



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.
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BOOKKEEPER: Ms. Joycelyn Adrien

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23º domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Mas allá de todo. Así da comienzo el Evangelio de este domingo, dejarlo todo para seguir a

Jesús es el costo del discipulado. No hay vuelta atrás; sería una equivocación hacerlo. Es la experiencia del SI con mayúscula. El costo es grande comparado con cualquier cosa. Este es el punto; seguir a Jesús hasta Jerusalén va más allá de calculaciones humanas. Se paga un alto precio. ¡Dejarlo todo! Si, todo. Así lo explica Jesús a los que lo seguían es su tiempo histórico, y, en nuestro tiempo es también muy válida su explicación: "Si alguno quiere venir a mí y no se desprende de su padre y de su madre, de su mujer e hijos, de sus hermanos y hermanas, e incluso de su propia persona, no puede ser discípulo mío." Y agrega algo más fuerte todavía: "El que no carga con su propia cruz para seguirme luego, no puede ser discípulo mío." (Lucas 14:26-27).

Seguir a Jesús y su Reino es muy diferente a lo que se piensa y se calcula. Comprometerse al discipulado en las parroquias en las que sirven, en sus comunidades, debe ser una decisión de vida, no de momentos e ilusiones. Jesús, pide algunas cosas importantes para el seguimiento: Relación personal con Él, renuncia de uno mismo, compromiso total, e identificarse al modo de vivir de Jesús. El Papa Francisco dice: "Seguir a Jesús es exactamente esto: por amor, ir con él, detrás de Él: el mismo camino, la misma vía. Y el Espíritu del mundo será el que no tolerará y nos hará sufrir, pero un sufrimiento como el que pasó Jesús. Pidamos esta gracia: seguir a Jesús por el camino que Él nos enseñó. Esto es bello, porque nunca nos deja solos. ¡Nunca! Siempre está con nosotros. Así sea."

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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.



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.



23ème dimanche du temps ordinaire

Une grande foule suit Jésus sur la route... Le Sauveur attire la foule des hommes et des femmes qu'il est venu racheter au prix de son Sang versé sur la Croix du Calvaire : "Lorsque

je serai élevé de terre, dit Jésus, j'attirerai tous les hommes à moi." (Jn. 12, 32) C'est-à-dire quand le Christ sera élevé et cloué sur la Croix, alors la Puissance de l'Esprit de Dieu se manifesterait pour conduire à Jésus tous les hommes et toutes les femmes appelés à participer à la gloire de la résurrection !

Aussitôt après la mort du Sauveur, "le centurion et ses hommes, qui montaient la garde de Jésus, devant ce tremblement de terre et tout ce qui se passait, sous l'effet d'une extrême épouvante, dirent : «Cet homme était véritablement le Fils de Dieu !»" (Mt. 27, 54)

La Croix que nous devons porter à la suite de Jésus, afin d'aller au Ciel, n'est pas toujours celle à laquelle nous pensons. Loin de là ! En effet, nous nous imaginons une Croix qui n'est pas la nôtre : soit une Croix qui est réellement au-dessus de nos forces, soit une Croix qui est bien inférieure à celle que nous devrions porter... C'est toujours là une illusion du démon : ou il essaie de nous décourager en nous persuadant que nous n'arriverons jamais à porter cette Croix trop lourde, ou bien il nous invite à porter la Croix la moins lourde possible en nous persuadant que nous avons déjà assez fait comme cela... La voie du Seigneur n'est pas là, nous nous en doutons.

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



Annual Catholic Appeal 2019

DIocese of BROOKLYN

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.



23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

It's said that upon reading the Gospels, Gandhi commented that he very much liked Jesus Christ. It was Christ's followers he found

troublesome. One wonders who Gandhi had met and if these Christians had truly counted the cost of their faith. Following Jesus, really following Jesus, is much more challenging than we may think. He emphasizes this with strong language in this Sunday's Gospel. He compares discipleship to the carrying of one's own execution device - "his own cross" - and for the need even to "hate" what could disrupt one's commitment. Some of this is standard hyperbole, exaggeration for effect common to the time period. Some of this should make us wonder how deep our discipleship goes.

"Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost?" Jesus imagines this construction project gone wrong. Someone may lay the foundation but not have enough resources to finish. We've received the firm foundation of the sacraments - our baptism, for one, along with weekly Mass attendance and regular confession. Yet how often do we find ourselves too distracted, exhausted, or uninterested to truly build our lives on our faith? We have all met such Christians. Some days, we may be those Christians ourselves. We become the incomplete tower that confuses and baffles the onlookers. "This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish!"

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Looking forward to Parish Triduum For The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

Wednesday, October 2
Thursday, October 3
Friday, October 4 (Parish Feast Mass)
Each Night at 7:30 PM

Fr. Anthony Rosado, the Parochial Vicar of St. Clare's in Rosedale, Queens, will be the Celebrant. He will lead us with his dynamic preaching and music and electrifying praises of God in honor of St. Francis.

More information to follow.
Please invite family and friends.



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:

September 8, 14, 15

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

September 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



Very needed repairs done in Parish Center

Thanks to all who attended Fr. Paul's birthday party, last December 1st. \$8,000 was raised from tickets sales and donations for replacement of some of

the huge classroom windows and repairs of the broken window frames. The ceiling in four classrooms were in very bad shape that there was danger of the material of the ceiling falling on the students seated there. The expenditure for the rebuilt classroom ceilings and walls was \$7,400.00.

Fr. Paul is planning another December birthday party to raise some additional funds for other needed repairs.

SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

September 14th & September 15th

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM

Com: C. Thomas. Lect: A. Glace.

EMHC: P. Smith, P. Clarke, J. Ofodile.

9:00 AM Com: M. Valentine. Lect: B. Johannes,

A. Springer. EMHC: J. Caines, V. Hodge,

Y. Dyette, S. Carter, L. Payton, J. Phillip, J. Taylor.

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

EMHC: R. Tejada, O. Gomez, L. Lopez.

12:30 PM Com: L. Pierre. Lect: F. Gomes-Gregory,

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

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

5:00 PM Com: O. Jean-Gilles. Lect: N. Charles.

EMHC: F. Sandeus, M. G. Ferdinand, Anne-marie Bien-Aime.



This week's Sanctuary candle burns for God's
Guidance and divine mercy for myself and family
members living far and near.



Parish Festival Financial Report 2019 June 9, 2019

Income:

Special Collections and Donations	\$2,677.00
Vendor Donation	\$300.00
Raffle	\$16,859.00
Festival Day Receipts	\$9,020.00

Expenses:

Fun time Kids Party Rental (Games, Tables, etc.)	\$1,250.00
Custodian's Gratuity	\$300.00
Festival Purchasing	\$1,816.47
Porta Potty	\$320.00
Raffle Expenses (Printing & Shipping)	\$1,645.80
Raffle Prizes	\$3,500.00
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Total Expenses	\$8,832.77
Total Profit	\$20,023.73

A Great Success, thank you

Collection Report Weekend: August 31st & September 1st

Adults	Attendance	Contribution
5:00 P.M.	93	\$ 987.00
9:00 A.M.	297	\$3,453.00
11:00 A.M.	140	\$ 731.00
12:30 P.M.	136	\$ 857.00
5:00 P.M.	110	\$ 459.00
On-Line Giving		\$ 279.76
TOTAL	776	\$6,766.76

Candles: \$26.00

 **Mass Intentions
for the Week**

Saturday	September 7th —Vigil of the Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 PM	B'Day blessings for Andrez Johannes/Andre
Sunday	September 8th —Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 AM	B'Day for Our Blessed Mother/Legion of Mary
11:00 AM	†Patricia Stapleton/Bernadette Johannes
12:30 PM	B'Day blessings for Fatmata Turay/mom
5:00 PM	B'Day blessings for Ann Marie Bien-Aime
Monday	September 9th —Weekday
7:30AM	B'Day blessings for Teresa Gabriel
Tuesday	September 10th —Weekday
8:30 AM	†Anre Thiem/Thiem family
Wednesday	September 11th —Weekday
7:30 AM	†Murray Thomas & Henery Peter/Alex
Thursday	September 12th —The Most Holy Name of Mary
8:30 AM	B'day blessings for Lewis & Blackman families/K. Lewis
Friday	September 13th —St. John Chrysostom, Bishop
7:30 AM	†Vladimyr A. LaFontant/Mireille LaFontant
Saturday	September 14th —The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
8:30 AM	B'Day blessings for Jacqueline Orion/Ena Pierre
5:00 PM	B'Day blessings for Josette Jajoute/Marie Jajoute
Sunday	September 15th —Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9 :00 AM	†Samantha Punch/the Punch family
11:00 PM	†Jorge L. Perez/Gloria & family
12:30 PM	†Rita Blain Dorismond/the family
5:00 PM	†Feliz & Clima Bazard/Laurence Bazard

Readings for the week of September 8, 2019

Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17 [1]/
Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33
Monday: Col 1:24--2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9 [8]/Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11 [9]/Lk
6:12-19
Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab [9]/
Lk 6:20-26
Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [6]/Lk 6:27
-38
Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11
[cf. 5]/Lk 6:39-42
Saturday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38
[cf. 7b]/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
Next Sunday: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17,
19 [Lk 15:18]/1 Tm 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

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**

IN LOVING MEMORY
Our Recently Deceased:

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and Yves Lebrun.

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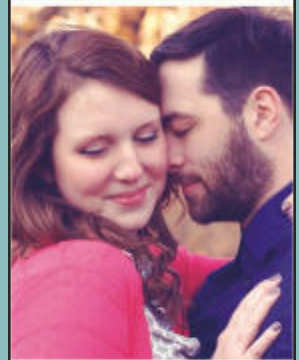


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