



## 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

8:30 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday

#### 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

Benediction at 12 noon

**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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## La Divina Misericordia

Señor, necesitamos tu misericordia en el corazón para descubrirte en los que sufren, en los tristes, en los que viven la guerra y la violencia. La paz que nos prometiste desde tu resurrección no es reconocida y practicada. Tal pareciera que

hemos olvidado el compartir, escuchar, y vivir en paz de mutuo acuerdo, por el bien común.

Los apóstoles estaban encerrados por miedo a los judíos. A puerta cerrada, escondidos. Jesús penetra esas puertas y se muestra a ellos brindando su paz. Les dice que no estén angustiados, que ha vencido la muerte, el pecado y que en adelante todo va a ser nuevo. Esa misma paz es la que Jesús nos desea a nosotros ahora.

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## St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Academy



Ladies and gents, it's time to put on your dancing shoes and show off your threads! **St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Academy is hosting its 2nd Annual Color Her Spring Afternoon Tea fundraiser on Saturday May 6th from 1pm-4pm** in the school auditorium located at 400 Lincoln Road. Get ready for delicious treats, fabulous performances, and a dance party that you won't want to miss. Plus, with every ticket purchase you'll be supporting our school's programs and activities. **Tickets are only \$35 and can be purchased online [shorturl.at/afiCW](http://shorturl.at/afiCW).**

**Grab your crew, dress to impress and join us for an afternoon of style, fun, and community. Don't miss out on the tea party event of the year!**



A warm invitation is extended to everyone who would like to attend the **63rd Anniversary Memorial Mass of Msgr. Bernard J. Quinn, Servant of God, at St. Peter Claver Church on Saturday, April 22.** The cause for the canonization of Msgr. Quinn is very critical, right now at this time.

**Transportation is provided free of charge.** The bus leaves promptly at 10am from St. Francis of Assisi. You are asked to **reserve your seat by calling the rectory during the week.**

## Spring Carnevale Gala

Reserve your seat at the St. Francis of Assisi tables as we join Fr. Paul in celebrating and thanking God on the occasion of his 40<sup>th</sup> priestly anniversary.

The **Dinner/Dance** event takes place on

**Sat May 20<sup>th</sup> at Gargiulo's, 2911 W 15th St., Bklyn NY 11224.**

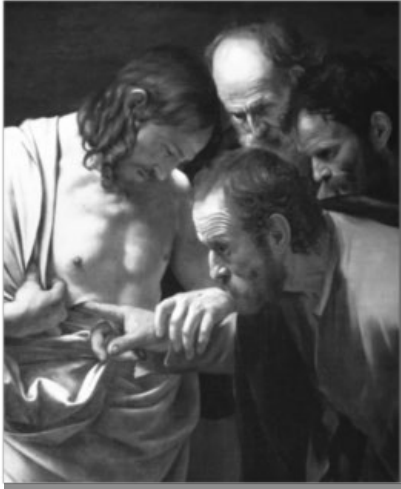
Valet parking available. Cocktail hour 6pm

**Tkts: \$175/person cocktail hour 6pm**

**Sign up** lists are available in church on weekends and in the rectory during office hours. Names can be added to the list until April 15<sup>th</sup>. **Final payment due on the weekend of April 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

This event is sponsored by the Vicariate Office of Black Catholic Concerns of the Diocese of Brooklyn.

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER — YEAR A



**2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY  
OF EASTER**

Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."  
- Jn 20:29

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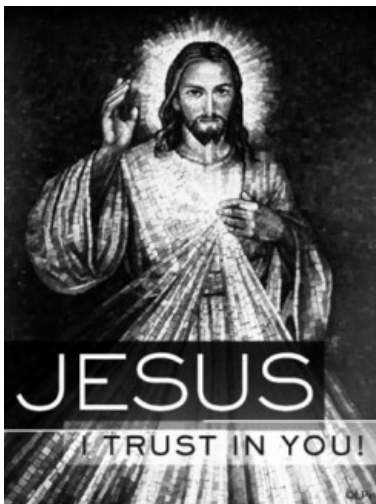
**Unless I touch I will not believe.**

St. Thomas indeed saw the wounds of Jesus and believed. But there is an even greater blessing for us who simply trust Him — and all the truths the Church proclaims — because of the trustworthiness of the Risen One who speaks. This week let's trust Jesus without seeing him.

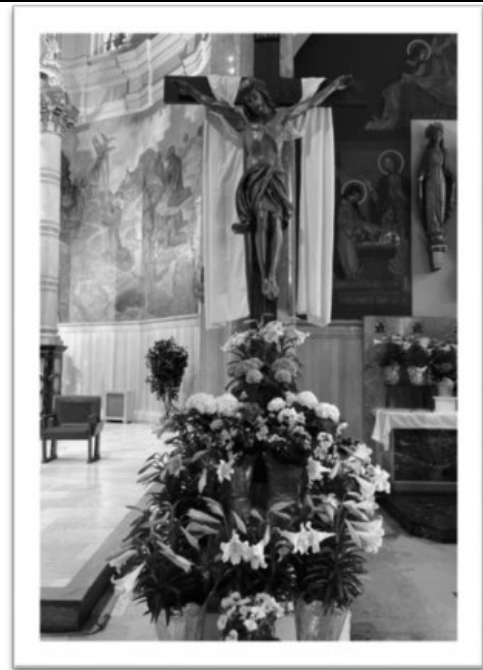
We all are wounded by experiences of imperfect love. We also are tempted to demand from God proof of His fidelity and goodness. We are like St. Thomas the Apostle who, on that second Sunday of Easter, demands proof of the Lord's resurrection.

*Father John Muir*

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*Fr. Paul and parish priests, Fr. Dumont and Fr. Ruiz, pray for God's continued blessings on all our dear parishioners and on all who worshipped with us during the Holy season. A Happy and Blessed Easter to you all.*



**We know that Christ risen from the dead, dies no more!**

**Romans 6:9a**



To God be the glory for all the things He has done! We give thanks to Him for the spiritual blessings which fell upon us, beginning with the parish

mission which was preached by Fr. Trevor Nathasingh. Our church was cleaned in preparation for the Holy Week Services and now beautifully decorated.

To all those who warmly welcomed and ushered in worshippers to our services, to the cantor and choirs who made our Easter celebrations ever so joyful. We thank you for your particular ministry in service to our church at this time. Of course there was that one person who was very helpful in a variety of ways to our worshipping congregation.

Special thanks to our Altar servers - old and new - who served so gracefully during these most important days of our Church.

With the ending of the restoration work in the church we have become like brand new! Let's pray that the Holy Spirit will truly remake and renew us spiritually this Easter.

*Mmgr. Paul Jervis, Pastor*

**APRIL 16, 2023**

Saturday April 22nd, Vigil:  
5:00 PM Com: P. Smith, Lect: E. Greene.  
EMHC: P. Clarke.



Sunday April 23rd  
9:00 AM Com: J. Tropnas, Lect: E. Thierens,  
EMHC: L. Payton.

11:00 AM Com: Flor Fernandez, Lect: A. Mercedes,  
EMHC: N. Lopez.

12:30 PM Com: A. Thomas, Lect: F. Alexis.  
EMHC: A. Lai Fang.

5:00 PM Com: E. Fortunus, Lect: M. Roy,  
EMHC: R. Lavache.

This week's Sanctuary lamp burns for  
healing for Tarek Abdelaziz.



**Collection Report: Easter weekend April 8th & 9th**

MASS TIME	Attendance	Contribution \$
5:00 PM	88	\$3,837.00
9:00 AM	330	\$3,492.00
11:00 AM	210	\$1,123.00
12:30 PM	270	\$2,634.00
5:00 PM	94	\$ 439.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	992	\$11,525.00

**Thank you for your generosity to the Easter flowers.**





## Mass Intentions for the Week

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>April 15th—Saturday within the Octave of Easter</b>
<b>5:00 PM</b>	Save delivery for Emmanuela Vaught/her mom
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 16th—Sunday of Divine Mercy</b>
<b>9:00 AM</b>	†Ernesto Richards/wife & children
<b>11:00 AM</b>	†Rosaura Jerez & Aura Gonzalez/Labinia Gonzalez
<b>12:30 PM</b>	Thanksgiving for Yolande Ancion
<b>5:00 PM</b>	B'day blessings for Peter Uyanne/Oliane Jean-Gilles
<b>Monday</b>	<b>April 17th—Easter Weekday</b>
<b>7:30 AM</b>	†Ronald Roach/the family
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>April 18th—Easter Weekday</b>
<b>8:30 AM</b>	†Valri Corriette/the family
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>April 19th—Easter Weekday</b>
<b>7:30 AM</b>	†Barbara Coleman/Anne Petekiewicz
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>April 20th—Easter Weekday</b>
<b>8:30 AM</b>	†Marie & Cletus Esnard/Helen Esnard
<b>Friday</b>	<b>April 21st—St. Anselm, Bishop</b>
<b>8:30 AM</b>	B'day blessings for Richard Eugene/his mom
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>April 22nd—Easter Weekday</b>
<b>8:30 AM</b>	B'day blessings for Fatmata Bangura
<b>5:00 PM</b>	Knights of Columbus
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 23rd—Third Sunday of Easter</b>
<b>9:00 AM</b>	Healing for Tarek Abdelaziz/Eman Hudson
<b>11:00 AM</b>	Thanksgiving for the family/Ms. Contrera
<b>12:30 PM</b>	†Jerome Charles/Jean Isaac & family
<b>5:00 PM</b>	Thanksgiving for all God has done for my family/Nadine



## Readings Within the Octave of Easter

2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy) Acts 2:42-47 / Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 / 1 Pt 1:3-9 / Jn 20:19-31  
Monday: Acts 4:23-31 / Ps 2:1-9 / Jn 3:1-8  
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37 / Ps 93:1-2, 5 / Jn 3:7b-15  
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26 / Ps 34:2-9 / Jn 3:16-21  
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33 / Ps 34:2,9, 17-20 / Jn 3:31-36  
Friday: Acts 5:34-42 / Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 / Jn 6:1-15  
Saturday: Acts 6:1-7 / Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 / Jn 6:16-21

### Next Second Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14, 22-33 / Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11 /  
1 Pt 1:17-21 / Lk 24:13-35



## Please pray for

Fr. Paul Jervis; Msgr. Theophilus Joseph; Tarek Abdelaziz  
Maggie Faustin; Mary Gomes; Darius Hayward; Celine  
Johannes; Celine Mosely; Jeanette Sandiford; Lorna Smith;  
Nola Timm, Nana Suarez and Jennifer Warren.



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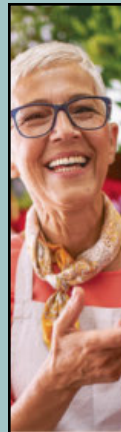
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