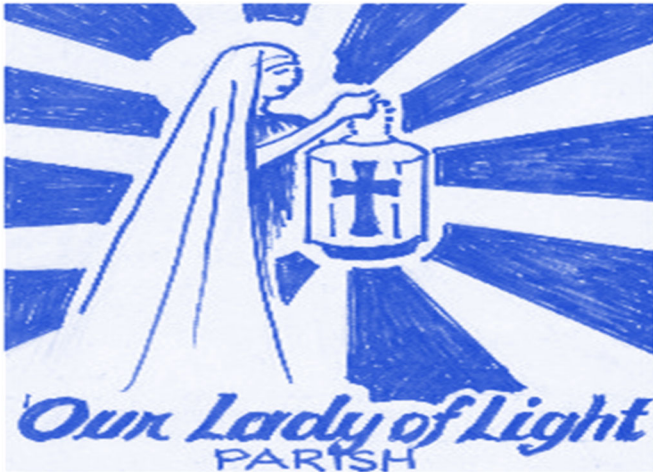


# Our Lady of Light Parish



By Mikeda Murphy

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First Sunday in Lent February 26, 2023

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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

# FIRST SUNDAY OF Lent

FEBRUARY 26, 2023



At that time  
Jesus was led by  
the Spirit into the desert  
to be tempted by the devil.

Matthew 4:1

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## WHO WE ARE AND WHOSE WE ARE

The Lenten season is a fresh invitation to explore again who God is, who we are, and what it means to be human. We begin by hearing the tragic story of the first humans in the book of Genesis. As Paul describes in Romans, our struggles started when our ancestors broke the bond of unity with God, sought self-sufficiency, and grew apart from their true purpose and identity. In Matthew's Gospel, we see how Jesus resists the lure of living outside of unity with God. Jesus rejects false promises of possessions, power, and status. Instead, he puts his life in his Father's hands. As our model for living as a fully human person, Jesus demonstrates that we are created to live in relationship with and trust in God, and in harmony with and for all of creation. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The man and the woman ate the fruit of the one tree that God had told them to avoid, and their shame overtook them (Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7).

**Psalm** — Have mercy on us sinners, O Lord (Psalm 51).

**Second Reading** — Death reigned from Adam to Moses, but now grace and life abound in Christ Jesus (Romans 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]).

**Gospel** — Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and there he fasted for forty days and forty nights (Matthew 4:1-11).

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## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Saturday, February 25th

5:00 PM

### Sunday, February 26th

8:00 AM

10:00 AM

Happy repose of Nancy Saldana & Blessing for Jamie Brown for sharing the gift of quilting with so many.

12:00 PM

### Monday, February 27th

8:00 AM

9:00 AM

### Tuesday, February 28th

8:00 AM

9:00 AM

### Wednesday, March 1st

8:00 AM

9:00 AM

### Thursday, March 2nd

9:00 AM

### Friday, March 3rd

8:00 AM

9:00 AM

## 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, Emelda Cathcart Yvonne Hendricks, Gabriel Maitland, Julia Hodge Xavier Auguste, Hollis Ford, Brenda Gibbs, Gemma LaRode, Gloria Wynter, Milrod Jones Leon Hickenbottom, Marion Henry, Alfred Ramirez Albertha Brown, Leonora Best, Eva Johnson Crystal Ernst, Sean Wallace, Ionia Casanova Dominique Bethea, Joseph A. Lambardo, Barbara Lewis Sharon Simmons

## Weekly Collections

Masses 2/19/23	#of Adults	#of Children	Collections	
5:00 PM	27	1	\$338.00	
8:00 AM	74	13	\$1,021.00	
10:00 AM	79	4	\$1,117.00	
12:00 PM	38	4	\$713.00	
Online	N/A	N/A	\$704.00	
Totals	218	22	\$3,893.00	

# ANNOUNCEMENTS/NEWS

## Thank You

To Our Lady of Light,  
We are grateful and humbled by your expression of love and support for the next chapter of our journey. It has been our pleasure to be a part of the Our Lady of Light community. We will miss you all. Keep us in your prayers as you will be in ours. God bless you all. Many thanks,  
**Deacon Fred & Mercedes Torres.**

## Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be done every Friday from  
**February 24th –April 7th**

St. Catherine's Station of the Cross will be at 7:00 p.m.  
St. Pascal's Stations of the Cross will be at after the 9:00 a.m. Mass and at 7:00 p.m.

**The penitential and grace-filled Lenten Season has begun. It is a time of hope-filled renewal as the Church journeys towards Easter.**

**Abstinence:** All the faithful who have reached 14 years of age are required to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.

**Fasting:** All the faithful between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive are bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday. Fasting means limiting oneself to one full meal and avoiding food between meals. Light sustenance may be taken on two other occasions during the day. Coffee, tea and juice are permitted at any time.

## SPB Rosary Society

The St. Pascal Baylon Rosary Society invites parishioners to recite the Rosary for their private petitions on the first Sunday of each month at 9:15am.

**Save the Date:** Our Lady of Light Parish St. Pascal Baylon Church Rosary Society presents its 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Scholarship Luncheon & Cocktail Hour on Sunday, June 11, 2023 12pm-5pm at Jericho Terrace. The ticket donation is \$125. Tickets are available for purchase. Any inquiries, please contact Maxine Dinnall at 917-593-0051 or Lynda Jones-Johnson at 516-652-5735.

## Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul plans to offer the following programs beginning in March 2023:

**Adult Literacy Program** SVdP is offering a Literacy Program in Language Arts {Reading, Vocabulary & Writing} and Mathematics two days a week beginning in March to interested adults 18 years of age and older. If you are interested, there is a sign-up sheet in the rear of the Church or you can contact Veta Griffith at 347-286- 9087.

## Nutrition & Exercise Program

This program will be offered at 9:00 a.m. on Saturdays to interested adults. For more information, please see Regina Leite.

## Annual Catholic Appeal

This week begins the 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal. We encourage all to watch the brief 2023 ACA Video online at: [www.CFBQ.org/ACAVideo](http://www.CFBQ.org/ACAVideo) 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 alone. Let us pray that the 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal will be successful in both allowing us to reach out in love to those in need, as well as allowing our hearts to respond to Jesus who calls us to be United in Communion, United in Charity. Please join Our Lady of Light in support of the 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal. Donate at [www.AnnualCatholicAppeal.org](http://www.AnnualCatholicAppeal.org) or text DONATE to 917-336-1255.

We thank all who have participated with a gift to the 2022 Appeal and ask that everyone prayerfully consider making a gift to the 2023 Catholic Appeal. Our goal is  
**\$39,124.00.**

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)**

## LITURGICAL MOVABLE FEASTS FOR 2023

APRIL 2nd PALM SUNDAY- HOLY WEEK

APRIL 9th EASTER

MAY 28th PENTECOST SUNDAY

DECEMBER 3rd FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 25th (Monday)- CHRISTMAS

## Our Lady of Light Parish

St. Catherine of Sienna's Rosary Society Annual One Day Lenten Retreat Saturday April 1, 2023 from 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

Continental Breakfast/Lunch Included – Donation: \$40.00

Contacts: Margaret Arthur - 1-347-255-1117 Debye

Cleveland - 1-516-840-1250 Yvonne Paultre - 1-718-723-5081

## The Activity Coordinating Committee

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

**Trip Includes:** Roundtrip transportation

Casino

\$10 return for the Casino

**Date:** April 15, 2023

**Time:** Bus departs at 8:00 am SHARP from St. Catherine's

**To purchase tickets please contact:**

**Alister Gillaume -718.840.8142, Mary Lee -**

**516.379.4736, Millicent Platts-718.527.9165**

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# NEWS NOTES COMING SOON

## 2022-2023 SCHEDULE OF WORKSHOPS DIOCESAN LITURGICAL NEW MINISTERS TRAINING WORKSHOPS

### **The Mary Louis Academy**

176-21 Wexford Terrace  
Jamaica States, NY 11432

**Saturday, March 11th from 9:00am-3:30pm**

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion  
Lectors, Ministers of Hospitality/Ushers  
High School EMHCs, Ministers of Hospitality/Ushers

### **St. Edmund Preparatory High School**

2474 Ocean Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11229-3998

**Saturday, May 13th from 9:00am-3:30pm**

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion  
Lectors, High School EMHCs, Ministers of Hospitality/  
Ushers

**Online registration opens August 1, 2022**

**Liturgical Formation Class Enrollment:**

<https://www.bqonlineformation.org>

**Please do not call the schools for information, they are graciously providing space and will not have any information. Visit the Liturgical Formation website beginning August 1st or call the Liturgy Office 718-281-9612.**

### St. Clement Pope Church

St. Clement Pope Church sponsor's 'Moses' at Sight and Sound Theater on **Saturday, June 17th**

**Departure time:** 8:15 am

**Cost:** Adults \$195.00, Children \$145.00

Deposit of \$55 due by February 17th to hold your seat.  
Balance due by May 7th.

Includes: Lite breakfast, lite lunch, Theater Experience, Dinner, and shopping.

### Weekly Envelope Contributions

Weekly Envelope Contributions for 2022, please fill out the form below and return it to the Rectory. You can also email the rectory **PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

ENVELOPE# \_\_\_\_\_

We thank you for your generous contributions for the past year.

### Catholic Foundation for Brooklyn and Queens

At Catholic Foundation for Brooklyn and Queens, we understand the importance of keeping our parishes ready to inspire the faithful; our schools ready to nurture and prepare young people; and our social service programs ready to serve those in need.

One way that we continue to serve our parish communities in Brooklyn and Queens is by sharing our estate planning tools. November is Estate Planning Month, and we are spreading the importance of having a will and estate plan for yourself, your loved ones, and your beloved parish.

#### ESTATE PLANNING FACTS

1. If you don't have a will or estate plan, you're not alone – more than 50% of Americans do not have a legal will in place.
  2. Without a will, local laws can determine how your assets are distributed, even if you have surviving family members.
  3. Creating a will is the best way to protect who and what you love and to make important decisions on your terms.
- We invite you to join many of your fellow parishioners who have created estate plans using our free online education videos and tools. Visit [www.CFBQLegacy.org](http://www.CFBQLegacy.org), click on 'Get Started' to view a series of videos, and begin your estate planning process today!

### Sacred Heart Catholic Academy

Sacred Heart Catholic Academy 115-50 221st St, Cambria Heights New York 11411 Registration is now open for the 2022/23 Academic School Year Seats available from 3k-8th Grade Call us now 718-527-0123 or email us @ [shcaoffice@gmail.com](mailto:shcaoffice@gmail.com) for more information about registering your child with Sacred Heart Catholic Academy, Cambria Heights

### SPB New York Reunion 2023

Greetings Pascalites!

This is to remind you that if you have not already done so, please send in your payment of \$170.00 for the St. Pascal Baylon reunion by February 15, 2023. For those who have not yet paid, you have until then before the price increases to \$185 pp. See the attached flyers for reunion and payment details.

**Don't hesitate to send payment now to Michael Pitter at 3319 Rosary Court, Abingon, Maryland 21008**  
Please join the SPB Facebook page. The reunion is for anyone who attended St. Pascals elementary and high school. It will also be the 50th anniversary for 1973 class. Spread the word! Earl Roberts

## 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, in person this year. For more information, please contact , Deacon Fernando Luces Director of Faith Formation, at 718 528-1220 or email at OLOLfaithed@outlook.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, Deacon Fernando Luces 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 Deacon Fernando Luces, 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 religious purposes can only be provided for registered parishioners. Catholic Schools offering a discount for children of parents who are active members of their parish usually require that the family be registered at least six months previously in their home parish. It is also assumed that the children are registered in the religious education program of the home parish.

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Apt.# \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

### REGISTRATION UPDATE REQUEST:

Envelope number \_\_\_\_\_

Change name to: \_\_\_\_\_ Change address to: \_\_\_\_\_

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