Saint Pancras Parish Community
Building Our Future Together Since 1904
April 5, 2020

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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

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(Evenings and weekends, by appointment only)

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Director ~ Mr. Juan C. Perez
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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
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 Intentions

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

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Saturday April 4, 2020
— Estelle Beaudeu (Jean & Eugene)
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

Monday April 6, 2020
— Barbara Grazia (Sanzone Family)

Tuesday April 7, 2020
— Burgio Family & All Souls in Purgatory (Grazia)

Wednesday April 8, 2020
— Rose D’Amato (John D’Amato)

Easter Triduum
Thursday April 9, 2020 HOLY THURSDAY
Friday April 10, 2020 GOOD FRIDAY
Saturday April 11, 2020 HOLY SATURDAY

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
Sunday April 12, 2020
— Easter Mass Remembrances
— All the People of the Parish

Priests’ Mass Schedule
Saturday/Sobota,
April/Kwiecien 11, 2020
Mass will be offered privately

Sunday/Niedziela,
April/Kwiecien 12, 2020
Mass will be offered privately
Dear Padre

How can I use Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem to find spiritual meaning for myself during Holy Week?

The Gospel tells us that Jesus goes to Jerusalem knowing he will suffer and die there. Jerusalem is the place where prophets have been killed in the past (Matthew 23:37). Jesus predicts his passion in the Gospel of Matthew three times (Matthew 16:21, 17:22, and 20:17). Jesus, the one sent by God, will meet the same fate as the prophets who had been sent by God to call Jerusalem to conversion. He goes to Jerusalem as a prophet, to preach God’s saving word to the very people who will turn on the messenger.

Jesus isn’t fooled by the enthusiastic crowd of people who throw him a welcome party and refer to him as the prophet coming in God’s name. He tells them that he comes in humility, as the prophet foretold: “Your king comes to you, meek and riding on an ass” (Matthew 21:5).

He challenges their expectations by referencing the prophet Zechariah’s humble king. In the second reading we hear a hymn to Jesus’ humility, which praises his willingness to give of himself, even unto death.

Jesus’ hopes aren’t based on the crowd’s emotions. He has chosen to obey his Father’s will, and if that obedience leads him to the place where prophets have gone before him, so be it. He is ready to suffer and die. We need Jesus’ example and grace to remain faithful in the face of flattery, scorn, and threat. Live this week seeking to have the mind of Christ, to live his humility.

—Fr. Timothy McCanna

Good News!

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Isaiah 50:4–7; / Philippians 2:6–11; Matthew 26:14—27:66

He is a convicted criminal. He is a threat to the sovereignty of Rome, because he might be a rival king; a challenge to Jewish religious tradition, for he interprets the law by his own authority. Still, he is just a common carpenter; a sometimes preacher and healer like many others; a man whose friends and followers have deserted him and are in hiding. At least this is how some might describe Jesus. But we know better.

He fits well the Isaian image—a man with “a well-trained tongue” who knows “how to answer the weary” (Isaiah 50:4). He also resembles the Psalm 22 sketch of one to scoff at and mock, one whose hands and feet are pierced, an image also found in the Gospel account of his suffering and death. This is a man rejected, beaten, and nailed to wood like a piece of flimsy material. Who is this man and why was he so hated?

The hymn in Philippians 2 probably offers the best likeness of him. He was in the form of God, but out of love for others he took on the form of a slave so that he might serve them. What about this was so objectionable? Does he represent an idea of God that is too different from the one with which we have grown comfortable? As a man for others, does he put our own selfishness to shame? Does his desire to serve challenge our propensity to control? Is this why he has been rejected?

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Jesus enters Jerusalem. The liturgy...somehow expresses the contradictory feelings that we too, the men and women of today, experience: the capacity for great love, but also or great hatred; the capacity for courageous self-sacrifice, but also the ability to “wash our hands” at the right moment.

—Palm Sunday Homily, March 25, 2018

THE CROSS

We should glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered.

Entrance Antiphon, Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper, The Roman Missal
**PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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, Lisa Marino, Russell Singleman, Paula Boettcher, Rose Tesoriere, Janet Seminara, Tom Hegyi, Elena Barcelona, Frank Crifasi, Jeannette Vilardi, Caterina Aprea, Virginia Wasmieski, Raffaella Cifaldi, Jeannine Gramstadt, Thomas Marutollo, and Daniel Portalatin

**Our Deceased:**

**Perpetual Prayer Guild:**

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

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

**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**  
**April 12, 2020**

**First Reading:** Acts 10:34a, 37–43  
**Second Reading:** Colossians: 3:1 - 4  
**Gospel Reading:** John 20:1 - 9

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**HOSANNA!**

“Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest” (Matthew 21:9). With these words the Church enters the holiest of weeks, commemorating the passion, death, and resurrection of Christ. When the people of Jerusalem cried out with their “hosannas,” they were using an ancient Hebrew shout of acclamation that meant “Pray, save us.” The king to whom they were shouting eventually would save them, but in a way that would be far from what they expected. Salvation would come from the wood of the cross as Jesus hung there to bring freedom from sin and life through death, opening the gates of heaven for all who put their faith and trust in him.

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**VOCATION CORNER**  
**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**  
**April 5, 2020**

“Blessed are they who come in the Name of the Lord!” Are you being called to proclaim Jesus as a priest, deacon, religious brother or sister? If you think this may be so:

Contact the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454 or email: 
[phone number] (email)

Think about it, pray over it, and contact our Vocation Committee 718-821-2323, or email us at: [website]

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**The Altar Bread, Wine and Candles**  
this week are offered  
In Memory of  
Knoll, Lucchese, Miceli & Rocco Families  
at the request of  
Gloria

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**The Sanctuary Lamps**  
are donated this week in  
Memory of  
Friedrich Killian  
at the request of  
Killian Family

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**The Church Bells**  
will ring this week in  
Memory of  
Friedrich Killian  
at the request of  
Killian Family

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**The** evangelist Billy Graham was talking about marriage when he said, “We need to learn to say, ‘I was wrong; I’m sorry.’ And we need to reply, ‘That’s all right: I love you.’” It occurred to me that after we had learned to do those things in our closest relationships, we might also begin to spread them further afield.

The Friendship Book
Dear Parishioners,

The primary concern for Fr. Wlad and myself is your spiritual and physical health. In addition to celebrating Mass for your Mass intentions, we continue to pray for the sick, those affected by this crisis and for its speedy end.

If you need pastoral assistance, please do not hesitate to call the rectory at 718-821-2323, or email the parish at: stpancras-queens.org/email.

Although sadly our church must remain closed and we cannot celebrate Mass publicly until further notice, here is a list of various opportunities to watch the celebration of Holy Mass from those parishes that live-stream the Eucharist, or to pray the Rosary daily for those who have internet:

♦ Daily Mass from St. Joseph Co-Cathedral: netny.tv/masses/
  1. Celebration of Mass on NET-TV: Saturday, 6 pm in English; Sunday, 11 am in English; Sunday, 1:30 pm in Spanish
  2. NET-TV can be seen on Spectrum (Channel 97), Optimum (Channel 30) and FIOS (Channel 48).
  3. Viewers can also tune in online at www.netny.tv.
♦ Pray the Rosary with Bp. DiMarzio: https://youtu.be/_FLqUtkm4eE
♦ Pray the Stations of the Cross: https://youtu.be/xCbcywU_vpA
♦ St. Pancras' Home Page: https://stpancras-queens.org/
♦ Send us an email: https://stpancras-queens.org/email-st-pancras/

Please know of our need for your financial stewardship in light of not being able to take up a collection at Mass. Your continued support of the parish during this time will help with payroll and other expenses that in turn allow us to continue fulfilling the mission of the Catholic Church for our Parish Community. To support the parish, we encourage you to stay home, and give electronically by computer or mobile phone at: https://www.givecentral.org/short-form/633. You can also text the word ‘sunday’ (including the quote marks) to our giving phone number: 717-727-2323 (note, this is NOT the parish office number). Giving online is safe and secure. You may also choose to drop off or mail a check to our parish office. We are thankful for your continuing generosity and ask only that you do what you can.

As Christians, we are called to support those most vulnerable—the poor, those with less stable employment, parents who need childcare assistance and the elderly and sick. Please check in on a neighbor or friend. If you or they need help or even just someone to talk to, please do not hesitate to ask.

Please continue to join me in prayer and be assured of my prayers for all of you, our St. Pancras Parish family. Know that we are here for you.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Francis J. Hughes
Pastor
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

As a follow-up to the directive to suspend all Public Masses until further notice, the Most Reverend Nicholas DiMarzio, Bishop of Brooklyn, has issued a number of additional guidelines, governing the practice of the faith as a result of the Coronavirus outbreak, to all parishes throughout Brooklyn and Queens.

To comply with the government recommendation to avoid gatherings of 10 or more people, the following has been implemented in the Diocese of Brooklyn effective immediately:

PALM SUNDAY AND HOLY WEEK SERVICES
There will be no Masses open to the public on Palm Sunday. Priests throughout Brooklyn and Queens will bless palms and will be asked to leave them on tables in the back of the Church for pickup. Reconciliation Monday, a special time devoted to confession at the start of Holy Week, has been canceled. However, Priests will be available for individual confessions throughout the remainder of the Lenten season and during this period of crisis.

The Chrism Mass will not be celebrated publicly. The Bishop will celebrate the Mass from the Cathedral. The Mass of the Lord’s Supper (Holy Thursday), the Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion (Good Friday) the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday, will not be celebrated publicly. A broadcast schedule of the services with no congregation, to air on NET-TV, the cable channel of the Diocese of Brooklyn, will be announced at a later date.

CONFIRMATIONS/FIRST COMMUNIONS
All Confirmations and First Communions have been postponed.

MASS INTENTIONS
All intentions will be satisfied in private Masses celebrated by the parish priests.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK
The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick may be administered to individuals as needed, with Priests visiting those with COVID-19 taking extra precautions.

PARISH SERVICES
All parish meetings and parish events will be canceled. Bulletins will be posted on parish websites.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES
The Diocese of Brooklyn’s administrative offices will be closed to the public due to the Coronavirus for an undisclosed amount of time. The diocesan staff will be working remotely.

“In the days and weeks ahead, let us ask God to watch over the people of our Diocese and all of His people; those who are sick, those who will fall ill, and those who are caring for them,” said Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio.

HOLY WEEK AND THE PASchal TRIDUUM

Sunday, April 5 - Sunday, April 12, 2020

“The days of Jesus’ life-giving death and glorious resurrection are approaching, the hour he triumphed over Satan’s pride, the time we celebrate the great event of our redemption” (Preface of the Lord’s Passion II, Sacramentary). Thus the Church begins the one week of the year that we formally designate as “Holy.” Simple rituals can link the domestic church to parish church and Church universal. Enthroned Sunday’s palms where you pray, behind the family crucifix, even as part of front door decorations: “Christ reigns here,” they proclaim; “all are welcome!” During the first three days of Holy Week, ready Easter clothes, prepare festal foods, clean the house, beautify the yard. Late Holy Thursday afternoon, share Lent’s final meal before the Lord’s Supper Mass. Pitcher, bowl, and towel make a fitting centerpiece; perhaps conclude the meal by washing each other’s feet. On Good Friday, observe the paschal fast from food—from TV and computer, too! Then come to Holy Saturday’s Vigil with mind clear, stomach empty, and heart full of “holy anticipation” that bursts into living flame when the new fire is kindled.

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