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.

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

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

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Saturday April 11, 2020
-- Easter Mass Remembrances

Sunday April 12, 2020
-- Easter Mass Remembrances
-- Easter Mass Remembrances
-- All the People of the Parish
-- Easter Mass Remembrances

Monday April 13, 2020
-- Pat Boyle (Mary Boyle)

Tuesday April 14, 2020
-- Margaret Holt - Birthday (Jim Holt)

Wednesday April 15, 2020
-- Gerard Burke (Johnny)

Thursday April 16, 2020
-- Toma Gecevic (Grazia)

Friday April 17, 2020
-- Maria Silva (Gil Family)

Saturday April 18, 2020
-- Patrocina Matos (Gil Family)
-- James Gower (Elizabeth Kolin)

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday April 19, 2020
-- Mary Fink (Joanne)
-- Josef Szlirnicki (Wife)
-- All the People of the Parish
-- Emma Martorana Birthday (Caliari Family)
-- Maria & Fredrich Hoenigman (Elfi)
-- Theresa Arcuri Finlay (Hilda Kotnik & Family)
-- Daniel F. McMahon (John Noble)

PRIESTS’ MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday/Sobota.
April/Kwiecien 18, 2020
Mass will be offered privately

Sunday/Niedziela.
April/Kwiecien 19, 2020
Mass will be offered privately
Dear Padre

April 12, 2020

What’s the origin of the word Easter? It’s not mentioned in the Bible. Wouldn’t a better name be Resurrection Sunday?

Experts trace Easter back to Old-English meanings associated with Eostre, the goddess of spring and fertility. Others point to the German word for east, which is derived from the Latin word for dawn. Regardless, Christianity found new meaning in the ancient celebration of nature’s rebirth during the spring equinox. This resurrection of new life over the dead of winter also pointed to Christ’s resurrection from the dead at dawn.

Likewise, early Christians gave new meaning to ancient symbols of fertility, such as rabbits and eggs. For example, a hatching chick represented the risen Christ emerging from the shell of a tomb, and the Roman proverb Omne vivum ex ovo (“All life comes from an egg”) symbolized the resurrection. Eggs, prohibited during the Lenten fast, were reintroduced at the Easter meal and shared as decorated gifts. In 1610, a prayer by Pope Paul V blessed the egg, “that it may become a wholesome sustenance to thy faithful servants, eating it in thankfulness to thee, on account of the resurrection of the Lord.”

“Each week, on the day called the Lord’s Day, [the Church] commemorates the Resurrection of the Lord, which she also celebrates once a year in the great Paschal Solemnity” (The Roman Missal, “Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the Calendar,” 1). Thus, every Sunday—even those in Lent—is a Resurrection Sunday in celebration of Christ’s triumph over death, which will include our own!

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR

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Good News!

April 12, 2020 - Easter
Acts 10:34a, 37–43; Col 3:1–4; Jn 20:1–9

We normally speak of “eyes wide open,” an experience of seeing and understanding. However, Easter is a time of total astonishment, of standing before mystery with our mouths wide open and not understanding. Even the closest followers of Jesus were dumbfounded. Mary Magdalene didn’t expect to find an empty tomb. Upon seeing it, she presumed that the body had been stolen. The Gospel says that “they did not yet understand” (John 20:9). How could they? The magnitude of the mystery was overwhelming.

When did they finally understand? Actually, it’s more a question of believing than understanding. The Gospel tells us that they came to believe. They came to believe in him—not that he would conquer death by not dying, but that he would conquer it by dying and then being transformed into a new kind of life, a kind of living that isn’t subject to death. They came to believe this through an experience of him.

We might envy the early followers who had Easter experiences of Jesus. But if we look carefully, we will see that they experienced him in their everyday lives—in community gatherings, in the breaking of the bread. These are the very places where we can experience him in our own lives. The good news of Jesus’ resurrection isn’t just that we shall die and go home with him, but that he is risen and comes home with us.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

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A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Today however we see that our journey is not in vain... Why do you think that everything is hopeless, that no one can take away your own tombstones? Why do you give in to resignation and failure? Easter is the feast of tombstones taken away, rocks rolled aside.
—EASTER VIGIL HOMILY, APRIL 20, 2019

Bells of Hope

Bishop DiMarzio has asked every parish in Brooklyn and Queens with outdoor bells to ring them every day at 3 PM. This initiative, known as “Bells of Hope,” will continue for the duration of the Coronavirus epidemic throughout Brooklyn and Queens.
We Prepare For…Next Sunday:
April 19, 2020
Second Sunday of Easter
First Reading: Acts 2:42-47
Second Reading 1 Pt 1:3-9
Gospel Reading: Jn 20:19-31

We Pray For…
Our Deceased: Marilyn Ducey, Andrzej Boczek
Perpetual Prayer Guild:
Our Military: Please let us lift up our prayers for our brave men and women who fight for our freedom.

We Remember You
We remember you, O risen Lord, firstborn of the dead.
Your resurrection destroys the power of death and changes tears of agony into cries of joy.
Blessed are you!
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Vocation Corner
Easter Sunday -- April 12, 2020
“The Lord is risen, it is true!” Through our baptism He calls us to proclaim new life to the world. Pray for those who herald the Good News as priests, brothers and sisters. If you think God may be inviting you to such a vocation, 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!

The Paschal Candle is donated this year
In Memory of Jeanette LaRosa at the Request of Her Husband, Leonard LaRosa

The Altar Bread, Wine and Candles
this week are
In Memory of James Gower at the Request of Elizabeth Kolin

The Sanctuary Lamps
are donated this week
In Memory of Frank Kotnik, Sr. (Birthday) at the Request of Hilda

The Church Bells
will ring this week
In Memory of Frank Kotnik, Sr. (Birthday) at the Request of Hilda
Dear Parishioners,

During the past year, we have continued to grow as a community of love and faith in God. We have witnessed our faith being expressed not only in our Sunday Eucharist, but also in the very spirit and tone of the parish: a warm love that reaches out to each other.

My prayer and wish for the parish is that this Easter will bring us all a deeper awareness of our faith in God and our need to love one another.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your cooperation in our parish work and extend to you and your loved ones my prayerful best wishes for a Holy and Blessed Easter Day.

Sincerely in Christ,

[Signature]

A POINT TO PONDER…

Little children might look in awe at a bouquet of hot-house flowers -- but they would play with daises, buttercups and dandelions. I wonder if Saint Therese of Lisieux had children in mind or those in a humble position in life in mind when she wrote: “The splendor of the rose and the whiteness of the lily do not rob the little violet of its scent nor the daisy of its simple charm. If every flower wanted to be a rose, spring would lose its loveliness.”
Interested in becoming a Liturgical Minister for St. Pancras Parish?

From time to time, we make an appeal for anyone who may be interested in serving the parish as a Minister of Hospitality (Usher), a Lector, or a Minister of Holy Communion. We do this to enhance the overall Ministry Program of the parish and to help it grow.

Also, over the years, some of those who previously helped in certain ministries have moved away. This leaves an added burden on those who remain to serve their assignments more frequently. The qualifications, besides, being willing to give of your time at mass two or three times a month, are as follows:

♦ You must provide proof of being a fully initiated Roman Catholic (show certificates of Baptism and Confirmation in the Catholic Church or Reception into the Catholic Church from another Christian denomination.)
♦ If you are married, you must show proof of being married according to the laws of the Catholic Church (Marriage Certificate). Note: this does not mean you have to be married in order to serve.
♦ For Minister of Holy Communion, you must be at least a senior in High School. To be a Minister of Hospitality (Usher), or a Lector, you may be younger.
♦ You must be able to be ON TIME for the masses you will be assigned to.
♦ You must be a practicing Catholic (attend Sunday mass each week and set a good example by your way of life.)
♦ You will be asked to attend a single training class presented by the Diocese.
♦ You will be installed at a ceremony here at the parish.

If you are interested in any of these ministries, please contact me as soon as possible. Call the rectory and leave your name and phone number.

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