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**
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**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 każda pierwsza niedziele miesiąca o godzinie 13:00. Przypominamy iz rodzice Proszacy 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](http://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.
May 10, 2020

Are there models I can use to help me better understand what a mother is to do or be?

A great model for mothers is the Blessed Virgin Mary. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* uses the titles of Advocate, Helper, Benefactress, and Mediatrix when speaking of Mary (CCC 969). These titles are important in explaining Mary’s special relationship to us, her children. We can also use these titles to show how mothers today can relate to their children and spouses.

Mary encourages us in our efforts to follow Christ. So it is the duty of all mothers to be a guiding presence to their children as they begin to pray and learn to follow the Lord.

As Advocate and Helper, Mary assists us by her own prayer and example. Mary prays for us, and we only have to read Scripture to understand Mary’s example of listening to God. Today’s mothers share the task of praying for their children and spouses. A mother’s example of listening for God can teach her children the importance of seeking God’s will.

As Benefactress, Mary is a patron and invites us to receive the graces that only her Son can bestow. In today’s family, a mother offers a constant stream of love and encouragement to her spouse and children. She is the patron of love, a refuge from the harshness that life can bring.

As Mediatrix, Mary brings people together to be coworkers with Christ in the work of salvation. Also, a mother is a mediator, a coworker with Christ, helping her children and spouse on their journeys toward salvation. Her family is a little church where heaven and salvation are proclaimed. Happy Mother’s Day!

—Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSsR

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The Li’tle Ones

Jim Burrows

I’m drawing the Holy Spirit.
But how do you draw someone who is everywhere?

For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. 1 Cor 12:13
We Prepare For…Next Sunday:
May 17, 2020 - Sixth Sunday of Easter
First Reading: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17
Second Reading: 1 Pt 3:15-18
Gospel Reading: Jn 14:15-21

We Pray For…
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MINISTERS OF PRAISE
Please join your prayers with our Ministers of Praise, our homebound parishioners, as they pray the month of May for all Mothers, Grandmothers, Step-Mothers, Godmothers and women who have taken the role of mother with a child.
We pray also for all those affected by this current global pandemic.
We continue to pray for an end to the hatred and violence which is present in so many parts of the world. Mary, Queen of Peace, Pray for us!

VOCATION CORNER
Fifth Sunday of Easter -- May 10, 2020
“Who has faith in Me will do the works I do, and far greater than these.” Are you being called to do the work of the Lord as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? 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!

The Altar Flowers for the week of May 10 are donated for the anniversary of Bob & Carol Quinn at the Request of Carol

The Church Bells will ring for the week of May 10 in memory of Markus Kotnik at the request of Mom & Dad

The Altar Bread, Wine and Candles for the week of May 10 are donated in memory of Markus Kotnik at the request of Mom & Dad

The Sanctuary Lamps are donated for the week of May 10 in memory of Markus Kotnik at the request of Oma

The Saint Anne Candle is lit for the week of May 10 in Memory of Domenica at the request of The Crifasi Family
Good News!

May 10, 2020 - Fifth Sunday of Easter
Acts 6:1–7; 1 Pt 2:4–9; Jn 14:1–12

That is a very profound question, asked by children and adults alike. Answers range from the image of an old man in a white robe with a beard; the all-seeing eye on the back of the dollar bill; “the big guy” up there. Such answers seem frivolous when we think about the dynamic force behind the Big Bang from which evolved everything in the billions of galaxies that we know exist. What is such a God really like?

The disciples were probably not thinking of astrophysics when they asked Jesus about God. Their questions flowed from Jesus’ constant reference to God as Father. That title in itself tells us something about God. It tells us that God, like a father, is the source of Jesus’ being and existence.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus tells the disciples that he is about to return to his Father. He also assures them that they also will have a place with the Father. However, like us, they still are not sure what this Father is like. Jesus responds to their lack of understanding and suggests: “Look at me!” His life is lived for others. He is one who cares for those in need rather than walks past them, who forgives rather than condemns, who endures misunderstanding without retaliating, who tolerates the pettiness of others without being snide. Why is it so hard for us to realize that this is what God is really like?

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA


THE FEAST DAY OF SAINT PANCRAS, MARTYR,
IS TUESDAY, MAY 12

Our Parish is dedicated to Saint Pancras. He is famous for having converted to Christianity by announcing his Christian faith publicly. He was arrested and then martyred in the year of 304 A.D. Saint Pancras is the patron saint of children and teenagers, as he was 14 years of age when he was martyred.

A Prayer to Saint Pancras:

Saint Pancras, pray for all teenagers, that their faith may be as strong as yours, strong enough to lead them through all the trials of their lives. Amen.
A SPIRITUAL LIFE IN A CONCRETE WORLD

Today’s readings describe the complexities of trying to live a spiritual life while still living in a world that demands concrete action. Acts tell us about disagreements beginning to emerge in the early Christian communities over divisions of labor. Some people are praying and preaching while others are feeding the hungry. In First Peter we are reminded that Jesus is the cornerstone. Jesus was rejected yet is the very foundation for building the community, and yet he is also a stumbling block for those who do not follow the path laid out by his life and works. In John we hear again the contrast of the spiritual and the concrete, of houses with many rooms, of truth and life. Is it surprising that the apostles and we are sometimes confused about how to live the life Jesus intended for us?

FINDING REALITY IN FAITH

The readings today describe a faith community struggling with the realities of preaching, teaching, praying, and spreading the word of God while others are concerned about putting food on the table and a roof over their heads. In Acts decisions are made about a division of labor. Some will preach and others will ensure that the community is fed. In First Peter there is talk of spiritual houses, builders, and cornerstones, of faith and stumbling blocks. In John, Jesus begins to prepare the apostles for his departure. Jesus talks about his Father’s house but the apostles want concrete answers to their questions. They want to see the Father. They don’t know the way. Jesus’ response is both spiritual and concrete. His answer is both faith and works.

FINDING FAITH IN THE REAL WORLD

The tensions within the readings are tensions we feel every day between our faith and the world in which we live. We stumble over stones that litter the way, over lies that hide the truth, even over the reality of death. We want our faith to be solid, so we can test its permanence and reality. But faith is not concrete. Faith is a living thing, a leap into the unknown. Works are concrete. The works of the apostles are what sustained them even as they struggled with their own faith. We must feed the hungry and shelter the homeless even as we speak to ourselves and others of faith beyond brick and mortar. While we live in a world of harsh realities, we must remember there are realities beyond those we see but not beyond our belief. We know that the faith born of love for others and lived out in caring for the sick and sorrowful, the hungry and homeless, the poor and imprisoned is real.
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