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 kazda pierwsza niedziele miesiaca o godzinie 13:00. Przypominamy iz rodzice Proszacy o chrzest swojego dziecka powinni byc 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

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday February 15, 2020
4:30 pm • All the People of the Parish
• Emma Martorana (Family)
• 4th Anniversary
• Theresa Dannenhoffer (Estate)
• Martin Dannenhoffer (Estate)
• Toma Gecevic (Grazia)

Sunday February 16, 2020
8:00 am John Palmato, Jr. (Michael)
9:30 am (P) Stefan Kasza (Grandchildren)
11:00 am Giuseppe Tilli (Crifasi Family)

Monday February 17, 2020
8:30 am Ralph Kistner (Tait Family)

Tuesday February 18, 2020
8:30 am Therese Dannenhoffer (Estate)

Wednesday February 19, 2020
8:30 am Teresa & Matthew Giunta (Mary)

Thursday February 20, 2020
8:30 am Rose D’Amato (John D’Amato)

Friday February 21, 2020
8:30 am Domenico D’Erasmo (Maria Cutrone)

Saturday February 22, 2020
8:30 am Kathy Hoffer (Bill)
4:30 pm Maria Caliari (Family) 15th Anniversary

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday February 23, 2020
8:00 am • All the People of the Parish
• Raimondo Colantuono (Francesca & Tony)
• Elizabeth Dannenhoffer (Estate)
• Aloysius Dannenhoffer (Estate)
• Theresa Dannenhoffer (Estate)
9:30 am (P) Therese Dannenhoffer (Estate)
11:00 am Victoria Lee Boudreau (M. & C. Andrzejjeski)

PRIESTS’ MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday/Sobota.
February/Luty 22, 2020
4:30 pm Fr. Francis Hughes

Sunday/Niedziela,
February/Luty 23, 2020
8:00 am Fr. Wladyslaw Kubrak
9:30 am Fr. Wladyslaw Kubrak
11:00 am Fr. Francis Hughes
Dear Padre

Are the readings at the beginning of Mass more, less, or equal to the celebration of the Eucharist?

The Novus Ordo, or the ordinary form of the Roman rite, is celebrated in two major parts: the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. These parts complement each other in a balance of word and sacrament.

In his 2004 apostolic letter Mane Nobiscum Domine, St. John Paul II described the complementary elements. Using the story of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus on the night of Easter Sunday, St. John Paul likens the two parts of the revised liturgy to their journey. First, Christ breaks open the word for them, preparing their hearts with an interpretation of the Scriptures. Then they recognize Christ as they break bread. The Liturgy of the Word, proclaimed and preached well, allows time for silence and reflection on the wisdom offered. It becomes the necessary overture for the celebration of thanks and praise and the gift of the sign and sacrament to follow.

Parishes are called to take the Liturgy of the Word most seriously and to bring it to a new level of proclamation. Saint John Paul admonished all involved, but especially preachers, to cherish the word and preach it so the depths of the mysteries celebrated may be recognized and received into the burning hearts of Christians. In this context, the Scripture readings are given a prominence they didn’t have in the older Roman rite.

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Good News!

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sirach 15:15–20; 1 Corinthians 2:6–10; Matthew 5:17–37

Law, wisdom, or virtue. Choose one. Today’s first reading talks about wisdom. Throughout life, options are placed before us. Which should we pick? Life or death? Good or evil? How do we know which one to choose? Actually, we learn to choose through experience, either our own or the experience of those who have gone before us and left us their insights within our traditions—whether social, political, or religious. Some of these traditions come to us as advice, others as law. One might say that law is really the expression or codification of social, political, or religious traditions. So, to follow law is really to obey a certain kind of codified wisdom.

When St. Paul speaks about wisdom, he is referring to wisdom that comes from following the directives of God, not merely the insights gained through experience. He calls that a mature wisdom as opposed to the wisdom of this age. It is the kind of wisdom we find in Jesus, who lived his life for others, a kind of wisdom that some might consider foolish.

In the Gospel, Jesus insists that he is not abolishing law but fulfilling it. He urges us to go deeper into law and find wisdom, to go even deeper into human wisdom, and there to find virtue. Law deals with exteriors; virtue addresses the inner heart. Law forbids murder; virtue forbids hatred. Where do you live? In law? In wisdom? Or in virtue? Choose one.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FORGIVENESS

The only true forgiveness is that which is offered and extended even before the offender has apologized and sought it.  

Søren Kierkegaard

BEND, DON’T BREAK

When you encounter difficulties and contradictions, do not try to break them, but bend them with gentleness and time.

St. Francis de Sales
We Pray For...

Our Deceased: Thomas Ash, Edward Maffia

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 23, 2020
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
First Reading: Leviticus 19: 1-2, 17–18
Second Reading: 1Corinthians 3: 16-23
Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:38-48

The Altar Bread, Wine and Candles
this week are offered
In Memory of
Giovanna Bommarito
at the Request of
Rita & Sal Tummenello.

The Saint Anne Candle
is lit this week in
Memory of
Anna & Joseph Rossi
at the Request of
Joan & Bill.

The Joint Parish
Respect Life Committee (JPRLC)
Meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM.
The next meeting will be on February 19
at St Josaphat's Rectory Basement Conference Room
(34th Road & 210th Street, Bayside).

The JPRLC is made up of representatives (volunteers) from several parishes in the Brooklyn Diocese. The JPRLC keeps members up to date with Pro-Life Legislation. The JPRLC also advocates for Pro-Life Issues and supports Pro-Life Elected officials and or candidates.

New Members are always welcome to stop by at a meeting. If you’d like additional information or have questions, call Chairperson (and St. Pancras Parishioner) Thomas Murawski Sr. at (718) 628-5965 or (347) 243-8985.

Note “Pro-Life” issues are about more than just abortion. Right now, Physician Assisted Suicide is being pushed in New York State. This type of legislation is contrary to Catholic Church teachings and values.

Vocation Corner
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 16, 2020
“It is loyalty to do His will.” Are you considering following the will of God in the consecrated life or priesthhood? 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!

In observance of Presidents’ Day, the Rectory Office will be closed on Monday, February 17.
ST. JOSEPH & ST. P10 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.

Please join us for our celebration!
We look forward to seeing you!

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.

WOMEN’S SPIRITUAL RETREAT

Join with other women in an exploration of your own story and stories of women in faith. A team of women has prepared this weekend of rest and renewal. Eucharist, prayer experiences, beach walks, socials and fun are included.
The retreat is Friday, April 3 to Sunday, April 5, at The Marianist Family Retreat Center, Cape May Point, NJ.
For information and reservations call: 609-884-3829 or email: mfrc@capemaymariantis.org.

FOOD PANTRY

This month’s food collection is for St. Matthias’ Food Pantry. It will benefit the families in our community who need the food pantry to supplement their family’s table. If every parishioner would bring one grocery item the pantry would be well stocked.
Donations for the Food Pantry are requested the weekend of February 22 & 23, 2020.

Items needed include: tuna fish, tomato sauce, pasta, rice, beans, peanut butter, jelly, canned vegetables and fruit, instant mashed potatoes, macaroni & cheese, soup, hot and cold cereal, instant and parmalat milk, sugar, sugar substitutes, tea, coffee, condiments, paper and household products (napkins, paper towels, toilet tissue, soap, dish detergent, laundry products).

Your generosity is always appreciated!

CUB SCOUTS

The Cub Scouts will next meet on Wednesday, February 19, 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!

Congratulation to the members of our Cubs Scouts who received their Religion Awards on Scouting Sunday.
In brushing up for “Catholic Jeopardy,” it might help to know that there is only one feast on the calendar for a thing, rather than a person or mystery. It’s for a chair: Saint Peter’s chair in fact. After the Resurrection, there can be no doubt that the disciples reserved a special place for Simon Peter in the upper room. Later, Peter became the bishop of Antioch in today’s Syria, the place where we were first called Christians. From there, he went to Rome, the center of the Empire, where it is said that Peter sat in a chair in the house of Priscilla and Aquila to instruct his flock.

Jesus, in entrusting the keys of the Kingdom to Peter and his successors, entrusted his compassion and mercy to them, and charged them with pointing to the Kingdom of God. Compassion and mercy are to resonate through their teaching.

Since the ancient sign of a teacher is the chair (“disciple” literally means one who sits at the feet of a teacher), Peter’s chair has long been treasured. Today there is a symbolic shrine of Peter’s chair above the main altar of St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome.

This monument is the last work of Bernini, a huge bronze throne supported by four doctors of the Church: Augustine and Ambrose from the Western Church, and Chrysostom and Athanasius from the East. High above it is the alabaster window of the descent of the Holy Spirit.

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