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The Assumption of Mary Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 15, 2021

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St. Pascal Baylon

113th Ave and 199th St.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Eve 5pm

Sunday 10am

Monday to Friday: 9am

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. Catherine of Sienna
Riverton St. and Baisley Blvd.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday 8am

Sunday 12noon

Monday to Saturday: 8am

AUGUST 15, 2021



THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

My soul proclaims
the greatness of the Lord;
my spirit rejoices
in God my Savior.

Luke 1:46

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THE DESTINY OF ALL MORTAL FLESH

The celebration of today's feast on a Sunday is unusual on our Roman Catholic calendar. Our observance of the Lord's Day is held in such high esteem that few other feasts replace it. Occasionally there is a feast—usually of one of the saints—in which the saving power of God in Christ is so uniquely focused that the Roman rite deems it worthy of celebration on the Lord's Day. Today is such a feast. Yet some are surprised at the brevity of the dogma in its entirety: "We pronounce, declare and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma: that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory." The Roman Catholic Church never defined any specifics or particulars about the event itself. It is not in the scriptures. There are no verifiable eyewitness accounts. At its core, the dogma reveals in Mary the destiny of all mortal flesh, and reinforces our creedal belief in resurrection of the body. This feast strengthens our faith, defined last week in Hebrews as the realization of things hoped for. We find, in Mary, that realization of what we all hope for, what Paul today affirms: "In Christ shall all be brought to life" (1 Corinthians 15:22).

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The vision concerning the woman clothed with the sun (Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab).
Psalm — The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold (Psalm 45).
Second Reading — Christ, the firstfruits; then those who belong to him (1 Corinthians 15:20-27).
Gospel — Mary praises God in the Magnificat (Luke 1:39-56).

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Mass Intentions for the Week

- Saturday, August 14th**
 5:00 PM Parishioners of Our Lady of Light
Sunday, August 15th
 8:00 AM Parishioners of Our Lady of Light
 10:00 AM **Happy Birthday**
Benson & Osamede Asemota
 12:00 PM Parishioners of Our Lady of Light
Monday, August 16th
 8:00 AM Parishioners of Our Lady of Light
 9:00 AM Parishioners of Our Lady of Light
Tuesday, August 17th
 8:00 AM Parishioners of Our Lady of Light
 9:00 AM Parishioners of Our Lady of Light
Wednesday, August 18th
 8:00 AM Parishioners of Our Lady of Light
 9:00 AM Parishioners of Our Lady of Light
Thursday, August 19th
 8:00 AM Parishioners of Our Lady of Light
 9:00 AM **Happy 43rd Wedding Anniversary to**
Benson & Mercedes Asemota
Friday, August 20th
 8:00 AM Parishioners of Our Lady of Light
 9:00 AM **Happy Birthday**
Kenton Young

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Barbara Ricketts, Thaina Auguste, Viola Madden
 Beverly Stanton, Deana Roberts, Victor Enemu
 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	
08/8/21				
5:00 PM	32	2	\$316.00	
8:00 AM	61	7	\$2,668.00	
10:00AM	61	11	\$1,358.00	
12:00 PM	42	6	\$44.00	
Totals	196	26	\$4,786.00	

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 13th. Registration must take place prior to Sept. 13th. 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.

Hearts to Hands Ministry

The Hearts to Hands Ministry group will resume on Friday, September 10th from 11:00 am to 12 pm. at St. Pascal's parish hall.

2021-2022 Calendar

We would like the leader of each society to email the rectory your tentative schedule for September 2021-June 2022 if you are planning to meet in person using either the Church Hall or the Church.

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

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

08/02/21 **\$65,335.00 has been pledged.** We have received **\$51,452.00** and **\$13,883.00** 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)

Lectors

If you are interested in becoming a Lector, there is a Diocesan Workshop at St. Francis Prep on Saturday, October 9th from 9am to 3:30pm. Please contact the rectory to register 718-468-3511, ourladyoflightsa@gmail.com.

Save the Date

Sunday, September 26th is Holy Spirit Sunday at St. Pascal's.

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



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THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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POINTING THE WAY

Today we celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The readings give us much to ponder as we reflect on Mary, her special place prepared by God for eternity, and all that resulted from her “yes” to the angel’s message that she was to bear the Christ, the anointed one of God. Mary is “blessed among women,” the vessel for the life and salvation of Christ for all generations. Mary always points us to her son, Jesus. Through her witness, we are inspired to proclaim the greatness of the Lord with our lives. In her Assumption, we are assured that Mary is in the presence of God, pointing the way to all who live as God’s good and holy people in this life while we await ultimate fulfillment in the next.

BLESSED ARE YOU

Elizabeth had waited a long time for the child she carried. She was beyond child-bearing age by the time she conceived the baby who would be known as John the Baptist. We can only imagine her joy and amazement when the baby leaped in her womb at Mary’s arrival. Elizabeth was old and Mary young, yet both trusted in the goodness of the Lord; both relied on the Holy Spirit to be with them in the perplexing, exciting, and anxious time in which they found themselves. They show us what it means to put God at the center of our lives. Their story may inspire us to believe that God’s loving mercy awaits in every moment of our lives. Elizabeth calls Mary and the child in her womb “blessed,” holy. Mary’s holiness is found in her belief in God and her willingness to carry out God’s plan by carrying the child Jesus in her womb. How are you called to holiness? In what ways are you willing to carry out God’s plan?

MY SOUL PROCLAIMS

Mary’s response to Elizabeth, which we hear in today’s Gospel, is known as the Magnificat. Mary “magnifies” the greatness of the Lord—through her, we see God’s mercy clearly. Mary’s canticle is a declaration that God cares for the lowly and vulnerable, for the humble and hungry. This, Mary says, is the God for whom the people of Israel had long waited. This is God in whom we believe. Like Mary, the Almighty has done great things for us. As followers of Mary’s son, Jesus Christ, we are called to make this merciful, caring God known to those who are in need. How will you glorify, magnify, the Lord by your life?

TODAY’S READINGS

Revelation 11:19a, 12:1–6a, 10ab
Psalm 45:10, 11, 12, 16
1 Corinthians 15:20–27
Luke 1:39–56

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!**

Name _____ Envelopes: Yes _____ No _____

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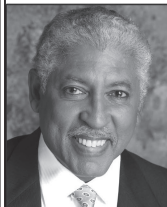
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