Saint Pancras Parish Community
Building Our Future Together Since 1904
February 9, 2020
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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 każdą pierwszą niedzielę miesiąca o godzinie 13:00. Przypominamy o chrzest 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 For The Week

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary

Saturday February 8, 2020
4:30 pm Kolin Family (Elizabeth Kolin)

Sunday February 9, 2020
8:00 am Tommy Dolphin (Michael)
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)

Monday February 10, 2020
8:30 am Therese Dannenhoffer (Estate)

Tuesday February 11, 2020
8:30 am Mary Fink (Schmidt Family)

Wednesday February 12, 2020
8:30 am Ana Maria Da Silva (Gil Family)

Thursday February 13, 2020
8:30 am John Palmato, Jr. (Mom & Dad)

Friday February 14, 2020
8:30 am Concetta Lodico (Grazia)

Saturday February 15, 2020
8:30 am Toma Gecevic (Grazia)
4:30 pm
- All the People of the Parish
- Emma Martorana (Family)
  4th Anniversary
- Theresa Dannenhoffer (Estate)
- Martin Dannenhoffer (Estate)
- Toma Gecevic (Grazia)

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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)

PRIESTS’ MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday/Sobota, February/Luty 15, 2020
4:30 pm Fr. James King

Sunday/Niedziela, February/Luty 16, 2020
8:00 am Fr. Francis Hughes
9:30 am Visitor
11:00 am Fr. Francis Hughes
Dear Padre

My church spends too much on flower arrangements. Are they really needed?

Flowers and plants in homes and other buildings create a sense of beauty and welcome. They also help lift the spirits of the infirm in hospitals and the pall of sadness from those who mourn a loved one. Similarly, flowers in churches awaken our senses, embody hospitality, and enliven our spirits. Moreover, living flowers and plants serve “as a reminder of the gift of life God has given to the human community” (“Built of Living Stones,” 129, USCCB, 2000).

Along with other church adornments—both fixed and movable—flowers enkindle in the worshiper a feeling of what St. Peter said at the transfiguration, “Lord, it is good that we are here” (Matthew 17:4, Luke 9:33). They add dignity to the sacred space and visually express the holiness of the mysteries celebrated there. “Sacred buildings and requisites for divine worship should be truly worthy and beautiful and be signs and symbols of heavenly realities” (General Instruction of the Roman Missal, 288).

Nevertheless, “floral decoration should always show moderation and be arranged around the altar rather than on the altar table” (GIRM 305). Restraint in floral decoration is the norm during Advent. It’s forbidden during Lent, except on Laetare Sunday and feasts, although simple compositions other than flowers are permissible.

To control costs, some parishes rely on volunteers with flower-arranging skills. Arrangements left behind at funerals and funeral homes and from church weddings are also offered for the benefit of the faithful.

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR

Good News!

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  Isaiah 58:7–10; 1 Corinthians 2:1–5; Matthew 5:13–16

The description of the disciples found in today’s Gospel is an impressive compliment—and an even greater challenge. Jesus tells them they are “salt of the earth” (Matthew 5:13), bringing out the good taste of living. In other words, life would be bland and uninteresting without them. They are also the “light of the world” (Matthew 5:14), helping people find their way. Without them, others would stumble and fall. Jesus is telling them how important they are in the lives of others. They could each and all say: I am really something!

Such compliments are also a challenge. What must one do to be salt and light in the lives of others? The Isaian passage provides some suggestions: Share your bread with the hungry; shelter the oppressed and the homeless; clothe the naked; don’t turn your back on your own; remove from your midst oppression, false accusation, and malicious speech. In other words, to be salt or light is to meet the needs of the needy. This teaching of Jesus is not as easy as it might at first look.

Jesus is speaking to his disciples, his followers. They are not those who are simply curious about this itinerant preacher or remarkable healer. They have chosen to follow him, not merely from place to place, but to model their lives after his. Isn’t that what we also claim to be—his followers? Haven’t we promised to model our lives after his? If so, as both compliment and challenge he says to us as well, “You are really something!”

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

PRESIDENTIAL GARDENING

After I die, I want it said of me that I plucked a weed and planted a flower wherever I thought a flower would grow.

Abraham Lincoln
**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, Ann Winkler Jackson, and Caterina Aprea

**Our Deceased:** Mary Devine, Harry Maas, Ciro Di Lorenzo

**Perpetual Prayer Guild:**

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

**The Sanctuary Lamps**

are donated this week
In Memory of
Giovanna Bommarito at the Request of

**The Altar Bread, Wine and Candles**

this week are
In Memory of
Toma Gecicvic at the Request of
Grazia.

**The Church Bells**

will ring this week
In Memory of
Br. Shane Burke, OSF & Jane Burke at the Request of
Johnny.

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

**February 16, 2020**

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**First Reading:** Sirach 15:15–20
**Second Reading:** 1Corinthians 2:6-10
**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 5:17-37

**VOCATION CORNER**

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**February 9, 2020**

**World Marriage Day**

“Let your light shine before others”
Shine your light on those closest to you, especially your spouse and family!
If you are considering a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, 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 the **World Day of the Sick**, St. Pancras Parish will offer the **Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick** during the 8:30 AM Mass
And at a Prayer Service at 12:00 PM on Tuesday, February 11.
All who are sick, elderly, facing surgery, or seeking the gift of God’s healing are welcome to participate.
The whole parish will be invited to join in prayer for those who are sick and for their caregivers.
**GIVING FROM YOUR SMART PHONE**

St. Pancras’ text-to-give number is: (717) 727-2323. You can access this method by texting the word ‘sunday’ from your mobile phone to this number.

**OVER 50 CLUB**

The next meeting of the Over 50 Club is Friday, February 14, 2020 from 1 to 4 pm in Pfeifer Hall. Call Mary at 718-821-4339 for information. Enjoy the fun! Bring a friend. New Members are always Welcome!

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP**

The Bereavement Support Group will meet Wednesday, February 12, 2020, at 10 am in the Rectory Basement Meeting Room. This support group is open to anyone in our community who has suffered the loss of a loved one. If you would like further information, please call: Ann Winkler at 917-860-7634 or Marie Cifaldi at 718-497-3893.

**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.

**CUB SCOUTS**

The Cub Scouts will next meet on Wednesday, February 12, 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!

**HONOR ROLL**

We have been advised of the academic excellence of one of our Saint Pancras students who attends Catholic High School. This student has merited academic honor status. **CHAMINADE HIGH SCHOOL**

Nicholas A. Alleva

We congratulate our parishioner and wish him continued success in his future academic endeavors.

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**LATER . . .**

One who waits to do a great deal of good at once, will never do anything.  

*Samuel Johnson*

**REASONS OF THE HEART**

The heart has its reasons of which reason knows nothing.  

*Blaise Pascal*
SAINT PANCRAS SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education Classes are held as follows:
- Grades 1 to 5 meet Tuesday, February 11 at 6:30 - 8:00 pm.
- Grades 6 to 8 meet Wednesday, February 12 from 6:30 - 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.

Classes will not be held February 18 & 19 due to Winter Recess.
Classes will resume February 25 & 26.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass
May 16, 2020

Join the faithful from across the Diocese of Brooklyn on Saturday, May 16, 2020, to celebrate the vocation of the married life.

The Diocese is sponsoring The Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass at Mary’s Nativity Church
46-02 Parsons Blvd
Flushing, NY 11355 at 11 am

The celebrant will be Bishop Raymond Chappetto. All couples who have celebrated their marriages in the Catholic Church are invited to attend this Annual Mass. Special recognition will be given to couples who are celebrating their 25th, 50th and 75th Anniversary. All couples are invited to attend with their families.

To register and for further details, please contact: Martha Hernandez at 718-281-9540. A $35.00 fee per couple is collected to assist in covering photo costs and a reception after Mass. Please make checks payable to the Diocese of Brooklyn.

Mail payment to:
Secretariat for Evangelization and Catechesis
Attn: Wedding Anniversary
310 Prospect Park West
Brooklyn, NY 11215

SAINT JOSEPHINE BAKHITA (c. 1869-1947)
February 8

“Save Darfur!” That cry echoes around the world and in the heart of the Church, where a child of Darfur is one of our newest saints: Josephine (her baptismal name) Bakhita (“Lucky One,” the slave-traders’ nickname). Kidnapped at nine, sold in Sudan’s slave-markets, flogged daily till covered with scars, Bakhita was finally bought by Italians and taken to Italy. There Bakhita discovered a “Master” who had himself been flogged to redeem her from slavery! “I am truly loved,” she thought, “and awaited by this Love.” Baptized, she often kissed the baptismal font, exclaiming, “Here I became a daughter of God!”

For fifty years as a Daughter of Charity, Bakhita provided cheerful hospitality to all who knocked at the convent door. In her final illness, she relived slavery’s horror: “Please, loosen these chains,” she begged the nurse. “They are so heavy!” Her last words were: “Our Lady! Our Lady!” John Paul II canonized her in the Jubilee Year 2000, praising God for leading her “from abject slavery to the dignity of being your daughter and the Bride of Christ.”

Peter Scagnelli,
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