

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY: 3/17 5:00 PM- In loving memory of Hope Stella. Requested by her family.

SUNDAY: 3/18 9:30 AM In loving memory of Georganna Thompson. Requested by her daughter Ann O'Banner.

12:00 PM- In loving memory of Anny Abreu on her 11month Anniversary in Heaven. Requested by Domitila Alonte & family.

MONDAY: 9:00 AM- In loving memory of Carmelo Peña-Lopez.

TUESDAY: 9:00 AM Birthday blessings in heaven for Livinia Stuart requested by her daughter Minetha Chambers.

WEDNESDAY: 9:00 AM People of the Parish.

THURSDAY: 9:00 AM- COMMUNION SERVICE.

FRIDAY: 9:00 AM- COMMUNION SERVICE.

SATURDAY: 3/24 5:00 PM-In thanksgiving & birthday blessings for Father John Amann. Requested by People of the Parish.

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, Lauraine Bennette, Mario Agard, Elgin Ranjitsingh, Duncan Bernad, Pauline Wallace, & Sandy Stevens.

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.



The 2018 Annual Catholic Appeal supports the daily work of our Church throughout Brooklyn and Queens in ways no one parish can accomplish alone by supporting the following ministries:

Catholic Charities; Hospital, College and Prison Chaplains; Diocesan Vocations Office; Catholic Migration Services; Parish Assistance Program; Office of Faith Formation; Bishop Muguvero Residence for infirmed clergy; Futures in Education Scholarship Foundation.

If anyone is interested in making a donation for the Paschal Candle (Easter Candle), please call the rectory. This candle is used for the entire year. The cost of the candle is \$190.00.



Readings for the Week

MARCH 18 SUNDAY

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First: Jeremiah 31:31-34
Second: Hebrews 5:7-9
Gospel: John 12:20-33

MARCH 19 MONDAY

ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

First: Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22
Gospel: Matthew 1:16, -18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

MARCH 20 TUESDAY

First: Numbers 21:4-9
Gospel: John 8:21-30

MARCH 21 WEDNESDAY

First: Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95
Gospel: John 8:31-42

MARCH 22 THURSDAY

First: Genesis 17:3-9
Gospel: John 8:51-59

MARCH 23 FRIDAY

ST TURIBIUS OF MOGROVEJO

First: Jeremiah 20:10-13
Gospel: John 10:31-42

MARCH 24 SATURDAY

First: Ezekiel 37:21-28
Gospel: John 11:45-56

MARCH 25 SUNDAY

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

First: Isaiah 50:4-7
Second: Philippians 2:6-11
Gospel: Mark 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39

SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR MARCH 2018

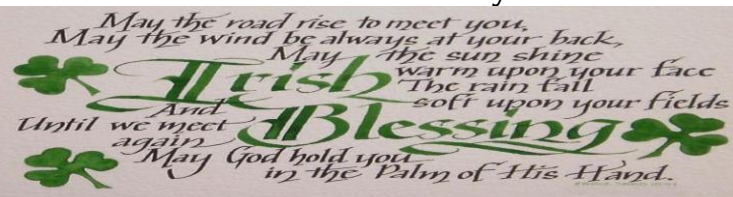
-Holy Places Good Friday, March 30, 2018
-Retired Priests Easter Sunday, April 1st, 2018

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.

Blessed St. Patrick's Day to All!



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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.

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.

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.



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.

"Congratulations to the RCIA candidates who will receive their 3rd Scrutiny this weekend at the 5 pm Mass on Saturday. The St. Laurence community continues to keep you in prayer as you approach your sacraments."

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| Bernice Dema | Adriel Calix |
| Raphael Dema | Shakiya Lewis |
| Fred Caver | Noelia Rodriguez |
| Marcia Marciano | Yrene Marte |
| Kylie Vargas | Kevin Tagney |

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.


ARISE Season IV - New Heart, New Spirit
ARISE ACTIONS- WEEK 5- UNBINDING...and BEING UNBOUND

1. Think of ways to support the Bereavement Ministry here at St. Laurence.
Pray for the team and consider joining them in comforting those who are saddened by the death of a loved one.
2. Pray and/or fast for the healing for victims of sexual abuse and for their families. If you personally know a victim or victims, reach out to them with loving kindness, so they experience through you the loving kindness of God.
3. If your personal hurt is particularly deep, pray for the grace to have an increasingly forgiving heart.

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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.



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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

"Untie him and let him go." Let the love of God free us from any fetters in our marriages by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Jul 14-15, 2018 in BAYSIDE, NY and Sep 14-16, 2018 in Huntington, NY. 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 Di Marzio, 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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RECONCILIATION MONDAY:



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...

36th ANNUAL PAX CHRISTI METRO NEW YORK



Way of the Cross... The Way to Peace

Friday, March 30th, 2018 at 8:30AM

47th Street at First Ave.

Join with hundreds of people in the largest public Christian peace witness in New York City. The Good Friday Way of the Cross is a modern-day enactment of the Stations of the Cross, praying for peace and justice on the streets of our city. This year we strive to "Look through the Eyes of Jesus" at the people and Earth that suffer and cry for our mercy. The Walk will take place from 8:30 AM to 12:00 noon on Good Friday, March 30th. We begin at Dag Hammarskjold Plaza (47th Street at First Avenue) and proceed along 42nd Street to between Eighth and Ninth Avenues, from just outside Holy Family Church to the vicinity of Holy Cross Church.

PLEASE WEAR OR CARRY A CROSS

The Good Friday Way of the Cross is organized each year by Pax Christi Metro New York, a region of Pax Christi USA, a member of Pax Christi International, the Catholic Peace Movement. For further information about our work, please contact us at 371 Sixth Ave., New York, NY, 10014; 212-420-0250; info@nypaxchristi.org; or www.nypaxchristi.org. Sponsors: Archdiocese of New York, Catholic Charities Department of Social and Community Development; Bergen Catholic High School; Catechetical Office—Archdiocese of New York; Church of St. Frances de Chantal; CSJ Nonviolence Community; Congregation of Sisters of St. Joseph, Brentwood, NY; Daughters of Wisdom; Discalced Carmelite Nuns; Dominican Sisters of Sparkill; Franciscan Brothers; Franciscan Sisters of the Atonement--Graymoor; Franciscan Sisters of Peace; Franciscan Sisters of the Poor; Hour Children; Joseph's Pax Christi House; LAMP Ministries; Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers; Maryknoll Sisters; Metro New York Christian Life Communities; Most Holy Redeemer and Nativity Church; NYC Congregation of Notre Dame; The Redemptorist Fathers and Brothers; Religious of the Sacred Heart; Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary; SS. Joseph & Dominic Intercommunity Convent; Sisters of Charity of New York; Sisters of the Divine Compassion; Sisters of the Good Shepherd; Sisters of Mercy Mid-Atlantic Community; Sisters of the Presentation; Sisters of St. Dominic, Amityville, NY; Sisters of St. Dominic of Blauvelt; Sisters of St. Joseph/Providence House 2; Sisters of St. Ursula; Tabor Retreat Center; Ursuline Sisters of the Roman Union; USA Northeast Province of the Society of Jesus; Xavier High School

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March 30, 2018
Good Friday

Way of the Cross Over the Brooklyn Bridge

Starts at 10am @ St. James Cathedral-
Basilica
250 Cathedral Place (corner of Jay and
Tillary Streets)
Borough Hall 2345
Downtown Brooklyn
Jay Street / Metro Tech ACFR

The procession's final destination will
be St. Peter's Church, 16 Barclay St,
Manhattan.

The event will end at 1:45 pm
Sponsored by Communion and
Liberation.

Info@wocbrooklynbridge.org
www.wocbrooklynbridge.org (212) 337-3580

ST. LAURENCE R.C. CHURCH HOLY WEEK 2018



RECONCILIATION MONDAY MARCH 26TH AT
4:00PM to 6:00PM and 7:00PM- 9:00 PM

At St. Laurence R.C. Church and all churches in the
Diocese of Brooklyn & Queens

HOLY THURSDAY
MARCH 29TH, 2018

Mass of the Lord's Supper and Procession (Bilingual)
7:30 PM

Tenebrae 10:00PM

Private visits to Blessed Sacrament Repository Until
11:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY
MARCH 30TH, 2018

Morning Prayer (English) 9:00 AM
Veneration of the Cross (English) 7:30 PM

HOLY SATURDAY
MARCH 31ST, 2018
****NO CONFESSIONS OR 5PM MASS**

Solemn Easter Vigil and Mass (Bilingual)
8:00 PM

EASTER SUNDAY
APRIL 1ST, 2018

ENGLISH 9:30 AM
SPANISH 12:00 PM

PLEASE SHARE WITH FRIENDS



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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



FLEA MARKET

**Sunday April 15th
& April 29th**
9am - 3pm

Food For Sale



\$25

**2 Seats
Per Table**

Name _____

Phone # _____

E-mail _____

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