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.

Parish Staff

Pastor ~ Rev. Francis J. Hughes
Parochial Vicar ~ Rev. Władysław Kubrak
Secretary ~ Miss Rose Marie Fitzsimons

Rectory

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Monday & Thursday 9 am - 5:00 pm
Tuesday & Wednesday 11 am - 8:30 pm

Visit us on the web: www.stpancras-queens.org
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 każdą pierwszą niedzielu miesiąca o godzinie 13:00. Przypominamy o chreście swojego dziecka powinni być zarejestrowanymi parafianami św. 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

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Saturday January 25, 2020
4:30 pm Ida & Franz Morscher
(J. Morscher Family)

Sunday January 26, 2020
8:00 am • All the People of the Parish
• James Toellner (Jean & Kathy)
• Mary Fink (Janet Pullara)
• Martin Dannenhoffer (Estate)
• Elizabeth Dannenhoffer (Estate)
9:30 am (P) Dusze, Eugeni & Mariana Ciupinski
11:00 am John P. Frosina (Frosina Family)
5th Anniversary

Monday January 27, 2020
8:30 am Theresa Sullivan (Friends)

Tuesday January 28, 2020
8:30 am Clare Williams (Rose Marie)
70th Birthday Remembrance

Wednesday January 29, 2020
8:30 am Alfred Dyszewski (Kasza Family)

Thursday January 30, 2020
8:30 am Jose Gil (Gil Family)

Friday January 31, 2020
8:30 am Joanne Paulson (Mom & Dad)
20th Anniversary

Saturday February 1, 2020
8:30 am Living & Deceased Members of the
Sts. Joseph & Pio Prayer Group

4:30 pm Margaret Nolde (Daughter)

The Presentation of the Lord
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)

PRIESTS’ MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday/Sobota,
February/Luty 1, 2020
4:30 pm Fr. Wladyslaw Kubrak

Sunday/Niedziela,
February/Luty 2, 2020
8:00 am Fr. Francis Hughes
9:30 am Fr. Wladyslaw Kubrak
11:00 am Fr. Francis Hughes
Dear Padre

What are a deacon’s duties? Can they preside at wedding ceremonies? What about baptisms and other duties usually reserved for priests?

The Catholic Church has two kinds of deacons: transitional deacons, seminarians in the last stage of their studies for the priesthood, and permanent deacons, men who will remain deacons.

Transitional and permanent deacons can baptize, give homilies at Mass, give blessings (for example, the blessing of throats on St. Blaise’s feast day), perform the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, and preside at wedding and funeral services where there is no Mass.

Neither type of deacon can administer the sacrament of reconciliation. They can visit and bless the sick, but they cannot anoint them. Deacons can distribute holy Communion, but they cannot consecrate the bread and wine.

Unlike transitional deacons, permanent deacons can be married. If a deacon’s wife dies, he may not remarry except in certain circumstances, for example, if his children are still very young. Unmarried permanent deacons must remain unmarried.

Deacons are vital to the life of the Church. Many permanent deacons have families and full-time jobs in addition to their Church work. We don’t thank deacons and their families enough for the many sacrifices they make for the people of God.

Fr. Donald Kirchner, CSsR

Good News!

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 8:23—9:3; 1 Corinthians 1:10–13; Matthew 4:12–23 or 4:12–17

“You’re breaking the back of the body of Christ!” Saint Paul might have said this to members of the Corinthian community who rival each other, claiming that the leader who baptized them is greater than the one who baptized others: “I belong to Paul...I belong to Apollos...I belong to Cephas” (1 Corinthians 1:12). This suggests that, based on their baptizer, the members themselves are superior. Such rivalry sounds so petty. We should be careful here, because some of this rivalry still exists in the Church.

In any healthy group there will be diverse opinions. We all have our own tastes, preferences, cultural habits, and so on. This is true in church music, preaching style, and religious devotion. The uniformity of the Church prior to the Second Vatican Council has given way to great diversity. What is different is not necessarily bad. Nor is our preference necessarily superior. Such diversity need not pit us against each other, but sometimes it does. Is Christ divided over points of preference?

We are all part of the body of Christ; we are all God’s beloved. The diversity among us challenges us to work toward the common good, to “be united in the same mind and in the same purpose” (1 Corinthians 1:10). Let us not divide Christ.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

HEART
In prayer it is better to have a heart without words than words without a heart.

John Bunyan

CARRY THE LOAD
The chief thing is to take the burden on one’s shoulders. As you press forward, it soon shakes down and the load is evenly distributed.

St. John Bosco

KINDNESS
Better to be kind at home than to burn incense in a distant place.

Chinese proverb
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 Crilasi, Tom Hegyi, Mary Duffy, Jeannette Vilardi, and Ann Winkler Jackson

**Our Deceased:** Alfred C. Laul

**Perpetual Prayer Guild:** Please let us lift up our prayers for our brave men and women who fight for our freedom.

**We Prepare For...**

**Next Sunday:** February 2, 2020

The Presentation of the Lord

- **First Reading:** Malachi 3:1-4
- **Second Reading:** Hebrews 2:14-18
- **Gospel Reading:** Luke 2:22-40

**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.

**VOCATION CORNER**

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 26, 2020

“Reform your lives! The kingdom of heaven is at hand.” Are you being called to proclaim the coming of the kingdom as a priest, deacon, religious sister or brother?

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](http://www.stpancras-queens.org)

The rewards are heavenly!

**The Altar Bread, Wine and Candles**

this week are in Memory of

John P. Frosina

5th Anniversary

at the Request of

Mom & Dad

**The Church Bells**

will ring this week in Memory of

John P. Frosina

5th Anniversary

at the Request of

The Frosina Family

**The Altar Flowers**

this week are donated in Memory of

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The Frosina Family

**CUB SCOUTS**

The Cub Scouts will meet Wednesday, January 29, at 6:30 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!

**THANK YOU!**

St. Pancras wishes to thank all our parishioners who made a donation this month to Sacred Heart’s Food Pantry.

Your support of their mission helps families in our neighborhood.

Your generosity is appreciated.
ST. JOSEPH & ST. PIO PRAYER GROUP

This month’s meeting of the St. Joseph & St. Pio Prayer Group will be Saturday, **February 1, 2020**.

Members are invited to participate at the 8:30 am Mass. After Mass we will recite the Rosary. Our meeting will be held in Pfeifer Hall, followed by a continental breakfast. Please be prepared to pay your annual $25 dues at this meeting.

The Prayer Group is open to all our parishioners as well as parishioners from neighboring parishes. We invite Catholics from all cultural backgrounds. Please feel free to join us on Saturday and become a member. We look forward to seeing you at Mass.

WINTER WONDERLAND GALA DINNER DANCE

On Saturday, February 1, 2020 from 7 to 11 pm, Notre Dame Catholic Academy at Our Lady of the Miraculous Parish is hosting a gala to celebrate the communities of our parishes. Parishioners and Alumni from OLM, Saint Aloysius, and Saint Pancras parishes are invited to participate. To be included in the mailing list, please email: almni@notredamecatholicacademy.net.

SAINT ANGELA MERICI (c. 1474-1540)

Feast day — January 27

Born in Northern Italy, orphaned in childhood, Angela Merici faced a society in which education was largely the privilege of wealthy young men and based primarily in monastic schools. This reality shaped Angela’s insightful conviction that society’s disorder was caused by disorder in the home, and a lack of model Christian mothers the result of neglecting the education of young women. Transform the Christian family by placing an educated wife and mother at its heart, Angela believed, and the whole world would be renewed in Christ! So she gathered a small group of unmarried women, many of them Franciscan Tertiaries (lay affiliates) like herself, and set out to educate poor girls, free of charge, in their homes. She and her band of teachers called themselves companions, pioneering a new form of non-cloistered religious life for women, bearing witness to evangelical simplicity in the midst of the world, not as a formal “order” but as the Company (compagnia) of Saint Ursula. Known today as the Ursulines, Angela Merici’s spiritual daughters continue serving the Church and society in a rich diversity of ministries.

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SEEKING THE LIGHT

In today’s readings we find ourselves being drawn more deeply into relationship with Jesus. We are getting to know more about him as we see how he struggles with the news of his cousin John’s arrest. His first response is to withdraw, to leave Nazareth and go to Capernaum. There he is perhaps both consoled and challenged by the words of Isaiah that Matthew quotes: “the people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, / on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death / light has arisen.” (Matthew 4:16). Jesus contemplates his cousin’s death, perhaps his own death, and he seeks the light. Maybe it is these words of Isaiah that move Jesus out of his withdrawal and into action. He begins to preach, teach, cure disease and illness, and proclaim the gospel of the kingdom.

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You can also contact the parish office to be enrolled, or complete an enrollment card.
We have enrollment cards available (in English, Polish and Spanish) at the back of church

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Number of pledges: 217

Congratulations to all the generous parishioners of St. Pancras Parish for pushing us over the top as we have now met our goal . . .

. . . in terms of BOTH the amount PLEDGED, and now, the amount PAID.