

Our Lady of Light Parish



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Fourth Sunday in Lent Sunday, March 15, 2026

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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

Sunday 10am &

Spanish Mass 12:30 pm

Monday to Saturday: 9am

Adoration Thursday 11:30am &

7-8pm

Confession Thursday 6:30-7pm

After Every Mass or by appointment



St. Catherine of Sienna

Riverton St. and Baisley Blvd.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday 8am

Monday to Saturday: 8am

Adoration Thursday 3:30pm &

7-8pm

Confession Thursday 6:30-7pm

After Every Mass or by

Appointment

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Sunday: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a, Psalm 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6, Ephesians 5:8-14, John 9:1-41
Monday: Isaiah 65:17-21, Psalm 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b, John 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12, Psalm 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9, John 5:1-16 **Wednesday:** Isaiah 49:8-15, Psalm 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18, John 5:17-30
Thursday: 2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16, Psalm 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29, Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22, Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a
Friday: Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22, Psalm 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23, John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jeremiah 11:18-20, Psalm 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12, John 7:40-53

Parish Pastoral Council Members

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Donna Nicholson

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, March 15th

8:00 AM
10:00 AM

Monday, March 16th

8:00 AM
9:00 AM

Tuesday, March 17th

8:00 AM
9:00 AM

Wednesday, March 18th

8:00 AM
9:00 AM

Thursday, March 19th

8:00 AM
9:00 AM

Friday, March 20th

8:00 AM
9:00 AM

Saturday, March 21st

8:00 AM
9:00 AM

In Loving Memory
Albert A Melo

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Barbara Ricketts, Beverly Stanton
Charmayne Roberts, Julia Hodge Hollis Ford
Gemma LaRode, Gloria Wynter, Marion Henry
Leonora Best, Lawrence Pitiler, Madeline Finney
Ruth Wade, Jacqueline Pestano, Dawn Hewitt
Connie Miller, Fran Hicks, Helen R. Coleman
Dee Johnson, Marva Corbett, Eartha Hendrick
(Please let us know if a name should be removed from the Sick List)

Weekly Collections

Masses 03//08/26	#of Adults	#of Children	Collections	
8:00 AM	74	10	\$917.00	
10:00 AM	104	7	\$2,741.00	
12:30 PM	N/A	N/A	\$0.00	
Online	N/A	N/A	\$1,489.00	
Totals	178	17	\$5,147.00	

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT -LAETARE SUNDAY

1 Samuel 16:1,6–7,10–13 • Ephesians 5:8–14 • John 9:1–41

FROM BLINDNESS TO LIGHT- A JOURNEY OF FAITH

Introduction

This Fourth Sunday of Lent, Laetare Sunday, encourages us to celebrate as Easter approaches. The rose vestments symbolise hope, reminding us that Christ's light breaks through even amid sacrifices. The Gospel about the man born blind reflects this theme—his eyes being opened signifies our journey from darkness to faith and the joy of Easter. Laetare Sunday highlights that our conversion involves not only sacrifice but also joyfully recognising Christ and walking in His light.

The Blind Man Represents All of Us

In today's Gospel, we witness a profound encounter as Jesus walks through the streets and meets a man who has been blind since birth. But this moment is not just about a miraculous healing; it serves as a vivid metaphor for every Christian's journey, particularly during the Lenten season. At the story's beginning, **the blind man's life mirrors the human condition without Christ: lost in darkness, he's a beggar with nothing to his name, deemed an outsider by society. His existence is a stark reminder of spiritual blindness, living without hope.** Yet, a stunning transformation unfolds. By the story's end, the man's world is turned upside down: he gains sight, declares his faith, and embraces Jesus in worship. **This physical healing symbolizes a deeper awakening; his faith comes alive!** It's a beautiful illustration of Jesus' words: "I am the light of the world" [John 8:12]. To meet Christ is to step out of darkness and into radiant light. Reflecting on this passage, St. Augustine notes that "the blind man represents the human race, born in blindness because of sin, but enlightened by Christ." This story invites us to consider our own journey from darkness to light, highlighting the transformative power of faith.

Healing-Faith Unfolds Gradually

In the Gospel, we encounter a powerful lesson about faith and the journey it entails. Unlike instant miracles, this man's healing unfolds over time, revealing faith as a gradual process. Jesus employs an unconventional method, **using mud and saliva to heal the man's eyes, echoing the creation of Adam from dust in Genesis. It's a remarkable moment, as Jesus embarks on a mission of new creation:** St. Paul later describes baptised Christians as "a new creation." After his healing, the man is instructed to wash in the Pool of Siloam, a gesture that echoes the symbolism of Baptism. St. Ambrose captures this beautifully: "You went down into the water blind and came out seeing the light of Christ." Yet, despite gaining his sight, the man's understanding of Jesus is still developing. **His healing marks the beginning of a journey toward faith, mirroring our own spiritual paths.** Baptism ignites this new life in us, but true faith matures through experiences, reflection, struggle, and personal encounters with Christ.

Faith, understanding who Jesus is?

As the story progresses, we witness the man's perception of Jesus evolve. Initially, he refers to Jesus simply as "**the man called Jesus.**" When confronted by the Pharisees, he elevates his description to that of **a prophet.** Finally, when Jesus seeks him out again and reveals Himself as the Son of Man, the man responds with heartfelt faith and worship: "**Lord, I believe.**" At that moment, he sees not just with his eyes, but with the profound clarity of faith. This gradual unfolding of understanding is a familiar experience in our own lives; we come to know Christ piece by piece through prayer, Scripture, the sacraments, and the mosaic of life experiences.

Courage and witness to the truth

We also witness a remarkable growth in courage as this man stands before the Pharisees. Instead of denying the truth, he boldly proclaims, “I was blind, and now I can see.” This once timid beggar transforms into a fearless witness, even daring to ask the religious leaders, “Do you also want to become his disciples?” In his defence of Jesus, he transitions into a courageous disciple, while the Pharisees, despite their claims of enlightenment, remain spiritually blind due to their arrogance. As St. John Chrysostom wisely observed, “The miracle opened the man’s eyes, but pride closed the eyes of the Pharisees.” This story inspires us to embrace the journey of faith, grow in courage, and witness the truth with boldness.

God Sees the Heart

This contrast comes to life in the First Reading. When Samuel surveys the sons of Jesse, he assumes that the strongest and most impressive among them must be God’s chosen king. Yet, God surprises him with a profound truth: “Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart.” [1 Samuel 16:7]. God’s choice falls on David, the youngest shepherd: an unexpected selection that reveals how often we overlook what truly matters. In the Gospel, we witness Jesus choosing a blind beggar, reminding us once again that God sees the potential in those who are often unseen.

Embracing Our Identity as Children of Light

St. Paul echoes this transformative journey, saying, “Once you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light.” [Ephesians 5:8] This invitation captures the spirit of our Lenten journey beautifully. Like the blind man, we are called to move from darkness to light, from ignorance to truth, and from fear to courage. At first, we may grasp only a fraction of who Jesus is, but as we remain open, He reveals Himself in deeper, more profound ways. This blind man goes from being a beggar to someone who encounters Christ: an experience that transcends mere physical sight.

Our Journey at Our Lady of Light

As we draw closer to Easter, this Gospel resonates deeply with us here at Our Lady of Light. For our catechumens preparing for Baptism, like the blind man, you are on the cusp of experiencing the transformative waters where Christ will open your eyes to a new life of grace. And for those who were baptised long ago, Lent offers a wonderful opportunity to rediscover that grace. Faith is a journey that we grow through over time, and for our youth, this passage emphasises that faith develops through exploration and inquiry.

Adults and parents can draw strength from the healed man’s courage to share their faith openly, while our elders remind us that the journey of understanding Christ’s presence continues at every stage of life. Together, as a united parish family, we walk from darkness to light, from uncertainty to unwavering faith. As St. Catherine of Siena beautifully put it, “All the way to heaven is heaven, because Jesus said, ‘I am the Way.’ Let us embrace this journey together!

A Lenten Invitation

Let us embrace the prayer of a Gospel beggar: “Lord, let me see.” [Luke 18:41] As Christ opens our eyes more fully, may we find the faith to proclaim with the formerly blind man: “Lord, I believe.” During this Lenten journey at Our Lady of Light, let us reflect on:

- Where do I still need Christ to illuminate my path
- Am I prepared to grow in faith and bravery, like the man born blind, and share the truth of Christ in my everyday life?

May this Lent transform us, young and old alike, into beacons of light, embodying what is good, right, and true, allowing Christ’s radiance to shine through us to our families, our neighbourhoods, and the world.

Fr. Erick Balderas Vega M.Afr and Fr. Henry Byamukama M.Afr

ANNOUNCEMENTS/NEWS



Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be done every Friday from
February 20th –March 27th

St. Catherine's Station of the Cross will be at 7:00
p.m.

St. Pascal's Stations of the Cross will be after the
9:00 a.m. Mass.

Holy Week Schedule

Reconciliation Monday, March 30th

Confessions at St. Catherine's and St. Pascal's from
2:00 pm-4:00 pm
6:00pm-8:00pm

Holy Thursday, April 2nd

Morning Prayer
8:00am at St. Catherine's & 9:00am at St. Pascal's
Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30pm at St. Pascal's

Good Friday, Friday, April 3rd

Prayer Service
8:00am at St. Catherine's & 9:00am at St. Pascal's
Stations of the Cross St. Catherine's 2:00pm
Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3:00pm
Stations of the Cross St. Pascal's 2:00pm
Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3:00pm

Holy Saturday, Saturday, April 4th

Morning Prayer
8:00am at St. Catherine's & 9:00am at St. Pascal's
Easter Vigil 8:00pm at St. Catherine's & St. Pascal's

St. Catherine's Men's Club

Become a BETTER DRIVER!!!

Receive a Discount on your Auto Insurance
Reduce up to 4 points from your license
DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE

Saturday, March 21, 2026

9:00 am to 3:00 pm

St. Catherine of Sienna Parish Hall
118-22 Riverton Street St. Albans, NY 11412

\$35 per person, payment due by 3/15/25

Sponsored by the St. Catherine of Sienna Men's Club
SEATS ARE LIMITED, register NOW by contacting:
Dwayne Taylor (917) 903-9423, Casimir Agbi
(917) 545-5951

2026 Annual Catholic Appeal

We thank all who have participated with a gift to the
2025 Appeal and ask that everyone prayerfully con-
sider making a gift to the 2026 Appeal. Our Lady of
Light parish goal is **\$44,922.00**. As of 03/09/26 we
have received \$12,345.00 pledged \$2,761.00 paid
and balance due is \$9,583.00.

If you have already pledge, thank you for your
support. **We thank all who have participated with
a gift to the 2025 Appeal.**

St. Catherine's Lectors and Ministers

There is a meeting on Saturday, March 28th at 11:00am in
the church for all Lectors and Ministers

Knights of Columbus

General Stephen Moylan Assembly #715

In Honor of Our Veterans

Veterans Banquet honoring Deacon Luis Taylor

Saturday, April 11th at 1:pm

Msgr. Burke/Rockaway Council Hall
333 Beach 90th St. Rockaway Beach

Open Bar, Dinner & Dancing

Ticket: \$80 per adults and \$40 per child (10 years
and under)

Contact; Tony S. Harilall 347.879.3714 or
Ken Faustin 646.872.4011

All are Welcome!

Our Lady of Light St. Pascal Rosary Society

Afternoon High Tea

Saturday, April 25, 2026

Time: 12noon-4pm

Place: St. Pascal's Parish Hall

Tickets: Adults \$40.00 / Children 12 and under
\$20.00

**TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED IN
ADVANCE !**

For tickets speak to any Rosary Society member.

Our Lady of Light

St. Pascal Baylon Rosary Society

Women's Retreat 2026

**In Mary's Footsteps: A Journey of Faith,
Strength, and Compassion!**

Retreat Facilitator. Rev. Henry Byamukama, M.Afr.

When: Friday, May 15th to Sunday, May 17th

Where: Seminary of the Immaculate Conception
440 West Neck Road Huntington, NY 11743

Cost: \$370.00

3rd payment of \$100.00 due March 22nd

Final payment of \$100.00 due April 19th

NEWS NOTES COMING SOON

Food Pantry Volunteers Needed

The Food Pantry is in need of men volunteers to help with deliveries and on Pantry day. Deliveries are every other Tuesday's from 9-12pm at St. Catherine's. Food Pantry is on Wednesday's 12pm-2pm at St. Catherine's. **We are looking for men because of heavy lifting is involved on both days.** If interested please contact Junie Hopkinson at 917.261.1808 or the rectory 718.468.3511.

Futures in Education

Financial Aid Application information for Brooklyn and Queens Catholic Elementary Schools and Academies, Grades K-8. Families requesting tuition assistance must complete a financial aid application with Futures in Education through our third-party vendor, FACTS and submit supporting documentation, which will be used to verify all application responses.

Deadline: **March 31st**—Priority will be given to returning families who received and award in the previous academic year and complete the new application by this date.

April 30th—Priority will be given to families who were not awarded in the previous year and have a completed application by this date.

For more information about Futures in Education, visit futuresineducation.org.

St. Johns University Speech and Hearing Center

The St. John's University Speech and Hearing Center will be offering "**Hearing Aid Help**" from **February 2, 2026 through April 30, 2026**. This is a free service and is available for anyone who has a hearing aid and may be experiencing some difficulty caring for it or using it.

The St. John's University Speech and Hearing Center will be offering **FREE** speech and hearing evaluations from **February 2, 2026 through April 30, 2026**.

Please call the center at 718.990.6480 to schedule an appointment. The Speech and Hearing Center is located at 152-11 Union Turnpike, Flushing, NY.

Heart to Hands Ministry Donation

Our Lady of Light's crochet and knitting group, Heart to Hands, is bringing joy and comfort to women and children of Hour Children this holiday season. With over two large bags filled with handmade crochet, knit, and loom hats, gloves and scarves, their gifts will keep the children and adults warm.

Heart to Hands now meets at the Best Life Senior Center on Farmers Blvd., after relocating from St. Pascal's parish hall to ensure accessibility for all members.

A special thank you goes to the Loomers of Rochdale Village Library, whose generous donation of loom-crafted items added even more love to this collection.

Together, these groups embody the true meaning of community—hands and hearts working in harmony to uplift others. If you would like to donate yarn to Heart to Hands, please contact the rectory.

Catholic Charities Call Center

Catholic Charities Call Center will help you get assistance with

- Behavioral Health Services
- Care Coordination
- Early Childhood & Head Start Programs
- Emergency Food Pantry
- Family Stabilization Programs
- Housing Information
- Immigration Services
- Limited Financial Assistance
- Senior Services
- Information & Referrals to Other Services
- Access to the Community Outreach Services

Call the Call Center at 718.722.6001, Monday-Friday, 8am-6:30am or visit www.ccbq.org and ask our Chatbot Sonya for help. For more info on events and activities, visit www.ccbq.org/liveitup.

St. Clare Catholic Academy

St. Clare Catholic Academy 137-25 Brookville Blvd. Rosedale, NY 11422. Registration is now open for the 2026/27 Academic School Year Seats available from FREE 3k and 4K programs. Grades Kindergarten through Eight Grade. Call us now 718-528-7174. Visit us at www.stclarecatholicacademy.org.

“What Do You Have in Your Hands?”

CHRISTIAN GIVING IS EUCHARISTIC

When the Lord asked Moses, “*What is that in your hand?*” [Exodus 4:2], **He invited Moses to recognise the power of what he already possessed.** The staff he carried, ordinary and shaped by daily life, became extraordinary when he returned it to God in trust. This poignant question resonates throughout Scripture and finds its deepest meaning in the Eucharist, whose very essence is thanksgiving.

Time and again, **God begins not with abundance, but with what is already held in grateful hands.** A widow may possess only a small jar of oil, yet when she offers it in faith, it never runs dry. A young boy provides five loaves and two fish, and in Jesus’ hands, they transform into nourishment for thousands. Another widow places two small coins into the temple treasury, and the Lord sees in her gift the fullness of a grateful heart. **In every instance, the gift may be small, yet the offering remains total. And in each case, thanksgiving unlocks God’s transformative power. This is the mystery we enter every time we approach the altar.**

The bread and wine we offer are described as the “**fruit of the earth and work of human hands.**” They gather the ordinary **substance of our lives; our labour, time, resources, joys, and struggles-** and present them before God in gratitude. As St. Irenaeus taught, in offering these gifts, the Church returns creation itself to the Creator with thanksgiving, and God responds by filling them with His divine life.

At the heart of the Eucharist stands Christ Himself, who takes, gives thanks, breaks, and distributes. Thanksgiving is not merely spoken; it is enacted. What is offered is not lost but transformed. What is broken is not destroyed but shared. St. Augustine reminds us that at the altar, we offer not just bread and wine, but ourselves. Our lives, like the staff of Moses, the oil of the widow, the loaves of the child, and the coins of the poor, are taken up into Christ’s perfect thanksgiving to the Father. This is why **Christian giving transcends mere practicality; it is Eucharistic. It flows from gratitude.** St. John Chrysostom teaches that true generosity is born when the heart recognises that all it possesses is a gift, and that nothing placed in God’s hands is ever wasted.

Each Eucharist gently asks us again: *What do you have in your hands today?* What we bring may appear small, but when offered in thanksgiving, it becomes united to Christ’s self-gift. In His hands, our humble offerings become blessings for many. May the Eucharist continually transform us into a people of thanksgiving; grateful in prayer, generous in providing, and confident that God can achieve more with our gifts than we can ever imagine.

GiveCentral

We understand that most transactions today are done electronically. We want to provide you with that same convenient option at church. We believe that it benefits everyone to offer this flexible online tool. Please visit www.givecentral.org and take a few minutes to set up your donations! **We’re pleased to offer mobile donations! Our text to give number is 712-217-3511. Text” SUNDAY” to easily make a donation.**

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To donate just scan.



Our Lady of Light's Twelve Wishes

PARISH PURPOSE FOR THE YEAR 2026

Inspired by twelve intentions for the year 2026, we present

The Twelve Wishes of Our Lady of Light—

*twelve real needs of our parish that we hope to fulfill
throughout the year to beautify and dignify
our liturgical celebrations.*

This is a voluntary and open initiative,
a shared community purpose for the new year.

Our Lady of Light's 12 Wishes

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|---|---|
| 1. Paschal Candle
Saint Pascal Baylon
\$447 | 7. Paschal Candle
Saint Catherine of Siena
\$447 |
| 2. Two Candle Votive
Light Stands
Saint Pascal Baylon | 8. Indoor Area Rug (Office)
Saint Catherine of Siena
\$400 |
| 3. Indoor Area Rug
(Small Chapel) \$400 | 9. Processional Cross
Saint Catherine of Siena \$2,500 |
| 4. Gold Vestment (Priest)
Saint Pascal Baylon \$800 | 10. Processional Candles (Set)
Saint Catherine of Siena \$3000 |
| 5. Gold Vestment (Deacon)
Saint Pascal Baylon \$800 | 11. White Vestment (Priest)
Saint Catherine of Siena \$800 |
| 6. Sacred Linens \$1000 | 12. White Vestment (Deacon)
Saint Catherine of Siena \$800 |

How Can You Support This Initiative?

- ✓ By making a financial donation and indicating the wish you choose
- ✓ By offering a donation in memory of a loved one
- By making a partial contribution, according to your means.

Thank you for your generosity and love for our parish.

Liturgical Committee · Our Lady of Light Parish

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, in person this year. For more information, please contact , Deacon Marcial Cordon Director of Faith Formation, at 718 528-1220 or email at dre101269@diobrook.org

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, Deacon Marcial Cordon 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 Marcial Cordon , 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: _____