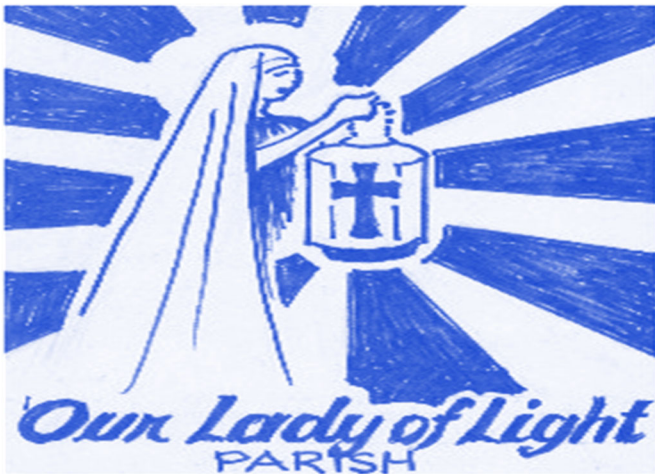


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Twenty—Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 5, 2021

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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Our Lady of Light Parish is a
spirit filled Faith
community nourished by the
Eucharist.

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 another 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



The people were exceedingly astonished and they said, "He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

Mark 7:37

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THE MESSIAH FORETOLD

Today's story of the cure of a deaf man with a speech impediment is a good example of how much is contained in a simple miracle story. The Greek word *mogilalos* appears only here in all of the New Testament. It is a technical term referring to someone with a stammer. It is also used only once in the entire Jewish scriptures, in the passage that we read today as our first reading from Isaiah. Clearly, by his choice of this precise word Mark wants us to recognize that what Jesus is doing is the fulfillment of what Isaiah had predicted centuries earlier. In fact, Mark wants us to recognize that Jesus is the Messiah foretold by Isaiah and the other Jewish prophets of old.

The word *ephphatha*, "be opened," used to describe the restoration of the man's speech, is another example of a subtle allusion to an earlier prophecy. This time the prophecy in question is from Ezekiel, when he foretells that in the messianic age, "your mouth shall be opened to speak" (24:26). The sophistication of Mark's narrative is further revealed when we realize that there are multiple levels within a single reference. Mark not only draws our attention back to Israel's prophetic past, he also points to the initiatory practice of his contemporaries by his mention of such things as spittle, touching of ears, and the use of the word *ephphatha*, all of which were practices incorporated into the early Church's baptismal ritual. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God (Isaiah 35:4-7a).

Psalms — Praise the Lord, my soul! (Psalm 146).

Second Reading — Show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ (James 2:1-5).

Gospel — Jesus makes the deaf hear and the mute speak (Mark 7:31-37).

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, September 4th

5:00 PM Parishioners of Our Lady of Light

Sunday, September 5th

8:00 AM Parishioners of Our Lady of Light

10:00 AM Parishioners of Our Lady of Light

12:00 PM Parishioners of Our Lady of Light

Monday, September 6th

8:00 AM Parishioners of Our Lady of Light

9:00 AM Parishioners of Our Lady of Light

Tuesday, September 7th

8:00 AM Parishioners of Our Lady of Light

9:00 AM Parishioners of Our Lady of Light

Wednesday, September 8th

8:00 AM Parishioners of Our Lady of Light

9:00 AM Parishioners of Our Lady of Light

Thursday, September 9th

8:00 AM Parishioners of Our Lady of Light

9:00 AM Parishioners of Our Lady of Light

Friday, September 10th

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

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 12th. Registration must take place prior to Sept. 12th. 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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS/NEWS

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.

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

St. Catherine of Sienna Youth Group

The St. Catherine of Sienna Youth Group will resume our bi-weekly meetings on **September 19th at 2pm**. The meetings will be held via Zoom until further notice. The meeting login info is:

Meeting ID: 805 533 0861

Password: 322743

All youth ages 13 to 18 are invited to attend the meetings. Parents and adults please encourage the youth to join this faith building experience that will open them to what God wants them to experience and incorporate into their lives during these challenging years of their lives. If you have any questions, please contact: Jeff Hicks, Youth Minister 646-476-0333, Ololpyouthministry@gmail.com

Regis High School

Regis High School invites students and their parents to its Queens Virtual Admissions Information Night, on Wednesday, September 29th from 7-8pm.

Learn about Regis and meet current students and parents, alums and alumni parents from your region.

To register, go to <https://www.regis.org/section/?id=21> or contact: Eric Di Michele, Director of Admissions Regis H.S., 55 East 84th St., New York, NY 10028 212-288-1100, Ext 2057; edimichele@regis.org

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

08/16/21 **\$66,335.00 has been pledged**. We have

received **\$53,486.00** and **\$12,848.00** 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)

Dear Parents & Confirmands,

You are invited to join St. Pascal Baylon Youth Ministry. Our youth ministry exists to reach students, connect them with other Catholics in our Deanery and Diocese. Our program offers opportunities to help them grow in their faith and to challenge their growing to discover ministry and honor God with their lives. St. Pascal Baylon Youth Ministry will reconvene **on Sunday, October 10th, 2:00pm-3:30pm, virtually and is open to students in grades 8th through 12th grades**.

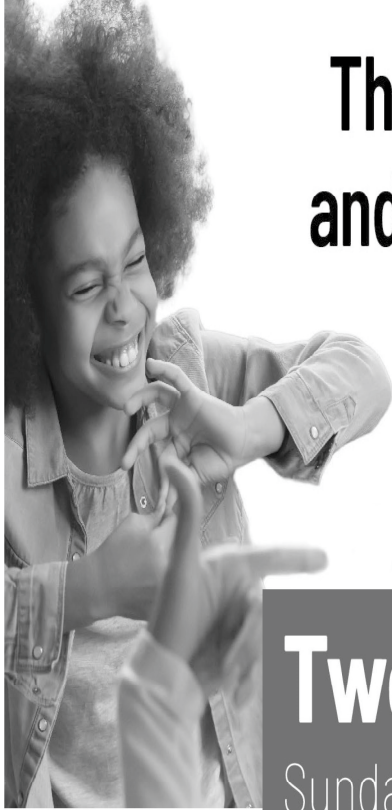
SPB Youth Ministry meets twice monthly on the 2nd and 4th Sundays. The structure consists of Prayers, Mental Health Check-In, Faith-based readings followed by discussions, small group activities, and games. Each faith-based teaching will run in a series, building off of one another, and geared towards deepening your child's relationship with Christ in order to fulfil His Great Commission "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations." (Matthew 28:19).

Please email me or call the rectory with any questions. I look forward to this upcoming year and to see what the Lord has in store! Remember all teens are invited! God bless,
Maxine Dinnall
SPB Youth Coordinator

Pilgrimage to Egypt, Jordan and the Holy Land

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NEWS NOTES COMING SOON



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The story of the deaf man related in today's Gospel is one of several descriptions of extraordinary healings in this part of Mark's Gospel. Mark leads readers to understand that in Jesus, God is fulfilling the divine promises prophesied by Isaiah: "the ears of the deaf (will) be cleared . . . the tongue of the mute will sing." When the deaf can hear and the mute can sing, this sign of the coming of God means that the gifts of sight and hearing are now available, not only for the individuals involved, but for their families and the whole community around them.

There is a "ripple effect" of blessing extending well beyond individual healing. Those isolated by deafness and speech impediments could now fully participate in common life. With their inclusion, the community itself receives healing. In the Gospels, salvation is always inclusive and wholistic. God brings blessing to one small part of creation, so to extend blessing to all of creation.

BOTH LOVE AND CRITIQUE

For those who first heard today's passage from the letter

of James, it probably struck a nerve. James challenged the local church's treatment of the poor as compared to the rich. It might strike a nerve for us too, because we live in a society where the wealthy are very much privileged, and the honoring of wealth is deeply ingrained in our cultural value system. James warns the church not to imitate the class distinctions made in the broader society. The Gospel proclaims that we are all equally God's children.

The church typically lives in a particular place and within a dominant culture. The church is always called upon to reflect upon its faithfulness to the Gospel, discerning whether it absorbs cultural values and attitudes that conflict with the Gospel. The church is called to love and nourish the culture, and at the same time to speak in critique of its idolatries. These challenges continue in our own parish communities, here and now.

Today's Readings: Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

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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
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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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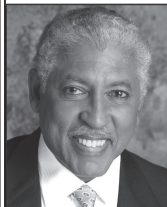
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