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

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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 niedziele miesiąca o godzinie 13:00. Przypominamy rodzicom proszących 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.

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**Mass For The Week**

Until further notice, Masses will be offered PRIVATELY for the following intentions:

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**Saturday** March 28, 2020
— Robert Moncino
(Nunez Family)

**Sunday** March 29, 2020
— Luigi Pullara (Erika & Family)
   Birthday Remembrance
   (Polish) — All the People of the Parish
   — Millie Ferraro
   (Jerry & Lorraine Oddo)

**Monday** March 30, 2020
— Aloysius Dannenhoffer (Estate)

**Tuesday** March 31, 2020
— Emma Riordan (Jean & Eugene)

**Wednesday** April 1, 2020
— Mary Fink (Schmidt Family)

**Thursday** April 2, 2020
— Matty Cifaldi (Marie)
   Birthday Remembrance

**Friday** April 3, 2020
— Guild of Perpetual Prayer

**Saturday** April 4, 2020
— Living & Deceased Members of the
   Sts. Joseph & Pio Prayer Group
   — Estelle Beaudou (Jean & Eugene)

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

**Sunday** April 5, 2020
— Mary Fink (Adelina Drago)
   (Polish) — Wieslaw Miernk (Friend)
   • All the People of the Parish
   • Eugene Dolphin (Michael) Birthday
   • Albert Page (John Loughnane)
   • Karyl Dezendorf (Vera Cerjak)
   • Diane Stanger-Wolters (Lili Betsch)
   1st Anniversary

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**PRIESTS’ MASS SCHEDULE**

**Saturday/Sobota,**
April/Kwiecień 4, 2020
**Mass will be offered privately**

**Sunday/Niedziela,**
April/Kwiecień 5, 2020
**Mass will be offered privately**
Dear Padre

I’m very disturbed at some clothing—or lack thereof—worn at Mass these days. I find myself being judgmental and I don’t want to be. Does our Catechism mandate a dress code?

Being judgmental can exist on both sides of this issue: Those who dress casually or inappropriately at Mass may be seen as unmotivated and disrespectful; those who dress up may be accused of doing so not for God but to impress everyone else at Mass.

The casual-dress advocates are influenced by the current relaxed cultural norms on attire—in church and elsewhere. They rightfully point out that one’s presence at Mass is more important to God than one’s clothing. The dress-up advocates may believe this, too. However, the thought of actually being in God’s presence at Mass determines their clothing choice.

Thus, an understanding of how the Mass is viewed today affects both casual-dress and dress-up proponents. While Catholics believe that Christ is present in all of creation and history, Christ’s presence under the appearances of bread and wine is fundamental to our tradition. Moreover, a full appreciation of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist impacts far more than our outward appearances!

While the Catechism of the Catholic Church has no official dress guidelines, it’s best to assume that most attend Mass for the same reasons as you. Essentially, most people who dress sensibly and make an effort to attend Mass are expressing their reverence and love for God.

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR

Good News!

Fifth Sunday of Lent   - Ezekiel 37:12–14; Romans 8:8–11; John 11:1–45

It is not ghosts that come out of these graves, but a second chance at life. Ezekiel compares the reestablishment of ancient Israel after the exile with the dead rising alive from their graves. They are filled with God’s spirit, God’s power of life, and they have a second chance at living. Only the graciousness of God could imagine such a marvel; only the power of God could accomplish it. Jesus performs an even greater marvel. He actually brings Lazarus back from death, giving him a second chance at living. Once again, only the graciousness of God could imagine such a marvel; only the power of God could accomplish it. Jesus is that graciousness and that power, as he declares: “I am the resurrection and the life” (John 11:25).

After its reestablishment, Israel was not immune to failure, nor was Lazarus exempt from eventual death. That was not the point. The point was a demonstration of divine generosity at that particular moment. As seen in the Gospel reading, the point is Jesus’ self-identification: “I am the resurrection and the life.” What follows is paradox: Those who live in him will not die; even if they die, they will live.

Joined to the one who is the resurrection and the life, we too will be raised from our graves and be transformed into a new life. We will never again face failure, as did the Israelites, or death, as did Lazarus, for the Spirit of Jesus will live in us.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

A WORD FROM Pope Francis

I invite you to think for a moment, in silence, here: Where is my interior necrosis? Where is the dead part of my soul? Where is my tomb? ...And to remove the stone, to take away the stone of shame and allow the Lord to say to us, as he said to Lazarus: “Come out!”

—HOMILY, APRIL 6, 2014

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD; LORD, hear my voice!

— Psalm 130:1
**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, Tom Hegyi, Elena Barcelona, Frank Cifiasi, Jeannette Vilardi, Caterina Aprea, Virginia Wasnieski, Raffaella Cifaldi, Jeannine Gramstad, Thomas Marutollo, and Daniel Portalatin

**Our Deceased:** Maria Albanese, Regino Hernandez, Marilyn Ducey

**Perpetual Prayer Guild:**

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

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

**April 5, 2020**

**Palm Sunday**

- **First Reading:** Isaiah 50:4 - 7
- **Second Reading:** Philippians 2: 6 - 11
- **Gospel Reading:** Matthew 26:14—27:66

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**LIFE**

A well-spent life is the only passport to heaven.

—*Pope Leo XIII*

**PRAYER**

The more you devote yourself in prayer the more you will do well in your work.

—*St. John Baptist de la Salle*

**WITH GOD**

With God, go over the sea. Without God, don’t even go over the threshold.

—*Russian proverb*

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**VOCATION CORNER**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**March 29, 2020**

“Did I not assure you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?” Do you believe Christ may be calling you to see the glory of the Blessed Trinity through 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!

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**Diocese of Brooklyn 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal**

**Saint Pancras Parish**

**as of March 23, 2020**

**GOAL:** $44,395.00

**PLEDGED:** $13,505.00

**RECEIVED:** $9,789.00

Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to this year’s Annual Catholic Appeal. You are able to make a pledge online by visiting https://www.givecentral.org/ or https://catholicfoundationbq.org/annual-catholic-appeal/
Decree of The Apostolic Penitentiary on the Granting of Special Indulgences to the Faithful in the Current Pandemic

The gift of special Indulgences is granted to the faithful suffering from COVID-19 disease, commonly known as Coronavirus, as well as to health care workers, family members and all those who in any capacity, including through prayer, care for them.

“Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer” (Rom 12: 12). The words written by Saint Paul to the Church of Rome resonate throughout the entire history of the Church and guide the judgment of the faithful in the face of all suffering, sickness and calamity. The present moment in which the whole of humanity, threatened by an invisible and insidious disease, which for some time now has become part of all our lives, is marked day after day by anguished fears, new uncertainties and above all widespread physical and moral suffering.

The Church, following the example of her Divine Master, has always had the care of the sick at heart. As the late Saint John Paul II points out, the value of human suffering is twofold: “It is supernatural because it is rooted in the divine mystery of the Redemption of the world, and it is likewise deeply human, because in it the person discovers himself, his own humanity, his own dignity, his own mission” (Apostolic Letter Salvifici Doloris, 31).

Pope Francis, too, in these recent days, has shown his paternal closeness and renewed his invitation to pray incessantly for those who are sick with the Coronavirus.

So that those who suffer because of COVID-19, precisely in the mystery of this suffering, may rediscover “the same redemptive suffering of Christ” (ibid., 30), this Apostolic Penitentiary, ex auctoritate Summi Pontificis, trusting in the word of Christ the Lord and considering with a spirit of faith the epidemic currently underway, to be lived in a spirit of personal conversion, grants the gift of Indulgences in accordance with the following disposition:

♦ The Plenary Indulgence is granted to the faithful suffering from Coronavirus, who are subject to quarantine by order of the health authority in hospitals or in their own homes if, with a spirit detached from any sin, they unite spiritually through the media to the celebration of Holy Mass, the recitation of the Holy Rosary, to the pious practice of the Way of the Cross or other forms of devotion, or if at least they will recite the Creed, the Lord's Prayer and a pious invocation to the Blessed Virgin Mary, offering this trial in a spirit of faith in God and charity towards their brothers and sisters, with the will to fulfill the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer according to the Holy Father's intentions), as soon as possible.

♦ Health care workers, family members and all those who, following the example of the Good Samaritan, exposing themselves to the risk of contagion, care for the sick of Coronavirus according to the words of the divine Redeemer: “Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends” (Jn 15: 13), will obtain the same gift of the Plenary Indulgence under the same conditions.

♦ This Apostolic Penitentiary also willingly grants a Plenary Indulgence under the same conditions on the occasion of the current world epidemic, also to those faithful who offer a visit to the Blessed Sacrament, or Eucharistic adoration, or reading the Holy Scriptures for at least half an hour, or the recitation of the Holy Rosary, or the pious exercise of the Way of the Cross, or the recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, to implore from Almighty God the end of the epidemic, relief for those who are afflicted and eternal salvation for those whom the Lord has called to Himself.

• The Church prays for those who find themselves unable to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and of the Viaticum, entrusting each and every one to divine Mercy by virtue of the communion of saints and granting the faithful a Plenary Indulgence on the point of death, provided that they are duly disposed and have recited a few prayers during their lifetime (in this case the Church makes up for the three usual conditions required). For the attainment of this indulgence the use of the crucifix or the cross is recommended (cf. Enchiridion indulgentiarum, no.12).

♦ May the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God and of the Church, Health of the Sick and Help of Christians, our Advocate, help suffering humanity, saving us from the evil of this pandemic and obtaining for us every good necessary for our salvation and sanctification.

The present Decree is valid notwithstanding any provision to the contrary.

Given in Rome, from the seat of the Apostolic Penitentiary, on 19 March 2020.

+Mauro Cardinal Piacenza
Major Penitentiary
What Is The Meaning Of The Christian Fish Symbol?

You see them on cars and trucks everywhere. A large number of the vehicles in the church parking lot may have them displayed on bumpers and rear windows. It is a symbol that resembles the outline of a fish. Do these symbols identify the driver as a fisherman or fisherwoman? Does he or she worship fish for some reason? What is this symbol and where did it come from? Let us investigate a bit further.

Research, albeit brief, revealed that the history of this symbol is scarce, mostly conjecture. The New International Dictionary of the Christian Church says this concerning the use of the fish symbol as a symbol for Christianity, “Neither is it known how early this usage developed” (p. 377). We know that it represents Christianity now, but one would have to consult ancient primary sources for more information, if it even exists. Therefore, this article is mostly based on the popular opinions passed down from age to age.

The Symbol’s Meaning

The Greek word for ‘fish’ is ‘ichthus’ (transliterated from the Greek). The early Christians formed an acrostic from these letters as follows:

I= Ιesous (Jesus);
CH=Christos (Christ);
TH=Theous (God);
U= Uios (Son);
S= SOTER (Savior).

Therefore, the idea of the fish, or the sight of the symbol, would immediately bring to the believer’s mind the good news of Jesus Christ. Combined with the fact that, during Jesus’ ministry, He referred to His disciples as “fishers of men” (Matthew 4:19; Mark 1:17) and He fed huge groups of His followers meals of fish (Matthew 14:13-21, 15:33-39; and parallel accounts), the fish was an excellent choice to represent the followers of Jesus.

THOUGHTS TO PONDER…

I am assured by great thinkers that the world and everything in it is beautiful, if we look closely enough to understand its essential nature. I really do. And I am better at it than I once was.

But I sympathize more with Friedrich Nietzsche on the matter, perhaps because he seemed to acknowledge the difficulty of the task, and perhaps because his philosophy allows me to do more than look.

“I want more and more,” he wrote, “to perceive the necessary character in things as the beautiful; I shall thus be one of those who beautify things.”

Look for beauty everywhere. In the places you don’t see it, create it.

The Friendship Book

Katie posted a selfie online. A friend noticed some blemishes on her complexion and airbrushed them out, thinking it a good thing, and sent her a new and “improved” version.

A better thing to do, of course, is accept people - especially friends - blemishes and all. The Apostle Paul’s “blemishes” were many, but one in particular he referred to as a thorn in his side. God did not take it away or airbrush it out, and it encouraged Paul always to strive for better. God loved Paul, and his imperfections.

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