

CHURCH OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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March 19, 2023

Rev. Lawrence Onyegu
Pastor

Rev. John Victor
Associate Pastor

Dcn. Concepcion Cepin
Deacon

Mass Schedule (In Church)

Mon-Fri 9am
Saturday 8am
Saturday 5pm
Sunday 8am,
9:30am (Spanish)
11am, 12:30pm, &
2:00pm (Nigerian-Igbo)

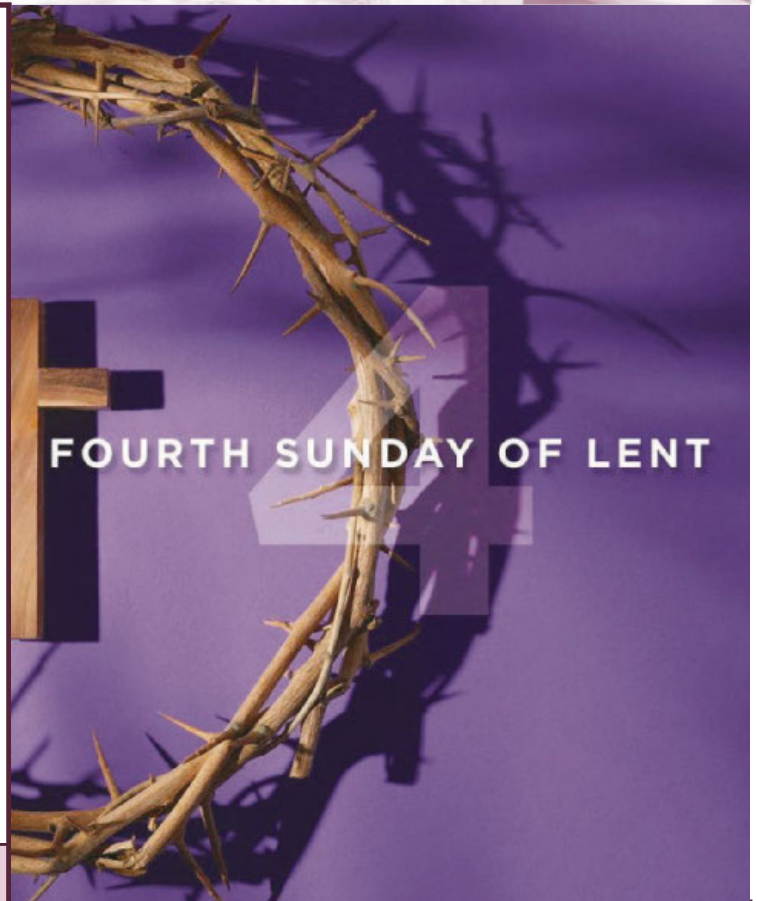
**On Holy Days, please check the bulletin
for mass times**

Parish Office Open:

Monday-Friday 9am-3pm
Saturday-Sunday 9am-2pm

Confessions Available:

Saturdays from 12pm-1pm



We, the Parish of the Blessed Sacrament:

Serve God and Others

Unite Cultures

Make Disciples

Share the Gospel

WEEKLY SCRIPTURES

Parish Assistant & Secretary | Ms. Anne O'Shea

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RCIA

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Spanish Ministry

Deacon Concepcion Cepin & Gustavo Vasquez.....(516)568-1027

Ushers

George Peers.....(516)557-3798

Weddings

Father Lawrence Onyegu.....(516)568-1027 ext. 12

PARISH MEMBERSHIP & SACRAMENTS

Welcome to Blessed Sacrament Parish! We hope that all residents of the Valley Stream area can feel at home in our parish and strive to be an active part of our faith community. Please take a moment to stop in the Pastoral Center Office to fill out a membership form and to meet a member of the Pastoral Staff.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS

Anointing of the Sick

Those who are seriously ill or in danger of death should arrange to receive this Sacrament as soon as possible. For those able, you may come to the church at any time to request to be anointed. For those unable, please contact the parish office and one of our priests will come to you at home or in the hospital. We encourage those who are preparing for a planned hospital stay to celebrate the Sacrament before entering the hospital. *Please note, that new safety protocols may limit the priests' ability to anoint in hospitals and homes. Call to find out options.*

Baptism

Infant Baptisms are usually celebrated the Third Saturday of the month at 1:00 PM and on the Fourth Saturday of the month at 1:00 PM in Spanish. Parents & godparents are asked to attend a Baptismal Preparation class prior to the Baptism. Please contact the parish office as soon as you find out that you are expecting. Any child over 7 years old who has not been baptized should also be enrolled in Faith Formation and will need to attend classes for a time before being baptized.

Marriage

Please contact the parish office as soon as you become engaged and not less than *six months* in advance of your anticipated wedding date. Contact the parish *prior* to making your reception plans to ensure date availability. All couples are required to attend a Diocesan Pre-Cana Marriage Preparation Program.

Reconciliation (Penance, Confession)

Confession is on Saturdays between 12:00-1:00 PM and can also be heard by appointment.

Eucharist & Confirmation

Inquiries for Eucharist (Communion) and/or Confirmation for all school-age children should be made to the Director of Evangelization, Dennis DeMarinis.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

For adults seeking Baptism, Communion, and/or Confirmation or even simply inquiring about the Catholic faith. Call the Parish Office at (516)568-1027

Holy Orders and the Consecrated Religious Life

The celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Orders is reserved to the bishop. Any young man who believes he is being called to serve God as a priest should speak to one of the parish priests or contact Fr. Sean Magaldi the diocesan vocations director, at 631-424-9888. Any married man who believes he is being called to serve God should consider becoming a deacon. For those who are considering serving God as a consecrated sister or brother, please also contact the parish office or contact Fr. Magaldi.

WEEKLY SCRIPTURES

Readings for the week of March 19th, 2023:

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/ Eph 5:8-14/ Jn 9:1-41
Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:12, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/ Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49: 8-15/ Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/ Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/ Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/ Heb 10:4-10/ Lk 1:26-38
We encourage you all to prepare for next Sunday...

Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 26th, 2023

First Reading~ Ezekiel 37:12-14

God will open the graves and restore the people of Israel.

Psalm 130:1-8 *With the Lord is forgiveness and mercy.*

Second Reading~ Romans 8:8-11

The Spirit of God dwells in you.

Gospel~ John 11:1-45

Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead.



THE SANCTUARY LAMP FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2023

In Memory of:

Louis Faidherbe

Duplan

Requested by:

Mirlene Laurenfort

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions for 2023 are available !

SATURDAY, March 18:

8:00 AM: Lily Gicala (LVG)

~Requested by: Household 1

5:00 PM: Charles Esposito

~Requested by: Hank & Karen Selah

SUNDAY, March 19:

8:00 AM: Daisy Preval

~Requested by: Joyce St. Fleur

9:30 AM: Marcelino Ariel Diaz Jr

~Requested by: Diaz Family

2. Eleuterio Laserna

~Requested by: Donayda Laserna

3. Henry Manuel Abreu

~Requested by: Jossie Japa

11:00 AM: John Lombardo

~Requested by: Hannah Saint Joy

12:30 PM: People of the Blessed Sacrament

MONDAY, March 20:

9:00 AM: Marguerite Bazan

~Requested by: Monique Dupont

TUESDAY, March 21:

9:00 AM: Ernest Bazan

~Requested by: Monique Dupont

WEDNESDAY, March 22:

9:00 AM: Hosner Apollon

~Requested by: Micheline Apollon

THURSDAY, March 23:

9:00 AM: Jinky Mallari (BDAY)

~Requested by: Generia Ocampo

FRIDAY, March 24:

9:00 AM: Romy Agtarap

~Requested by: Joy Agtarap

SATURDAY, March 25:

8:00 AM: Violette Vincent (BDAY-LVG)

~Requested by: Household 1

5:00 PM: Mary Tallini

~Requested by: Edward & Rose Sciacca

OUR LENTEN SCHEDULE

*** Stations of the Cross– Every Friday at 7:30 PM (English & Spanish)***

Holy Week 2023

Last Supper– March 31st, 2023

8:00 PM: Last Supper in McKeon Hall

Chrism Mass– April 4th, 2023

4:00 PM: St. Agnes Cathedral, Bishop's Chrism Mass

Palm Sunday– April 1st & 2nd, 2023

Saturday 5:00 PM: Vigil Mass

Sunday 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM (Spanish), 11:00 AM, 12:30 PM and 2:00 PM (Nigerian-Igbo)

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

April 3rd, April 4th, and April 5th: 9:00 AM

Holy Week Confessions

Monday, April 3rd: 2:00-4:00 PM & 6:00-9:00 PM

Holy Saturday, April 8th: 12:00 PM-1:00 PM

Triduum Liturgies

Holy Thursday– April 6th, 2023

9:00 AM: Morning Prayer

8:00 PM: Concelebrated Mass of the Lord's Supper & Procession and Visits to the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight

Good Friday- April 7th, 2023

9:00 AM: Morning Prayer

3:00 PM: Liturgy of the Passion & Veneration of the Cross

8:00 PM: Stations of the Cross (English & Spanish)

Holy Saturday– April 8th, 2023

9:00 AM: Morning Prayer

9:15 AM: Blessing of Food for Easter Meal

8:00 PM: Solemn Easter Vigil & Mass of the Resurrection / **NO 5:00 PM MASS**

Easter Sunday– April 9th, 2023

Masses: 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM (Spanish), 11:00 AM, 12:30 PM and 2:00 PM (Nigerian-Igbo)/

NO 5:00 PM MASS



Pray the Stations of the Cross with Mary, the Mother of Jesus

Recemos el Vía Crucis con María, la Madre de Jesús

Every Friday in Lent - Cada viernes de cuaresma

February 24 to March 31 - 24 de Febrero al 31 de marzo

In the church - En la iglesia

7:30 PM

In English and Spanish - En inglés y español

translations available - traducciones disponibles



**Interested in participating in The Annual Living Stations of the Cross
At Blessed Sacrament?**

We are looking for young adults from 14 years old to 21 years old

To Participate In the Living Stations of the Cross!

Join Us in the John Paul Room on March 19th!

For Casting & Reading & Rehearsal

This will be a very moving and profound experience for ALL the participants!

All participating hours are counted for Community Service!

For more Information, Call/Text: Donna DePiola 516-491-2690

"Change for Life" Baby Bottle Drive

March 11th to April 16th, 2023

Take a baby bottle, fill it with change, cash or check (made out to Life Center of Long Island) and return it by April 16, 2023.

Money collected will be used to:

1. Offer free pregnancy related services and support
2. Provide healthy relationship information
3. Provide post-abortion healing program for women and men
4. Teach parenting and life skills
5. Provide practical resources to support women, men, and families seeking help in our community.



To volunteer to assist with the Baby Bottle Drive, call Anne Marie at 516-668-1150.

To learn more about how to get involved with the work of the Life Center of Long Island, please call 516-798-8746.

Come to the Blessed Sacrament's Annual Lenten Soup Dinner (Cena de Sopa de Cuaresma)



Wednesday, March 22nd at 6:30 PM

McKeon Hall

Join us for a simple supper of soup, bread, water and prayer and song.

A free will offering will be taken for **Momma's House**. Also, please bring a donation of paper goods such as paper towels, toilet paper, sponges, etc.

MOMMAS is a home for young mothers aged 18 to 24 years and their babies. For approximately two years, the young mothers at MOMMAS House continue education or vocational experience interrupted by pregnancy. With guidance and direction, the young mothers can learn to support themselves and their children independently.

Please RSVP by March 19th to Donna DePiola: Message or Text to 516-491-2690

Lenten Taizé Prayer

Reaching Out In Faith

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH

WEDNESDAY MARCH 29TH

7:30 TO 8:30 PM

A CONTEMPLATIVE WORSHIP AND PRAYER SERVICE, WITH CHANTED HYMNS,
PSALM AND SCRIPTURE, IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF QUIET MEDITATION.

"I tell you, there will be rejoicing among the angels of God over one sinner who repents."
- Lk 15:10

Reconciliation Monday

Experience the liberating grace of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance).

Monday, April 3
2-4 p.m. and 6-9 p.m.

Confessions will be heard at all parishes in the Diocese of Rockville Centre, the Diocese of Brooklyn and the Archdiocese of New York.

To find a parish near you, visit: drvc.org.

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Looking for something extra to do for Lent?

The Legion of Mary Prayer Group...

Invites you to join them to pray the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet every Monday at 1:45 pm in the Blessed Sacrament Church.

Any questions, call: Rose Sciacca at (516)561-7111

ROSARY NOVENA

You are invited to pray the rosary at Blessed Sacrament Church on Mondays from 7:30 pm– 8:30 pm in the presence of Jesus in the Tabernacle.

Bring your worries, concerns & needs, pains & joys to Jesus through Mary

"If you listen, God will also speak to you, for with good Lord, you have to both speak and listen. God always speaks to you when you approach him plainly and simply."

- St. Catherine Laboure

We meet every Monday Evening in the church from 7:30-8:30 PM

- ***If you have any questions, please call Vi Pultorak (516) 791- 7587***

Sacrificial giving– Thank you

COLLECTION DATA FOR THE WEEKEND OF MARCH 12, 2023:

Expenses: \$12,000

Collection 3/12/23: \$9,099.50

Last Years Collection 3/13/22: \$7,299

We are grateful to all those who contributed to the offertory basket this past week. As we continue to pay salaries and bills we rely on your mail-in and direct contributions.

Please know our sincere gratitude for your sacrifice and do not forget Blessed Sacrament in your will!

How can I donate?

- You may now zelle us at pastor@bsvs.us

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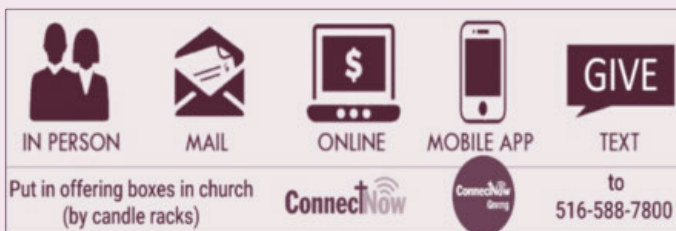
- You can mail your offering to the parish office or put it in the offering baskets in the church.

- Give a **One-Time Gift** (no account needed) or set up a

Recurring Schedule via ConnectNow, our online giving platform.

- Text the word “give” to 516-588-7800, do a quick, one-time set-up and then regularly be able to give through texts
- Or download the “ConnectNow Giving” App in the Apple Appstore and Google Play. Make sure to Search for us with zipcode 11580-3198

Get started here: <https://bit.ly/2UvU58n>



2nd Collection

There will be a second collection this weekend
3/19/23

for Catholic Relief Services.

We thank you in advance for your contributions!



Service, support & stewardship

In a world which demands of Christians a renewed witness of love and fidelity to the Lord, may all of us feel the urgent need to anticipate one another in charity, service, and good works.
— Pope Benedict XVI

40 CANS FOR LENT



This is a challenge that begins with a small step and makes a significant difference in the lives of those in need. Our Parish Social Ministry food pantry is a critical resource for families and individuals in our community. The goal is amazingly simple to have each household contribute one non-perishable food item for each of the 40 days of Lent. Please consider taking a flyer and donating the items listed. Any

amount of the items listed will be appreciated it does not have to be 40. Thank you all for your constant support and generosity. The flyers are in both lobbies of the church. You can bring the items in all at once, or little by little. All items can be placed in our food bins in either lobby of the church.



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March 23, 2023

10am-2pm (Last screenings at 1:45pm)

St. Francis Hospital Outreach Bus

Free Health Screenings

Includes a brief cardiac history, blood

pressure and a simple blood test for cholesterol and diabetes for adults 18 and older. We also provide patient education and referrals. No appointment is required.

GRATIS Exámenes de Salud

Los exámenes incluyen:

THRIFT SHOP HOURS & DONATIONS

Our parish Thrift Shop has re-opened. Currently the hours of the shop are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. 9:30am - 1:00pm. Our shop is staffed by volunteers who give generously of their time. So we may be closed due to unforeseen circumstances or we may close early if the shop is not busy. If you like you can call 561-8969 to make sure the shop is open.

The Thrift Shop is in NEED of pocket books, household bric-a-brac, dishes, small kitchen appliances (blenders, toaster ovens, coffee pots, etc.) and costume jewelry. We ask that you please do not leave any donations outside. If you have any questions about donating please call (516) 561-8969. Thank you all for your generosity and support.

Mass Online

AT BLESSED SACRAMENT



We live-stream all daily masses and the Sunday 11am mass. These streams can be viewed either live or later on our parish webpage, Facebook, or YouTube.

Live Times

Sundays: 11am

Mondays-Fridays: 9am

Saturdays: 8am

Parish Webpage: <https://bit.ly/33u3wJc>

StreamSpot Site: <https://bit.ly/2TYuPIR>

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Blessed Sacrament Presents...



Pilgrimage trip to: Portugal, Spain, France &
Medjugorje

When: August 13-26, 2024

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is REQUIRED

For booking & more information visit: www.pilgrimages.com/blessedsacrament/

For Questions Contact Mirlene Laurenfort: 516-341-8289

Please Pray for the Sick

Mary Ann Calisi

Stephanie Dixon

Charles McLaughlin

Kathryn Rudy

Bella Rivera

Dorothy Smith

Magdalene Vogric

Dorothy Strafer

Elizabeth Figueroa

Sal Strorendon

Tom Glotti

Valerie Barcheski

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Jason Michael Brescia Jr.

Julio Monteiro

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they
rest in peace. Amen.*

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