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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**Fax:** 718-417-8021
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(Evenings and weekends, by appointment only)

School of Religion

**Director** ~ Mr. Juan C. Perez
**Telephone:** 718-497-0590
**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](http://www.stpancras-queens.org)
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 miesiaca o godzinie 13:00. Przypominamy iz rodzice Proszacy 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.

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**CONFESSOR’S SCHEDULE**
**GRAFIK SPOWIEDNIKOW**

**Saturday/Sobota, May/Maj 23, 2020**
*Call to make an appointment for Confessions at the rectory*

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**Mass For Intentions The Week**

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<td><strong>Sunday May 17, 2020</strong></td>
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<td>- Andrew Ganzi (Antoine &amp; Sandy Ponsat) (Pol) - Dzieckczynna za otrzymane Laski i z prośba o dalsze błogosławieństwo</td>
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<td>- Robert Quinn (Carol) (Pol) - Wincenty Doliva (Son)</td>
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**PRIESTS’ MASS SCHEDULE**

**Saturday/Sobota, May/Maj 23, 2020**
*Mass will be offered privately*

**Sunday/Niedziela, May/Maj 24, 2020**
*Mass will be offered privately*
Dear Padre

May 17, 2020

After Mass a friend told me I belonged to “the priesthood of believers.” I’m not a priest! What did she mean?

At baptism, all of us became part of the laity. The word *laity* comes from the Greek word *laos*, which means “people.” The laity are the people of God. As people of God, we all share in the priesthood of Christ. This is why the Church speaks of the “priesthood of all believers,” because when we were baptized we were incorporated into Christ’s priesthood. Each of us is called to exercise our common priesthood within the Church, strengthening and serving each other. The exercise of priesthood means, above all, to serve.

The Church speaks of Jesus as our High Priest, the one who offers himself as the sacrificial animal. Jesus is the priest and victim, offering himself as a sacrifice to God. The priesthood that Jesus exercises is one of self-giving. All those who are called to the priesthood of Christ are called to serve as he did, offering themselves in a spirit of service and love.

This “priesthood of all believers” shouldn’t be confused with the sacrament of Holy Orders, which ordains to the office of bishop, priest, or deacon. These men are called by God and ordained by the Church to exercise the particular ministry of preaching the good news and administering the sacraments, especially the Eucharist. During Mass, the ordained priest represents Christ and also acts on behalf of all the people of God. His sacramental priesthood represents the common priesthood of the whole Church.

—Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSsR

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REGISTRATION FOR NEXT YEAR (2020-2021)

Registration for the new CCD school year (Sept. 2020 to May, 2021) has begun. This year we will not have “IN PERSON” Registration. All families have received an email explaining the process for this year. All children in the program this year will be automatically registered for next year. Parents with children who will be new to the Program can complete the Registration Form online. (Available on the parish website.) All families will be able to pay the fees on line. Please register as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, please call Mr. Perez at 718-497-0590.

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Thursday, May 21, is the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord. Typically, it is a Holy Day of Obligation. But at this time, as with Sunday mass, there is NO OBLIGATION to attend mass. We will offer mass privately for the intentions requested.
We Pray For…


Our Deceased: Paula Stritzel, Bogdan Baclawski

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 17, 2020 - Sixth Sunday of Easter
First Reading: Acts 1:12-14
Second Reading: 1 Pt 4:13-16
Gospel Reading: Jn 17:1-11a

MINISTERS OF PRAISE
Please join your prayers with our Ministers of Praise, our homebound parishioners, as they pray for the parish of St. Pancras and all our needs. 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!

The Altar Flowers for the week of May 17 are donated in memory of Bernard Pascal at the request of The Pascal Family

The Church Bells will ring for the week of May 17 in memory of Bernard Pascal at the request of The Pascal Family

Good News!
May 17, 2020 - Sixth Sunday of Easter
Acts 8:5–8, 14–17; 1 Pt 3:15–18; Jn 14:15–21
We have hopes for ourselves and others. We hope for good health, for fulfilling work, for settled lives for our children. As valuable as such hope might be, that is not what Peter is referring to in today’s second reading. He is talking about religious hope. Not hope that, but hope in. Not hope that God will give us what we ask, that God will supply what we cannot accomplish, that God will reward our faithfulness. That is also valid hope, but it is still not religious hope.

Genuine religious hope is hope or trust in God. Period. Trust in God when we have no idea what the future might bring. Trust in God when all our best plans crumble before us. Trust in God when we face the terrors of illness and death. This is a trust or hope for which we do not provide God plans to follow so our needs get met as we think they should be. It is a hope that enables us to place ourselves into the hands of God. Period.

This kind of hope asks for nothing and expects everything. Why? Because we are convinced that God loves us with a passion we can’t possibly imagine and, therefore, wants what is best for us. This might seem like an impossible hope, but the reading goes on to list reasons to hope. God’s love is exemplified by Jesus Christ, who “suffered for sins…that he might lead you to God” (1 Peter 3:18).

Who could ask for more?
—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

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VOCATION CORNER
Sixth Sunday of Easter -- May 17, 2020
“Those who love Me will keep my word.” Is your love for the Lord leading you to grow in holiness as a priest, deacon or in the 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!
**TODAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading** - The people of Samaria accepted the word of God preached by Philip; they received the Holy Spirit (Acts 8:5-8, 14-17).

**Psalm** - Let all the earth cry out to God with joy (Psalm 66)

**Second Reading** - Act with gentleness and reverence toward all, so that when you are maligned those who defame you will be the ones put to shame (1 Peter 3:15-18)

**Gospel** - I will not leave you orphans, but will come to you (John 14:15-21)


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**2020 Annual Catholic Appeal**

**Saint Pancras Parish**

**as of May 11, 2020**

- **Number of pledges:** 107
- **GOAL:** $44,395.00
- **PLEDGED:** $29,980.00
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I am/we are pleased to make a gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal

Date: ______________

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During this time when we are not able to come to church, we wanted to make it easier for those without access to our website, to obtain a copy of our bulletin. We have provided boxes posted on the fence in front of church where the bulletins are available. There is one on each side of the front of church.

Help yourself, and take one for a neighbor.
A TIME OF TRANSITION, INSTABILITY, AND HOPE

Today’s readings describe that period when the apostles are getting used to acting on their own. Acts describes the spreading of the word to Samaria, curing the sick, and their reception of the Holy Spirit. First Peter reminds us that our response to evil must be to do good and to speak of our hope with gentleness and reverence. The psalm is joyous with praise for God and a reminder of God’s saving of those held captive in Egypt long, long ago. John talks not only about the Father and Jesus but also another Advocate, who will remain even when Jesus leaves. The readings also contain the promise of continued love and comfort. The readings today reflect a time of transition, instability, and hope, much like we are experiencing in these days of the pandemic.

WHEN YOU ARE MALIGNED

Each of the readings describes a time of transition and uncertainty. In Acts, the apostles are learning how to respond to those seeking to share in the joy of healing the sick and casting out unclean spirits. In First Peter, the new Christian community is reminded that they will be maligned. Their response to such suffering is shaped by Jesus’ example of gentleness and reverence. The Gospel offers Jesus’ words of consolation to those who are being left behind. All those who had lost Jesus once through crucifixion must prepare to lose him again. But this time they are promised that they will not be abandoned. They are left with the promise that Jesus’ new commandments are the continuing guide to a life that, through death and resurrection, unites those who believe in Jesus, the Father, and the Spirit.

SPECIAL COMMUNITY NOTICE

Vote Safely. Vote Confidently. With the June 23 primaries still scheduled, Governor Cuomo has signed an Executive Order to ensure all New Yorkers can vote safely.

That means that anyone can request an absentee ballot in order to vote safely from their own home. All of us in Queens have primaries on our ballots so it’s key for us to help spread the word to our neighbors.

Every person wishing to vote by absentee must request one, but luckily the application is available online and take less than one minute.

Go to https://nycabsentee.com/ to fill out your application now through the BOE website. If you’d instead prefer to request an absentee by phone, mail, or fax, you can visit the BOE web page here for additional information. As you’re filling out your application online, make sure to click the box for "Temporary Illness or Physical Disability." This reason for requesting an absentee has been expanded to include the potential of contracting COVID-19, so every New Yorker can request one.

Applications for absentee ballots will be mailed to every voter, but don’t wait, request one now. Your completed absentee ballot application must be sent to your borough’s Board of Elections by June 16, but ballots will be sent out as early as the second week of May.
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