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Parish Office Hours

Monday/Lunes/Poniedziałek

9:00AM—5:00PM

Friday/Viernes/Piątek

9:00AM—5:00PM

Tuesday/Martes/Wtorek

9:00AM—8:00PM

Closed for Lunch

12:00PM—1:00PM

Wednesday/Miercoles/Sroda

9:00AM—6:00PM

Saturday/Sabado/Sobota

9:00AM—3:00PM

Thursday/Jueves/Czwartek

9:00AM—5:00PM

Sunday/Domingo/Niedziela

Parish Office Closed

Mass Schedule/Horario de Misas/Harmonogram mszy

Weekday/Día laborable/Dzień powszedni—8:30AM

Saturday Vigil/Sábado Vigilia/Sobotnia Wigilia—4:30PM

Sunday Mass/misa dominical/Niedzielną Msza św—

8:00AM—English

11:00AM—English

9:30AM—Polski

12:30PM —Español

Devotions/Oraciones/Modlitwy

Novena of O. L. of the Miraculous Medal and St. Anne

Mondays following the morning Mass

Rosary/Rosario/Różaniec

Prayed Daily after the 8:30AM Mass

Eucharistic Adoration

Each 1st Friday of the month following morning Mass until 3:00pm. If you are interested in signing up for an hour of adoration with the Lord, please call the rectory.

Catholic Cemeteries

For information and available options, please call 718.894.4888.

December 31, 2023

*The Holy Family of
Jesus, Mary & Joseph*

Reconciliation/Reconciliación/Spowiedź św.

Saturdays 3:30PM—4:00PM

First Friday of Month 6:00 PM to 6:50PM

Or by appointment

Baptism/Bautismo/Chrzest

Baptisms will be celebrated the second Sunday of the month. Please call the Parish Office for scheduling and information.

Matrimony/Matrimonio/Małzenstwo

Marriage arrangements must be made at least six (6) months prior to the proposed wedding date. Please call the Parish Office to make an appointment.

Prayer Groups/Grupos de Oración/Grupy Modlitewne

Padre Pio Prayer Group (English-Italian)

First Saturday of each month at 8:30am Mass.

Spanish Prayer Group

Prayer Group meets every other Tuesday at 7:30pm.



ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 30, 2023

8:30 am Alex Acevedo (The Moran Family)
 4:30 pm For the People of the Parish
 Mario Tilotta (Family)

Sunday, December 31, 2023 - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

8:00 am Carolyn Talento (Padre Pio Prayer Group)
 9:30 am (Polish) In Thanksgiving to God
 11:00 am Santo Pena (Janet Mangerino)
 12:30 pm (Spanish) Jessica Escalera - (Living) - 20th Birthday (Juana Escalera)

Monday, January 1, 2024 - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

10:00 am Kazimierz Sobas- 2nd Anniversary Rest in Peace
 (Irene Ostrowski)

Tuesday, January 2, 2024 - St. Basil the Great

8:30 am Sharon Close (Living) - Gift of Healing
 (Arkadiusz & Monika Kizmal)

Wednesday, January 3, 2024 - The Most Holy Name of Jesus

8:30 am Josephine Gelo (JoAnn & Bill Dobranski)

Thursday, January 4, 2024 - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

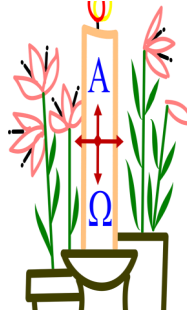
8:30 am John Comerford (John & Joan Comerford)

Friday, January 5, 2024 - St. John Neumann

8:30 am Concetta Armano (Padre Pio Prayer Group)

Saturday, January 6, 2024 - St. Andre Bessette

8:30 am Padre Pio Prayer Group
 4:30 pm For the People of the Parish
 Friedrich & Maria Hoenigmann (Elfi)



Memorial Gifts
 Week of December 31, 2023

Memorials are Available

The 2023 Paschal Candle
has been donated
In Memory of
Michael & Mary Leccese
Requested by:
Jo-Ann & Phyllis Leccese

Please Pray for the Sick:

Kathleen Eveline, Sharon & Barney Magro,
 Monica Giglietto, George Nolde, Ryder Chevalley,
 Noah Seranno, Sylvia & Robert Nolde, Barbara Frankel,
 Frank Crifasi, Anissa Johnson, Tom Hegyi, Florinda Rose,
 Elena Barcelona, William & Donna Nolde, Janet Seminara,
 Thomas Marutollo, Daniel Portalatin, Antonia Lahara,
 Jerry Aguilar, Julie Maldonado, Edward Fried, Linda Nolde,
 Susan Scanlon, Jerry Ross, Maureen Cooper, Rose Colon,
 Vincenza Scilla, Neil Sussman, Eileen Moore,
 Jean DeFelice, Lorraine Gloria Rocco, Rosemary Bock,
 Veronica Bock, Vinnie DePaola, Cathleen Hock,
 Diana Acosta, Jane & Tom Holoran, Jamie Makaron,
 Charles R. Gruber, Nancy Gonzalez, Vincent Arcuri,
 Francesco Crifasi, Elizabeth C. Stein, Carmen Reyes,
 Joan Marie Ann Record, Milagros Morales, James Spoto,
 Penelope Lee Canton, Philece Salierno, Christopher Kelly,
 Michele Gambino, Rosemarie Maly, Lisa Chevalley,
 Steven Piller, Richard & Florence Maly, Sr. Noemi Valdes,
 Barbara Bauer, Catalino Ramirez, Francesca Ferraro,
 Christopher Romeo, Edna Krusz, Sandy Yankow,
 Kathleen Bossio, Barbara Frosina, Raffaella Cifaldi,
 Josephine Shea, Francine Romeo, Noah Rivera,
 Elizabeth Clark, Ann Winkler, Marilyn Koch,
 Linda Wachsmith, Kevin Joost and Alvin Rose.

Please Pray for the Faithful Departed:

Jeanette Vilardi
 Marie Corda
 Georgiana Schmitt

May they rest in peace! Amen

Mass Intentions are Available

Thursday, January 18, 2024 8:30am
Saturday, January 20, 2024 4:30pm
Saturday, January 27, 2024 8:30am
Saturday, January 27, 2024 4:30pm
Monday, February 5, 2024 8:30am
Wednesday, February 14, 2024 8:30am
Wednesday, February 14, 2024 6:00pm
Friday, February 16, 2024 8:30am
Saturday, February 17, 2024 8:30am

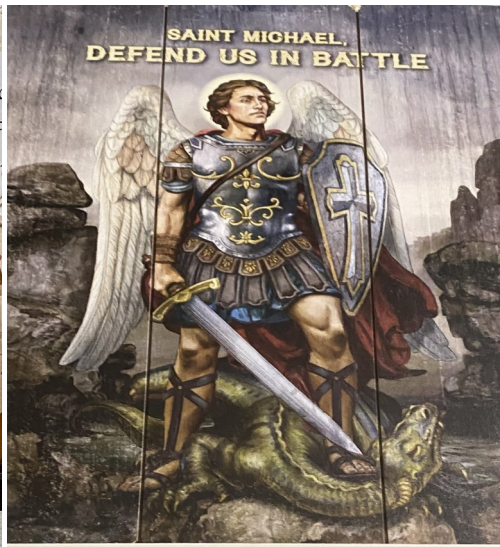


There are weekly Memorials available :

Bread, Wine and Candles (\$25)
Sanctuary Lamps (\$25)
The St. Anne Shrine Lamp (\$25)
Ring of the Bells (\$25)
Blessed Mother Oil Lamp(\$25)
St. Joseph Oil Lamp (\$25)

ST. PANCRAS GIFT SHOP

WE HAVE A WIDE VARIETY OF RELIGIOUS PRODUCTS, SACRAMENT GIFTS, SEASONAL GIFTS, STATUES, GREETING CARDS AND BOOKS. IF YOU DON'T SEE WHAT YOU ARE LOOKING FOR, WE CAN ORDER IT FOR YOU.



THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH
DECEMBER 31, 2023

FIRST READING:

"Your own issue shall be your heir." The Lord took Abram outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can. Just so," he added, "shall your descendants be." (Gn 3:4-5)

PSALM:

The Lord remembers his covenant for ever. (Ps 105)

SECOND READING:

By faith he received power to generate, even though he was past the normal age—and Sarah herself was sterile. (Heb 11:11)

GOSPEL:

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him. (Lk 2:40)

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Wishing our Parish Family
 A Blessed Christmas and
 Happy New Year!
 May the Peace, Joy
 and Love of Christ's Birth
 be with you always!



Happy New Year

**The Parish Office will be closed on
 Monday, January 1st and
 Tuesday, January 2nd in
 observance of New Year's.**

OUR CALL TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

**"As each has received a gift, employ it for one another
 as good stewards of God's Grace." (1 Peter 4:10)**

December 17, 2023 (Third Sunday of Advent)

Attendance at Mass: 623

Sunday Offering Envelopes Received: 156

Number of Give Central Users: 23

Amount Received from Envelope Users: \$1,918.00

Amount Received from Non-Envelope Users: \$1,473.00

Amount Received from Online Giving Users: \$519.00

Total Weekly Contributions: \$3,391.00

Special Collection--Religious Retirement: \$651.00



**Wishing our Parish Family
 a Happy, Healthy and
 Blessed New Year!**

The Music Ministry of St. Pancras

Dear Parishioners,

As we gather on this sacred Feast of the Holy Family, we turn our hearts to the Gospel of Luke and reflect upon the profound lessons the Holy Family imparts to each of us.

In today's Gospel, we witness the Holy Family's faithful observance of Jewish law as Mary and Joseph present Jesus in the temple. This act not only demonstrates their commitment to God's commandments but also foreshadows the unique destiny of the Child they cradle in their arms.

Mary and Joseph's journey serves as an inspiration for our own paths. In their humility and trust in God's plan, they exemplify the essence of family life, reminding us that our families, too, are sacred spaces where God's love can flourish.

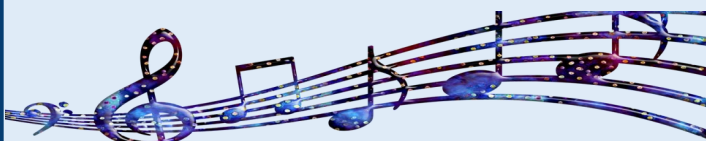
Simeon and Anna, guided by the Holy Spirit, recognize Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah. Their devotion and prophetic words emphasize the importance of spiritual vigilance in our families. As we navigate life's joys and challenges, let us remain attuned to God's voice, seeking His guidance and wisdom in all aspects of our familial journey.

The Holy Family invites us to embrace the virtues of love, patience, and sacrifice. Mary's unwavering acceptance of God's will and Joseph's steadfast protection of his family exemplify the selfless love we are called to cultivate within our own homes. In moments of joy and difficulty, may we turn to the Holy Family as our model of love and unity.

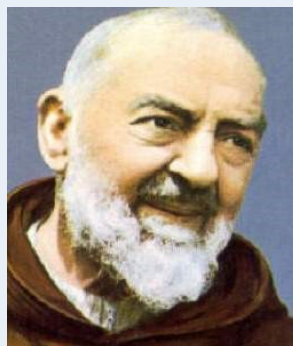
As we celebrate this Feast, let us renew our commitment to fostering a domestic church where Christ is at the center. Through prayer, Scripture, and mutual support, may our families be sanctuaries of love and faith, echoing the harmonious rhythm witnessed in the Holy Family.

Wishing you a blessed Feast of the Holy Family.

—Jonathan D'Amico, Music Director



Church News



Padre Pio Prayer Group

The Padre Pio Prayer Group meets the first Saturday of the month at the 8:30 am Mass.

The group prays in Italian and English.

All are welcome to join the prayer group.

The yearly dues are \$25.00.

Please come and join us! For more information please call the parish office.

The next meeting is January 6, 2024 where we will celebrate the Feasts of the Holy Family and Epiphany with a reenactment of the Nativity.

Spanish Prayer Group

Grupo de Oración en Español

Martes, 16 de Enero

a las 7:30 PM en el Templo

Tuesday, January 16, 2023 @ 7:30pm

Alabanzas,
Adoración,
Prédica y Oración.
NO TE
LO PIERDAS!!!



FOR THE CHILDREN OF ST. PANCRAS CHURCH

The Kids' Bulletin

December 31st, 2023: Feast of the Holy Family
January 1st, 2024: Feast of Mary the Mother of God

The Holy Family

When we talk about the Holy Family we are talking about Jesus and his mother Mary and his foster-father, Saint Joseph. Mary became the mother of Jesus when she was betrothed (formally engaged) to St. Joseph, and Jesus' real father was God the Father Himself. So Saint Joseph acted as the Father of Jesus on earth.



Saint Joseph was a carpenter and worked hard to provide for his family. Mary loved Jesus and Joseph and cooked and cleaned for them. When Jesus was old enough Saint Joseph trained Him to be a carpenter as well. Because they all loved each other with generosity and selflessness they were really the happiest and holiest family that ever lived.

We can imitate the Holy Family by loving our parents and siblings and putting others before ourselves. What can you do today to make your family happier and holier?



Answers to puzzle on front: the Mother of God.
Answers to Word Find: Love each other!

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Holy Family Word-Find



LGODSELFLESS
OMHVJEFAEJAC
COOPERATIONA
HTLCSLMHSSHR
IHYHUEIEHELP
LEOOSALRAPOE
DRTMARYHRHVN
HOMEHNJAEET
FAITHROPEACE
FOSTERYPPOR
PERFECTYCARE

See if you can
find all these
words about the
Holy Family in
the puzzle!

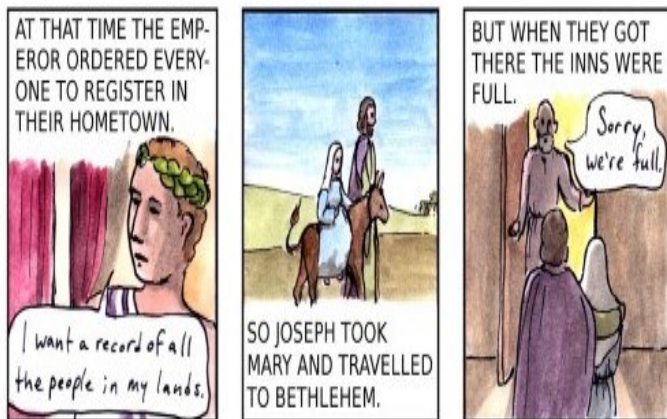
Use the leftover
letters to fill in
the blanks at
the end!

CARE	GOD	LOVE
CARPENTER	HAPPY	MOTHER
CHILD	HELP	MARY
COOPERATION	HOLY	PEACE
FAITH	HOME	PERFECT
FAMILY	JESUS	POOR
FATHER	JOSEPH	SELFLESS
FOSTER	JOY	SHARE
	LEARN	

The best way to be like the Holy Family:

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SAINT JOSEPH'S CHRISTMAS



GOD CHOSE SAINT JOSEPH, A GOOD AND HUMBLE MAN, TO BE THE PROTECTOR OF HIS SON JESUS AND JESUS' MOTHER, MARY. IT WASN'T AN EASY JOB- THEY HAD TO TRAVEL FAR ON FOOT AND STAY IN A STABLE WITH ANIMALS, BUT SAINT JOSEPH WAS HAPPY TO SUFFER FOR LOVE OF GOD. ARE YOU?

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Heart to Heart Ministry
An Extra Tablespoon of Love!

Advent~~~Christmas
A Pilgrimage of Light
A New Book by Sister Ave Clark, O.P.

COST PER BOOK:
\$10 PLUS \$3.50 SHIPPING

CONTACT: SR. AVE CLARK
718-428-2471 FOR MORE
INFORMATION OR TO
PURCHASE THE BOOK

Advent~~~Christmas

A Pilgrimage of Light

Sister Ave Clark, O.P.

ST. PANCRAS BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Are you struggling with the recent loss of a loved one and would you like support? We invite you to our newly formed Bereavement Group.

Our next monthly meeting is
Thursday, January 18th at 7:30pm.
There will be monthly meetings
on Thursdays. For more information,
contact Ann Winkler at 917-860-7634.



Saint Joseph's Seminary

Dunwoodie
201 Seminary Avenue • Yonkers, N.Y. 10704-1896
914-968-6200 (ext. 8216)

Dean of Seminarians

December 15, 2023

Rev. Msgr. Steven J. Aguggia
St. Pancras Roman Catholic Church
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Glendale, NY 11385

Dear Monsignor Aguggia,

I write to express my sincere gratitude to you and your parishioners for the generous support shown to our seminarians at Christmas through the Seminarian Gift Card Program. These cards will be hand delivered to each seminarian, who will be remembering the donors in prayer during the Christmas season.

As we approach the celebration of the Nativity, I pray that the coming of Christ at Bethlehem will be a source of grace, peace, and joy for you and the entire parish community of St. Pancras Roman Catholic Church! Wishing you a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year! I remain

Sincerely in Christ,

Michael

Fr. Michael Bruno

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Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

As the Mother of God, the Virgin Mary has a unique position among the saints, indeed, among all creatures. She is exalted, yet still one of us.

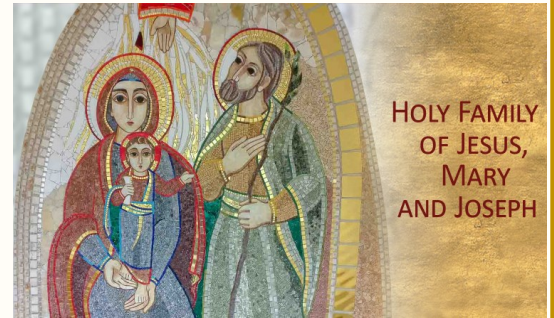
Redeemed by reason of the merits of her Son and united to Him by a close and indissoluble tie, she is endowed with the high office and dignity of being the Mother of the Son of God, by which account she is also the beloved daughter of the Father and the temple of the Holy Spirit.

Because of this gift of sublime grace she far surpasses all creatures, both in heaven and on earth. At the same time, however, because she belongs to the offspring of Adam she is one with all those who are to be saved. (Lumen Gentium, no. 53)



Mary embraces God's will and freely chooses to cooperate with God's grace, thereby fulfilling a crucial role in God's plan of salvation. Throughout the centuries, the Church has turned to the Blessed Virgin in order to come closer to Christ. Many forms of piety toward the Mother of God developed that help bring us closer to her Son. In these devotions to Mary, "while the Mother is honored, the Son, through whom all things have their being and in whom it has pleased the Father that all fullness should dwell, is rightly known, loved and glorified and . . . all His commands are observed." The Church honors her as the Mother of God, looks to her as a model of perfect discipleship, and asks for her prayers to God on our behalf.

Feast of the Holy Family



The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph is normally celebrated on the Sunday after Christmas. This feast developed at the beginning of the 19th century in Canada and then spread to the entire Church in 1920. At first, it was celebrated on the Sunday after Epiphany. It is a Feast that seeks to portray the Holy Family of Nazareth as the “true model of life” (cf. Opening Prayer) from which our families can draw inspiration and know where to find help and comfort. On the Feast of the Holy Family, it comes spontaneously to think of all families and the role of parents called to “cultivate and care for” (cf. Gn 2:15) the lives of their children from the time they are conceived in their mother’s womb (cf. Is. 49:1; Ps. 139:13-15 – “You formed my inmost being; you knit me in my mother’s womb”), helping them to grow and mature. Today, the Holy Spirit still continues to guide “all peoples”, “all couples”, “all parents”. But we need to listen to the Spirit who speaks in us. If the Son of God came to live with us as a child, and only the eyes of faith can perceive His presence, how important it is to remind ourselves that everyday things are never of little importance, that daily occurrences are never useless or purely coincidental. The eyes of faith are necessary to grasp the hidden and the beyond. Everything becomes a “place” to encounter or reject God’s presence. Everything is a sign for those who believe.

To live the gospel of the family is not easy today. Those who want to defend life from the moment of conception are criticized or attacked. Yet in the Gospel we find the way to live a beautiful life on the personal and familial level, a way that is certainly challenging, but attractive and all-embracing. It is a way that still deserves to be trusted and undertaken after the example and through the intercession of the Holy Family of Nazareth itself. There are happy and sad, serene and difficult moments in every family. This is life. To live the “gospel of the family” does not exempt us from experiencing difficulties and tensions, of encountering moments of pleasant fortitude and painful weakness. Families who are wounded and marked by weakness, failure, difficulty...can rise again if they learn how to draw from the font of the Gospel. There, they can rediscover new possibilities of starting over.

*Jesus, Mary and Joseph
to you, the Holy Family of Nazareth,
today, we turn our gaze
with admiration and confidence.
In you, we contemplate
the beauty of communion in true love.
To you, we recommend all our families,
so they might be renewed in this wonder of grace.
Holy Family of Nazareth,
attractive school of the holy Gospel:
teach us to imitate your virtues
with a wise spiritual discipline.
Grant us a pure vision
that knows how to recognize the work of Providence
in the everyday happenings of life.
Holy Family of Nazareth,
faithful guardian of the mystery of salvation:
grant us a renewed esteem for silence,*

*make our families cenacles of prayer
and transform them into small domestic churches.
Renew our desire for holiness,
Sustain the noble fatigue of labor, of education,
of listening, of reciprocal understanding and forgiveness.
Holy Family of Nazareth,
reawaken in our society the awareness
of the sacred and inviolable character of the family,
a priceless and irreplaceable good.
May every family be a welcoming abode of goodness and peace
for children and the elderly,
for those who are sick and alone,
for those who are poor and in need.
Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
we pray to you with confidence,
we entrust ourselves to you with joy.
(Pope Francis, Prayer recited in front of the Icon of the Holy Family
on the World Day of Families, 27 October 2013)*