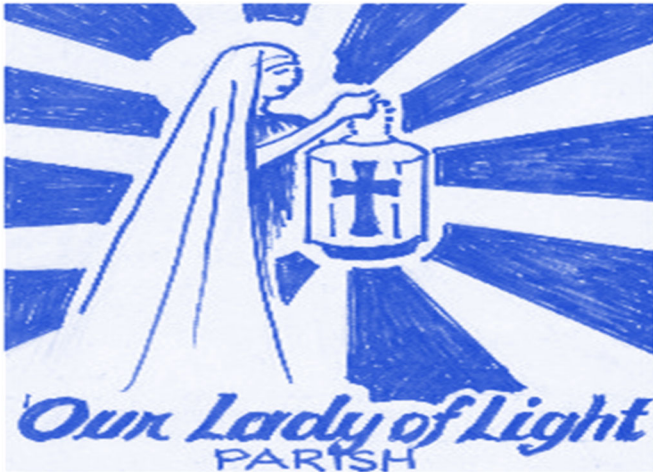


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Third Sunday of Advent, December 12, 2021

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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



Third Sunday of

Advent

December 12, 2021

I am baptizing you with water,
but one mightier than I is coming.
I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals.

Luke 3:16

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REJOICE

The prophetic writings we hear in today's scriptures call us to rejoice and celebrate the goodness of God. Zephaniah, Isaiah, Saint Paul, and John the Baptist in Luke's Gospel all follow the rich tradition of the Biblical prophets, a tradition that reaches full expression in Jesus. The prophets warn that human failings have truly disastrous consequences. All are summoned to repent, and to change their lives. Today we hear the Good News that God's gracious love exceeds and overcomes all human corruption. God has not given up on us. Indeed, God keeps pursuing us, and eagerly seeks to reconcile with us. God's initiative to set the world aright culminates with Jesus, whose coming John the Baptist announces. John's prophetic message summons us to join in God's reconciling work, by living generously and justly in our daily lives. As we rejoice in God's grace, we then extend the fruits of this grace to all.
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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Shout for joy! Sing joyfully! Be glad and exult! The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior (Zephaniah 3:14-18a).

Psalms — Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel (Isaiah 12).

Second Reading — Rejoice! The Lord is near. Make your requests known to God (Philippians 4:4-7).

Gospel — John tells his hearers to share their possessions with the needy; be honest; do not threaten or accuse others falsely (Luke 3:10-18).

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, December 11th

5:00 PM Parishioners of Our Lady of Light

Third Sunday of Advent, December 12th

8:00 AM Parishioners of Our Lady of Light

10:00 AM In Thanksgiving tp

Lorrington Mc Kenzie

U.S. Navy 12/14/21

12:00 PM Parishioner of Our Lady of Light

Monday, December 13th

8:00 AM Parishioners of Our Lady of Light

9:00 AM Parishioners of Our Lady of Light

Tuesday, December 14th

8:00 AM Parishioners of Our Lady of Light

9:00 AM Parishioners of Our Lady of Light

Wednesday, December 15th

8:00 AM In Loving Memory of

Paulette Bynoe

9:00 AM Parishioners of Our Lady of Light

Thursday, December 16th

8:00 AM Parishioners of Our Lady of Light

9:00 AM Parishioners of Our Lady of Light

Friday, December 17th

8:00 AM Parishioners of Our Lady of Light

9:00 AM Parishioners of Our Lady of Light

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, 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, Alfred Ramirez, Albertha Brown, Leonora Best, Ann Cecilia Blake, William White

Weekly Collections

Masses	#of Adults	#of Children	Collections	
12/06/21				
5:00 PM	27	3	\$1,002.00	
8:00 AM	86	9	\$2,781.00	
10:00AM	73	10	\$2,364.00	
12:00 PM	42	10	\$399.00	
Totals	228	32	\$6,546.00	

ANNOUNCEMENTS/NEWS

OUR LADY OF LIGHT PARISH ADVENT- SPIRITUAL PREPARATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS

Wednesday, December 15th - Themes of Advent Zoom- 7pm

Topic: THEMES OF ADVENT-

Time: Dec 15, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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Friday, December 17th - Why Reconciliation? - Zoom- at 7pm

Topic: Fr. Bartholomew Mrosso's Zoom Meeting

Time: Dec 17, 2021 7:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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Monday, December 20th - Reconciliation Monday-11 am- 1pm,6pm-8pm

Thursday, December 23rd -The True Meaning of Christmas - Zoom- at 7pm

Christmas Schedule

Christmas Eve Masses Friday, December 24th

St. Catherine's 8:00 AM

St. Pascal's Mass 9:00AM and 7:00PM

Christmas Day Saturday, December 25th

St. Pascal's Mass 10:00 AM

St. Catherine's Mass 12:00 PM

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

12/06/21 **\$72,380.00 has been pledged.** We have received **\$67,393.00** and **\$4,986.00** 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)

The Giving Tree

Advent and Christmas are the Seasons of preparation of the coming of Christ and for giving to others, especially those in need. **Beginning on Sunday, November 28th - December 12th,** all Parishioners are invited to leave new, unwrapped toys or gift cards of any value, for boys and girls, infants to 17 years old under our Giving Tree. By donating a gift card, you will empower disadvantaged parents to shop for their children's own "wish list." The gifts will be given to Catholic Charities who will distribute it to families in the Brooklyn/Queen Diocese.

St. Pascal Baylon Rosary Society

St. Pascal Baylon's Rosary Society will host a Chinese Auction on

Date: Saturday, February 2, 2022

Time: 6:00pm-8:00pm

Price: \$30

The auction will be held at St. Pascal's parish hall.

Second Collection

There will be a second collection on Sunday, December 12th for Retired Religious. Many senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little or no pay Today, religious communities often do not have enough savings to meet retirement needs. Your gift helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious.

Young Lady Looking for a Room to Rent

A reserved amiable respectable young woman who worships with us at Our Lady of Light, is in need of renting a room. If you have a room to rent, kindly call her at (929) 465-8288.

NEWS NOTES COMING SOON

Children's Faith Formation & Sacramental Preparation Registration

Faith Formation and Sacramental Preparation classes are available for children and youth in grades K- 12. Please call Deacon Fernando Luces at the Faith Formation office at (718) 528-1220, ext 7. Office hours are as follows: 9:am-4 pm (Mon- Fri).

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.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK **Third Sunday of Advent**

O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Reflection question:

How am I faithfully awaiting the Lord's Nativity?

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AN ADVENT PRAYER

May the God of peace make us completely holy.
May God keep us blameless in spirit, soul and body
for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Forever faithful is the One who calls us—God our Father!

Expectant, let us live in joyful hope
for the revelation of the glory
of our God and Savior, Christ Jesus!

To him be glory forever!

Come, Lord Jesus! Your grace be with us all.

—From *Come, Lord Jesus* by Lucien Deiss, CSSp, copyright 1976, 1981, Lucien Deiss. Published by World Library Publications. p. 127

PRAYER FOR THE SYNOD **2021-2023**

(Adsumus Sancte Spiritus)



***We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
As we gather in your name.***

***With You alone to guide us,
Make yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go
And how to pursue it***

***We are weak and sinful;
Do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the
wrong path
Nor partiality influence our actions.***

***Let us find you in our unity
So that we may journey together to
eternal life
And not stray from the way of truth
And what is right.***

***All this we ask of you,
Who are at work in every place and
time,
In the communion of the Father and
the Son,
Forever and ever.
Amen***

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 , 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, 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 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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