



## 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 in the Church

### 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.

Eucharistic Adoration Tuesdays: 7:00 p.m.—9:00 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

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### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

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# A Message from Fr. Tom



## Mass Intentions for the Week

The restoration of a man's sight—Blind Bartimaeus—in today's Gospel is the final miracle performed by Jesus in Mark's Gospel before his entry into Jerusalem and His Passion.

This salvific action on the part of Jesus teaches us that the mercy and saving power of God is offered to all people—no matter how far off they may be from God's Kingdom. The blind man displays the faith that can save us. What are some of the lessons we can draw from this story?

- Bartimaeus responds to the call of Jesus and draws near to him while he is still yet 'blind' we must be encouraged to follow the call of Jesus even in those moments of obscurity— when the circumstances around us are shrouded in darkness;
- Bartimaeus casts off his garment when he approaches Jesus. This action recalls the event in Exodus when Moses, on Mt. Sinai, must remove his sandals as the Lord God reminds him that he is walking on holy ground. Let us also consider the attitudes and values we carry around with us that block the flow of God's grace in our lives;
- Jesus says to the man, "Your faith has saved you." It is the power and depth of our faith that brings our salvation. Let us pray constantly for the grace that our faith may increase.

Finally, our Gospel story ends with Bartimaeus following Jesus along the way to Jerusalem. This is the road that will end with rejection, great suffering, death and the Resurrection. We too are reminded of the coming of God's Kingdom. The restoration of the Kingdom demands our participation. We—like Bartimaeus—who were once blind by our sins—are now freed by Jesus. We too must follow Jesus all the way. **Fr. Tom**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>October 26th—Vigil of the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
<b>5:00 PM</b>	†Adrienne Bernadel/the family
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>October 27th—The 30th Sunday In Ordinary Time</b>
<b>9:00 AM</b>	†Mabel Benskin Ruby Clark/Linda Payton Simmons
<b>11:00 AM</b>	Healing for Max Boltz/Geraldine Sabatino
<b>12:30 PM</b>	B'day blessings for Ann Marie Christopher/Alison
<b>5:00 PM</b>	Deceased Haitian Legionnaires/Marjorie
<b>Monday</b>	<b>October 28th—St. Simon &amp; Jude, Apostles</b>
<b>8:30 AM</b>	†Sharon Andre/Theresa
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>October 29th—Weekday</b>
<b>8:30 AM</b>	B'day blessings for Sarah Morris
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>October 30th—Weekday</b>
<b>8:30 AM</b>	B'day blessings for Rhandy Legros/Grandma Oliane
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>October 31st—Weekday</b>
<b>8:30 AM</b>	†Catherine Boroughs/family & friends
<b>Friday</b>	<b>November 1st—All Saints Day</b>
<b>8:30 AM</b>	People of the parish
<b>7:00 PM</b>	Thanksgiving for James & Mary Reid/James family
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>November 2nd—All Souls Day</b>
<b>8:30 AM</b>	Deceased members of our parish
<b>5:00 PM</b>	B'day blessings for Tamiko Smith/Mom
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>November 3rd—The 31st Sunday In Ordinary Time</b>
<b>9:00 AM</b>	†Ernesto Richards/the family
<b>11:00 AM</b>	Anniversary for Eduardo & Juana Gonzalez
<b>12:30 PM</b>	Gennaro & Suarez families living+ deceased/Mary John
<b>5:00 PM</b>	Deceased Brutus & Felix family members/Margarita Brutus

## Collection Report

### Weekend of October 19th & October 20th

Adults	Attendance	Contribution
5:00 P.M.	59	\$ 977.00
9:00 A.M.	161	\$ 2,641.00
11:00 A.M.	129	\$ 1,041.00
12:30 P.M.	121	\$ 1,424.00
5:00 P.M.	60	\$ 407.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>530</b>	<b>\$ 6,490.00</b>

*Candles: \$*



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## Mensaje para el XXVI Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

La recuperación de la vista de un hombre, llamado Bartimeo, en el Evangelio de hoy es el último milagro realizado por Jesús en el Evangelio de Marcos antes de su entrada en Jerusalén y su Pasión.

Esta acción salvadora de Jesús nos enseña que la misericordia y el poder salvador de Dios se ofrecen a todas las personas, por muy lejos que estén del Reino de Dios. El ciego muestra la fe que puede salvarnos. ¿Qué lecciones podemos extraer de esta historia?

—Jesús le dice al hombre: «Tu fe te ha salvado». El poder y la profundidad de nuestra fe es lo que nos trae la salvación. Recemos constantemente para que aumente nuestra fe.

- Bartimeo responde a la llamada de Jesús y se acerca a él cuando todavía está «ciego». Debemos animarnos a seguir la llamada de Jesús incluso en esos momentos de oscuridad, cuando las circunstancias que nos rodean están envueltas en tinieblas.
- Bartimeo se despoja de su manto cuando se acerca a Jesús. Esta acción recuerda el acontecimiento del Éxodo, cuando Moisés, en el monte Sinaí, debe quitarse las sandalias porque Dios le recuerda que está pisando tierra sagrada. Consideremos también las actitudes y los valores que llevamos con nosotros y que bloquean el flujo de la gracia de Dios en nuestras vidas.
- Jesús le dice al hombre: «Tu fe te ha salvado». Es el poder y la profundidad de nuestra fe lo que nos trae la salvación. Recemos constantemente para que aumente nuestra fe.

Por último, el relato de nuestro Evangelio termina con Bartimeo siguiendo a Jesús por el camino de Jerusalén. Este es el camino que terminará en rechazo, gran sufrimiento, muerte y resurrección. También se nos recuerda la llegada del Reino de Dios. La restauración del Reino exige nuestra participación. Nosotros, como Bartimeo, antes ciegos por nuestros pecados, ahora liberados por Jesús. También nosotros debemos seguir a Jesús hasta el final. **Padre Tom**

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Faith Formation is a very important part in the lives of our children. Our Religious Education Program helps bring our children closer to Jesus through the preparation of the Sacraments.

If you have a child or know of anyone who is in the 1<sup>st</sup> grade & up, this is the time to consider registering them for our 2024-2025 session.

**In order to receive the Sacrament of Baptism, First Holy Communion or Confirmation, students must be in the Program for at least 2 years.**

**Our Religious Education Program has begun from 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM in the Parish Center.**

**Registration continues after the 9am Mass on Sundays in the office at 335 Maple Street.**

Registration for the RCIA Program will also take place as outlined above. Kindly specify that you are registering for the RCIA Program.



## Prayer Requests

Tarek Abdelaziz; Maggie Faustin; Mary Gomes; Darius Hayward; Celine Johannes; Celine Mosely; Jeanette Sandiford; Lorna Smith; Nola Timm, Jennifer Warren & Donald Williams.

# St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Academy



Give your children a good Catholic Education by Enrolling them at our Academy for the upcoming academic year. Tuition assistance is available to help families enroll their children in the academy. **APPLY NOW**

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For the Welcome Center: 718.935.2009 or go online at NYC.gov/preK

Select St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Academy as your #1 choice then use **School Code:17KAJW**

## Save the Date!!!

Our First Annual Prayer Breakfast, post-covid.

**Saturday November 9, 2024 @ 9:30am**

Guest Speaker: **Fr. Leslie Tang Kai**  
**Theme: Finding Hope in Hopeless Situations.**

**Tickets are only \$25!!!**

Bring someone, a neighbor, a friend or a co-worker who needs to hear God in their situation.



## ST. FRANCIS BASKETBALL

All parish youngsters in the **6th, 7th and 8th grades and High School, Grades 9 to 12**, are cordially invited to join **St. Francis' Basketball Program**. Registration will be held next **Saturday, October 26 and Saturday, November 2 from 12:00 to 1:00 pm. In the auditorium of St Francis of Assisi Catholic Academy located at 400 Lincoln Road.**

Basketball flyers with more information are available at the church entrances. Trophies and Basketball shirts will be given out.

**OCTOBER 27, 2024**

**Saturday November 2nd, 2024 Vigil:** **Liturgical Ministers**  
5:00 PM: Com: P. Clarke

Lect: G. Mendoza, EMHC: D. Rouse, E. Greene.

**Sunday November 3rd, 2024**

9:00 AM :Com: K. Hypolite, Lect: B. Johannes  
EMHC: J. Taylor, J. Tropnas, L. Payton.

11:00 AM: Com: A. Mercedes, Lect: J. Gonzalez  
EMHC: N. Lopez, L. Lopez.

12:30 PM: Com: F. Alexis, Lect: A. Glace  
EMHC: A. Lai Fang, F. Gomes-Gregory.

5:00 PM: Com: M. Roy, Lect: F. Bien-Aimé  
EMHC: Rose Marie Jean, R. Lavache.



This week's Sanctuary lamp burns for healing for Donald Williams.

*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 30th Week in Ordinary Time

Sunday: Jer 31:7-9 / Ps 126:1-6 / Heb 5:1-6 / Mk 10:46-52

Monday: Eph 2:19-22 / Ps 19:2-5 / Lk 6:12-16

Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33 / Ps 128:1-5 / Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday: Eph 6:1-9 / Ps 145:10-14 / Lk 13:22-30

Thursday: Eph 6:10-20 / Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 / Lk 13:31-35

**Friday All Saints:** Rv 7:2-4, 9-14 / Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6 /  
1 Jn 3:1-3 / Mt 5:1-12a

**Saturday All Souls:** Wis 3:1-9 / Ps 23:1-6 / Rom 6:3-9 /  
Jn 6:37-40

**Next Sunday: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Dt 6:2-6 / Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51 / Heb 7:23-28 /  
Mk 12:28b-34



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

Rev. Msgr. Paul W. Jervis;  
Rev. Msgr. Theophilus Joseph;  
Jean Gaston; Anezida Elien, Ada Terry,  
Michelle Gabriel, Mattie Harris, Marie Jean

Baptiste, Alice Robinson and Malcolm Durant.

***Life is changed through death***