OUR MISSION STATEMENT

St. Pancras Parish, established in 1904, is a Roman Catholic Parish of the Diocese of Brooklyn. We are a people of diverse cultures, needs, and gifts who come together as part of the Body of Christ to live and share the Gospel message of Jesus.

We value family life and our participation together in worship, education and spiritual growth, service to human needs and social life.

We seek to:

- Become a more welcoming and caring community, communicating new ideas integrated with traditional values.
- Promote harmony, reconciliation and healing among our members.
- Form a more enthusiastic faith-filled community.
- Establish responsible stewardship of our time, talents and resources.
- Embrace the Kingdom of God while on our mutual spiritual journey to eternal life with Jesus.

In the security of God’s unconditional love and empowered by the Resurrection, we will achieve these goals through the wisdom of the Gospel and with the guidance of the Holy Spirit.
We Celebrate...

Sunday Mass
4:30 pm - Saturday Vigil
8:00 am, 9:30 am (Polish), 11:00 am

Weekday Mass
8:30 am - Monday - Saturday

Holy Day Mass
As announced in bulletin and at Sunday Mass

The Sacrament of Baptism
Baptism will take place on the 4th Sunday of the month at 1:00 pm. Parents must register at the parish office. An Instructional Class for parents is held on the 3rd Monday of the month at 7:30 pm in the Church. Parents must be registered members of the parish and present the child’s birth certificate to register for Baptism.

Chrzest w języku polskim w każda pierwsza niedziele miesiąca o godzinie 13:00. Przypominamy iż rodzice Proszacy o chrzest swojego dziecka powinni być zarejestrowanymi parafianami sw. Pankracego.

The Sacrament of Penance
3:30 to 4:15 pm - Saturday or by appointment

The Sacrament of Marriage
Couples must make arrangements with one of the Priests at least six months prior to making any other arrangements. Please log on to www.pre-cana.org for complete information about marriage preparation in our Diocese.

The Sacrament of Anointing the Sick
Administered upon request following the 8:30 am Mass on Saturday. Please call no later than 3 pm Friday afternoon to make arrangements.

Prayer Opportunities

The Rosary: Reflects on the important events in the life of Jesus and His Mother, Mary. Please pray the rosary privately or with the parishioners each morning following 8:30 am Mass.

Novenas to OL Miraculous Medal & St. Anne: The Novenas to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal & St. Anne are prayed each Monday morning at 8:15 am before 8:30 am Mass.

Holy Hour with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction: Each First Friday of the month from October through June following morning mass.

Mass For The Week

The Presentation of the Lord
Saturday February 1, 2020
4:30 pm Margaret Nolde (Daughter)

Sunday February 2, 2020
8:00 am Jenny Welk (Leonard)
36th Anniversary
9:30 am (P) All the People of the Parish
11:00 am Rosa & John Pospichil (Walter)

Monday February 3, 2020
8:30 am Angie Cifaldi (Marie)

Tuesday February 4, 2020
8:30 am All Souls in Purgatory & Burgio Family (Grazia)

Wednesday February 5, 2020
8:30 am William Gibson (Darlene Rigney & Barbara Nishikawa)

Thursday February 6, 2020
8:30 am Rose D’Amato (John D’Amato)

Friday February 7, 2020 FIRST FRIDAY
8:30 am Guild of Perpetual Prayer

Saturday February 8, 2020
8:30 am Anna Asaro (Mima & Steve Meraglia)
4:30 pm Kolin Family (Elizabeth Kolin)

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary
Sunday February 9, 2020
8:00 am Tommy Dolphin (Michael)
Birthday Remembrance
9:30 am (P) Helena Czechowska (Fr. Kubrak)
11:00 am
• All the People of the Parish
• Mark Anthony Ramos (Family)
• Theresa Dannenhoffer (Estate)
• Martin Dannenhoffer (Estate)
• Mavis Nolan (Joan & Bill)

PRIESTS’ MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday/Sobota, February/Luty 8, 2020
4:30 pm Fr. Wladyslaw Kubrak

Sunday/Niedziela, February/Luty 9, 2020
8:00 am Fr. James King
9:30 am Fr. Wladyslaw Kubrak
11:00 am Fr. Francis Hughes
A guided meditation on the rosary’s fourth Joyful Mystery (The Presentation of Our Lord) mentions “our Blessed Mother’s purification.” What does that mean?

According to Jewish law, a mother was considered ritually impure for forty days after giving birth to a son, and eighty days after the birth of a daughter (see Leviticus 12:1–8). After the prescribed period of purification, she made an offering to God in the Temple for her atonement and another offering to support the priests. Her purification offering was a pigeon or turtledove; the burnt offering for the priests was a yearling lamb. However, if a woman couldn’t afford the lamb, she could instead substitute two turtledoves or pigeons. Mary’s offering of two birds indicated her poverty (see Luke 2:24).

Moreover, the Law stipulated that every firstborn male be presented to God in the Temple. “The Lord spoke to Moses and said, ‘Consecrate to me every firstborn; whatever opens the womb… whether of human being or beast, belongs to me’” (Exodus 13:1–2). As a devout, law-abiding Jewish couple, Mary and Joseph traveled eighty miles from Nazareth to Jerusalem to present their son to God. Mary couldn’t afford a lamb as a burnt offering; rather she offered Jesus as the true Lamb of God in the name of the human race. Saint Alphonsus Liguori wrote, “O my God, I on my part unite my sacrifice to that of Mary. I offer to you your own divine Son, and by his merits I ask you to grant me all the graces I need for salvation.”

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR

Everyone wants to belong to someone or something. In fact, we do not merely want to belong; we need to belong. However, sometimes we forget to whom we really belong. This feast reminds us to whom Jesus belonged. The reading from Hebrews underscores the fact that Jesus was one of us. He also was a descendant of Abraham, thus we are his brothers and sisters. But he really belonged to God.

The ritual of presentation, a ritual that was and continues to be common in religious Israel, was meant to remind everyone to whom we belong. True, only male infants were so presented. This reflects the custom of tracing lineage in the family, tribe, or clan through the male line, with women participating through the agency of men. This cultural gender bias need not prevent us from understanding the profound meaning of the presentation. Though one of us, Jesus belonged to God.

The Gospel story tells of a man and a woman who recognized that this child would be the one through whom God saves all people. It describes two important religious insights: First, it acknowledges that the child we cherish as one of us really belongs to God. Second, it illustrates how each child has a mission to the world to somehow make it a better place. So even with its gender and cultural bias, this feast is about us as well as Jesus. We all belong to God; and we all have a mission to the world.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA
**PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**We Pray For...**

**Our Sick:** Joseph Scarfo, Bella Brunetti, Sharon & Barney Magro, Eleanor Eveline, Kathleen Eveline, Monica Giglietto, George Nolde, Sylvia & Robert Nolde, Manuel Fernandez, Ryder Chevalley, Sharon Yankow, Noah Seranno, Mike Humenik, Barbara Frankel, Loretta Heuser, Anissa Johnson, William & Donna Nolde, Thomas Yankow, Lina Marino, Russel Singleman, Paula Boettcher, Rose Tesoriere, Janet Seminara, Giovanna Ferrara, Elena Barcelona, Frank Crifasi, Tom Hegyi, Mary Duffy, Jeannette Vilardi, and Ann Winkler Jackson

**Our Deceased:** Harry Maas, Giovanna Bommarito

**Perpetual Prayer Guild:** Kathleen Mahon
Thomas Justin Valva

**Our Military:** Please let us lift up our prayers for our brave men and women who fight for our freedom.

**We Prepare For...Next Sunday:**

**February 9, 2020**

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 58:7–10

**Second Reading:** 1Corinthians 2:1-5

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 5:13-16

**VOCATION CORNER**

**The Presentation of the Lord**

**February 2, 2020**

**World Day for Consecrated Life**

“She gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all…” We are all called to bear witness to Christ in our lives. Could you be called to do so as a priest, deacon, or consecrated religious?

Contact the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org.

**Think about it, pray over it, and contact our Vocation Committee (718-821-2323), or email us at www.stpancras-queens.org**

*The rewards are heavenly!*

**The Altar Bread, Wine and Candles**

this week are

In Memory of

**Knoll, Lucchese, Miceli & Rocco Families**

at the Request of **Gloria**.

**The Church Bells**

will ring this week

In Memory of

**Gertrude & Charles Toellner**

at the Request of **Jean & Kathy**.

**The Sanctuary Lamps**

are donated this week

In Memory of

**Mavis Nolan**

at the Request of **Joann Fink**.

**EUCHARISTIC DEVOTIONS**

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2020**

We continue our monthly **Holy Hour with Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.**

This will take place on the First Friday of each month after our morning Mass, for one hour, beginning at 9 am.

All are invited to spend time in prayer before Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament following the Mass.
SAINT BLAISE
Monday, February 3 is the Feast of St. Blaise. There will be Blessing of the Throat at Monday’s 8:30 am Mass. St. Blaise is venerated as the patron saint of sufferers from throat diseases; of wool combers; and as one of the Fourteen Holy Helpers. According to tradition, Blaise was of a noble birth, and after being educated in the Christian faith, was made bishop of Sebastia.

MINISTERS OF PRAISE
Please join your prayers with our Ministers of Praise, our home-bound Parishioners who during February will pray for all married and engaged couples; for respect for life from conception to natural death; for all to respect each other in all walks of life. Please remember to acknowledge Jesus is in the tabernacle. Also, we should be respectful of all worshippers before, during and after Mass and other services. And we pray for an end to the hatred, cruelty, and violence which is affecting our country and the world.
Mary, Queen of Peace, Pray for us!

2019 CONTRIBUTION REPORT
Any parishioner who would like a copy of their 2019 Contribution Report, should call the Rectory at 718-821-2323, or you may include a note with your Sunday envelope. Please indicate if you want the report mailed or if you will pick it up at the Rectory. A report will not be sent automatically. Thank you for your cooperation.

ST. JOSEPH & ST. PI0 PRAYER GROUP
LUNCHEON CELEBRATION
During our meeting March 7, 2020 we will be celebrating the Feast of St. Joseph. As in past years we will have a Special Luncheon. The cost of the luncheon is $25 for members and $30 for non-members and guests. If you have not purchased your luncheon ticket(s), please contact Francesca at 718-366-6576. All tickets must be reserved and paid before Wednesday, March 4, 2020. If you have not paid your dues for 2019 and/or 2020, please be prepared to pay it at the March meeting.

THE ROAD TO GOD
There is but one road to lead us to God — humility; all other ways would only lead astray, even were they fenced in with all virtues.
Nicolas Boilea

SERVE THE POOR
Be diligent in serving the poor. Love the poor, honor them as you would Christ himself.
St. Louise de Marillac

Sunday, February 9, 2020 is Scout Sunday. Our Cub Scout Pack 383 will be in attendance at the 11:00 am Mass. Please join the Cub Scouts at Mass to show your support of our children.

CUB SCOUTS
The Cub Scouts will next meet on Wednesday, February 5, at 6:45 PM in Pfeifer Hall. Scouting is a great way for your child to learn skills which will carry on into adulthood. Bring your son to a meeting!
Religious Education Classes are held as follows:

- **Grades 1 to 5** Tuesday, February 4 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm.
- **Grades 6 to 8** Wednesday, February 5 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm.

The doors to Pfeifer Hall will open at 6:15 pm for assembly.
Please bring your child(ren) on time, so classes may begin promptly at 6:30 pm.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please call Mr. Perez at 718-497-0590.

**Communion Candidates Mass**

All Second Grade Communion Candidates and their Parents/Guardians are asked to attend Mass at 5:45 pm on Saturday, February 8, 2020.

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**A CHRISTMAS REPRISE**

The Church’s celebration three weeks ago of the Baptism of the Lord signaled the “official” end of the Christmas season.

Today’s feast of the Presentation of the Lord seems to extend the Incarnation celebration a bit longer. In fact, some have called this feast a “second Epiphany.”

The first reading recalls the anticipation of Advent, as Malachi writes, “Lo, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me.” The reading from Hebrews reminds us of the Incarnation, proclaiming that Jesus had a “share” in our own “blood and flesh.” The Gospel finds the infant Jesus on his first visit to Jerusalem and his human parents once again surprised and in awe over the events surround his birth.

In the simplicity of the manger, in the grandeur of the temple, in the domesticity of Nazareth, Jesus comes. May we come to know him and so be filled with “wisdom” and the “favor of God.”

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**SAINT AGATHA (died 251) - February 5**

“Of noble birth and great beauty,” so the ancient accounts describe Saint Agatha, martyred during an early persecution for refusing a powerful Roman’s offer of marriage, since she had consecrated her virginity to Christ. An early preacher, Saint Methodius, reflects instead on her name, noting that, in Greek, Agatha means “good,” goodness being something we can all strive for, nobly born or common, blessed with beauty—or not! So brutal the tortures that violated her youthful innocence, Agatha, like Agnes and several other women martyrs, was honored from time immemorial by having her name inscribed in the Roman Canon (Eucharistic Prayer I).

Long invoked as protector against earthquakes—Mount Etna erupted as she was being tortured—recent attention has focused on the particularly cruel torture decreed for Agatha, the cutting off of her breasts. This has inspired cancer survivors to promote Saint Agatha as patron and intercessor for women courageously facing breast cancer, for their families and the multitude of supporters who participate in fund-raising marches and races, and, of course, for the dedicated researchers who seek a cure.

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