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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 8, 2021

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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Our Lady of Light Parish is a spirit
filled Faith
community nourished by the Eucha-
rist.

Committed to be disciples of Christ,
we reach out in good stewardship to
the entire Parish and the community
at large. We serve God and one an-
other by the values we proclaim.



St. Pascal Baylon

113th Ave and 199th St.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Eve 5pm

Sunday 10am

Monday to Friday: 9am



St. Catherine of Sienna

Riverton St. and Baisley Blvd.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday 8am

Sunday 12noon

Monday to Saturday: 8am

**NINETEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

**AUGUST
8
2021**



The bread that
I will give is my
flesh for the
life of the world.

John 6:51

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CIVIL DISCOURSE

“Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God.” These words bring us up short! What could we be doing to grieve the Holy Spirit? Alas, the same things that the Ephesians were doing in the time of Paul, that is, fighting, shouting, reviling each other with fury, anger, and malice. Just tune in to talk radio some day or observe some “road rage” on the expressway. If we who are partakers of the Body of Christ can treat one another this way, what does that mean about our belief in Christ’s message of peace and reconciliation? The Eucharist is the sacrament of unity. It is communion with God and with each other. A good first step would be to speak civilly to each other, even in disagreement!
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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — After resting and taking nourishment twice, Elijah is strengthened to walk to the mountain of God, Horeb (1 Kings 19:4-8).

Psalm — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34).

Second Reading — Be sealed by the Holy Spirit of God so as to be imitators of God and live in love (Ephesians 4:30 — 5:2).

Gospel — Jesus professes that he is the living bread and whoever eats this bread will live forever (John 6:41-51).

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Mass Intentions for the Week

- Saturday, August 7th**
5:00 PM Parishioners of Our Lady of Light
- Sunday, August 8th**
8:00 AM Parishioners of Our Lady of Light
10:00 AM **Happy Birthday**
Emilia Martinez
- 12:00 PM Parishioners of Our Lady of Light
- Monday, August 9th**
8:00 AM Parishioners of Our Lady of Light
9:00 AM Parishioners of Our Lady of Light
- Tuesday, August 10th**
8:00 AM Parishioners of Our Lady of Light
9:00 AM Parishioners of Our Lady of Light
- Wednesday, August 11th**
8:00 AM Parishioners of Our Lady of Light
9:00 AM Parishioners of Our Lady of Light
- Thursday, August 12th**
8:00 AM Parishioners of Our Lady of Light
9:00 AM Parishioners of Our Lady of Light
- Friday, August 13th**
8:00 AM Parishioners of Our Lady of Light
9:00 AM Parishioners of Our Lady of Light

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Barbara Ricketts, Thaina Auguste, Viola Madden
Beverly Stanton, Deana Roberts, Victor Enemuo
Marjorie Smalls, Mabel Williams, Charmayne Roberts
Vera Russell, Shirley Roller, Phyllis Fullerton
Emelda Cathcart, Yvonne Hendricks, John Johnson. Sr.,
Gabriel Maitland, Julia Hodges Dorethea Callender,
Xavier Auguste, Hollis Ford, Brenda Gibbs,
Gemma LaRode, Gloria Wynter, Milrod Jones,
Leon Hickenbottom, Marion Henry, Jeannette Coleman
Alfred Ramirez, Albertha Brown, Leonora Best

Weekly Collections

| Masses | #of Adults | #of Children | Collections | |
|----------|------------|--------------|-------------|--|
| 08/01/21 | | | | |
| 5:00 PM | 35 | 2 | \$780.00 | |
| 8:00 AM | 79 | 11 | \$1,248.00 | |
| 10:00AM | 71 | 5 | \$1,534.00 | |
| 12:00 PM | 41 | 9 | \$504.00 | |
| Totals | 226 | 27 | \$4,066.00 | |

ANNOUNCEMENTS/NEWS

Children's Faith Formation & Sacramental Preparation Registration

Faith Formation and Sacramental Preparation classes are available for children and youth in grades K- 12. Please come in and register in the rectory, or email OLLightfaithed@gmail.com to request a registration form. Sunday School begins on September 13th. Registration must take place prior to Sept. 13th. Please call Lisa Sampson, DRE in the Faith Formation office at (718) 528-1220, ext 7. Office hours are as follows: 3:30 - 7 pm (Mon, Tues. Thurs. & Fri). & Sat 11 am - 2pm.

Requirements: Certificate of Baptism, (only if this is your child's 1st year of class and not baptized here at Our Lady of Light (St. Catherine of Sienna or St. Pascal Baylon Churches); a letter from previous parish, if transferring from another Catholic religious education program or Catholic Academy/School stating that your child attended and when. **Please note: Tuition must accompany registration form.**

RCIA Program for Adults (or Youth age 16+)

Anyone interested in classes for Baptism, Communion, Confirmation or becoming Catholic is invited to attend the Rites of Christian Initiation class. Please call the religious education office at (718) 528-1220, ext 7.

Hearts to Hands Ministry

The Hearts to Hands Ministry group will resume on Friday, September 10th from 11:00 am to 12 pm. at St. Pascal's parish hall.

2021-2022 Calendar

We would like the leader of each society to email the rectory your tentative schedule for September 2021-June 2022 if you are planning to meet in person using either the Church Hall or the Church.

The Activity Coordinating Committee

The Activity Coordinating Committee invites you to a Day at The Casino

Date: Saturday, October 9th bus depart 8:am SHARP
Cost: \$55 includes RT transportation, \$10 return for the Casino

If interested please contact: Alister Gillaume, 718.840.8142, Mary Lee, 516.379.4736 or Millicent Platts, 718.527.9165

Annual Catholic Appeal

We thank all who have participated with a gift to the 2020 Appeal and ask that everyone prayerfully consider making a gift to the 2021 Catholic Appeal. As of

08/02/21 **\$64,610.00 has been pledged.** We have received **\$50,067.00** and **\$14,543.00** is still outstanding.

Thank you to everyone who made a pledge. If you have made a pledge for this year's Appeal please remember to fulfill your pledge by December 31st. The work and services made possible through your donation to the Annual Catholic Appeal help people in Brooklyn and Queens in ways that no one parish can do alone.

"WHOEVER SOWS SPARINGLY WILL ALSO REAP SPARINGLY AND WHOEVER SOWS BOUNTIFULLY WILL ALSO REAP BOUNTIFULLY"(2 Corinthians 9:16)

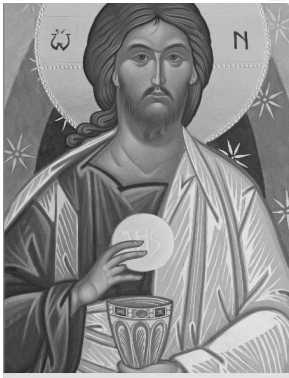
Lectors

If you are interested in becoming a Lector, there is a Diocesan Workshop at St. Francis Prep on Saturday, October 9th from 9am to 3:30pm. Please contact the rectory to register 718-468-3511, ourladyoflightsa@gmail.com.

Pilgrimage to Egypt, Jordan and the Holy Land

WALKING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF FAITH: PILGRIMAGE TO EGYPT, JORDAN AND THE HOLY LAND WITH FR. JEFFRY DILLON. February 18-27(Egypt and Jordan) and the extension to Israel February 27-March 05,2022. For information please call (718) 529-0273 or email hlpilgrimage@aol.com

NEWS NOTES COMING SOON



I AM THE LIVING BREAD
THAT CAME DOWN FROM HEAVEN;
WHOEVER EATS THIS BREAD
WILL LIVE FOREVER.

JOHN 6:51

THE BREAD OF LIFE

Chapter 6 in John's Gospel is often referred to as the Bread of Life discourse, perhaps because this is where Jesus makes his strongest claims for being the bread that has come down from heaven, bringing eternal life for those who believe in him. This is one source of our belief in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. In the first reading, the prophet Elijah has come to the brink of despair, but an angel comes with food and tells him to eat, "else the journey will be too long for you." The Responsorial Psalm is from Psalm 34; from very early on, the Church has applied the line, "Taste and see how good the Lord is" to the Eucharist. The second reading describes an ideal Christian community characterized by mutual love and service, which is the greatest fruit of its eucharistic celebrations.

THE READINGS AT MASS DON'T ALWAYS SEEM TO FIT TOGETHER

On the greatest feasts and solemnities of the Church's liturgical year, the three readings are chosen to all apply to the theme or the event being celebrated. During Ordinary Time, however, only the Jewish scriptures/Old Testament selections are chosen to go with the Gospel. The second reading makes its way independently through the New Testament letters and often appears to have a very different message.

Today's readings, however, present us with that happy coincidence of a Sunday in Ordinary Time when all three readings are very much closely connected—a connection that we might describe as God's generosity in nurturing the people so that they can in turn "nourish" each other by their acts of service and charity.

BUT TODAY THEY DO

In John's Gospel, Jesus insists over and over that he is the bread of life; when he sees that some of his listeners find this hard to believe, he insists on it even more strongly. Note that centuries before the Christians celebrate Jesus as the Bread of Life in the Eucharist, the psalmist sings, "Taste and see how good the Lord is!"

John's Gospel contains no blessing of the Bread and Cup that the Church uses to consecrate the bread and wine. What John does have is Jesus washing the feet of the disciples and commanding them to wash each other's feet, which is to say, to serve each other without regard to station or rank. He also gives a long, prayerful discourse in which he gives the "new commandment" to love one another. Receiving Holy Communion is much more than a "me and Jesus" moment, although that is undoubtedly a precious encounter. Ultimately, our reception of the Bread of Life attains its fullness only in our mutual love and service in our communities and beyond.

God fed Elisha to strengthen him on his journey. God fed the Israelites with manna on their journey in the wilderness. Today, we receive from God the Bread of Life for strength in whatever journey we are on.

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1 Kings 19:4–8
Psalm 34:2–3, 4–5, 6–7, 8–9
Ephesians 4:30 — 5:2
John 6:41–51

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IMPORTANT PARISH REMINDERS

The Sacrament of Baptism for Infants

Parents may contact the parish office to arrange for the baptism of their child at least one month in advance. Infant Baptisms are held on the third Sunday of the month at one of our weekend masses. Parents must be registered in Our Lady of Light or the parish they attend and participate in a Baptismal Preparation class.

Religious Education for Children and Youth:

Location and Times: Our Parish Faith Formation program takes place on Sunday mornings, online this year. For more information, please contact Lisa Sampson, Director of Faith Formation, at 718 528-1220 or email at ollightfaithed@gmail.com.

Ages and Requirements: Our program welcomes children and youth who are three years old through High School. We accept and prepare children and youth who have not received the Sacraments.

Parental Responsibilities: Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, reminds us in his new General Directory for Catechesis that those being catechized can live their life in a simple and spontaneous way. We are called to accompany each other on a journey toward Christ, with parents/guardians taking the lead for their children. In addition to having an active participation in the faith formation of their children, Parents or Guardians are also expected to attend Mass with their children and to attend parental preparations for Sacraments.

Reception of Sacraments for School Aged Children: Parents who would like for their child to receive the Sacraments must register them in our parish Sacramental Preparation Program. Our Program requires that children attend and prepare for two complete and consecutive academic years prior to the reception of each Sacrament. The Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion is received beginning in grade 2 and up. The Sacrament of Confirmation requires attendance and preparation in our 2 year Confirmation Sacramental Preparation program. Confirmation preparation begins in grades 7 & 8. For each of the Sacraments, there is an extra fee, to cover the costs of the ceremonies. For more information, please contact, Lisa Sampson Director of Religious Education.

Reception of Sacraments for Adults (RCIA): Our Parish offers the RCIA program for those, ages 16 years and older, who are interested in becoming Catholic. It is also for those who have been baptized and in need of receiving the Sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation. The Rite of Christian Initiation program is offered year- round and is also available for children ages 8 and older through the Rite of Christian Initiation Adapted for Children program. Please contact Lisa Sampson, Director of Faith Formation to register or for more information.

Continuing Faith Formation for Adults: Our parish provides opportunities for lifelong faith formation through small faith sharing groups and bible studies. Please check our website, bulletin or contact the Faith Formation Office for more information.

The Sacrament of Marriage

Since Catholic marriage requires a time of preparation, arrangements should begin at least six months before the proposed date of the wedding to allow for the Marriage Preparation Program. Registered, participating and contributing parishioners, not a third party, may contact the parish office to begin the process.

Pastoral Care of the Sick

If you are entering a hospital for surgery, experiencing a prolonged or serious illness, or are very weak due to advancement of age, call the parish office to arrange for the Sacraments of reconciliation, communion and anointing at home. We can also arrange for a Eucharistic Minister to continue to visit you with the Blessed Sacrament. We are here to serve you, please call.

Funerals

The family member or friend handling the funeral arrangements are asked to contact the pastor to arrange a consolation visit from one of the Priests. He will help you with any questions you may have with planning the Wake and Funeral Mass. The Parish wishes to be with you at this moment of need, all other arrangements involving the church must be initiated by the funeral director. Strict adherence to the Roman Catholic Ritual for Funerals will be followed in all parish involved activities..

Proof of Parish Participation

References and proof of parish residency for both civil and reli-

**Welcome
New
Members**



To all our Visitors: We hope you felt at home at the Feast of our Lord with your brothers & sister in Christ. We pray you will join us again! Letters proving membership for reference, referrals, recommendations or for any other reason, will only be provided to registered parishioners. **If we don't know you, we can't vouch for you!**

REGISTRATION

Registration is important in the event you may need testimonial letters, for baptism/confirmation sponsorships, wedding plans etc.! If we don't know you, we can't vouch for you! **Please register TODAY! Thank you!**

Name _____ Envelopes: Yes _____ No _____

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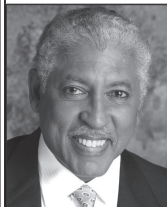
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