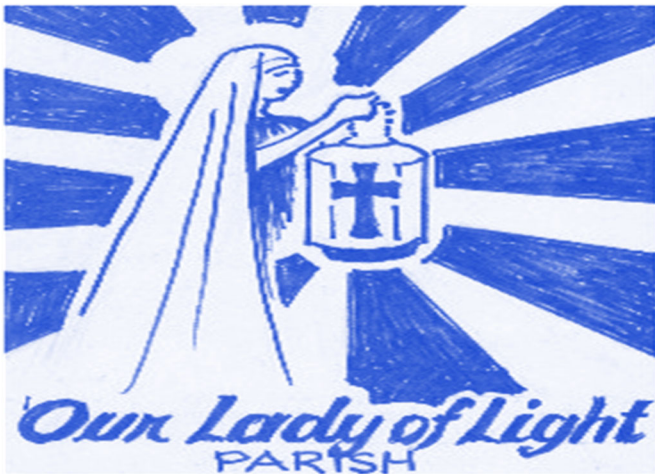


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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Our Lady of Light Parish is a
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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



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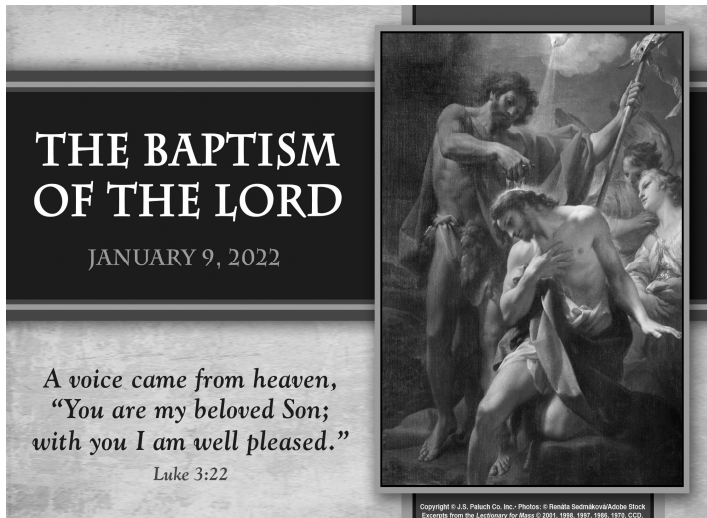
Riverton St. and Baisley Blvd.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday 8am

Sunday 12noon

Monday to Saturday: 8am



BAPTISMAL DEATH AND RESURRECTION

As we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, we also honor our own baptism as our initiation into the Christian life and community. In the Gospel, the baptism of Jesus, with his immersion and then emergence from the water, points to his later submission to God at his death, and his emergence from the grave at his resurrection. This pattern of death and resurrection is our path too, as followers of Jesus. Throughout life, often in small ways, we learn to surrender our limited and self-centered agendas. This surrender often feels like death. The sacrament of Baptism ritually enacts this pattern to remind us of Jesus’ death and resurrection, so that we too might embrace the deaths and resurrections of our own lives. As Jesus emerged from the water, he encountered his Father and the Holy Spirit. Like Jesus, we can know we are God’s beloved, empowered by the Spirit.

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — Isaiah speaks of the Servant whom the Lord upholds; he shall bring forth justice to the nations

(Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7) or *Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11.*

Psalm — The Lord will bless his people with peace (Psalm 29) or *Psalm 104.*

Second Reading — Jesus was anointed by God with the Holy Spirit; he went out healing and doing good (Acts 10:34-38) or *Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7.*

Gospel — A voice comes from heaven proclaiming Jesus as the beloved Son, with whom God is well pleased (Luke 3:15-16, 21-22).

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Mass Intentions for the Week

- Saturday, January 8th**
5:00 PM Parishioners of Our Lady of Light
- Sunday, January 9th**
8:00 AM Parishioners of Our Lady of Light
10:00AM Parishioners of Our Lady of Light
12:00 PM Parishioners of Our Lady of Light
- Monday, January 10th**
8:00 AM Parishioners of Our Lady of Light
9:00 AM Parishioners of Our Lady of Light
- Tuesday, January 11th**
8:00 AM Parishioners of Our Lady of Light
9:00 AM Parishioners of Our Lady of Light
- Wednesday, January 12th**
8:00 AM Parishioners of Our Lady of Light
9:00 AM Parishioners of Our Lady of Light
- Thursday, January 13th**
8:00 AM Parishioners of Our Lady of Light
9:00 AM Parishioners of Our Lady of Light
- Friday, January 14th**
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, 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 Collection

Masses	#of Adults	#of Children	Collections	
01/04/22				
5:00 PM	16	0	\$133.00	
8:00 AM	61	0	\$978.00	
10:00AM	62	5	\$1,988.00	
12:00 PM	64	6	\$1,125.00	
Totals	203	11	\$4,224.00	

ANNOUNCEMENTS/NEWS



A VOICE CAME
FROM HEAVEN,
"YOU ARE MY
BELOVED SON;
WITH YOU I AM
WELL PLEASED."

LUKE 3:22

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 9, 2022

A MODEL FOR OUR PRAYER LIFE

The Advent/Christmas cycle that began on November 28 ends with the Baptism of the Lord. We likely have an image in our minds (based on details from the Gospels and works of art) of what that scene looked like. We might wonder, "Who else was there and who wasn't?" No disciples were present because Jesus had not yet begun his ministry. They would have to wait until the Transfiguration to hear a similar message. However, the three persons of the Blessed Trinity are accounted for: the Father (the voice from heaven), the Son Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. Interestingly, Luke alone notes that it was after Jesus had been baptized and while he was praying that the voice was heard. All of the Gospels show Jesus praying at turning points in his ministry; this is but the first example of Jesus' need to root himself in prayer throughout his life—a model for us to follow.

ON THE CUSP OF A NEW CREATION

It was on the Fourth Sunday of Advent this past December that we first heard of the two cousins, John and Jesus, meeting. Then it was in the womb of their mothers, Elizabeth and Mary. Now the cousins meet again on the shore of the Jordan River. John is already well known—so much so that people had begun to wonder if he was the long-awaited Messiah. Jesus, on the other hand, is about to begin his ministry. One could say that Jesus entered the waters of the Jordan as a private person and came out of them as a public one. The voice from heaven left no doubt about that. As we come to the end of the Christmas season our readings echo Isaiah and Titus (see Advent and Christmas Day readings) and together with today's Psalm 104 they point us to Pentecost. We are on the cusp of a new creation.

JOHN THE BAPTIST: PATRON SAINT OF LITURGICAL MINISTERS?

John the Baptist was what we might call today a "social influencer." People paid attention to what he had to say. And what he said affected the choices people made. Yet today's Gospel reminds us of John the Baptist's ultimate goal: "One mightier than I is coming." The Baptizer walks the fine line between drawing attention to himself with his fiery preaching and then re-directing that attention to Jesus, the "beloved Son." John the Baptist could be considered the "patron saint" of those who minister as lectors, extraordinary ministers of the eucharist, cantors, greeters, acolytes, and musicians. Isn't John's teaching a good goal for a liturgical (or any!) minister? Rooted in the graces of their own baptism, ministers must be skilled and confident enough to draw people's attention (or, at least, not turn them off) and then gradually re-focus that attention on Jesus. It is a dynamic and awesome responsibility.

TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
Psalm 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25,
27-28, 29-30
Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7
Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

QUESTION TO ALL PARISHIONERS FROM THE PASTOR

Guided by the spirit and the desire for Communion, Participation and Mission, what do you want Our Lady of Light Parish to look like in 4 years from now?

Please submit your answers by March 15, 2022. You can email it or drop it off at the rectory or collection box.

Annual Catholic Appeal

We thank all who have participated with a gift to the 2021 Appeal. As of 01/03/22 **\$75,023.00 has been pledged.** We have received **\$71,687.00** and **\$3,336.00** 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.

St. Pascal Baylon Rosary Society

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

Date: Saturday, February 26, 2022.

Time: 6:00pm-8:00pm

Price: \$30

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

OUR LADY OF LIGHT PARISH ST. PASCAL BAYLON ROSARY SOCIETY

Celebrates its 50th Anniversary

Serving our Church Community and awarding scholarships to young women of the parish to be held at

Jericho Terrace

249 Jericho Turnpike

Mineola, New York

SAVE THE DATE

SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 2022

12:00PM – 5:00PM

Maxine M. Dinnall 917-593-0051

Lynda Jones-Johnson 516-652-5735

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.

Weekly Envelope Contributions

Weekly Envelope Contributions for 2021, please fill out the form below and return it to the Rectory. You can also email the rectory **PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.**

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____

ENVELOPE# _____

We thank you for your generous contributions for the past year.

YOUTH NEWS

WORLD YOUTH DAY, 2023

"Mary arose and went with haste". Lk 1:39 is the bible quote chosen by Pope Francis as the motto of the XXVIII, World Youth Day that will be held for the first time in the capital city of Lisbon, Portugal August 1st, to August 6th, 2023. WYD is the gathering of young people from all over the world. It is a pilgrimage, a celebration of youth, and an expression of the universal Church.

World Youth Day goal is to provide all participants with a universal Church experience, fostering a personal encounter with Jesus Christ. It is a new stimulus to our faith, hope, and charity. With young people as its protagonists, World Youth Day (WYD) seeks to promote peace, unity, and fraternity including all peoples and nations around the world.

OLOLP youth are prayerfully planning to attend World Youth Day 2023. We are asking parents to prayerfully consider giving your child this experience of a lifetime. An informational meeting notice will be shared soon.

For an interest or questions, please contact Maxine Dinnall at 917-593-0051, or Jeffrey Hicks, at 646-476-0333.

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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