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. Wladyslaw Kubrak

**Secretary** ~ Miss Rose Marie Fitzsimons

**Music Director/Organist** ~ Mr. Robert Buonaspina

Rectory

72-22 68th Street, Glendale, NY 11385

**Telephone:** 718-821-2323,

**Fax:** 718-417-8021

**Office Hours:** Monday to Friday:
9:00 am to 12:30 pm & 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm
(Evenings and weekends, by appointment only)

School of Religion

**Director** ~ Mr. Juan C. Perez

**Telephone:** 718-497-0590

**Office Hours:**
Monday & Thursday: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Tuesday & Wednesday: 11:00 am to 8:30 pm

Visit us on the web: [www.stpancras-queens.org](http://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 niedziela miesiąca o godzinie 13:00. Przypominamy rodzicom 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 Intentions
For The Week

First Sunday of Lent

Saturday
February 29, 2020
4:30 pm
Adam Barthalt (J. Morscher Family)

Sunday
March 1, 2020
8:00 am
Mary Fink (Schmidt Family)
9:30 am (P)
All the People of the Parish
11:00 am
Maria Da Silva (Gil Family)

Monday
March 2, 2020
8:30 am
Burgio Family & Souls in Purgatory (Grazia)

Tuesday
March 3, 2020
8:30 am
Delia Cvetko (Leonard) 4th Anniv.

Wednesday
March 4, 2020
8:30 am
Russell Hartmann (Susan & Family)

Thursday
March 5, 2020
8:30 am
Rose D’Amato (John D’Amato)

Friday
March 6, 2020
8:30 am
Guild of Perpetual Prayer

Saturday
March 7, 2020
8:30 am
Living and Deceased Members of the Sts. Joseph & Pio Prayer Group
4:30 pm
Toma Gecevic (Grazia)

Second Sunday of Lent

Sunday
March 8, 2020
8:00 am
Frank & Oona Bennet (Kay Tait)
9:30 am (P)
Elizabeth Dannenhoffer (Estate)
11:00 am
● All the People of the Parish
● Anna & John Gruber (Walter)
● Marie Gloekl (Lehman Family)
● Aloysius Dannenhoffer (Estate)
● Theresa Dannenhoffer (Estate)

Priests’ Mass Schedule

Saturday/Sobota,
March/Marzec 7, 2020
4:30 pm
To be announced

Sunday/Niedziela,
March/Marzec 8, 2020
8:00 am
To be announced
9:30 am
Fr. Wladyslaw Kubrak
11:00 am
Fr. To be announced

Confessor’s Schedule
Grafik Spowiednikow

Saturday/Sobota,
March/Marzec 7, 2020
3:30 - 4:15 pm
To be announced
Is gambling a sin?

The Catechism of the Catholic Church mentions gambling in the context of “temperance” to moderate attachment to worldly goods, “justice” to render to our neighbor what is due, and “solidarity in accordance with the golden rule” (CCC 2407). “Games of chance (card games, etc.) or wagers are not in themselves contrary to justice. They become morally unacceptable when they deprive someone of what is necessary to provide for his needs and those of others. The passion for gambling risks becoming an enslavement. Unfair wagers and cheating at games constitute grave matter…” (CCC 2413).

Gambling, therefore, is morally neutral. When properly controlled, it can be a form of recreation for some. However, it becomes an enslavement when obsessive gamblers neglect their families or jobs, risk financial security, and compromise their responsibilities to self, others, and God. The allure of winning and the desire to win even more—along with venues that provide easy gambling credit and other incentives—often make it harder for people to know their limits. Consequently, a severe gambling addiction can lead and has led to stealing to pay debts, divorce, job loss, despair, and suicide.

No wonder St. Augustine cautioned, “The devil invented gambling.” Even if Satan didn’t invent it, he’ll gladly take credit for it when gambling becomes a means to his ends. In so many words, those who win large amounts from lotteries and games of chance frequently warn, “All that glitters isn’t gold.” Despite its enticements, gambling ultimately fails to satisfy the human heart’s longing for meaning and fulfillment.

— Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR

Good News!

First Sunday of Lent - Genesis 2:7–9; 3:1–7; Romans 5:12–19; Matthew 4:1–11

If only temptation was obvious, we might have a better chance of avoiding it. But sometimes it’s so subtle. It often disguises itself as something rather attractive. This is precisely what happened in the Garden of Eden. Scripture says temptation takes on a living form—a serpent that convinces the woman that the fruit of the wisdom tree will make them “like gods, who know good and evil” (Genesis 3:5).

Who wouldn’t jump at such a possibility? Actually, who hasn’t already fallen into that trap—acting as if we are God, thinking we know everything or wishing to be in complete control? Our faith certainly encourages us to become more and more like God. What made that desire wrong was the way Adam and Eve sought to become like gods in their own way, not God’s way.

The Gospel passage tells us that Jesus also was tempted. Who doubts that Jesus wanted to be successful in his ministry? But what would he do to ensure success? Would he use divine power to attract a following? No! Would he call upon God to protect him from misunderstanding, rejection, even physical harm? No! Would he bargain with the devil, who obviously exercised power over many people? No! That was not the way he would be the Messiah. Unlike the couple in the Garden, Jesus recognized what was wrong even when it was disguised as something good. How good are we at recognizing temptation in our lives?

— Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

A WORD FROM Pope Francis

There are three temptations of Christ….First, wealth: seizing hold of goods destined for all and using them only for “my own people.” That is, taking “bread” based on the toil of others or even at the expense of their very lives. That wealth tastes of pain, bitterness, and suffering.

—HOMILY IN MEXICO, FEBRUARY 14, 2016

Saint Pancras will pray the Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent at 7:00 pm (in English) and at 7:45 pm (in Polish).

We will pray the Stations on: March 6, 13, 20, 27, and April 3.

We invite all parishioners to join us during Lent.
We Pray For…
Our Deceased: Mimma Ciccio, Jennie Abruzzo
Perpetual Prayer Guild: Katherine Hickey
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:
March 8, 2020
Second Sunday of Lent
First Reading: Genesis 12: 1-4a
Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1: 8b-11
Gospel Reading: Matthew 17:1-9

The Altar Bread, Wine and Candles this week are offered In Memory of Frank Weightman at the request of Joan & Bill Swanwick.

Eucharistic Devotions
Friday, March 6, 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.

Ministers of Praise
Please join your prayers with our Ministers of Praise, our home-bound parishioners, as they pray the month of March for inspiration and emulation from the lives of St. Joseph and St. Patrick.

St. Joseph was given the task by God to care and protect Jesus and his mother, Mary. St. Joseph accepted this responsibility and was obedient to God’s command.

St. Patrick was born in Scotland. He was captured and imprisoned in Ireland. While in prison, he taught his captors Christianity. St. Patrick was not bitter and asked God to forgive his captors. After his release, he stayed in Ireland because he realized the needs of the people for the word of God.

We pray for healing and the end of bitterness in our lives, nation and the world.

We continue to pray for all those who work to protect and serve us and encourage peace in the world.

Vocation Corner
First Sunday of Lent
March 1, 2020
First Sunday of Lent -- March 1, 2020 Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the state in life God has prepared for you? 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!

Give Central
Giving from your Smart Phone
St. Pancras’ text-to-give number is:
(717) 727-2323.
You can access online giving by texting the word ‘sunday’ from your mobile phone to this number.
PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

HONOR ROLL
We have been advised of the academic excellence of our Saint Pancras students who attend Catholic High School. These students have merited academic honor status.

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CATHEDRAL PREPARATORY SCHOOL AND SEMINARY
EMMANUEL MAKAYAN
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ST. FRANCIS PREPARATORY SCHOOL
ISABELLA CURCIO
STEPHEN MOLONEY
JENNA ROSS
DIANNECLAIRE ROXAS
ISABELLA SCHROEDER
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MSGR. MC CLANY MEMORIAL HS
ALEXA CANOVA
BRIANNA DE JESUS
ANNA GARGUILO
FRANCESCA GARGUILO
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We congratulate our parishioners and wish them continued success in their future academic endeavors.

ST. JOSEPH & ST. PIO PRAYER GROUP
This month’s meeting of the St. Joseph & St. Pio Prayer Group will be Saturday, March 7, 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 our Saint Joseph Luncheon Celebration.

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 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.

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

CUB SCOUTS
The Cub Scouts will next meet on Wednesday, March 4, 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!

DAY LIGHT SAVING TIME
Remember to set your clocks one hour ahead before retiring on Saturday night, March 7. Daylight Saving Time starts March 8 at 2 am. See you at Mass.

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.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK
Our Lady of Hope Senior Social Goal Group will host an Anointing of the Sick Mass in OLH Church on Saturday, March 14, 2020 at 1 pm. After the Mass, The Senior Goal Group will provide Light Refreshments in the cafeteria. For information, please contact Our Lady of Hope Senior Social Group at 718-429-5438.
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 11AM.

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

Religious Education Classes are held as follows:

♦ Grades 1 to 5 meet Tuesday, March 3 from 6:30 - 8:00 pm
♦ Grades 6 to 8 meet Wednesday, March 4 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, call Mr. Perez at 718-497-0590.

FIRST PENANCE PRACTICE
All Second Grade students who are preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation are required to attend a practice for First Penance on Monday, March 9 at 7 pm in Church.

Annual Catholic Appeal 2020

Parish Goal: $ 44,395.00
Pledged so far: $ 1,000.00
Paid so far: $ 100.00

The 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal supports the daily work of our Church throughout Brooklyn and Queens in ways no one parish can accomplish alone by supporting the following ministries:

♦ Catholic Youth Ministry Initiative
♦ Catholic Charities
♦ Hospital, College and Prison Chaplains
♦ Diocesan Vocations Office
♦ Catholic Migration Services
♦ Office of faith Formation
♦ Bishop Mugavero Residence for infirmed clergy
♦ Futures in Education Scholarship Foundation

All donations made to the ACA above our parish goal are returned directly back to our parish for operations and improvements.

The ACA is independently audited each year for full transparency.