## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH, 2024 SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME MASSES FOR THE WEEK



Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH, 2024

9:00 People of the Parish

5:00 ROS-Thomas Martin req. by Carol

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH, 2024

**10:00** Good Health for Vibert Harry req. by family

- -- ROS-John and Carol Malinowski req. by Roy Naraine
- -- ROS-Evelyn Harry req. by Roy Naraine
- -- ROS-Louise Coscia req. by Roy Naraine **1:00** People of the Parish

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH, 2024 11:00 People of the Parish

# **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH, 2024 9:00** Ros-Gabrielle Jourdan req. by family

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH, 2024 9:00 People of the Parish

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH, 2024 9:00 People of the Parish

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH, 2024 9:00 People of the Parish

#### **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH, 2024**

9:00 People of the Parish5:00 People of the Parish

Although I am free in regard to all, I have made myself a slave to all so as to win over as many as possible.

# **HEALING PRAYER**

Jabel Pierre Patrick Prevost Linda D. Marie Malcangi Vibert Harry Martha Okoli Frank Malcangi Anthony Randolfi Sal D. Kathleen M. Claire Lee Fook Gaston Boigris Franklin Jean Ayla and Kristal Bary Procope Luciano Procope Ignacio Din Chong

Michael Ramcharan Theresa Wist Dorien Wist Allere Pinnock Julia Chow Young Annette Polespenk Gilbert Alabre Ariel Lalanne Pascale Paul Antoine Paul Yrlene Senat Louisa Potthast Maria Alpers Visitacion Cari Monique Eloi Parish Homebound

Healing Prayers List. If you would like to add yours or someone's name to our prayer list, please give us a call at the rectory. If you want a name removed, do let us know. Thank you.



#### PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR PARISHION-ERS WHO ARE IN THE MILITARY SERVICE. Please call the rectory to update our list.

Kevin Sultan, Paul St. Hill, Christopher Aching, Jr., Yvonne St. Hill, Vanes Alabre, Keith St. Hill, Derby Ronelus, Johnson Joseph, Mary Ann R. Varias, Emmanuel Jeanty, Emeka Oparah, Hayden Brandon Baker,

Shanan Cesar, Janelle Alexander, Ismael Cossogue

**COME PRAY THE ROSARY** at 8:30 A.M. Mondays through Saturdays.

**ADORATION AND EXPOSITION** of the Blessed Sacrament every Friday after the 9 A.M. Mass.

**Novena** to the Miraculous Medal of Mary every Monday after the 9 A.M. Mass.

**Devotion to St. Anthony** - Tuesdays after 9A.M. Mass.

Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Chaplet of Divine Mercy-Thursdays after the 9:00 A.M. Mass.

#### MASS SCHEDULE

Our Mass Schedule is as follows: Weekdays: 9 AM in the church Saturdays: 9 AM in the church Saturdays: 5 PM in the church Sundays: English: 10 AM



Creole: 1 PM

Church Address: 249-03 147th Drive, Rosedale, NY 11422

#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Registration for the year 2023-2024 Religious Education program is open. Classes are on Sundays at 9 AM in the church. If you need more information, please call Mrs. Jean at the rectory at 718-525-9099 or email me at stpiusxyouth07@yahoo.com

Please call the rectory during the hours of 9 am and 2 pm to register.

## OCIA - Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

The OCIA is the process by which people can question, search and inquire into the Catholic faith. It is for any unbaptized individual over the age of 8. The OCIA is also for any adult who was baptized in another Christian tradition and for baptized Catholic adults seeking to receive the Sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation. Please contact Fr. Miguel at 718-525-9099.

**2024 Mass Book -** The 2024 Mass book is open. Mass Offering is \$15. According to Canon Law, we have to offer a Mass Intention at least one time a year. Examples are birthday blessings, good health, in honor of a saint, deceased person, etc.

**SPECIAL MASSES:** You can now request special Masses for Memorial, Birthday, Sweet 16, and Wedding Anniversary. Please call the rectory.

Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us. St. Pius X, pray for us.



## **PARISH MISSION STATEMENT**

We the people of St. Pius X Parish are formed by the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Baptism to become part of the Mystical Body of Christ. We strive through the power of Christ in the Holy Sacrifice to the Mass to show forth God's transforming love to teach Gospel values; to share time, talent and treasure in good Stewardship, to invite all to share our joy and share Jesus' message of His Father's love with all around us and to restore all things in Christ.

# BAPTISM PREPARATION

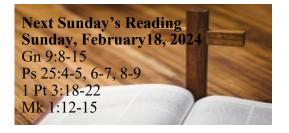
If you are pregnant or will be having a child baptized, you will need to attend a baptism preparation workshop. St. Pius X offers the workshop online. Please call the rectory at least 2 weeks before the date of baptism for more information.

Please use your **donation envelope** or put your donation in an envelope with your name and envelope number on it.

Parish Collection for the weekend of February 3-4, 2024 will be published next week.

In official Church procedures there are three steps to sainthood: a candidate becomes "Venerable," then "Blessed" and then "Saint." USCCB.org





## February is

Leap Year, 2024 Black History Month American Heart Month The Presentation of the Lord, 2/2 Groundhog Day, 2/2 St. Blaise, St. Ansgar, 2/3 World Cancer Day, 2/4 Rosa Parks' Birthday, 2/4 St Jerome Emiliani, 2/8 St. Josephine Bakhita, 2/8 St. Scholastica, 2/10 Our Lady of Lourdes, 2/11 Shine a Light on Slavery Day, 2/13 Mardi Gras, 2/13 Ash Wednesday, 2/14 Valentine's Day, 2/14 Presidents' Day, 2/19 World Day of Social Justice, 2/20 St. Polycarp, 2/23





Welcome to our Parish - If you and your family have recently moved to Rosedale and would like become a registered member of our parish, please call the rectory. Feel free to use the white Welcome envelopes in the vestibule of the church. You can also visit stpiusx-queens.org for a registration form. If you are not receiving envelopes, please call the rectory at 718-525-9099.

**To all our Visitors:** We thank you for your visit and hope that our friendly faces made you feel at home. May God bless you and we hope you come back soon.

# Parish Events

**Religious Education - We instruct** children from Kindergarten through level 8 who need faith formation and for preparation of the sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation. After reception of Holy Eucharist, children need to register for follow-up classes in preparation of the sacrament of Confirmation. We also have instructions for children 8 and older who have not been baptized yet. If you have a child or know of such a child, please register them for the Order of Christian Initiation Adapted for children classes. Classes are held in person and through zoom. Registration is ongoing. Please come to the rectory during business hours and fill out an application. Bring in your child's baptismal certificate.

Proximate Preparation: As per the diocese, the sacraments should be received in the parish you worship in. If your child is going to receive the sacraments of First Holy Communion or Confirmation this spring and is enrolled in a Catholic school, please call Mrs. Jean.

As of Sunday, January 14, we will no longer have a Spanish Mass. We invite the Spanish community to participate in any of the other Masses.

**Tax Letter**— If you would like a record of your 2023 Weekly Envelope Contributions for tax purposes, please call the rectory and have your envelope number on hand.

# Evinnan pawas yo

Edikasyon relijye - Nou enstwi timoun ki soti nan jadendanfan jiska nivo 8 ki bezwen fòmasyon lafwa ak pou preparasyon sakreman rekonsilyasyon, ekaristik ak konfimasyon. Apre resepsyon Sent Ekaristik, timoun yo bezwen enskri pou klas swivi nan preparasyon Sentsèn Konfimasyon an. Nou gen enstriksyon tou pou timoun 8 an oswa plis ki poko batize. Si w gen yon timoun oswa ou konnen yon timoun konsa, tanpri anrejistre yo pou klas Lòd Inisyasyon Kretyen Adapte pou timoun yo. Klas yo fèt an pèsòn ak atravè rale. Enskripsyon an ap kontinye. Tanpri vini nan rectorat la pandan lè travay epi ranpli yon aplikasyon. Pote sètifika batèm pitit ou a.

Preparasyon Pwoksim: Dapre dyosèz la, sakreman yo ta dwe resevwa nan pawas w ap adore a. Si pitit ou a pral resevwa sakreman Premye Kominyon oswa Konfimasyon prentan sa a epi li enskri nan yon lekòl Katolik, tanpri rele Madan Jean.

Apati Dimanch 14 janvye, nou pap gen yon Mass Panyòl ankò. Nou envite kominote Panyòl la pou patisipe nan nenpòt lòt Masèy.

Lèt taks: Si ou ta renmen yon dosye sou Kontribisyon anvlòp 2023 ou chak semèn pou rezon taks, tanpri rele rektorat la epi fè nimewo anvlòp ou nan men.

# Eventos Parroquiales

Educación religiosa - Instruimos a niños desde jardín de infantes hasta el nivel 8 que necesitan formación en la fe y preparación para los sacramentos de la Reconciliación, la Eucaristía y la Confirmación. Después de recibir la Sagrada Eucaristía, los niños deben registrarse para clases de seguimiento en preparación para el sacramento de la Confirmación. También tenemos instrucciones para niños de 8 años en adelante que aún no han sido bautizados. Si tienes un hijo o conoces a un niño así, por favor inscríbelo en las clases de la Orden de Iniciación Cristiana Adaptada para niños. Las clases se imparten de forma presencial y a través de zoom.

El registro está en curso. Por favor venga a la rectoría durante el horario comercial y complete una solicitud. Traiga el certificado de bautismo de su hijo.

Preparación próxima: Según la diócesis, los sacramentos deben recibirse en la parroquia en la que rinde culto. Si su hijo va a recibir los sacramentos de la Primera Comunión o la Confirmación esta primavera y está inscrito en una escuela católica, llame a la Sra. Jean.

A partir del domingo 14 de enero, ya no tendremos una misa en español. Invitamos a la comunidad española a participar en cualquiera de las otras Misas.

Carta de impuestos: si desea un registro de sus contribuciones al sobre semanal de 2023 para fines fiscales, llame a la rectoría y tenga a mano su número de sobre.

#### Sunday, February 11, 2024 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

I Glory to God in the highest. And on earth peace to men of good will. We praise You. We bless You. We adore I you. We glorify You. We give You thanks for Your great glory. Lord God, heavenly King, O God almighty Fa-I ther. Lord Jesus Christ, Only-begotten Son. Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. You are seated at the I right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord. You alone are the most high, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen

First Reading Lv 13:1-2, 44-46

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron, "If someone has on his skin a scab or pustule or blotch which appears to be the sore of leprosy, he shall be brought to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests among his descendants. If the man is leprous and unclean, the priest shall declare him unclean by reason of the sore on his head. "The one who bears the sore of leprosy shall keep his garments rent and his head bare, and shall muffle his beard; he shall cry out, 'Unclean, unclean!' As long as the sore is on him he shall declare himself unclean, since he is in fact unclean. He shall dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp." **The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to** God.

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11

R. (7) I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Blessed is he whose fault is taken away, whose sin is covered. Blessed the man to whom the LORD imputes not guilt, in whose spirit there is no guile.

R. I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, my guilt I covered not. I said, "I confess my faults to the LORD," and you took away the guilt of my sin.

R. I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, you just; exult, all you upright of heart.

R. I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Second Reading 1 Cor 10:31—11:1

Brothers and sisters, Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God. Avoid giving offense, whether to the Jews or Greeks or the church of God, just as I try to please everyone in every way, not seeking my own benefit but that of the many, that they may be saved. Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ. The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Mk 1:40-45 Glory to you, O Lord

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean. Then, warning him sternly, he dismissed him at once. He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them." The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. He remained outside in

and people kept coming to him from everywhere. The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

| Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, I who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, I died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into I heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living land the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of I sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Holy - Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Lord's Prayer - Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen

Communion Prayer - Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be I healed.

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**VIRTUS** - The parish of St. Pius X complies with all Safe Environment mandates set forth by the Diocese of Brooklyn and the US Conference of Catholic Bishops. Paid employees, and all 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 virtual Virtus session, please do so at www.virtus.org. Next sessions are at Immaculate Conception Center (Douglaston) on Tuesday, February 13 at 6 pm and at 310 Prospect Park West on Thursday, February 15 at 6 pm.

**St. Clare Catholic Academy -** St. Clare Catholic Academy is affiliated with our parish. Tuition discounts and scholarships are available for students who are catholic and are active in their parish. Free UPK. The Academy is located at 137-25 Brookville Blvd., Rosedale. Please call 718-528-7174 to schedule a school visit and for more information or visit our website: http://stclarecatholicacademy.org.

GiveCentral - St. Pius X parish appreciate your prayers, time, and monetary support as we grow together in God. As such, we are proud to introduce our new online giving program called GiveCentral. Over 1400 Catholic parishes currently use GiveCentral, and it has proven to be convenient and user friendly for both the donor and the church staff members. You can get more information by clicking on these links. Please click on this link to donate to our church. https://www.givecentral.org/location/692 - You can also text your donation at 929-348-2428. If you are homebound, please use this link; https://www.givecentral.org/pew-card/692

**Food Pantry at Christ the King,** Farmers Blvd. Tuesdays 1:30 pm-3:30 pm; Last Saturday of the month 10-12 noon.

**2024 SCHEDULE OF WORKSHOPS—Diocesan Liturgical New Ministers Training Workshop -** Online Registration is open - Visit www.bqliturgy.org and select Liturgical Formation. If you have questions, please do not call the school or parish, contact the Liturgy Office. Christine Georgi 718-281-9544 and Christine Dost 718-281-9612. Next workshop is March 9, 2024 at the Mary Louis Academy. Registration closes 2/26/24.



Follow Bishop Brennan's podcast "Big City Catholics" every Friday. The weekly conversations allow the listener to be a part of the exploration of our faith that impacts their everyday life as a parent, a friend and a professional. https://www.facebook.com/bishopofbklyn

Online Citizenship Class with Julian (Virtual) - Learn everything you need to know about American history, government and customs to pass the citizenship exam. We encourage you to attend all ten sessions of this class to get the best results. Mondays, January 8-March 4. (No class January 15 and February 19) - Register at queenslibrary.org.

For students, ages 16-24, Young Adult Learning Services (YALS) is an easy direct, and free path to obtaining a High School Equivalency diploma. Classes are available virtually, in-person and hybrid. In-person at Central Library, Far Rockaway Teen Library and Long Island City. For more information, please email HSE@queenslibrary.org or call 718-990-0754. Preregister at queenslibrary.org.

**Learn English and Earn a professional Certificate** - in as little as 4 months. Receive all training need to work as a Home Health aide, Childcare Provider or Hospitality/Tourism Professional. Contact QPL for more information. Queens Public Library.

The Gnaked Project presents **Love Lasting Love Lasting Legacies** - Saturday, February 24, 2024, 6 PM Zoom. Meeting ID: 840 1457 6991 Passcode: GNAKED Hosted by Eldo Gedeon, nakedproject18@gmail.com

**Lenten Pilgrimage - February 14 - March 27.** This pilgrimage is an opportunity to visit the beautiful and Historic Churches of our Diocese in Brooklyn and Queens. We will connect with other communities and experience our faith together during this preparation season. Visit 20 or more of the Station Churches during the pilgrimage and qualify for a certificate and special recognition. Questions: 718-965-7313 or visit *Diocese of Brooklyn Lenten Pilgrimage* for participating sites.

# Black History Month



Elizabeth Clarisse Lange was born in Haiti in 1789 and settled in Baltimore, MA in 1817. The African American children could not learn the catechism because they could not read well. Seeing the need for education, Mary Elizabeth founded the first black Catholic Order for black nuns with her Archbishop's approval. The primary goal of the Oblate Sisters of Providence was to teach Catholic education to girls. She trained black teachers and opened many schools for black children. One school, St. Frances Academy, is still operating in Baltimore. She died on February 3, 1882. The case to make her a saint was opened and in 1991 and she was titled *Servant of God*. In 2023, Pope Francis named her *Venerable* Mary Elizabeth Lange.

**Lent** is a liturgical season beginning on Ash Wednesday and ending on Holy Saturday. It is a time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. We abstain from meat on Fridays during Lent. We fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The Ashes represent our need to forgive and be forgiven. They also remind us that we are made from dust and to dust we will return.

Ash Wednesday: February 14, 2024 Ashes distributed at the 9 AM Mass

Join us for the **Stations of the Cross** every Friday starting February 16 through March 22 at 7 PM

Friday, February 16, 2024 - 7 PM - Stations of the Cross

Friday, February 23, 2024 - 7 PM - Stations of the Cross

Friday, March 1, 2024 - 7 PM - Stations of the Cross

Friday, March 8, 2024 - 7 PM - Stations of the Cross

Friday, March 15, 2024 - 7 PM - Stations of the Cross

Friday, March 22, 2024 - 7 PM - Stations of the Cross



**Faith Sharing and Commentary** on the Sunday Readings every Tuesday at 7 pm on Zoom. Meeting ID: 506 623 5936 Passcode: E25vcZ



Bishop Brennan's letter written November 3, 2023 that was distributed last year. Please read it carefully and pass it on. It affects you too.



#### Office of the Bishop

Diocese of Brooklyn

310 Prospect Park West Brooklyn, New York 11215

November 3, 2023

To the Clergy, Staffs and the Faithful parishioners of Brooklyn and Queens,

Recently, I met with our Vicar General, Regional Vicars, local Deans and priests during our annual Priest Convocation in Douglaston. During this gathering, we discussed important issues that we will need to address in the near future, like new models of parish life, possible collaborations among parishes regarding Religious Education and other ministries, as well as assessing the current Mass schedules at all our parishes.

Allow me to share with you some statistics that were shared with the priests:

- In 2017, Mass attendance in our Diocese was reported at an average of 205,502 people per weekend. In 2022, the average was reported at 124,031. Due to demographic changes as well as the overall national trend of fewer Catholics attending Sunday Mass regularly, we see a decrease of nearly 40 percent in Mass attendance in our diocese in the last 5 years. This decline in Mass attendance means that we have in many parishes throughout the diocese large capacity churches with a significantly reduced Mass size.
- Due to a high number of priest retirements and deaths in recent years, there are fewer priests serving in our 175 parishes.
- In our diocese Mass is celebrated in 14 different languages on a weekly basis and in 26 languages monthly. This unique pastoral challenge in combination with the reduced number of clergy with bi-lingual skills further complicates the ability to best serve our parishes with specific language needs.

There is no simple solution to these issues. In many of our parishes it is evident that we do not need so many separate Masses to accommodate the number of parishioners in attendance at Sunday Eucharist each week. We are asking pastors and administrators throughout the diocese in Brooklyn and Queens, in consultation with their pastoral councils, to review and evaluate their Mass schedules. In many parishes, the number of Masses celebrated each weekend could be reduced by at least one or maybe more Masses, depending on the number of people attending and the capacity of each church.

Additionally, your pastor in coordination with your Regional Vicar and local Dean, are beginning discussions at the deanery level concerning possible collaborations among neighboring parishes regarding Religious Education programs and other ministries, that could possibly lead to formal parish partnerships.

I ask for your openness and cooperation with these possible changes. Not every parish will be affected, but most will go through some sort of adjustment, in order to be able to most effectively serve the current needs of the People of God in our great Diocese.

Be assured of my prayers for each of you, and may I humbly ask for your prayers, especially for our pastors and administrators, and all those who will be part of these discussions taking place throughout our parishes and deaneries.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Host Reverend Robert J. Brennan
Bishop of Brooklyn