

## YOUTH ACTIVITIES

### **OSD: Oratory School of Discipleship**

The Oratory Parishes provide religious education, including preparation for sacraments for all children and youths. If you have questions, please contact Christina Matone, Director of Oratory School of Discipleship at 718-875-2096 or [cmatone@oratorychurch.org](mailto:cmatone@oratorychurch.org).

OSD Classes begin September 15

First Eucharist Classes begin October 6

Confirmation Classes begin October 20

### **Baptism of Young Children**

The Oratory Parishes welcome and support families interested in baptism for children under the age of 7. Preparation sessions for parents are offered on the third Wednesday of each month at the Oratory Residence Library, 64 Middagh Street in Brooklyn Heights. Please contact the parishes through [baptism@oratorychurch.org](mailto:baptism@oratorychurch.org) to reserve your place.

### **Youth Choir at Assumption**

The Youth Choir will sing at the 10:00 AM Mass on September 15, October 20, November 17, December 8, January 12, February 9, March 1, May 3, June 6 (5:00 PM Mass), and at First Eucharist on June 14.

In addition, the Youth Choir will perform on OSD Sundays at the 4:15 Family Masses in the Parish Hall.

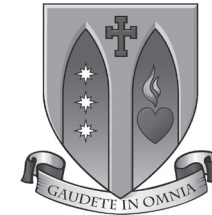
All children and youths from both parishes are invited to join the Youth Choir as we sing and minister with joyful song at the Youth-Ministered Masses. No auditions required. Rehearsals are held just before each Mass at 9:30 AM for 10:00 AM Mass, and 4:30 PM for 5:00 PM Mass.

### **Christmas Pageant 2019**

Friday, December 20, 2019 at 7:00 PM at Assumption Church Hall.

Calling all Angels, Magi, and Bright Shining Stars - Everyone's Welcome! Bring your gold, frankincense and myrrh and let's kick up our heels for the best Christmas Pageant in town! Rehearsals take place every Friday from 5:30 to 7:30 PM and Sunday from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. We begin on Sunday October 27 at 11:00 AM at Assumption. For more information and to sign up, please contact Suzanne Holohan, Ray DeLeon, Heather Leykam and the team at [pageant@oratorychurch.org](mailto:pageant@oratorychurch.org).

## THE BROOKLYN ORATORY OF ST. PHILIP NERI



*Serving the Parishes of*

**The Assumption of  
the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
55 Cranberry Street in Brooklyn Heights

*and*

**St. Boniface**  
190 Duffield Street in Downtown Brooklyn

**FALL 2019 – WINTER 2020  
CALENDAR OF EVENTS**  
pertaining to our Catholic Faith Formation

This brochure is a guide to highlight this year's events. Please learn more about these programs, and stay abreast of the latest news regarding activities for adults and kids at both parishes by reading the weekly bulletin, The LINK and visiting the website. Please sign up to receive The LINK, our monthly e-newsletter at <https://oratorychurch.org/newsletter>.

We'd love to hear what you are thinking and where you might connect with us. All are welcome to join in our life. Please reach out to us at [seeking@brooklynoratory.org](mailto:seeking@brooklynoratory.org) or visit [www.brooklynoratory.org](http://www.brooklynoratory.org).

## CATHOLIC FORMATION AT THE BROOKLYN ORATORY

### RCIA: A Journey into the Catholic Christian Tradition

RCIA (the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) aims to support you on the journey of deepening faith and your quest for life's meaning. This opportunity is for anyone who may have questions about God or Jesus or Catholicism, and are looking for a setting in which to explore your questions. Maybe you were raised in a different faith tradition, or none at all, and want a deeper connection with what you find at the Oratory parishes. Perhaps you're engaged to or married to a Catholic and want to learn more. You may be an adult Catholic who would like to prepare for Confirmation. All inquirers are welcome. We meet on Wednesday evenings starting October 2, 7:00 to 8:30 PM at the Oratory Residence, 64 Middagh Street in Brooklyn Heights. For information, contact one of our priests, or Rob and Nadine at [RCIA@oratorychurch.org](mailto:RCIA@oratorychurch.org) or call us at 718-975-2096, ext. 16.

### Beyond Sunday

Faith formation and activities for those in their 20s and 30s. For information, please contact Emily Mathis at [beyondsunday@oratorychurch.org](mailto:beyondsunday@oratorychurch.org)

### Brooklyn Oratory Community-Building Events

These events are opportunities for our parishioners of all ages to grow our faith in community. We invite parishioners from both parishes to participate in these Community-Building Events to come together for intentional conversations in informal settings over food and drink and for times of reflection through retreats. Family-friendly with childcare provided. Please note the dates and themes for each event listed below.

**Friday, October 4 at 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM at St. Boniface;**

Feast of St. Francis of Assisi and *Laudato Si*

**Saturday, November 23, 1:00 PM to 4:30 PM at Assumption;**

Advent Retreat, St. Philip Neri and the Blessed Mother

**Saturday, March 14, 1:00 PM to 4:30 PM at St. Boniface;**

Lenten Retreat, St. Philip Neri and Penance

**Sunday, March 22, 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM at Assumption;**

Feast of St. Joseph

### Small Groups at the Oratory Parishes: "Spirituality of the Oratory: Knowing Our Charism"

Over six seasons, we will explore the foundational aspects of our Oratorian spirituality. Rooted in scripture, meditation and discussion, these small group experiences will deepen our relationship with one another, the communities in which we live and the spirit of St. Philip Neri. Nearly 200 of our parishioners have participated in these small groups in the past and have found them to be a catalyst for their own spiritual and communal growth.

#### Season 1:

Five Pillars of Oratorian Spirituality: Prayer, Humility, Stability, Joy, Charity

#### Meeting Dates:

Week of October 13, 2019 through Week of November 17, 2019

#### Season 2 Meeting Dates:

Week of February 23, 2020 through Week of March 29, 2020

### The 2019 Baronius Lecture on Church History: "Dante and the Spiritual Journey"

Sunday, November 3, 2019 at 1:00 PM at St. Boniface Church.

A festive reception will follow.

*Divine Comedy*, the three-part journey that Dante takes through the Christian afterlife, can very profitably be looked at through the lens of the spiritual journey. As we approach the 700th anniversary of the poet's death in 1321, the poem retains a powerful ability to speak to us in the present, because of its uniquely complete evocation of the movement toward the Divine, as well as its prophetic stance toward corruption in the Church and in the political order. The lecture will point to some of the most important signposts on the way there from each of the three parts of the poem: Hell, Purgatory, and Heaven. This lecture is about why Dante still matters, and is presented by Ron Herzman, Ph.D., Distinguished Teaching Professor of English Emeritus at the State University of New York, College at Geneseo. Ron Herzman has written and lectured extensively on Dante, with emphasis on Dante and the Franciscans and Dante and the Visual Arts. He is currently Director of Education and Outreach for the Dante Society of America.

The Calendar of Events pertaining to our Catholic Faith Formation with details for additional events taking place during Lent through June 2020 will be available in January 2020.