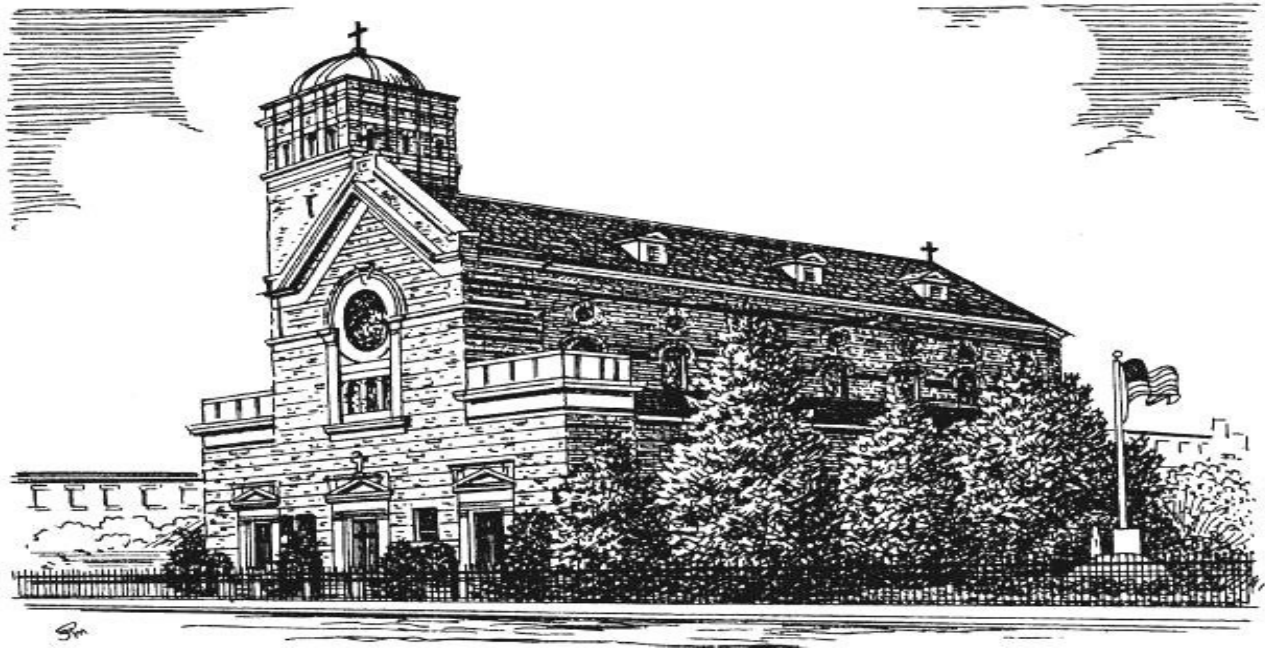




ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI-ST. BLAISE PARISH

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
8:30 a.m. Monday to 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

Very Rev. Thomas F. Vassalotti, Administrator
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

BOOKKEEPER: SineMetu Solutions

YOUTH MINISTRY DIRECTOR: Ms. Myrmonde Dorismond

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THIRD SUNDAY EASTER — YEAR B

Message for the Third Sunday of Easter

A key aspect of today's Gospel is the physicality of the encounter with the Resurrected Jesus: "Touch me and see—look at my hands and feet. A ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have." Jesus eats a piece of fish in front of his disciples to validate the reality of his Resurrection.

So often today—as Christians—we feel shy and apologetic over affirming supernatural religious realities. Christianity—in my view—is being singled out and under relentless assault over the validity of its claims. This is more shocking when you consider that we live at a time when society has seen a great increase in the popularity of the occult: witchcraft, voodoo, wicca, astrology, tarot cards, healing through crystals and so forth. What are we to make of this? Clearly these practices are not scientific.

In my life I have observed major media outlets validate these occult practices by offering glowing human interest stories such as one a few years ago in the New York Times about a successful lawyer who was a practicing satanic priestess. Yet, when Christians speak of supernatural realities—the most fundamental—a man rises from the dead—we are regarded as superstitious and unreasonable. How can we respond to this? First, we admit, we walk by faith and not by sight. So yes, our faith is based on trust in an unseen God. But we should emphasize the great social, cultural good that is a consequence of our religious beliefs—and *ESPECIALLY*—the Catholic Church.

There is no institution that has fostered more social good in the last 2,000 years than the Catholic Church. The church founded the first universities, hospitals, preserving learning in monasteries when civilization collapsed, relief organizations, cultural patrimony that has enriched millions of people that are found in museums and concert halls. The framework of the scientific revolution was made possible by the Christians affirmation that the universe is intelligible and the coherent creation of a thought of God. The list can go on.

In conclusion, we as Christians and especially Catholics should be proud. Despite the many faults and failings of Christians throughout the ages—our faith has a concrete and powerful benevolent consequence. People hear the Word of God and act upon it. This walking by faith—has given forth much fruit to the world. Pondering upon these realities should support and encourage our faith. **Fr. Tom**



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday	April 13th—Vigil Third Sunday of Easter
5:00 PM	†Ednerd & Leone Girodier/Gina Girodier
Sunday	April 14th—Third Sunday of Easter
9:00 AM	B'day blessings for Stacey & Jason Ellis/Carlita
11:00 AM	Thanksgiving for Contrera family
12:30 PM	†Joyce Lowah & Wilma Lewis/Teresa
5:00 PM	B'day blessings for Malachi Balan/Margarita Brutus
Monday	April 15th—Easter Weekday
8:30 AM	B'day blessings for Peter Uyanne/Grandma
Tuesday	April 16th—Easter Weekday
8:30 AM	B'day blessings for Sequiere Blanc
Wednesday	April 17th—Easter Weekday
8:30 AM	Souls in purgatory/Thiem family
Thursday	April 18th—Easter Weekday
8:30 AM	†Sylvanus T. Morris Sr./his wife
Friday	April 19th—Easter Weekday
8:30 AM	†Reynold Caraballo/Louise & family
Saturday	April 20th—Easter Weekday
8:30 AM	†Marie Lamarre & Marie Pierre-Louis/Nadine Duval
5:00 PM	†Ednerd & Justin Girodier/Rosemarie Girodier
Sunday	April 21st—Fourth Sunday of Easter
9:00 AM	†Richard Eugene/his mother
11:00 AM	Blessings for the family/Juana Jorge
12:30 PM	God's protection for Alana Fredrick
5:00 PM	Thanksgiving for Jacqueline Oriol

Collection Report

Weekend of April 6th & 7th

Adults	Attendance	Contribution
5:00 P.M.	85	\$1,138.00
9:00 A.M.	142	\$2,417.00
11:00 A.M.	120	\$646.00
12:30 P.M.	128	\$3,020.00
5:00 P.M.	67	\$282.00
TOTAL	542	\$7,503.00

Candles: \$



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Message du troisième dimanche de Pâques

Un aspect clé de l'Évangile d'aujourd'hui est le caractère physique de la rencontre avec Jésus ressuscité : "Touchez-moi et voyez, regardez mes mains et mes pieds. Un fantôme n'a pas de chair et d'os, comme vous voyez que j'en ai". Jésus mange un morceau de poisson devant ses disciples pour valider la réalité de sa résurrection.

Aujourd'hui, en tant que chrétiens, nous nous sentons souvent timides et nous nous excusons d'affirmer des réalités religieuses surnaturelles. À mon avis, le christianisme est pointé du doigt et fait l'objet d'attaques incessantes quant à la validité de ses affirmations. C'est d'autant plus choquant que nous vivons à une époque où la société a connu une forte augmentation de la popularité de l'occultisme : sorcellerie, vaudou, wicca, astrologie, cartes de tarot, guérison par les cristaux, etc. Que devons-nous en penser ? Il est clair que ces pratiques ne sont pas scientifiques.

Au cours de ma vie, j'ai observé de grands médias valider ces pratiques occultes en proposant des histoires d'intérêt humain élogieuses, comme celle publiée il y a quelques années dans le New York Times au sujet d'une avocate prospère qui était une prêtresse satanique pratiquante. Pourtant, lorsque les chrétiens parlent de réalités surnaturelles - la plus fondamentale : un homme ressuscité d'entre les morts - ils sont considérés comme superstitieux et déraisonnables. Comment pouvons-nous répondre à cela ? Tout d'abord, nous admettons que nous marchons par la foi et non par la vue. Alors oui, notre foi est basée sur la confiance en un Dieu invisible. Mais nous devrions souligner le grand bien social et culturel qui est une conséquence de nos croyances religieuses - et *SURTOUT* de l'Église catholique.

Aucune institution n'a autant favorisé le bien social au cours des 2 000 dernières années que l'Église catholique. L'Église a fondé les premières universités, les premiers hôpitaux, préservé l'apprentissage dans les monastères lorsque la civilisation s'est effondrée, les organisations humanitaires, le patrimoine culturel qui a enrichi des millions de personnes et que l'on retrouve dans les musées et les salles de concert. Le cadre de la révolution scientifique a été rendu possible par l'affirmation chrétienne que l'univers est intelligible et la création cohérente d'une pensée de Dieu. La liste est longue.

En conclusion, en tant que chrétiens et surtout catholiques, nous devrions être fiers. Malgré les nombreuses fautes et défaillances des chrétiens à travers les âges, notre foi a une conséquence bienveillante concrète et puissante. Les gens entendent la parole de Dieu et agissent en conséquence. Cette marche par la foi a donné beaucoup de fruits au monde. Réfléchir à ces réalités devrait soutenir et encourager notre foi. *Père Thomas*

Parish Pilgrimage/Saturday, April 20th— Eucharistic Revival at Flushing Meadow Tennis Complex

Please call the parish office to reserve a ticket. You must be a registered member of this parish. We will charter a bus and depart early on the Morning of April 20th. We will conclude the day with dinner together.

El Sábado, 20 de abril-Reavivamiento eucarístico en el complejo de tenis de Flushing Meadow

Por favor, llame a la oficina parroquial para reservar una entrada. Usted debe ser un miembro registrado de esta parroquia. Fletaremos un autobús y saldremos temprano en la mañana del 20 de abril. Terminaremos el día cenando juntos.

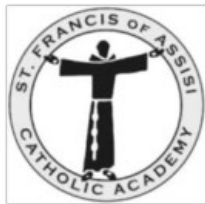
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Aid for Haiti

Our hearts go out to the great suffering in Haiti at this time. Of course, as a large part of our community is Haitian and they are managing to help with their own relief efforts to their families directly. The Catholic Medical Mission Board supports the Bishop Joseph Sullivan Hospital (Bishop Sullivan was an auxiliary bishop here in Brooklyn) in Côtes-de-Fer in Haïti. Consider making a targeted donation to this hospital:

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ANNUAL PARISH FESTIVAL

COMING SOON!!! We are back after a long hiatus. We look forward to this great and wonderful parish activity where our three communities come together to celebrate and mingle to see those whom we have not seen for a very long time. As well as to enjoy the new faces, new additions to our parish. So you will be hearing a lot about this event in the coming weeks and you will have many opportunities to help whether it be Food donations, financial contributions, raffle ticket sales or even taking care of a booth. This has always been the parish's main fundraiser and we would like to maintain it. So start promoting the event let you family, friends and neighbors know that **St. Francis' Parish Festival will be on Sunday, June 23rd from 9:00am to 6:00pm.** We need volunteers so don't hesitate to sign up when called upon. Thank you everyone. Let's make this a grand comeback!

APRIL 14, 2024

Saturday April 20th, 2024 Vigil:

5:00 PM: Com: P. Smith.

Lect: P. Clarke, EMHC: E. Greene.

Sunday April 21st, 2024

9:00 AM :Com: E. Thierens, Lect: L. Payton.

EMHC: J. Tropnas, K. Hypolite, J. Taylor.

11:00 AM: Com: S. Adams, Lect: J. Gonzalez

EMHC: L. Lopez.

12:30 PM: Com: Youth, Lect: Youth

EMHC: A. Thomas.

5:00 PM: Com: F. Bien Aimé, Lect: M. Roy.

EMHC: O. Jean Gilles.

**Liturgical
Ministers**



This week's Sanctuary lamp burns

♦ For the People of the Parish



If you would like to dedicate either the candle, hosts, or wine for your intention, please call the rectory. The donation is \$20 weekly. Your intention will be published in the bulletin

Readings for the 4th Week of Easter



Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 / Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9 /

1Jn 2:1-5a / Lk 24:35-48

Monday: Acts 6:8-15 / Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 /

Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:1a / Ps 31:3cd-4, 6ab, 7b, 8a, 1

7, 21ab / Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8 / Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a / Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20 / Ps 117:1-2 / Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-17/Jn 6:60-69

Next Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:8-12 / Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 28-29 /

1Jn 3:1-2 / Jn 10:11-18



*For the repose of the souls and
for the consolation of the families of:*

Rev. Msgr. Paul W. Jervis;

Rev. Msgr. Theophilus Joseph

Dennis Wyse; Catherine Boroughs; Jose A. Macias;

Kenrick Jagdeo; Marie Jajoute; Aline Jeanty-

Sylvan; Vivian Carty; Magella Felix; Josephine A. L.

Pierre; Ena Richards and Shem Hodge.

Life is changed through death