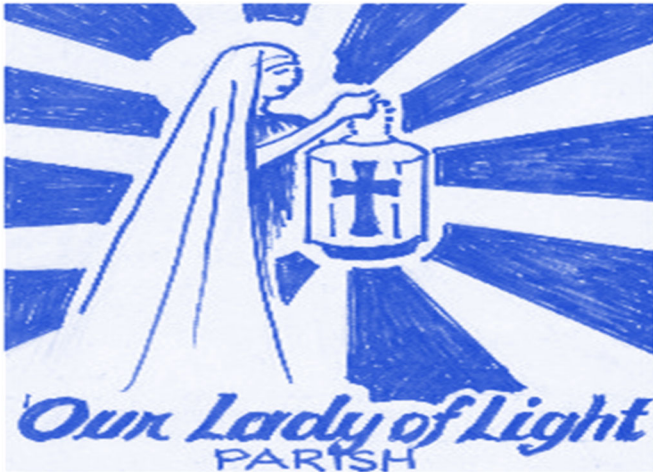


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Twenty—Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 12, 2021

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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.



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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Eve 5pm

Sunday 10am

Monday to Friday: 9am



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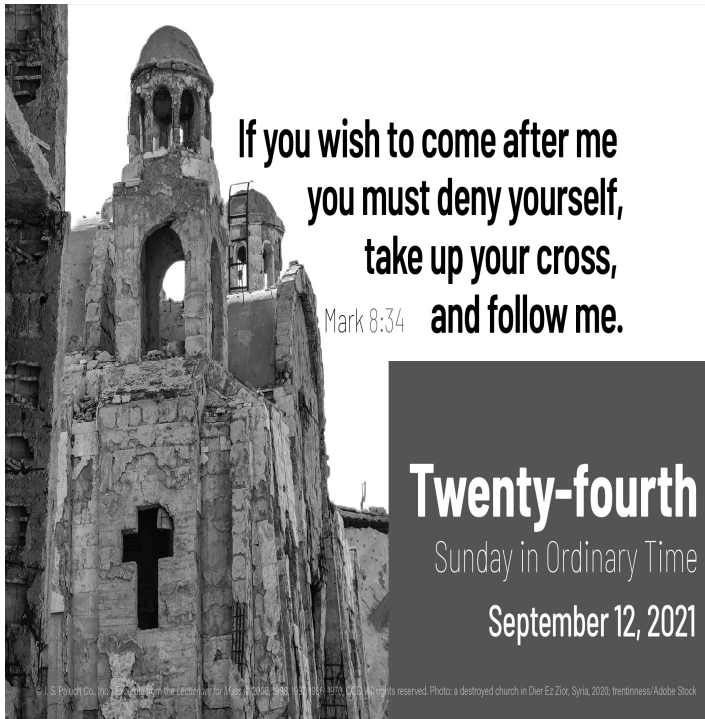
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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday 8am

Sunday 12noon

Monday to Saturday: 8am



If you wish to come after me
you must deny yourself,
take up your cross,
and follow me.

Mark 8:34

Twenty-fourth
Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 12, 2021

IT'S ALL ABOUT CONTROL

From toddlerhood to old age, we grow in mastery of our own lives, our bodies, and our destiny. This mastery is hard won, and we don't let go of autonomy easily. Much of this self-mastery involves the avoidance of pain or discomfort, so when we hear things like "take up your cross" and "lose your life," we tend to resist the message.

James says that faith without works is dead. Ouch! That is really a direct message! One way to look at this, as well as the part about losing our life to find it, is that faith is a process of more and more openness to God's direction of our lives. It is very hard for us to give up control, but perhaps what we are being asked to do is not to become passive and babyish, but to allow God to direct where our self-mastery will lead and what it will accomplish. We are asked to relinquish the need to control the results of our efforts; to risk, as Jesus did, the loss of everything we are working to achieve. We are asked to let God take the lead and to control the results, even though we may never see those results.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The Lord GOD is my help; who will prove me wrong? (Isaiah 50:5-9a).

Psalms — I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living (Psalm 116).

Second Reading — Faith, if it does not have works, is dead (James 2:14-18).

Gospel — Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" (Mark 8:27-35).

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Mass Intentions for the Week

- 5:00 PM **Saturday, September 11th**
In Loving Memory of **Fausto Gomez Jr.**
- 8:00 AM **Sunday, September 12th**
Parishioners of Our Lady of Light
- 10:00 AM Parishioners of Our Lady of Light
- 12:00 PM Parishioners of Our Lady of Light
- 8:00 AM **Monday, September 13th**
Parishioners of Our Lady of Light
- 9:00 AM Parishioners of Our Lady of Light
- 8:00 AM **Tuesday, September 14th**
Parishioners of Our Lady of Light
- 9:00 AM Parishioners of Our Lady of Light
- 8:00 AM **Wednesday, September 15th**
Parishioners of Our Lady of Light
- 9:00 AM Parishioners of Our Lady of Light
- 8:00 AM **Thursday, September 16th**
Parishioners of Our Lady of Light
- 9:00 AM Parishioners of Our Lady of Light
- 8:00 AM **Friday, September 17th**
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	
09/07/21				
5:00 PM	27	1	\$413.00	
8:00 AM	87	13	\$1,442.00	
10:00AM	75	8	\$1,600.00	
12:00 PM	44	10	\$1,372.00	
Totals	233	32	\$4,827.00	

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 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.**

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

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

09/07/21 **\$68,635.00 has been pledged.** We have

received **\$57,201.00** and **\$11,433.00** 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

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

St. Pascal's Rosary Society Women's Retreat

The Theme is: **RENEWAL AND RESTORATION**



Jeremiah 30:17 says "For I will restore your health; I will heal your injuries-oracle of the Lord"

Join us as we renew and restore our spirit in one accord!

On Saturday, November 6th, 2021

At SPB Church Hall, 9:00AM-3:00PM

Retreat Facilitator: Ms. Sandra Jean, CSD

Pastoral Associate & Director of Faith Formation

St. Clement Pope Roman Catholic Church

For Information please contact:

Maxine Dinnall 917-593-0051,

Lynda Jones-Johnson 516-652-5735,

Marian Fox, 347-576-0859

Registration is \$ 35, please make your checks payable to St. Pascal Baylon Rosary Society

We recommend that you register early. Registration will not be available on the day of the Retreat.

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A DIFFERENT LIFE

The Gospel of Mark reaches a turning point in today's passage. About halfway through Mark, Jesus' disciples begin to understand Jesus as the Messiah (or Christ). And Jesus begins to spell out just what is expected of those who follow him. The story then shifts to learning just what being Christ, and following Christ, actually means. Jesus shatters the expectation of a political or military power defeating Israel's oppressors, and reveals a different kind of Messiah. The disciples later come to see that this different Messiah offers a different understanding of power, and of life itself.

We inhabit a world that honors power over others, through wealth or achievement or violence. Jesus invites us into a community and a way of life that honors the power of love and service to others. Lived fully, it is truly a different way of life. It is marked by great suffering and great joy, because it embraces the fundamental pattern of the death and resurrection of Jesus.

The letter of James is designed to enlarge your faith. James knew that his community faced trials that could lead them to abandon the faith, or perhaps to reduce faith to a comfortable, manageable size. In today's passage, James calls the reader to resist reducing faith to safe, intellectual assent to teachings, and instead to expand one's faith to actively engage in good works, especially in service to the poor.

To have a "large" faith is to move from apathy toward others' sufferings to empathy and to action. A large faith leads to a large heart, where we can take in the enormity of suffering in the world around us, not become overwhelmed by it, and do what we can to relieve it. With a large heart, we can even squarely face our own sufferings, accepting our own tragedies with forgiveness and hope, and walking in empathy with all who share in suffering.

Today's Readings: Is 50:4c-9a; Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

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The Activity Coordinating Committee

The Activity Coordinating Committee of Our Lady of Light Parish presents the Annual Raffle Drawing.

Prizes:

1st Prize.....\$500.00

2nd Prize\$300.00

3rd Prize.....\$200.00

Date: December 17, 2021

Donation: \$5.00 per book (6 raffles per book) We are asking each parishioner to purchase 4 books. Winner need not be present .

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

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!**

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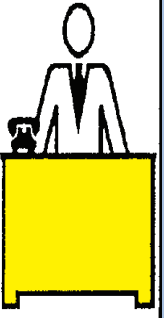
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