


# Our Lady of Refuge R.C. Church

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## *Bienvenue • Welcome • Bienvenidos*

### Parish Vision Statement

TO GROW IN HOLINESS, TO WORSHIP GOD, AND TO SERVE THE WORLD.  
PARA CRECER EN SANTIDAD, PARA ALABAR A DIOS Y SERVIR AL MUNDO  
POU-N GRANDI NAN SENTETE, POU-N BAY BONDYE GLWA E SEVI TOUT MOUN

### Pastoral Staff

Administrator: Rev. Lucon Rigaud  
Parochial Vicar: Rev. Felino Reyes  
Rev. Michel Pierre Louis  
In Residence: Rev. Isaie Jean Louis

Bus. Administrator/Stewardship Coord.:  
Ms. Joane Lawrence  
Parish Musician: Glenn Balck

### Office Hours•Horas de OficinaHeure de Bureau

Monday to Friday: 9:00AM – 5:00PM  
(Closed 12:00PM – 1:00PM for lunch)  
Saturday: 9:00AM – 2:00PM  
Sunday: 9:00AM – 1:00PM

### Faith Formation – Religious Education

2020-2021 Registration

**FOR CHILDREN ATTENDING  
PUBLIC SCHOOL IN 2020-2021**

All Catholic children attending Public School **MUST** be registered and attend Religious Education classes offered by our parish **EACH YEAR**. Before receiving the sacraments of Holy Communion or Confirmation, they **MUST** be enrolled and faithfully attend classes for **TWO CONSECUTIVE** years. Registration (for new students) and re-registration (for returning students) in our Religious Education Program for the 2020-2021 school year is under way.

### Eucharistic Adoration

Friday after morning Mass in the Chapel until 10:30am.

### MASSES• MISAS• MESSES

#### Daily in the Chapel

Monday - Saturday – 9:00AM

#### Weekend in the Church

Saturday: 5:30PM English  
Sunday: 10:30AM & 6:00PM English  
Domingo: 8:30AM Español  
Dimanche: 12:00PM Haïtienne Kreyol  
Jueves: 7:00PM Español

### Baptism•Bautismo•Baptême

Come into the rectory for information.

### Confessions/Reconciliation

Saturday, Samedi, Sabado 4:30PM or by appointment

### Marriage•Matrimonio• Marriage

Call 6 months in advance. Llame 6 meses antes de la fecha. Appelez 6 mois à l'avance.  
Log on to [www.pre-cana.org](http://www.pre-cana.org) for marriage preparation details.

### Ministry to the Sick

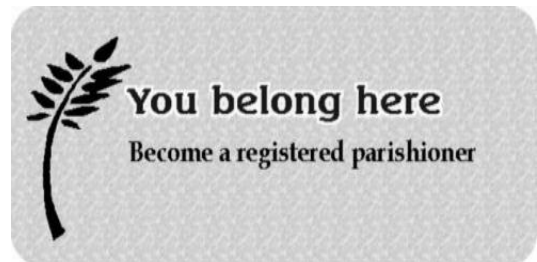
The Eucharist can be brought to the elderly and those who are homebound. Please call the rectory.





Masses can be seen weekdays & Sunday  
on **NETNY.TV** on  
FIOS by Verizon 48  
Optimum 30  
Spectrum 97

- **ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** - Meetings are suspended until further notice.
- **NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS** - Meetings are suspended until further notice.



All parishioners are encouraged to register and to use their offering envelopes as a sign of commitment. If you are not registered we cannot issue testimonial letters in connection with sponsorship for the sacraments of Baptism, and Confirmation. We can give character references for positions, schools etc. only to those who have been registered for at least three months. Please register at the rectory office if you are new to the parish. Please also inform us of any change of address.

**FIRST READING**

**Sirach 27:30 – 28:7**

We cannot nourish anger and expect our sins to be forgiven.

**SECOND READING**

**Romans 14:7-9**

Whether we live or die, we do so in Christ.

**GOSPEL READING**

**Matthew 18:21-35**

Jesus says we must forgive not seven times, but seventy-seven times.

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*“How often must I forgive?” Peter ask Jesus,” As many as seven times?” Jesus shocks Peter with his but explains it by telling him a parable that dramatically illustrates the importance of forgiveness. Sirach too teaches us a lesson contrasting vengeance and forgiveness. “We are the Lord’s,” Paul reminds us, so as we listen to today’s readings let us hear what the Lord is calling us to do.*

**\* IMPORTANT INFO \***

Our Lady of Refuge **Food Pantry** is open every Wednesday from 10am-1pm. The entrance will be on E 21<sup>st</sup> Street. We are asking all clients to wear a face mask and maintain 6 feet social distancing.

Parishioners are encouraged to give donations of cash, perishable and non-perishable food items and clean plastic shopping bags to support the program. Please call or stop by the Rectory office if you would like to donate.



William Soreng, Rose Moliere

**If you are sick or you know someone who is, please notify the office in order to add this person on the list or if you know someone who is homebound and would like a visit from our Pastoral Care Team please contact the rectory office.**

**OUR LADY OF REFUGE –TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, SEPTEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2020**

Office of the Administrator:

Dear Parishioners:

It is with beyond pleasure that I am welcoming you all back home to your beautiful parish of the Our Lady of Refuge in the face of these unsettling times. Throughout the past six months, many of us have been through a lot unforeseeable issues due to the COVID-19 outbreak. This pandemic has completely changed the world, the way we live and worship. Many of you are still afraid to come out due to safety concerns, we acknowledged your concerns and keep you in our daily prayers. Our commitment to the safety of our parishioners and our staff has remained our main concern. Rest assured that we are committed to make it our highest priority during the reopening of the Church and rectory office.

You may have noticed various changes during your visits to the rectory and the Church. In compliance with the law, our Church is following infection control recommendations of the Diocesan guidelines. As you can imagine, infection control has evolved into a “new normal.” We made these changes and implemented enhanced infection control procedures for the safety of our parishioners and our staff. For example:

Our Church is marked with blue and yellow tape on the floor, and seats are designated, the collection is taken differently, communion is given on the palm of the hands to allow for social distancing from other parishioners. Additionally, the lector uses a separate lectionary and lectern on the altar to allow for social distancing from our priests and deacons.

Following New York State guidance, please wear a face mask covering and have one for your child/children over the age of 2. We provide hand sanitizer at the entrance doors of the Church, in front of the altar, and we kindly request that you use it before entering and leaving the Church. There also will be hand sanitizer around the office and Plexiglass for safety measures as well when the office is fully opened to assist you.

We kindly ask that you don't touch the statues, icons, shrines, and waterfonts for the well-being and safety of all. I am looking forward to seeing you all soon to pray for healing, courage, and strength so that we may together put an end to this virus and return to our healthy way of living and worshiping.

Please, also know that we are grateful for your loyalty, generosity, and your support of our mission during these unprecedented times.

Your in Christ,  
Rev. Lucon Rigaud, MA, M.Div., M.S.Ed., CMHC

**Our Lady of Refuge Faith Formation  
2020-2021 Registration**

This year we will not do “IN PERSON” Registration. Parents complete the Registration Form online at our parish website [olbrooklyn.org](http://olbrooklyn.org). All families will be able to pay the fees online. Please register as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please call Ms. Baptiste, 718-974-5248 or email [OLR1087@gmail.com](mailto:OLR1087@gmail.com)

**RCIA for Adults (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)**

- \* Do you know someone interested in becoming Catholic?
- \* Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- \* Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of the Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.

You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith. To become part of the RCIA process, contact Ms. Jennifer Baptiste at 718-974-5248. Or e-mail [OLR1087@gmail.com](mailto:OLR1087@gmail.com).

**Update Your Information  
For Our Parish Member System**

We will be updating our parish member system. We are asking all parishioners to please send us your current contact information: mailing address, phone number, envelope number, and email at [olrrectory@gmail.com](mailto:olrrectory@gmail.com)

**Coronavirus Update**

**DAILY MASS & WEEKEND MASS HAVE RESUMED AT 25% CAPACITY IN ORDER TO ENSURE SOCIAL DISTANCING. ALL PARISH EVENTS AND MEETINGS ARE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. MORE INFORMATION WILL BE FORTHCOMING IN THE NEAR FUTURE.**



**In compliance with the CDC guidelines, temperature checks will soon be done at the entrances of the church before all masses.**



**COUNT ME IN!**

\$Billions for Brooklyn!  
Fill Out the **2020 CENSUS**

Get Them to Care,  
Tell Them You're Here for:

Schools, Healthcare, Public Transit, Affordable Housing, Non-profits,  
Our Local Businesses, A Voice in Government  
and so much more!

No Papers? No Problem. It's In the U.S. Constitution. We ALL need to be counted to help better plan + invest in our communities!

Online, click [2020 Census Website](https://www.census.gov)

Call: 1 (844) 330-2020 [English]  
1 (844) 468-2020 [Spanish]  
1 (844) 477-2020 [Haitian Creole]

Please **ACT NOW** before **September 30**. Spread the word!

From The Interfaith Coalition of Brooklyn

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**OUR LADY OF REFUGE –TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, SEPTEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2020**



**Saturday – September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**5:30pm**– Memorial Mass.

**Sunday – September 13<sup>th</sup>**

**8:30am** – Maritza & Lorenzo Nakid (dec) as requested by all their cousins.

– Enzo Farachio (dec) as requested by his parents.

– Juvencio Aparicio and Isidra Cano Gonzalez as requested by Elna Aparicio.

– Nicolas Pena (dec) as requested by Carmen and family.

– Nicolas Pena (dec) as requested by the English Charismatic Group.

**10:30am** – In thanksgiving to God for Marie Louise

St. Fleur as requested by her husband Kaneau St. Fleur.

– Special blessings for Shirley Marcury-Paulson.

– 16<sup>th</sup> birthday blessings for Nehemiah Ramirez as requested by her grandmother Loretta Lucas.

**12:00pm** – For the people of the parish.

– John Desir (dec) as requested by his wife Edna and his children.

– Birthday blessings for Nadege A. Dorcelly.

**Monday – September 14<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00AM**– In thanksgiving to the Most Holy Trinity for Sebastien Piquion.

**Tuesday– September 15<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00AM** –

**Wednesday –September 16<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00AM** –

**Thursday – September 17<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00AM** – Birthday blessings and thanksgiving to God for Priscilla Batrone as requested by her mother Eloise Batrone.

– 16<sup>th</sup> birthday blessings for Fatima & Marisol as requested by Maria.

**Friday – September 18<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00AM** – Margarete Alphonse-Nicolas (dec) as requested by her daughter Joane Lawrence.

**Saturday – September 19<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00AM** –

**Mass Attendance 9-6-20**

Mass	Adults	Children	TOTAL
5:30 PM	32	0	32
8:30 AM	87	26	113
10:30 AM	72	16	88
12:00 PM	77	4	81

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP OFFERING ON SUNDAY**

**September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**\$4,055**

**Our Lady of Refuge  
ON LINE GIVING**

We encourage everyone to continue using online giving if you cannot attend mass. You can simply follow the steps below.

**You can register immediately for on-line giving:**

**Go to <https://givecentral.org/olrefuge>**

Enter your personal information and your credit card. You can even choose to have it sent every week, or as often as you like.

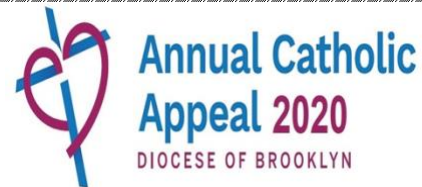
*For those who do not have e-mail*, you can make **one-time donations on a smart phone:**

**Text the number: 917-451-6141**

**Text the keyword SUNDAY** for a Sunday offering

**Text QUICK**

All donations will go directly to Our Lady of Refuge's Bank Account, and you will be identified. Your parish envelope number will be credited.



In the face of these unsettling times, I am so grateful to all of our Parishioners who continue to remain faithful and generous to the Annual Catholic Appeal Mission. May God bless and keep you safe!

Thank you  
Fr. Rigaud

You can make a pledge to this year's Annual Appeal

1. By sending your pledge by mail
2. By putting your pledge in the mail slot
3. By pledging on line:

**Go to [Givecentral.org/olrefuge](https://Givecentral.org/olrefuge) and choose Annual Catholic Appeal**

*Help us reach our goal*

*For more info, go*

**to: [www.annualcatholicappeal.org](http://www.annualcatholicappeal.org)**