : "Oui, il n'y aura qu'un petit nombre d'hommes qui seront sauvés," alors, toute notre vie prendrait aussitôt un autre visage, un visage tourné vers les réalités du Ciel et non vers celles de la terre. Oui, si nous pensons qu'il n'y a qu'un petit nombre d'hommes et de femmes qui seront sauvés, notre vie change radicalement, car nous prenons alors conscience de la grandeur de Dieu et de notre petitesse. Nous prenons alors résolument la voie qui conduit à la vie, et nous évitons de suivre ce chemin qui mène à l'enfer ! C'est la voie que le grand Saint Paul a suivie, lorsqu'il dit : "Je réduis mon corps et le maintiens en servitude, de peur qu'après avoir prêché aux autres, je ne sois moi-même réprouvé." (1 Cor. 9, 27)

Dr. Daniel Meynen

**Please help us reach our
parish goal of \$65,670.**

We now have \$32,916
pledged.

Paid so far: \$21,808.33



**STILL A LONG WAY
FROM OUR GOAL...**

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.



21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Have you ever seen a celebrity? Have you ever met a political representative? Did the encounter leave you with newfound acting or musical abilities? Did it give you a

grasp of the intricacies of the latest city ordinance or controversial law? Talents, expertise, and skill are hard-won traits, not rewards that spread by contact. Our life of faith is also not so easy.

"We ate and drank in your company and you taught in our streets!" In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus notes that it requires moral strength to enter the kingdom of God. It's not mere proximity to righteousness that saves. Rubbing elbows with the righteous is not the same as being truly holy ourselves. Unfortunately, we can have this attitude in many areas. It's easy to see who may seem "first" in the eyes of the world. This occurs in our workplaces and among our public figures. It can also happen in our schools, local parishes, and the larger Church. For some of us, the temptation to have the popularity and prestige rub off on us can be fairly strong. If only we are in the right place with the right people, surely others will associate us with what they possess!

But salvation is worked out in each individual life. It is our task not merely to show up, but to be transformed. And the truly transformed may not be everyone we expect. "People will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south... some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last." Some who seem first in reputation now may be last in the kingdom of God. Others who appear now on the furthest fringes of society - but better imitate the lowly holiness of Jesus - will be first in his kingdom.

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LOOKING FORWARD TO:



The Annual West Indian Labor Day Mass will be held at **St. Matthew's Church** (Utica Avenue & Eastern Parkway) on **Monday, September 2nd, at 9:30AM.** Immediately afterwards, every one is invited to march for Jesus in the parade on Eastern Parkway. Wear your diocesan vests at the Mass and parade. You can place an order to buy one after Mass for \$15 and a hat for \$6.

On J'ouvert Sunday,

September 1st, the day before Labor Day **Bishop Neil E. Tiedemann will be the Celebrant of the West Indian Mass there at 2PM.** Persons attending that Mass should wear their ethnic wear. **Ethnic food on sale afterwards.**

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 still going on vacation? Fr. Jervis has some news for you. Try to attend Sunday Mass, wherever you are during the Summer. Please remember also to turn in your collections before starting vacation.

AUGUST 25, 2019

August 31st & September 1st

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM

Com: D. Rouse. **Lect:** P. Clarke.

EMHC: P. Smith, J. Ofodile, C. Thomas.

9:00 AM Com: L. Payton. **Lect:** K. Hypolite,

M. Valentine. **EMHC:** J. Caines, V. Hodge,

Y. Dyette, S. Carter, J. Taylor, J. Phillip, A. Springer.

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

EMHC: S. Adams, L. Lopez, R. Almonte.

12:30 PM Com: R. Boyce. **Lect:** M. Cato,

A. Thomas. **EMHC:** I. Alexis, M. B. John, A. Seales,

G. Augustine, L. Jean-Baptiste, M. LaFontant.

5:00 PM Com: M. Previlon. **Lect:** J. Bissainthe.

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



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.



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.

Due to early submission of this bulletin, financial report for weekend of August 17th and 18th will be published in the next bulletin.



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 25, 2019

 **Mass Intentions
for the Week**

Saturday 5:00 PM	August 24th —Vigil of the Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time †Anre Thiem/Thiem family
Sunday 9:00 AM 11:00 AM 12:30 PM 5:00 PM	August 25th —Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time Thanksgiving for Ricardo F. Lecky/Judith C. Mortimer-Taylor †Jorge L. Perez/Gloria & family †Justine Andrews & Reginal John/Alex B'Day blessings for Brent Bissainte/his mother
Monday 7:30 AM	August 26th —Weekday Thomas Pond/the family
Tuesday 8:30 AM	August 27th —St. Monica B'Day blessings for Aubree & Laura/the family
Wednesday 7:30 AM	August 28th —St. Augustine, Bishop †Alice Skeritt/the family
Thursday 8:30 AM	August 29th —Passion of St. John the Baptist For the forgotten souls/Thiem family
Friday 7:30 AM	August 30th —Weekday B'Day blessings for Eugene Simmons/Linda Simmons
Saturday 8:30 AM 5:00 PM	August 31st —BVM No Mass B'Day blessings for Marie Rose Delma/Marie Jajoute
Sunday 9:00 AM 11:00 AM 12:30 PM 5:00 PM	September 1st —Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time †Gisele Edouard/Eddy Joseph Thanksgiving to the Holy Spirit/Ann Alvarez Thanksgiving for the family/Margery Murray †Cedavoir & Nicole Bazard/Laurence Barzard

Readings for the week of August 25, 2019

Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2, [Mk 16:15]/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30
Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6 [1]/Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab [1]/Mt 23:27-32
Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17 [14]/Mk 6:17-29
Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 [12a]/Mt 25:1-13
Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [9]/Mt 25:14-30
Next Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11 [cf. 11b]/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14

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.



IN LOVING MEMORY
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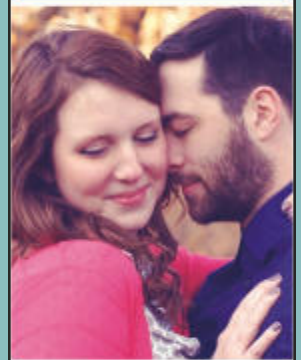


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