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  
*Until further notice, Masses will be offered PRIVATELY*

Weekday Mass  
*Until further notice, Masses will be offered PRIVATELY*

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 Proszy to 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.

Mass For Intentions The Week

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

Saturday  April 25, 2020  
- Sal Perrone, Joseph Drew, & Donald Housew (Al & Flo)

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday  April 26, 2020  
- All the People of the Parish  
- Giovanna Bommarito (Marinaro Family)  
- Emma & Albert Hoenigman (Elfi)  
- Gasper Balsamo (Erika & Mika)  
- Mariantonia & Pietro Corcione (Tony & Francesca)  
(Pol) - Theresa Dannenhoffer (Estate)  
- Grazia Scaturro - 1st Anniv.  
(Children)

Monday  April 27, 2020  
- Rosemary Rueckher (Olive & Pat Fahy)

Tuesday  April 28, 2020  
- Erna Kraker (Monika Abel)

Wednesday  April 29, 2020  
- Jack Gil (Gil Family)

Thursday  April 30, 2020  
- Robert D. Quinn - Birthday (Carol)

Friday  May 1, 2020  
- Guild of Perpetual Prayer

Saturday  May 2, 2020  
- Members of St. Pio Prayer Group  
- Jack Clifford (Erika & Mike)

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday  May 3, 2020  
- Sebastian Venezia & Family  
(Pol) - Podziekowanie za Otrzymane Laski z Rodzimy Hejmej  
- All the People of the Parish

PRIESTS’ MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday/Sobota, May/Maj 2, 2020  
Mass will be offered privately

Sunday/Niedziela, May/Maj 3, 2020  
Mass will be offered privately
Dear Padre

April 26, 2020

Why couldn’t the disciples recognize Jesus after the resurrection? Do you think we would recognize Jesus if he came back today?

Before the resurrection, Jesus likely would have suffered the ravages of illness and lack of proper nutrition that all the people of his time were subject to. After the resurrection, Jesus showed he was exalted with the very power of God. Even his physical appearance had changed.

In view of his glorified appearance, the disciples were able to recognize Jesus with the aid of his marks of the passion (John 20:20). No one would go to the extreme of putting nails through his own hands and feet and thrust a spear into his side to pretend he was Jesus! He bore those marks, so he had to be the Lord.

Another purpose of showing his disciples his glorified body was to assure them we would undergo a similar glorification. In the resurrection we shall be completely changed and perfected in our humanity (1 Corinthians 15:52).

We are sometimes slow to recognize our Lord in the ways he indicated he would be with us today: in the Eucharist (John 6:53); in the poor (Matthew 25:40); in his body, the Church (1 Corinthians 12:12). Coming to recognize him among us in these ways today will ensure we are more like him in our resurrection.

—Fr. Gary Lauenstein, CSsR

Good News!


It was a very simple encounter. Two people, probably husband and wife, on their way home from Jerusalem to a neighboring village, are joined by a lone traveler walking on the same path. The couple was downcast for some reason, and the lone traveler showed interest and concern. It was nothing out of the ordinary, just simple human interest. However, it’s often just such an unexpected situation that becomes a profound event of God.

Jesus was talking beside them, explaining their sacred writings, and they did not recognize him. What would it take for them to realize the identity of their companion? As he appeared to continue his journey, they offered him hospitality: “Stay with us” (Luke 24:29). Though they didn’t understand who he was or everything he had said to them, their hearts were open to him and so he stayed. “At table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them” (Luke 24:30). That did it! Now they knew. “He was made known to them in the breaking of bread” (Luke 24:35).

This is another moving story about the past and the present. How often we fail to recognize Jesus in our midst. He is with us in the very ordinary events of life, like walking home or preparing a meal. He is there even in our misunderstandings and disappointments. When we realize this, our hearts burn within us. We begin to see that the entire world is a place of encounter. Every human action holds the possibility of revelation.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

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 Corona virus epidemic throughout Brooklyn and Queens.

A WORD FROM Pope Francis

We have all had difficult moments in life, dark moments in which we walked in sadness, pensive, without horizons, with only a wall before us. And Jesus is always beside us to give us hope, to warm our hearts and to say: “Go ahead, I am with you. Go ahead.”

—GENERAL AUDIENCE, MAY 24, 2017
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 Tesoriero, Janet Seminara, Tom Hegyi, Elena Barcelona, Frank Crifasi, Jeannette Vilardi, Caterina Aprea, Virginia Wasnieski, Raffaela Cifaldi, Jeannine Gramstadt, Paula Stritzel, Thomas Marutollo, and Daniel Portalatin,

Our Deceased: Primitivo Ruiz, Donna Brembs, Nick Caradonna, Hector Perez, Mirta Torres

Perpetual Prayer Guild:

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:
May 3, 2020 - Second Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Second Reading: 1 Pt 2:20b-25
Gospel Reading: Jn 10:1-10

The Altar Bread, Wine and Candles this week are In Memory of Robert Quinn (Birthday Remembrance) at the Request of His wife, Carol

PRAYER IN A TIME OF PANDEMIC
O God of compassion,
your people are anxious
in this time of pandemic.
Send your Holy Spirit among us
to dispel our fears.
We cry out to you in our confusion;
comfort us in our affliction.
Grant our leaders wisdom to guide us.
Strengthen and sustain those who are ill,and be with those who care for them.
Help us to travel this road
in solidarity with our neighbors,
with our eyes fixed on the salvation
promised us through the death and resurrection
of your Son,
who is Lord forever and ever.
Amen.

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VOCAITION CORNER
Third Sunday of Easter -- April 26, 2020
Do you recognize Christ in your life and hope to make Him known to others? Perhaps you are being called to the priesthood or consecrated life. If you are considering this possibility, 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!

TODAY'S READINGS
First Reading — God has raised the crucified Jesus, who now pours forth the Holy Spirit upon us (Acts 2:14, 22-33).
Psalm — Lord, you will show us the path of life (Psalm 16).
Second Reading — Our faith and hope are in God, who raised Jesus from the dead (1 Peter 1:17-21).
Gospel — Through his words and in the breaking of the bread, the risen Christ made himself known to two disciples on their way to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35).

Third Sunday of Easter

Emmaus might as well be Brigadoon. We hear of it in this one story—and it’s only in Luke—and then it disappears. The journey to Emmaus is one of the most beloved stories about Jesus, and yet the town is probably “mythical” in the truest sense. Like so much of life, this story is about the journey, not the destination. Running away from Jerusalem and their fears, probably going home in disillusionment, two of Jesus’ disciples encounter a stranger on the road who, like a rabbi, is able to help them understand their experiences using his deep knowledge of scripture. Later, sharing a meal with him, they recognized the stranger as Jesus, and they return to Jerusalem to tell the others. How like our Mass—we hear the scriptures and an explanation of them, we share a meal, and then we go out to tell the good news.

THE STRANGER

Imagine meeting a stranger, a fellow traveler, who butts into the conversation you’re having with your friend. The two disciples in today’s Gospel are heading to Emmaus, seven miles away from Jerusalem, heartbroken and disillusioned. It’s the day of Jesus’ resurrection, but no one knew it when these two set out on their journey, maybe going home to resume their pre-Jesus lives because it seemed as if everything was over.

In the middle of trying to make sense of the tragedy, some eavesdropping guy asks them about their troubles. After telling their story, the disciples are amazed to find this stranger able to piece together the fragments of the broken image of their master using scripture as the glue. Then it happens—at dinner they recognize Jesus in the breaking of bread, just before he vanishes. With their hearts burning with love and inspiration, they run back to Jerusalem—at night—to tell the others their new story.

THE STRANGER/SHEPHERD

The stranger in this story who turns out to be Jesus is reminiscent of the Gospel images of Jesus as the Good Shepherd. He seeks out his “lost sheep” who have strayed from the faith community, and the experience of the risen Lord transforms them into perhaps the very first evangelists, sharing their Good News with their friends back in Jerusalem.

Are we transformed by the time we leave Mass? We should be! Our hearts should be burning within us from our experience of Jesus in word and sacrament. Yet how often life breaks our heart and clouds our mind! We stumble toward our own Emmaus, unaware that Jesus is with us. We are privileged to experience Jesus in every Eucharist through the breaking open of scripture and by the breaking of the bread. Like the disciples of the story, that transforming experience can compel us to go forth and tell everyone the Good News.

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St. Vincent de Paul has a new name, but the mission is the same! The Vincentian Charities help people in need. Donating your car helps everyone in three ways:

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♦ those served by the Vincentian;
♦ and lastly, St. Pancras Parish!

To donate your old vehicle, call 718-491-2525.
Don’t forget to mention St. Pancras!
Recently, we received $100 from Associated Vincentians.
Keep your donations coming!

STAY WITH US, LORD

Walk with us, Lord, along the road of resurrection! Explain for us, so slow to believe, the things that Scripture says of you. Break the bread of the Eucharist with us whenever we share our lives with our brothers and sisters. Stay with us each time night approaches and the daylight fades in our hearts!

—From Come, Lord Jesus by Lucien Deiss, CSSp, Copyright © 1976, 1981, Lucien Deiss. Published by WLP p.168
“Mystagogy,” reflection on the Easter mysteries, is the chief task of these great fifty days, a “pentecost,” in other words, of grace and renewal. Every Sunday we have accounts of Resurrection appearances of the Lord, and sketches of the earliest efforts at being church.

Lent is described as a journey to the font, and Easter may be described in similar terms, since at the very beginning an angel tells the apostles that the Risen Lord “has gone before you into Galilee.” Galilee, of course, was the place where Jesus did his finest work, his preaching, his healing, his gathering the lost and the marginalized to the table.

At Easter, we hurry to catch up, putting our renewed baptismal promises to work in our own personal Galilees, our little worlds waiting for a word of grace, a healing, an act of pardon, an invitation to share a meal. The water often splashed on our Sunday assemblies in Eastertide reminds us: these are the golden, shining days of grace, days to nurture the heart, to speak to one another about things that really matter.

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