



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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**24º domingo del
Tiempo Ordinario**

En este Evangelio, la audiencia de Jesús cambia. El domingo pasado caminaba con el un gran gentío; hoy los publicanos y los pecadores se acercaban para escucharle. Los Fariseos y los escribas, por el otro lado, lo observaban y lo criticaban entre sí. Todo su fin era ponerlo a prueba o tenderle una trampa. Jesús, por su parte, les contesta con tres parábolas: La oveja perdida, la mujer que pierde una moneda de las diez que tiene y el hijo pródigo. Jesús les dramatiza los mensajes con el amor y compasión de Dios hasta lo máximo. Cuando Dios ofrece misericordia, la respuesta es el arrepentimiento del pecador. "Yo les digo que de igual modo habrá más alegría en el cielo por un solo pecador que vuelve a Dios que por noventa y nueve justos que no tienen necesidad de convertirse." (Lucas 15:7).

Reflexionando en las parábolas de Jesús, vino a mi mente la siguiente pregunta: ¿Cómo responde ahora la Iglesia a las personas que le siguen? La Constitución Pastoral Gaudium Et Spes, (La Iglesia en el Mundo Actual) da respuesta de la siguiente forma: 1. Los gozos y las esperanzas, las tristezas y las angustias de los hombres de nuestro tiempo, sobre todo de los pobres y de cuantos sufren, son a la vez gozos y esperanzas, tristezas y angustias de los discípulos de Cristo. Nada hay verdaderamente humano que no encuentre eco en su corazón.

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**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.



**Coach Bus Ride to Wading
River, Long Island.**

On Saturday, October 19th

To celebrate the Anniversary of Little Flower Children's Services, founded by Msgr. Bernard Quinn.



The bus leaves at 7:30 AM in front of the church. You will enjoy paying homage to our future saint of Brooklyn and be enchanted by the coloring of the leaves of trees at the beginning of the Fall Season. The cost is \$20. Please make your bus reservation as soon as possible at the rectory. The bus should return by 6pm.



**24ème dimanche du
temps ordinaire**

L'évangile de ce jour nous parle de miséricorde ! Jésus accueille des pécheurs et il mange à leur table ! Jésus nous raconte quelques paraboles : celle de la brebis égarée, celle de la

drachme perdue, celle de l'enfant prodigue. Nous avons déjà commenté cette dernière parabole durant le dernier carême : nous n'en parlerons donc pas aujourd'hui. Retenons seulement les deux premières paraboles.

Dans cette première parabole, qu'y a-t-il à constater tout d'abord ? Qu'est-ce qui nous frappe au premier abord ? N'est-ce pas cette joie, cette joie parfaite qui est celle des amis de Dieu ? Oui ! Le mot joie revient par trois fois : "il la met, tout joyeux, sur ses épaules," "Réjouissez-vous avec moi," "il y aura plus de joie..." Jésus insiste donc sur ce fait : la brebis perdue et retrouvée est source de joie, le retour d'un pécheur vers son Père, qui est Dieu, est source de joie ! L'union à Dieu est source de joie ! Et Jésus lui-même, qui est Dieu et Homme en une seule personne, est source de joie, sa joie à lui : "Je vous ai parlé de la sorte, dira Jésus à ses disciples le soir du Jeudi-Saint, afin que ma joie soit en vous, et que votre joie soit dans sa plénitude." (Jn. 15, 11)

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.



24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
"Tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain?" In this Sunday's Gospel, we learn the

context for the forthcoming parables about the lost and found. A great mixed crowd surrounds Jesus. The religious elite are present, along with all manner of local lowlifes. The Pharisees seem a bit upset that this wasn't the lecture series they were hoping for. Why would Jesus welcome sinners?

Jesus responds as if it's the most obvious thing in the world. "Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep... rejoice because I have found the coin that I lost? let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine... was lost, and has been found!" Each of the parables features a dramatic example. Of 99 sheep, one has gone astray. Of 10 coins, one has gone missing. The welcomed son has previously been a covetous scoundrel. Jesus' point to the Pharisees is clear. If the Gospel really is "good news," if our faith really has the power to save, why wouldn't we want everyone drawing near? Why wouldn't we do everything in our power to eke out that possibility for every single person, no matter where they have wandered? After all, if this message is not of value to everyone, why is it of value to anyone?

Our Christian faith is not a matter of rule adherence for the perfectionist elite. In our own ways, each of us is the lost sheep, the prodigal son. There is no one who "has no need of repentance." The Church is a mixed crowd. And we are mixed people. And the Gospel has good news for each of us today! There is no one Jesus doesn't go after, no one he does not catch sight of "while... still a long way off," no one to whom he does not run to embrace and welcome home.

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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 today, 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 15 (TODAY)

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

September 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

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)
7:30 PM each night**

Fr. Anthony Rosado, the Parochial Vicar of St. Clare's Church, 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.



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 and

walls. 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 repairs that are needed.

SEPTEMBER 15, 2019

September 21st & September 22nd

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM

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

EMHC: D. Rouse, C. Thomas, J. Ofodile.

9:00 AM Com: A. Springer. Lect: J. Taylor,

J. Tropnas. EMHC: Y. Dyett, V. Hodge,

S. Carter, J. Caines, L. Payton, M. Valentine, C. Watkis.

11:00 AM Com: S. Adams. Lect: E. Bracho.

EMHC: R. Almonte, L. Lopez, A. Alvarez.

12:30 PM Com: P. Clarke. Lect: F. Alexis, M. Cato.

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

5:00 PM Com: M. Roy. Lect: L. 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.



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.

A second collection for the victims of the hurricane which devastated the Bahamas will be taken up, at the weekend Masses of September 22nd. Please be generous.

The hurricane victims will be receiving a great amount of needed supplies. Please do not bring any clothing or other items to the rectory, for we are not in position to get them shipped to the Bahamas.

Collection Report Weekend: September 7th & 8th

Adults	Attendance	Contribution
5:00 P.M.	115	\$1,701.00
9:00 A.M.	259	\$3,388.00
11:00 A.M.	157	\$ 590.00
12:30 P.M.	217	\$1,144.00
5:00 P.M.	100	\$ 472.00
On-Line Giving		\$ 400.48
TOTAL	848	\$7,695.48

Candles: \$24.00 **Fuel & Maintenance:** \$1,553.00

SEPTEMBER 15, 2019

 **Mass Intentions
for the Week**

Saturday	September 14th —Vigil of the Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
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 AM	†Jorge L. Perez/Gloria & family
12:30 PM	†Rita Blain Dorismond/the family
5:00 PM	†Felix & Clima Bazard/Laurence Bazard
Monday	September 16th — Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian
7:30AM	B'day blessings for the Lewis children/family
Tuesday	September 17th — St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop
8:30 AM	Deceased Joseph family/the Reid family
Wednesday	September 18th — Weekday
7:30 AM	†Lamuel A. Stanislaus/the family
Thursday	September 19th — St. Januarius, Bishop
8:30 AM	B'day blessings for Andre Johannes
Friday	September 20th — Weekday
7:30 AM	†Wilfred Dorismond/the family
Saturday	September 21st — St. Matthew, Apostle
8:30 AM	†Alice Greene/Elizabeth Greene
5:00 PM	†Miriam Chery Blanc/Eddy Joseph
Sunday	September 22nd —Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9 :00 AM	B'day blessings for Marie Dort/Bianca Dort
11:00 PM	†Jorge L. Perez/Gloria & family
12:30 PM	†Richard Thomas & William Barley/Alex
5:00 PM	B'day blessings for Noah Bissainthe/Grandma

Readings for the week of September 15, 2019

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
Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9 [6]/Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6 [2]/Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [2]/Lk 7:31-35
Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10 [2]/Lk 7:36-50
Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3
Saturday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13
Next Sunday: Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8 [cf. 1a, 7b]/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

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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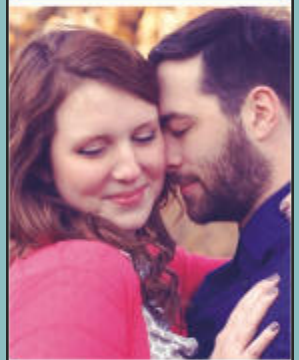


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