

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY: 2/24 5:00 PM- In loving memory of Kevin Shelton requested by Marvis Andrews.

SUNDAY: 2/25 9:30 AM- In loving memory of Mary Stofan on her 1st. year Anniversary in heaven. Requested by Mr & Mrs. Davidson.

12:00 PM- In loving memory of William Cruz. Requested by his mother & sister.

MONDAY: 9:00 AM- In loving memory of Isolyn Wignall. Requested by Pauline Wallace.

TUESDAY: 9:00 AM In thanksgiving and blessings for Pope Francis.

WEDNESDAY: 9:00 AM In loving memory of Dorothy Rodrigues.

THURSDAY: 9:00 AM- COMMUNION SERVICE.

FIRST FRIDAY: 9:00 AM- People of the Parish

SATURDAY: 3/3 5:00 PM- In loving memory of Herminio Colon. requested by Millie Caamano.

PLEASE PRAY for the sick of the parish especially: Michael McKinney, Jennie Santos, John Wilson, Sr. Jareth, Louise Worrell, Msgr. Hinch, Silvia Charles, Camilo Meneses López, Gloria Gagliardi, José Miranda, Asuncion Nuñez, Yuklin Hernandez, Annie Andrews, Kathleen Williams, Laura Garrick, Isabel Benitez, Helen Clarke, Gessie Kouakou, Maria Bisbal, Jorge Torres, Myrna Charles, Milagros Valentine, Lois Clarke, Barbara Robinson, Hilda Acosta, Richard Ramos, Lauraine Bennette, Laura Donaldson, Perlin Landers, Robert Valentin, Marie A. Gustave & De'Arach C. Walthour.

We will keep names on the prayer list for three weeks. After that time, the family should call the rectory to have the name reinstated. Thank you.



This week begins the 2018 Annual Catholic Appeal. We thank all who have participated with a gift to the 2017 Appeal and ask that everyone prayerfully consider making a gift to the 2018 Appeal. 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. We encourage all to watch the brief 2018 ACA

Video online at:

CFBQ.org/ACAVideo

Readings for the Week

FEBRUARY 25 SUNDAY

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First: Genesis 22:1-2,9a, 10-13, 15-18
 Second: Romans 8:31b-34
 Gospel: Mark 9:2-10

FEBRUARY 26 MONDAY

First: Daniel 9:4b-10
 Gospel: Luke 6:36-38

FEBRUARY 27 TUESDAY

First: Isaiah 1: 10, 16-20
 Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12

FEBRUARY 28 WEDNESDAY

First: Jeremiah 18:18-20
 Gospel: Matthew 20:17-28

MARCH 1 THURSDAY

First: Jeremiah 17:5-10
 Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

MARCH 2 FRIDAY

First: Genesis 37:3-4
 Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46

MARCH 3 SATURDAY

SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL

First: Micah 7:14-15, 18-20
 Gospel: Matthew 15:1-3, 11-32

MARCH 4 SUNDAY

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

First: Exodus 22:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17
 Second: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25
 Gospel: John 2:13-25

SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 2018
-Black and Indian Missions February 18, 2018

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT:

- *English-* Thursdays after the 9 AM Communion Service
- *Spanish-* Fridays at 6:00 PM

We invite you to join us in praying the Stations of the Cross on the above days. The stations provide a meditation on the suffering and death of Jesus, our Savior.



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Update on Canonization Processes of Five Black Catholic Holy Men and Women.

The process has four phases: *Servant of God, Venerable, Blessed and Saint.*

1. Venerable Henrietta Delille. 2010
2. Venerable Pierre Toussaint. 1997
3. *Servant of God Mary Lange.* 2004
4. *Servant of God Fr. Augustus Tolton.* 2010
5. *Servant of God Julia Greeley.* 2016

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.

If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection.

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY:

Every 1st Saturday at 10am Sharp in the 1018 Basement until June 2018. All are invited!



BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY:

Meetings will be held on the third Wednesday of each month as needed. Next meeting is on Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at 7pm - 8:30 p.m. in the Rectory. Members please contact Ginger Wright to rsvp.

BOXED SETS OF ENVELOPES:

The staff asks that a member of each family kindly pick up their 2018 *Contribution Envelopes*. Please verify that you have the correct box of envelopes, name and envelope number is highlighted. If there are any errors or changes please fill out correction sheet or contact the Rectory. Please note that collection envelopes are not mailed. We thank you in advance for your cooperation and may God bless you.

MASS BOOK 2018:

The Mass book for 2018 is open. Please come to the Parish Office during regular working hours to request a Mass intention. The stipend is \$15.00 per intention. If there are special dates in your life you would like to celebrate, please come as soon as possible. The dates fill up quickly, especially Sunday intentions. No intentions can be taken over the telephone, and each intention must be accompanied by the stipend. We attempt to make this process as open and as fair to all as possible.



ARISE ACTIONS- Week Two-The Transforming Power of Forgiveness

1. Set aside time this week to slowly pray the Our Father, focusing special attention on the meaning of the words.
2. Pray for someone who has offended you or whom you have offended.
3. The Sacrament of Reconciliation forgives our sins. Save the date for Reconciliation Monday on March 26th.

The parish of St Laurence complies with all Safe Environment mandates set forth by the Diocese of Brooklyn and the US Conference of Catholic Bishops. All employees and volunteers who have contact with children must attend a Virtus session, sign a code of conduct and submit to a background search. If you need to register for a Virtus session, please do so at www.virtus.org. The Diocese of Brooklyn wishes to do everything possible to see that all people, particularly children, are safe in all pastoral settings. Excuses and rationalizations for such criminal actions will not be accepted. To report sexual abuse involving diocesan personnel – priests, deacons, teachers, employees or volunteers at schools or parishes please call The Diocese of Brooklyn toll-free, confidential reporting number 1-888-634-4499.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

For questions concerning the Religious Education program, please call Lori Ramos-Johnson at 718-645-0545 or email the Director of Religious Education at ramosj.lori@gmail.com.

BAPTISMS:

If you are interested in having your Child baptized, please call the rectory for Baptism and meeting dates.

ALTAR SERVERS

Altar Servers are still needed. If you are interested, please call the rectory.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (R.C.I.A.):

Help bring to the Light those who no longer want to walk in darkness. Invite those who have never been baptized or who have been baptized in a non-Catholic Christian tradition, as well as adult Catholics who have not been confirmed. For more information, contact the Rectory @ 718-649-0545.

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2018/2019 Partial Tuition Assistance Available
Financial aid is available for eligible students in grades K to 8, who attend a Brooklyn or Queens Catholic School or Academy. Families must meet financial eligibility requirements to be considered.

TO APPLY

Starting January 15, 2018 go to www.futuresineducation.org
From the main menu, click SCHOLARSHIPS and then APPLY

SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE

March 30, 2018 – Families who received an award last academic year

April 30, 2018 – New families

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Please visit www.futuresineducation.org

SUPPORT AND HELP

•An outside vendor, FACTS has been selected by Futures in Education to conduct fair and confidential financial need assessments for families that may need assistance paying tuition.

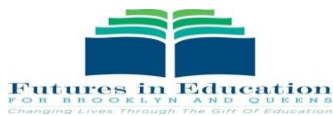
•FACTS Applicant Support: Phone 866-441-4637

•M-Th 8:30am- 8pm Est / Fri 8:30am-6pm Est

•info@factstuitionaid.com

•Live chat M-F 9am-6pm est

Note: There is a non-refundable \$30.00 application processing fee payable by credit card, check or money order to FACTS. Applications are available online in English and Spanish.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL GIVES BACK:

St. Laurence Church should share in the profits, for Each car, truck or van, running or not. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will give back to our church \$50/\$100 per vehicle. Maybe you don't have a vehicle, but a family member, friend or neighbor has an old or elected vehicle in their driveway that they would like to dispose of. Call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at (718) 491-2525.
Thank You for your participation.



The Cluster Food Pantry is available to those of our parishes who are in need of food. The Pantry is located in the basement of Our Lady of Miracles Rectory (757 E. 86th St. Between Flatlands Ave. & Glenwood Rd.) Entrance through parking lot, back of rectory. Open from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM Saturdays ONLY



Secretariat for Evangelization and Catechesis
ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"I myself will pasture my sheep; I myself will give them rest, says the Lord GOD." As we celebrate Christ the King, let us also learn to serve our spouses by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Sep 14-16, 2018 in Huntington, NY and Jan 19-21, 2018 in South Kingstown, RI. For more information, call Richard & Pinky Arteca at 877-697-9963 or visit them at <https://bq-wwme.org>.



CATHOLIC
MIGRATION
SERVICES

If you are a green card holder and interested in applying for citizenship, you can text Catholic Migration Services at [\(718\) 866-3687](tel:7188663687) to set up an appointment or with any citizenship questions.

To: All Pastors and Administrators

From: Rev. Msgr. Anthony Hernandez, J.C.L.

Re: Precautions regarding the Influenza Outbreak

Date: January 19, 2018

As you are aware, the metropolitan area is experiencing a severe outbreak of a virulent form of the influenza that has sickened large numbers of persons. While not life threatening in most cases, the influenza can be very dangerous if contracted by infants, small children, the elderly and those who suffer from chronic illness.

Due to the severity of this year's outbreak, Most Reverend Nicholas DiMarzio, Bishop of Brooklyn, has mandated that effective immediately, the distribution of the precious blood to the faithful at Mass, be suspended. This suspension will be lifted upon conclusion of this flu season.

Your assistance in reminding the faithful that they should use common sense precautions when attending Mass or other public functions in the parish is also sought, so that the possibility of spreading this virus is minimized. More specifically, you are asked to remind the faithful, either through the use of your Sunday bulletin or perhaps by means of an announcement at Mass, of the need to refrain from physically exchanging the sign of peace at Mass if a person exhibits any signs of the disease. Precautions should also be taken to ensure that access to a hand sanitizer is readily available in the sacristy for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and the celebrant alike.

While the need to remind our people of these common sense precautions may seem unnecessary, given the gravity of the latest outbreak, such reminders may protect those most vulnerable in our midst against a serious threat to their health.

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Join millions of New Yorkers in a special day of preparation for the most sacred three days of the Church's calendar. On Monday, March 26, 2018, from 4:00pm to 6:00pm and 7:00 pm to 9:00pm. All churches will be open and offering the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). Come and open your hearts to God's love and forgiveness.

FELLOW ST. LAURENCE PARISHIONERS:

As we trod through the desert of Lent marked by prayer, sacrifice and reflection, we prepare ourselves for the ultimate season of Easter with its brightness and joy in the resurrection of our Lord. Each year, we brighten St. Laurence at Easter through your generous contributions to the flower/decoration donations. If you have not done so already and would like to contribute a donation, please use one of the envelopes for flowers in your box of envelopes or drop off an envelope marked "Easter flower donation" at the Rectory. Thank you.

AN EASTER DUTY REMINDER:

After they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, all the faithful are bound by the obligations of receiving Communion at least once a year. This precept must be fulfilled during the Easter season, unless for a good reason it is fulfilled at another time during the year. Easter time begins at the Vigil on Holy Saturday and concludes with the celebration of Pentecost. By special indult, for the Dioceses in the United States, this period is extended to include the period from Ash Wednesday to Trinity Sunday. If you for some reason are not prepared to receive Communion, this is also a very good time to seek out the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession.).

ARISE Together in Christ

Gracious God and Father, we enter your presence realizing you know us better than we know ourselves. You know the cares and sufferings we carry in our hearts. You call us to holiness and we trust you to lead us together on our journey to be renewed Church, for with you all things are possible. Create us anew in Jesus Christ your son. Liberate us from all that keeps us from you. Heal us from every form of sin and violence. Transform us to live your word more profoundly. Awaken us to the sacred; Rebuild trust among us. Enliven our parishes; reunite our families. May your Holy Spirit empower us to live as a community of love, freed to share in your work of recreating our world and restoring justice. We believe you are doing something new, calling us to arise together in Christ to celebrate the fullness of life. Amen...

Saturday, June 09, 2018
Leaving from St Laurence R.C. Church
122-65 Flatlands Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11207
Time: TBA

\$175pp

\$160pc Children 3-11

- Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation
- All You Can Eat American Buffet
- Outlet Shopping at Tangers with Discount Booklet

***First Payment: \$50 Due January 14th**
(this will hold your ticket).

***Second Payment: \$50 Due February 11th**

***Third Payment: \$50 Due March 4th**

***Final Payment: \$25 Due April 29th**

For more information call German Medina
@ 917-753-8216

