Saint Pancras Parish Community
Building Our Future Together Since 1904
May 3, 2020
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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)

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
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 rodzice Proszę o chrzest swojego dziecka powinni być 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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**Mass For The Week**

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

- **Saturday, May 2, 2020**  
  - 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

- **Monday, May 4, 2020**  
  - Joseph DeLonezo (Al & Flo)

- **Tuesday, May 5, 2020**  
  - Alvin & Florinda Rose -  
  - 64th Anniversary (Family)

- **Wednesday, May 6, 2020**  
  - Catena & Sebastian  
  - (Carmela LoPresti)

- **Thursday, May 7, 2020**  
  - Souls in Purgatory & the Burgio Family (Grazia)

- **Friday, May 8, 2020**  
  - Domenic LaRosa (Leonard)

- **Saturday, May 9, 2020**  
  - Dina Calderaro (Perrone Family)  
  - Mother’s Day Mass Remembrance

- **Sunday, May 10, 2020**  
  - Mother’s Day Mass Remembrance  
  - All the People of the Parish &  
  - Mother’s Day Mass Remembrance

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

- **Saturday/Sobota, May/Maj 9, 2020**  
  - Call to make an appointment for Confessions at the rectory

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**PRIESTS’ MASS SCHEDULE**

- **Saturday/Sobota, May/Maj 9, 2020**  
  - Mass will be offered privately

- **Sunday/Niedziela, May/Maj 10, 2020**  
  - Mass will be offered privately
Dear Padre

May 3, 2020

How will it happen that Jesus will come again and lead us “through the gates”?

We have it from the best of authorities that the date of the world’s end is hidden. Jesus said, “But of that day and hour no one knows…but the Father alone” (Matthew 24:36). In spite of Christ’s admonition that the day of his Second Coming is known but to God, there have been countless false prophets who have confidently but incorrectly predicted a date for the end of the world. Most of these foolish forecasters based their claims on misinterpretations of the Book of Revelation.

The main purpose of the Book of Revelation is to assure us that God’s power will prevail. In the ongoing struggle between good and evil, there are times when evil seems to have the upper hand. No matter. Evil will be conquered and God’s rule will extend over all creation.

The world might end tomorrow, or next year, or in five billion years. Jesus tells us we can’t know for sure. We are sure, however, that this world will pass away. And for each one of us the world will end at the moment of death. What matters is that we should always be ready to meet Christ.

And we shall be ready if we follow Christ, our Shepherd, whom we meet in today’s Gospel. Jesus leads us safely through this life by his teaching, his example, and his grace.

—Fr. Oscar Lukefahr, CM

SPRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things and I desire to receive You in my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. ~ Amen

A WORD FROM Pope Francis

We should never forget: the Church is not a static reality, inert, an end in herself, but is on a continual journey through history, towards that ultimate and marvelous end that is the kingdom of heaven, of which the Church on earth is the seed and the beginning.

—GENERAL AUDIENCE, NOVEMBER 26, 2014

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.
We Prepare For…

Next Sunday:
May 10, 2020 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 6:1-7
Second Reading: 1 Pt 2:4-9
Gospel Reading: Jn 14:1-12

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 Vilaridi, Caterina Aprea, Virginia Wasnieski, Raffaela Cifaldi, Jeannine Gramstadt, Paula Stritzel, Thomas Marutollo, and Daniel Portalatin,

Our Deceased: Walter Poje

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

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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOCATION CORNER

Fourth Sunday of Easter -- May 3, 2020

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

On this Good Shepherd Sunday we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life, especially for our diocese, that God will raise up good shepherds in our midst. If you think God is calling you to serve the Church as a priest 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!

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Good News!

May 3, 2020 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sheep are a lot smarter than some people think. They recognize the voice of their particular shepherd and follow that voice alone. However, that is not the point of Jesus’ teaching today. Because most of us don’t raise sheep or know much about them, we don’t realize that the situation described in the Gospel passage is a matter of life and death.

It’s similar to the relationship between a military squad leader and the troops he leads, another life-and-death matter. In both, unquestioning obedience is required, and absolute trust in the other is presumed.

That’s what Jesus is describing. He’s suggesting: “Listen to me. Follow my lead. Trust in me. I want only what is good for you, so I will be your sure protection.”

It sounds so easy, as parables and metaphors usually do. What does it mean to follow this Shepherd? In the first reading, Peter announces the answer in one word: “Repent!” There is that challenging word—the word we might associate with Lent, not with Easter. If we do so, we miss the point of following the Shepherd, for to follow him means to be like him. It means: “Repent! Stop taking advantage of other people. Open your minds and hearts to newcomers. Respect those who observe different religious traditions. Help those less fortunate than you.” All of this is captured in the final words of the Gospel reading: do what you can so that all “might have life and have it more abundantly” (John 10:10). Clearly, that’s smart.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

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The Altar Bread, Wine and Candles
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SAINT PANCRAS’ MOTHER’S DAY NOVENA
On May 9 & May 10, we will remember all mothers during the Saturday Vigil Mass and all Sunday Masses (offered privately by the parish priests). We invite parishioners to join with us in praying for all mothers, living and deceased, during these Masses.
A Mother’s Day Mass Remembrance Envelope is included in your monthly packet. You can also use the online website, www.givecentral.org/location/633/event/20233 to make an offering for this purpose. Please return your Remembrance for inclusion in the intentions of these Masses.

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Recently, we received $100 from Associated Vincentians. Keep your donations coming!

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading — All peoples called by God will receive the gift of the Spirit if they repent and are baptized (Acts 2:14a, 36-41).
Psalm — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).
Second Reading — Once we were like straying sheep; but now we have been returned to the shepherd, our guardian (1 Peter 2:20b-25).
Gospel — The shepherd leads the sheep out into pastures of abundant life (John 10:1-10).

MINISTERS OF PRAISE
Please join your prayers with our Ministers of Praise, our home-bound parishioners, as they pray the month of May for all Mothers, Grandmothers, Stepmothers, 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!
Our Lady, Health of the Sick,
I look to you for the comfort of a mother’s love,
I pray to you on behalf of those who are suffering
and for my own healing needs.
Mary, your love strengthens me
and brings me peace.
Our Lady, Health of the Sick,
embrace all who are emotionally and physically ill that
they may return to
good health under your tender care. And please
intercede for my very special needs.
(Mention your needs here).
Mary, your love strengthens me and brings me peace.
Our Lady, Health of the Sick, pray for us. Amen.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION
There are few openings for “Shepherds” in the classified ads today, but few occupations are as
dear to the Christian heart. Most of us tenderly place shepherds by our Christmas cribs, name
the Twenty-third Psalm as our favorite, and recognize “Good Shepherd” as a title of Jesus.
Bishops carry a staff, called a crozier, modeled after the shepherd’s walking staff. Long before
Christian artists painted Jesus on the cross, they traced on the walls of their worship places
images of a strong young shepherd, shouldering a lost sheep and bringing it to safety. Spring-
time is the season of lambing, a time when the shepherd not only learns the faces of the new
arrivals, but also when the newborn sheep become attuned to the voice of the shepherd. This is
exactly what we do as a community in Easter as we shelter and guide the newly received
Christians, and also put our Lenten muscles to good use: listening more attentively to God’s
Word, and responding with springtime vigor to God’s call.

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COUNTING SHEEP
When at night you cannot sleep, talk to the Shepherd and stop counting sheep. —Anonymous

ENTRANCE
How else but through a broken heart may the Lord Christ enter in? —Oscar Wilde

MUCH-NEEDED LOVE
No one needs love more than someone who doesn’t deserve it. —Anonymous

JESUS SAVES
Be honest with yourself. Have you ever gone astray? Have you ever given in to temptation or
weakness? Do you sometimes feel that you need someone to help you get your life on back on
track? Most people could answer yes to any of these questions. As people of faith, we know
that Jesus understands the struggles we face and gave his life to save us from our human frail-
ty. The Lord knows that we need help in order to live as God’s people in the world. There are
people and powers that seek to mislead us, who offer a way that may for a time be appealing,
even though it does not lead to the true way of life, love, and peace. We can be readily dis-
suaded and distracted from the ways of holiness. We easily lose our way, lured by the trap-
pings of material possessions, wealth, or social status. Jesus is our only real way, the door that
leads to meaning and peace in this earthly time, and to life everlasting.

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