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Parish Office Hours

Monday/Lunes/Poniedziałek **Friday/Viernes/Piątek**

9:00AM—5:00PM

9:00AM—5:00PM

Tuesday/Martes/Wtorek

9:00AM—5:00PM

Closed for Lunch

12:00PM—1:00PM

Wednesday/Miercoles/Sroda

9:00AM—5:00PM

Saturday/Sabado/Sobota

9:00AM—1:00PM

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

St. Pancras Novena

Tuesdays 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 9:00pm. If you are interested in signing up for an hour of adoration with the Lord, please call the rectory.

July 19, 2026

Sixteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Reconciliation/Reconciliación/Spowiedź św.

Saturdays 3:30PM—4:00PM

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

Baptism/Bautismo/Chrzest

Baptisms will be celebrated the second Sunday of the month.

Please call the Parish Office for scheduling and information.

Matrimony/Matrimonio/Malzenstwo

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.

Catholic Cemeteries

For information and available options, please call 718.894.4888.



ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 18, 2026 - St. Camillus de Lellis

8:30 am **Yolanda Mary Rimaldi**
(Padre Pio & St. Joseph Prayer Group)

4:30 pm **For the People of the Parish**
Maria Meditz (Traudi Stiene)
Maureen O'Connor (Michael Dolphin)

Sunday, July 19, 2026 - Sixteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:00 am **Joan Paguaga** (Bill & JoAnn Dobranski)

9:30 am (Polish) **Franciszka Roginska - 2nd Anniversary of Death**
(Daughter & Family)

11:00 am **Rita Hodgins** (Traudi Stiene)

12:30 pm (Spanish) **Danilo Dominguez Baez - 7th Anniversary**
(Katerine Vargas)

Monday, July 20, 2026 - St. Apollinaris

8:30 am **Meabh Reynolds** (Kopacki Family)

Tuesday, July 21, 2026 - St. Lawrence of Brindisi

8:30 am **Sister Antoine & Sister Florence** (DMMM Sisters)

Wednesday, July 22, 2026 - St. Mary Magdalene

8:30 am **Sean Patrick Callanan** (Callanan Family)

Thursday, July 23, 2026 - St. Bridget

8:30 am **Sister Antoine & Sister Florence** (DMMM Sisters)

Friday, July 24, 2026 - St. Charbel Makhluf

8:30 am **James Spadafora** (Silvana Dallao)

Saturday, July 25, 2026 - St. James

8:30 am **Yolanda Mary Rimaldi**
(Rosa Maria Benfari & Pardi Pio Prayer Group)

4:30 pm **For the People of the Parish**
Henryka Tworek (Tworek Family)
Salvatore Amato (Vincenza Grigoli & Family)



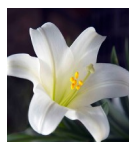
Memorial Gifts
Week of July 19, 2026

Blessed Mother Oil Lamp
In Memory of
Helen Krusol
Requested By: Daughter- Sophie

St. Anne Candle
In Memory of
Mary Kennedy
Requested By: Friend

Please Pray for the Sick:

Kathleen Eveline, Sharon & Barney Magro, Monica Giglietto, Ryder Chevalley, Noah Seranno, Barbara Frankel, Sylvia & Robert Nolde, Frank Crifasi, Anissa Johnson, Tom Hegyi, Florenda Rose, Elena Barcelona, Thomas Marutollo, Jerry Ross, William & Donna Nolde, Janet Seminara, Daniel Portalatin, Antonia Lahara, Jerry Aguilar, Julie Maldonado, Edward Fried, Linda Nolde, Susan Scanlon, Maureen Cooper, Rose Colon, Neil Sussman, Eileen Moore, Diana Acosta, Jean DeFelice, Lorraine Gloria Rocco, James Spoto, Tino Iorio, Cathleen Hock, Veronica Bock, Vinnie DePaola, Jamie Makaron, Vincent Arcuri, Charles R. Gruber, Nancy Gonzalez, Francesco Crifasi, Edna Krusz, Ann Winkler, Marilyn Koch, Elizabeth C. Stein, Carmen Reyes, Milagros Morales, Christopher Kelly, Michele Gambino, Erna Perz, Rosemarie Maly, Lisa Chevalley, Steven Piller, Richard Maly, Barbara Bauer, Catalino Ramirez, Kevin Joost, Noah Rivera, Christopher Romeo, Justin Yankow, Kathleen Bossio, William Bossio, Joe Vitale, Patricia O'Neil, Francine Romeo, Elizabeth Clark, Rudy Magi, Ann Eveline, Scott Lehman, Kathleen Giovanniello, Elsie Sola, Phyllis Souza, Sondra Valencia, Eugene Strohmeier, Tom Harms, Michael Stavola, Rose Mary Bock, Tommy Yankow, Susie Maffea, Matthew Bianco, Wayne Espanet, Seifan Medhat, Merey Medhat, Soheir Boktor, Dianna Zanotelli, Vincent Toronto, Antonio Beutti, Danny Yankow, Mike Englert, Linda-Ann Salierno, Adam Gorman, Sandy Yankow, Joan Ferriso, Kelly Eveline, Michelle Gorman, Deniko Stewart, Thomas Lester, Anthony Maffea Sr., Remi Bergdorfer, Calvin Humenik, Alan Sonnenberg, Barbara Valle, Anne Kreitsch, Barbara Roberts, Leticia Marie LoNigro, Monika & Michael Abel, Jenny Robison, Muriel Geuss, Julia Szulewski, James Lavery.



Please Pray for the Faithful Departed:

May they rest in peace! Amen

Mass Intentions are Available

Saturday, July 25, 2026 at 4:30pm

Friday, July 31, 2026 at 8:30am

Sunday, August 2, 2026 at 12:30pm

Tuesday, August 4, 2026 at 8:30am

Friday, August 14, 2026 at 8:30am

Saturday, August 15, 2026 at 8:30am

Saturday, August 15, 2026 at 4:30pm

Monday, August 17, 2026 at 8:30am

Wednesday, August 19, 2026 at 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)

Blessed Mother Candle (\$25)

St. Therese Candle (\$25)

St. Pancras Candle (\$25)

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MORE NEW INVENTORY COMING SOON!

SPECIAL ST. PANCRAS HOLY OIL

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**JULY 19, 2026****FIRST READING:**

For your might is the source of justice; your mastery over all things makes you lenient to all. (Wis 12:16)

PSALM:

Lord, you are good and forgiving. (Ps 86)

SECOND READING:

And the one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit, because he intercedes for the holy ones according to God's will.

(Rom 8:27)

GOSPEL:

"The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that a person took and sowed in a field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, yet when full-grown it is the largest of plants." (Mt 13:31-32)

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"Who has faith in Me will do the works I do, and far greater than these." Are you being called to do the work of the Lord as a priest, deacon, sister, or brother? If you are considering this possibility, contact the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org



Annual Catholic Appeal 2026
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

**One Church.
Diverse Ministries.
United Mission.**

The 2026 Annual Catholic Appeal is ongoing.

Your gift helps sustain the ministries that bring Christ's love to life across Brooklyn and Queens - supporting Vocations, Faith Formation, Catholic Charities, Youth Ministry, Care for Retired Priests, and more.

Watch the video: www.CFBQ.org/ACAVideo

Let us pray for the success of this Appeal - that together we may extend love, strengthen our faith, and remain united in mission.

Make a pledge today to support your parish and the many ministries of our diocese by visiting AnnualCatholicAppeal.org or texting DONATE to 917-336-1255.

Please scan this QR code to make your weekly donations to St. Pancras Church through Give Central.

**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)

June 28, 2026 (Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Attendance at Mass: 600

Sunday Offering Envelopes Received:

4:30PM Mass Totals: \$698.00 —Attendance: 85

8:00AM Mass Totals: \$750.00 —Attendance: 105

9:30AM Mass Totals: \$728.00 —Attendance: 151

11:00AM Mass Totals: \$1,323.00 —Attendance: 155

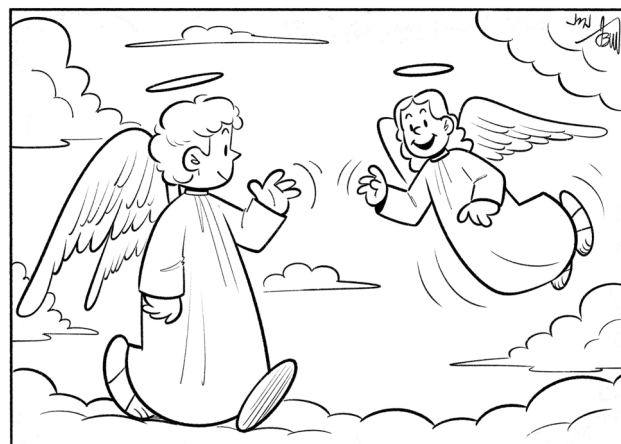
12:30PM Mass Totals: \$968.00 —Attendance: 255

Number of Give Central Users: 20

Amount Received from Online Giving Users: \$409.00

Total Weekly Contributions: \$4,876.00

"How do angels greet each other?"



"Halo!"



Angels are spiritual beings created by God. St. Augustine calls them "the mighty ones who do His word, hearkening to the voice of His word."

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Music Ministry

Dear Parishioners,

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus gives us the parable of the weeds and the wheat. A man sows good seed in his field, but while everyone is asleep, an enemy comes and sows weeds among the wheat. When the servants notice what has happened, their first instinct is to fix the problem immediately: "Do you want us to go and pull them up?" But the master says no, because in pulling up the weeds, they might also uproot the wheat.

This is a powerful image of God's patience. We often want God to act quickly. We want evil removed, problems solved, and justice delivered on our timeline. But God sees more than we see. He knows the difference between judgment and destruction, between correction and condemnation. The Book of Wisdom reminds us that God's power is shown not in harshness, but in mercy: "Though you are master of might, you judge with clemency, and with much lenience you govern us."

God's patience is not weakness. It is love. He allows time for growth, time for conversion, time for repentance. He does not give up on the field too quickly. That should give us hope, because each of us knows that our own hearts are not always pure wheat. There are places in us where goodness is growing, but there are also places where sin, pride, fear, anger, or selfishness can take root. If God judged us too quickly, who could stand?

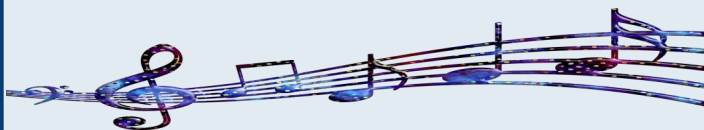
The parable also teaches us to be careful about how we judge others. It is easy to label people as weeds and ourselves as wheat. It is easy to decide who belongs and who does not, who is holy and who is hopeless. But Jesus reminds us that final judgment belongs to God. Our task is not to tear others up by the roots. Our task is to keep growing, to bear good fruit, and to trust that God is still at work even in a field that looks messy.

Saint Paul gives us another word of encouragement: "The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness." Sometimes we do not even know how to pray, how to change, or how to begin again. But the Holy Spirit intercedes for us. God is not watching from a distance, waiting for us to fail. He is working within us, helping the good seed grow.

The kingdom of heaven may begin small, like a mustard seed, or hidden, like yeast in dough, but God's grace is never inactive. It grows quietly. It changes hearts slowly. It works beneath the surface.

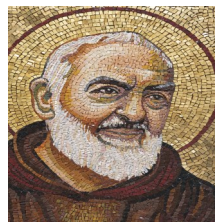
This week, let us ask God for the patience to trust His timing, the humility to recognize our own need for mercy, and the courage to keep growing as children of the kingdom. The field may not yet be perfect, but the harvest belongs to God.

Jonathan D'Amico, Music Director



Church News

St. Joseph & Padre Pio Prayer Group



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

All are welcome to join the prayer group. The yearly dues are \$25.00.

Please come and join us!

The next meeting is
September 5, 2026



Spanish Prayer Group

Grupo de Oración en Español

Martes, 21 de Julio a las 7:30pm

Ven y comparte un rato de oración al lado de Jesus.

NO te quedes en tu casa.

VEN!



ST. PANCRA'S BEREAVEMENT GROUP

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

Our next monthly meeting is
Thursday, July 23, 2026 at 7:30pm.

For more information,
contact Ann Winkler at 917-860-7634.

FOR THE CHILDREN OF ST. PANCRAS CHURCH

Weeds Among the Wheat

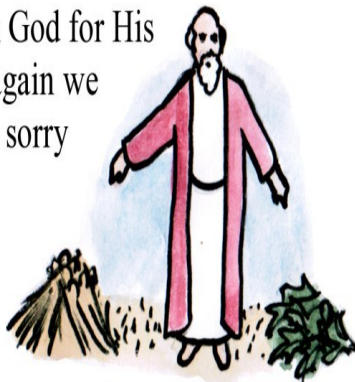


Weeds are plants that shouldn't be there. They use the sun and water that the good plants need. Have you ever helped pick weeds in the garden? In today's parable Jesus tells about a man who lets the weeds grow along with the wheat until harvest time, so that the good plants don't get pulled up along with the weeds.

The weeds represent the bad people, who will go to Hell at the final judgement. God lets them stay alive as long as the good people. He wants to give sinners lots of time to repent so that they can go to Heaven instead.



All the readings today are about God's mercy. God is the most powerful of all, but instead of destroying sinners He wants to give them more chances. When you think about it, you will realize God has already been merciful to all of us- because we have all sinned. We should thank God for His mercy, and if we do sin again we should show Him we are sorry by going to Confession.



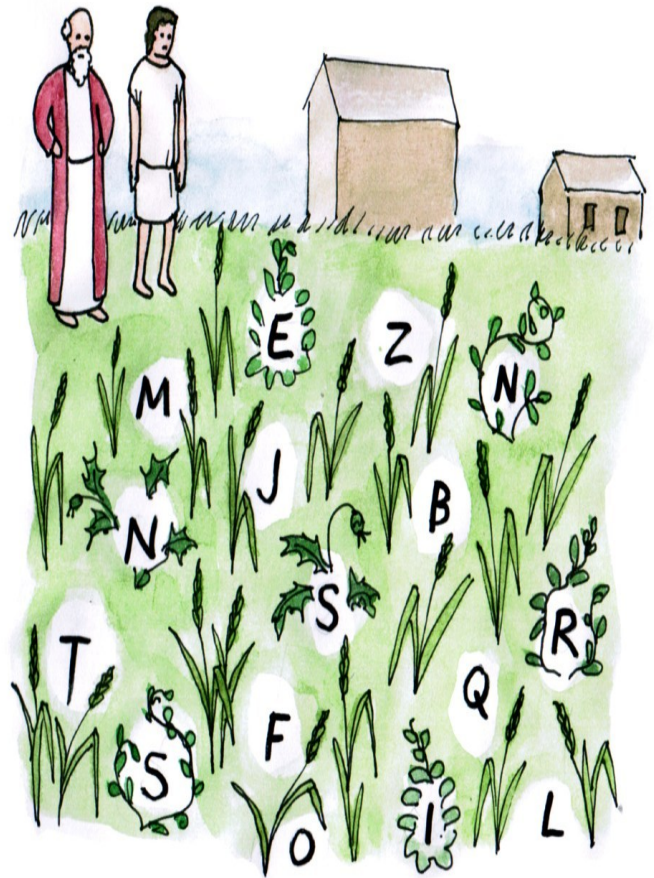
Answer to front page: sinners

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The Kids' Bulletin

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 19th, 2026



What did the weeds in today's parable represent?

Find all the letters that are in the weeds and unscramble them to find out.



The weeds are any plant
that doesn't look like this.



Think for a moment about a window.

A window has no light of its own. It simply lets the sun shine through it. Its purpose is to get out of the way so something greater can pass through.

That is what a saint is.

Saint Charbel Makhlouf understood this deeply. A simple Lebanese monk, he lived a hidden life of prayer, fasting, work, and devotion before the Blessed Sacrament. By worldly standards, he was invisible. Yet after his death, countless people have experienced healings, conversions, and answered prayers through his intercession.

Why? Because Charbel spent his life becoming transparent to God, allowing God's light to shine through him. Now, in God's presence, he intercedes for us with confidence.

The saints remind us that miracles did not end long ago. They learned to recognize God's presence everywhere—in the Eucharist, in creation, in suffering, in acts of kindness, and in the ordinary moments of daily life. Once our eyes are opened, the world is filled with signs of God's grace.

Perhaps the question is not, "Why don't miracles happen anymore?" but, "Why aren't we seeing them?"

The light is still shining. What is often missing is the window.

May we, like Saint Charbel, become transparent enough for Christ's light to shine through us.

Saint Charbel, pray for us.

Amen.



Pomyśl przez chwilę o oknie.

Okno nie ma własnego światła. Po prostu przepuszcza światło słońca. Jego zadaniem jest usunąć się na bok, aby mogło przeniknąć przez nie coś większego.

Tym właśnie jest święty.

Święty Szarbel Makhlouf doskonale to rozumiał. Był prostym libańskim mnichem, który prowadził ukryte życie modlitwy, postu, pracy i głębokiej adoracji Najświętszego Sakramentu. Według ludzkich kryteriów pozostawał niemal niezauważony. A jednak po jego śmierci niezliczeni ludzie doświadczyli uzdrowień, nawróceń i wysłuchanych modlitw za jego wstawiennictwem. Dlaczego? Ponieważ Szarbel całym swoim życiem stał się przejrzysty dla Boga, pozwalając, by Jego światło promieniowało przez niego. Teraz, oglądając Boga twarzą w twarz, z ufnością wstawia się za nami.

Święci przypominają nam, że cuda nie należą tylko do przeszłości. Nauczyli się dostrzegać obecność Boga wszędzie: w Eucharystii, w stworzeniu, w cierpieniu, w gestach dobroci i w zwyczajnych chwilach codziennego życia. Gdy nasze oczy otwierają się na tę rzeczywistość, cały świat staje się pełen znaków Bożej łaski.

Być może właściwe pytanie nie brzmi: „Dlaczego cuda już się nie zdarzają?”, lecz: „Dlaczego ich nie dostrzegamy?”.

Światło wciąż świeci. Często brakuje jedynie okna.

Obyśmy, na wzór świętego Szarbela, stali się na tyle przejrzysti, aby światło Chrystusa mogło jaśnieć przez nasze życie.

Święty Szarbela, módl się za nami.

Amen.



Piensa por un momento en una ventana.

Una ventana no tiene luz propia. Simplemente deja pasar la luz del sol. Su propósito es hacerse a un lado para que algo más grande pueda brillar a través de ella.

Eso es un santo.

San Chárbel Makhlouf comprendió esta verdad profundamente. Fue un sencillo monje libanés que vivió una vida escondida de oración, ayuno, trabajo y profunda devoción ante el Santísimo Sacramento. Según los criterios del mundo, pasó desapercibido. Sin embargo, después de su muerte, innumerables personas han experimentado sanaciones, conversiones y respuestas a sus oraciones por su intercesión.

¿Por qué? Porque Chárbel dedicó toda su vida a transparentar la presencia de Dios, permitiendo que la luz de Cristo brillara a través de él. Ahora, contemplando a Dios cara a cara, intercede por nosotros con confianza.

Los santos nos recuerdan que los milagros no quedaron en el pasado. Aprendieron a reconocer la presencia de Dios en todas partes: en la Eucaristía, en la creación, en el sufrimiento, en los actos de bondad y en los momentos sencillos de la vida cotidiana. Cuando nuestros ojos se abren a esa realidad, el mundo entero se llena de signos de la gracia de Dios.

Tal vez la pregunta no sea: «¿Por qué ya no ocurren milagros?», sino: «¿Por qué no los estamos viendo?».

La luz sigue brillando. Lo que muchas veces falta es la ventana.

Que nosotros, como San Chárbel, lleguemos a ser lo suficientemente transparentes para que la luz de Cristo brille a través de nosotros.

San Chárbel, ruega por nosotros.

Amén.

An Update

Last week we reported that someone had written in one of our altar missals.

We now have an update: we discovered who it was and spoke to him.

Suffice it to say that this is a deeply troubled individual with more than a few problems. We cannot even hold him accountable for his actions.

In our Christian charity, let's keep him in our prayers.



ST. JOHN'S
UNIVERSITY

The St. John's University Speech and Hearing Center will be offering FREE speech and hearing screenings from June 8, 2026 through July 30, 2026.

They will also be offering **"Hearing Aid Help"** from June 8, 2026 through July 30, 2026. This is a free service and is available for anyone who has a hearing aid and may be experiencing some difficulty caring for it or using it.

Please call the center at 718-990-6480 to schedule an appointment.

The Speech and Hearing Center is located at 152-11 Union Turnpike, Flushing, NY 11367

Anne-Marie Maher, MA, CCC-SLP, Clinic Director

DEVOTIONS, EXPLAINED! ***~GREGORIAN CHANT~***

Gregorian chant is an ancient form of sacred music used in liturgical worship and prayer.

Defined by a monophonic (meaning a single melody without harmony or chords), unaccompanied song, this type of chant focuses the singer's mind on the content of the prayer being sung, which makes it uniquely suited for use in the Mass.



Dating to the first millennium, it derives its name from Pope St. Gregory the Great, though scholarship is unclear on when exactly this type of chant originated. Prior to the Second Vatican Council, it was standard to use Gregorian chant in the Roman Rite Mass. Sacrosanctum Concilium, the Constitution on Divine Worship promulgated by Pope Paul VI in 1963, asserts that Gregorian chant is "specially suited to the Roman liturgy...(and) should be given pride of place in liturgical services."

The Gift of Life, The Return of Love: The Vocational Journey of Fr. Eric B. Antwi

A Fragmented Hope

Every vocation has a beginning, but mine began before I even knew the world. I was born the fifth child of George Baffoe Duku and Mary Pokuaah. For my mother, my arrival was supposed to be the fulfillment of a deep longing. In those days in Ghana, there were no ultrasound scanners to reveal the gender of an unborn child; you simply waited and hoped. Having already been blessed with one son and three daughters, my mother had prayed fervently for another boy, intending for him to be her final child.

Yet, the joy of my birth was instantly overshadowed. I was born severely jaundiced. Looking at my frail, yellowed body, the midwife delivered a devastating verdict to my mother: “This child will die. Whether you take him or leave him here, he will not make it.”

The Blanket of Grace

My mother’s joy was momentarily shattered, but her faith was not. Deep within her soul, a fierce conviction took root—she knew that in her family, children did not simply die. Rejecting the midwife’s grim prognosis, she bravely chose to wrap me up and take me home.

There, a sanctuary of traditional care was waiting. My maternal grandmother, Grace Afia Adomako, prepared a traditional medicine, and three times a day, my mother faithfully bathed my fragile body in it. For an agonizing week, I would nurse, but I could not pass urine. Then, on the seventh day, the miracle happened. My body finally responded, heavily soiling my mother’s bedsheet. It was a messy, glorious sign of life—so precious to my mother that she preserved that very bedsheet for years, a physical testament to God’s mercy, until the day she finally shared this story with me.

A week later, my mother walked back into the clinic to show me to the midwife. The woman was utterly shocked to see me breathing, thriving, and defying the odds. Decades later, I would look back on that moment with profound gratitude, thankful that I had the chance to see that midwife again as a grown man before she transitioned to heaven.

A Covenant Realized

I was only ten years old when my mother finally sat me down and recounted the miraculous circumstances of my survival. Hearing how close I had come to the grave, a deep, unshakeable clarity washed over my young heart. I thought to myself: “If God has spared my life, then my life belongs to Him.”

Right then, I declared my desire to become a priest.

The announcement was met with resistance. My mother and sisters, perhaps wishing for a more conventional path for the boy they had fought so hard to save, did not like the idea. My father, however, did not object. Instead, he gave me a piece of wisdom that would guide my path: he told me to reflect deeply upon it.

Taking his advice, I took my first step into service in 1980 by becoming an altar server, anchoring myself to the sanctuary.

By 1986, the pull of the altar led me to enter St. Hubert Minor Seminary in Kumasi, Ghana, where I underwent seven rigorous years of high school education.

Discernment and Formation

Upon graduating, my classmates and I entered a mandatory one-year National Service. It was designed to be a crucible of sorts. We were intentionally charged to step into the world, face its daily friction and challenges, and use that lived experience to honestly discern whether we were truly being called to the priesthood. Amid the noise of the world, the whisper of my vocation only grew louder.

In September 1994, I moved closer to the altar, entering St. Paul Catholic Major Seminary in Accra, Ghana. There, I spent one year immersed in spirituality and two years studying the foundations of Philosophy. From there, the journey took me to St. Peter Regional Major Seminary in Cape Coast for my theological studies. Recognizing the vast mission of the priesthood, I also pursued a passion for teaching, earning my first degree alongside a Post Graduate Diploma in Education (P.G.D.E.) to qualify me to teach high school.

The Altar of Sacrifice

The culmination of this long, faithful journey arrived at the turn of the millennium. On December 8, 2000, on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, I was ordained a deacon.

The ultimate fulfillment came the following summer, on July 28, 2001, when I was ordained a priest alongside two of my brothers for our diocese in Ghana. Standing at that altar, the words of the midwife had long since faded, replaced by the eternal truth of God's design. The boy who was supposed to die had been given life—not just to live it, but to pour it out in sacrifice for the people of God.

A Journey of Faith, Learning, and Community

Every vocation is a tapestry woven from different places, faces, and moments of grace. For me, that tapestry spans two continents, thousands of miles, and a beautiful convergence of community and academic calling.

My story took a significant turn in 2005. Four years after my ordination as a priest, I found myself packed for a new chapter in the United States. I arrived at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh to pursue a Ph.D. in Systematic Theology. While my mind was immersed in the deep waters of theology, my pastoral heart found a home in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, where I served and worked alongside wonderful communities, balancing the life of a student with the life of a shepherd.

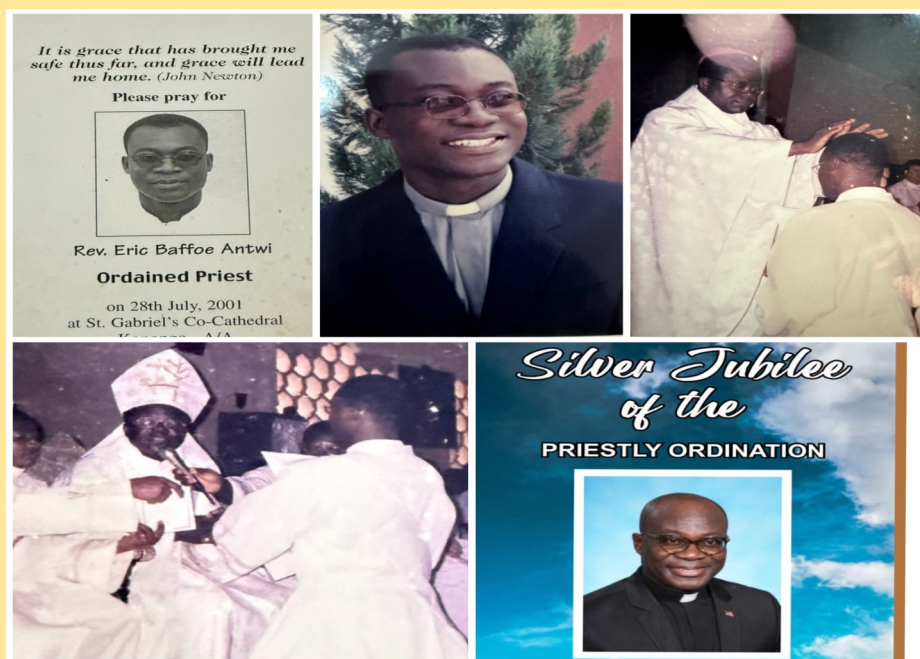
Twelve years of rigorous study, profound growth, and deep friendships culminated in 2017. With my doctorate in hand, it was time to return home to Ghana, West Africa. I was appointed as a Formator and Lecturer at St. Gregory the Great Provincial Major Seminary in Kumasi. Returning to help shape the next generation of priests was—and continues to be—a profound privilege.

But the Holy Spirit always leaves room for beautiful surprises.

In the summer of 2019, my path led me to the doors of St. Pancras Catholic Church. What began as a summer visit soon became a treasured annual tradition. Year after year, returning to St. Pancras has felt less like a visit and more like coming home.

Today, I am absolutely filled with joy and excitement to be a part of the vibrant St. Pancras community. This journey would not be the same without the incredible souls who make this parish what it is. I want to extend my deepest, most heartfelt gratitude to Msgr. Steven Aguggia, Fr. Wlad, Juan Perez, and every single one of you in the pews.

Thank you for wrapping me in your warmth, lifting me up in your prayers, and showing me the true meaning of Christian love. I am blessed to be here with you.



To celebrate his 25th anniversary, Fr. Eric will celebrate the 11:00am Mass on Sunday, July 26th.