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 Prosza 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.
Dear Padre

Is the new life that Jesus promises available now for the taking, or is he talking about life in heaven? The transfiguration seems to give Jesus new life and spirit immediately.

I remember preparing an ecumenical prayer service to commemorate the life and work of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. I came across a statement he made on April 3, 1968, the night before he was assassinated. Utilizing the Gospel of Jesus’ transfiguration, Dr. King said, “I just want to do God’s will. He’s allowed me to go up to the mountain.... I’m happy tonight. I’m not worried about anything. I’m not fearing any man. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord.”

Indeed, Jesus went to the mountaintop centuries ago and was transfigured. In the glory of God’s voice and vision, Jesus came back down, fearing no one as he faithfully preached God’s word, even as he went to another mountaintop, that of Calvary. Only then, in his moment of obedient death, was God’s earthly glory fulfilled in him. “It is finished,” he proclaimed (John 19:30). Yet even here, there is still more: the wait in hope and expectation of God’s ultimate vindication three days later in the resurrection.

So my hope for you, for me, for everyone, is that we also have mountaintop experiences of God’s grace and blessing. Such moments of prayer, obedience, and service are there for the taking whenever we receive God’s courage to act with integrity, justice, or forgiveness. Still, the culmination of our own bearings of the cross always awaits its ultimate completion beyond the grave in the kingdom of heaven.

—Fr. James A. Krings

Good News!

Second Sunday of Lent - Genesis 12:1–4a; 2Timothy 1:8b–10; Matthew 17:1–9

Today’s readings don’t seem Lenten. They are uplifting, not penitential. God makes promises to Abram of extraordinary good fortune, political protection, and international status. The man must have been thrilled. Paul reminds Timothy that the life of holiness and blessing to which we have been called is a gift from God; always available to us, and not a reward for any good works we might have performed. And then we hear of Jesus’ transfiguration in the sight of a few disciples. They were so overwhelmed by that spectacular experience they wanted to pitch tents so they wouldn’t have to leave the place. How are such wondrous ideas penitential?

While God’s marvelous blessings are free gifts, we are expected to respond to them appropriately, to accept them and use them for the common good. Abram’s blessings were not simply for him and his family. “All the families of the earth will find blessing in you” (Genesis 12:3). His blessings would open a door to others—other nations, other ethnic groups, other religious communities. Abram was not simply chosen by God. He was chosen so that others might be blessed through him.

Timothy was instructed to “bear your share of hardship for the gospel” (2 Timothy 1:8). The blessing might be a gift, but it carried the responsibilities of discipleship. The voice from heaven told the disciples: “Listen to him” (Matthew 17:5). Being chosen by God or having seen the glory of Jesus calls for a change of mind and heart. This change isn’t easy to accomplish. It is the reason for penance.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

A WORD FROM Pope Francis

The event of the Lord’s transfiguration offers us a message of hope—thus shall we be, with him. It invites us to encounter Jesus, to be at the service of our brothers and sisters.

—ANGELUS, AUGUST 6, 2017

Second Sunday of Lent

Christ Jesus . . . destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

2 Timothy 1:10b
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We Pray For...


Our Deceased: Dorothea Signorelli, Margaret Carroll, Brigida Torres, Jennie Abruzzo, Mary Duffy

Perpetual Prayer Guild: Czeslawa Konefal

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 15, 2020
Third Sunday of Lent
First Reading: Exodus 17: 3-7
Second Reading: Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8
Gospel Reading: John 4:5-42

The Altar Bread, Wine and Candles this week are offered In Memory of Marie Sanetra at the request of Lisa Senetra

The Church Bells will ring this week In Memory of Sr. Joseph Maureen Zic at the request of Sr. Catherine Hagens

We Anoint the Sick

Our Lady of Hope Senior Social Goal Group will host an Anointing of the Sick Mass in Our Lady of Hope Church on Saturday, March 14, 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.

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 13, 20, 27, and April 3.

We invite all parishioners to join us during Lent.

Vocation Corner

Second Sunday of Lent March 8, 2020

“God has called us with a holy calling…according to His own purpose and grace.” If you think God is offering you the grace of 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!

CYO Flag Football Registration

Registration will take place on Tuesday, March 10, from 6:30 to 9 PM in the Gym.
• Teams will be formed for Grades 3 to 8.
• Games take place on Saturdays and Sundays.
• Registration fee: $125. per player.
• Players must buy their own mouthpiece
• Parents must be present to register players.
• For New Players, a copy of your birth certificate will be required.

For more information, check the “CYO SPORTS” link on our parish website: https://stpancras-queens.org
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BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The Bereavement Support Group will meet Wednesday, March 11, 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.

CUB SCOUTS

The Cub Scouts will next meet on Wednesday, March 11, 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!

OVER 50 CLUB

The next meeting of the Over 50 Club is Friday, March 13, 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!

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 Hernández 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

Rok 2020 został ogłoszony rokiem Św. Jana Pawła II. Dokładnie 18 maja będziemy obchodzić 100 rocznicę Jego urodzin.

Z tej okazji Fundacja Jana Pawła II majaca swoją siedzibę w Rzymie, przygotowała jubileuszowe monety z wizerunkiem Ojca Świętego Jana Pawła II.

Pozłacane i srebrne monety w specjalnie przygotowanym folderze są do nabycia w Zakrystii oraz w Kancelarii Parafialnej w cenie $40 oraz $60.

Zakupując monetę, wspieramy działalność Fundacji oraz oddajemy oddolny wyraz naszej wdzięczności za dar Jego życia i nauczania.

2020 has been declared the Year of St. John Paul II. On May 18 we will celebrate the 100th anniversary of his birth.

For this occasion, The John Paul II Foundation, based in Rome, prepared jubilee coins with the image of the Holy Father John Paul II.

Gilded and silver coins can be purchased at St. Pancras Rectory Office for $40 or $60.

By purchasing a coin, you support the Foundation and give expression of our gratitude for the great gift of his life and teaching.

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LA FESTA DI SAN GIUSEPPE
Celebrate with the Italian Cultural Center, Sunday, March 22, 2020 at St. John’s University.
Mass is at 1 pm in St. Thomas More Church on the Queens Campus. Luncheon and Entertainment at 2:30 pm on the Marillac Terrace, featuring Pop Classical Tenor, Elio Scaccio.
Reservations are required.
Tickets are $40 until March 12; thereafter $45.
RSVPs will not be accepted after March 18. To make a reservation, please visit: www.stjohns.edustjosephsdayqns or contact: communityrelations@stjohns.edu or call 718-990-5892.

MARIANIST FAMILY SUMMER RETREAT
The Marianist Family Retreat Center in Cape May Point, NJ invites all families to join them for a weeklong retreat. Retreats start each Monday beginning June 22 through the end of August.
Join other families for the week. Mass and other family liturgies are complemented by skits, presentations, peer group discussions, and family beach activities.
The cost for the week is $220 pp for ages 8+; $150 ages 2 – 7; under 2 free.
For more information or reservations, please contact: Anthony Fucci at 609-884-9829; or email: mfrc@capemaymarians.org.

MAGGIE’S LITTLE THEATER
Maggie’s Little Theater at St. Margaret in Middle Village presents “The Envelope, Please,” a musical revue of Academy Award-Winning Songs. Tickets are $20. for adults, $18. for seniors and children 11 and younger. The performances are at: 8 pm on Saturday, March 14, Friday, March 20, and Saturday, March 21. Matinee performances at 2:30 pm are Sunday, March 15, and Sunday, March 22.
For more information and to reserve tickets visit: www.maggieslittletheater.org or call 917-579-5389.

SAINT PANCRAS SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education Classes are held as follows:

♦ Grades 1 to 5 meet Tuesday, March 10 from 6:30 - 8:00 pm
♦ Grades 6 to 8 meet Wednesday, March 11 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.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST PENANCE
On Saturday, March 14, 2020 at 1:30 pm our Second Graders will receive the graces of the sacrament of Reconciliation.
We ask for your prayers as our children and their family members progress as their journey continues in our Catholic faith.