

# Our Lady of Refuge R.C. Church

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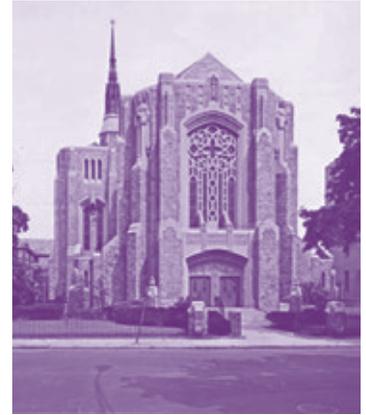
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## *Bienvenue • Welcome • Bienvenidos*

### **Parish Vision Statement**

TO GROW IN HOLINESS, TO WORSHIP GOD, AND TO SERVE  
THE WORLD.

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### **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 Oficina • Heure 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 for children

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of  
Adults) Director: Ms. Jennifer Baptiste

Phone: 718-974-5248

Email: [OLR1087@gmail.com](mailto:OLR1087@gmail.com)

### **Eucharistic Adoration**

Suspended until further notice.

### **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 Haitienne 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 moisal' avance.

Log on to [www.pre-cana.org](http://www.pre-cana.org) for marriage  
preparation details.

#### **Ministry to the Sick**

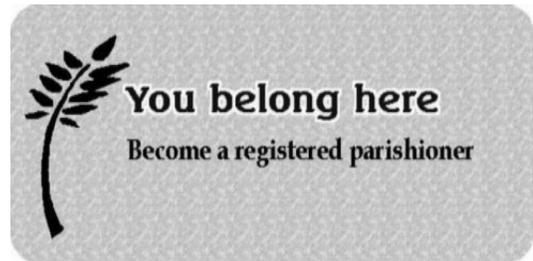
The Eucharist can be brought to the elderly and those  
who are homebound. Please call the rectory.





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- **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  
Genesis 9:8-15**

God's covenant with Noah when he was delivered from the flood

**SECOND READING  
1 Peter 3:18-22**

The water of the flood prefigured Baptism, which saves you now.

**GOSPEL READING  
Mark 1:12-15**

Jesus was tempted by Satan, and the angels ministered to him

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*Our readings for today revolve around the covenant God established with all of humanity, with all of us. It began with just the few people taking refuge on the ark, but after the flood Noah and his family **were** all of humanity. The First Letter of Peter identifies baptism as a sign of the covenant, saving us as the ark had saved Noah. Jesus, God's new covenant with humanity, calls us to repentance and faith. May we heed that call and renew our covenant with God by living out the gospel.*

**\* 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.



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– FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT, FEBRUARY 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2021

### Stewardship Reflection



Today's readings remind us why we partake in this 40-day Lenten journey — to prepare our hearts for the resurrection of Christ on Easter.

St. Peter reminds us in our Second Reading of the blessings we receive from Christ's passion, death and resurrection — "Christ suffered for sins once... that he might lead you to God." And again, "[Baptism] is... an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ."

In order to more readily receive the blessings from Christ's passion, death and resurrection, we too are called endure 40 days "in the desert." In our Gospel, Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert where He was tempted by Satan. Jesus was called to face trials and to confront evil. During this time, He committed to intense prayer and fasting. It was not necessary for Jesus to go into the desert so that He might be purified, but rather, to endure temptations of man for our sake. He was fully man, and experience temptations just like us, yet responded to them perfectly, never falling into sin.

We should strive to fully participate in this Lenten season by mirroring Jesus, the model steward by Whom we are called to imitate. Through our time in the desert, we will confront evil by weeding out the roots of sin in our lives through fasting. And we will be sustained and nourished in the desert by prayer.

Let us strive to purify our hearts so that we might be ready to receive the glorious gift of Christ and partake in the riches that pour forth from this Gift.

[www.catholicsteward.com](http://www.catholicsteward.com)

### 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 [olrbrooklyn.org](http://olrbrooklyn.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)

Registration for our parish Religious Education/Faith Formation Program is ongoing. All children in grades 1 thru 8+ who attend public and non-Catholic private schools are welcome to enroll in the Faith Formation Program to continue to grow in their faith and experience the love of Jesus in their lives.

### 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).

### Church Parking Lot Temporarily Closed

Our parish has an opportunity to rent both school hall and parking lot this weekend. This means that parishioners will **NOT** be able to use our parking lot from **February 20<sup>th</sup>-February 23<sup>rd</sup>**. We apologize for the inconvenience.



## 5 Ways to Honor Lent



The only real rule to what you give up is that it must truly be a sacrifice, so while we don't recommend that you give up school for Lent, we want to offer some suggestions on ways to make changes that can really make a difference.

- 1. Meals.** If you do fast in the traditional sense, giving up a meal, consider donating the meal, or the money you would have put toward that meal, to someone in need. CRS Rice Bowl offers opportunities to do just that. Contact the Archdiocese of Hartford for more information on how you can contribute.
- 2. Time.** The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) defines alms-giving as “donating money or goods to the poor and performing other acts of charity.” Charitable acts are welcome throughout the year, but why not, in the true spirit of Christ, make them your focus during Lent?
- 3. Unhealthy activities.** Sometimes we need a little extra incentive to give up the things that we enjoy, but we know are bad for us. Lent is a great time to give up smoking or alcohol, or even eating too many unhealthy things. If you can do it for 40 days, you are well on your way to living a healthier lifestyle when the season is over.
- 4. Technology.** It's 2021, so it would be really difficult to fully give up technology for 40 days, especially since many of us rely on it in our jobs. However, during this time, we can make a conscious decision to limit our usage.
- 5. Excuses.** Whether it's “I'm too busy for Mass this morning”; “I'll put off doing my homework until after dinner because I'm too hungry to think”; or “I can't exercise today, it's Tuesday”, avoid making excuses for doing the things you need to do and/or are good for you. Lent is a time for self-reflection: What can you do to start making your life, and the lives around you, better?

Remember that sacrificing during Lent isn't about suffering, it is about growing spiritually and learning to love and live like Christ. [www.catholicedaohct.org](http://www.catholicedaohct.org)

## 2021 Mass Book



Our 2021 mass book is open. Please stop by the rectory office to request mass intentions for the year. Daily Mass intentions are \$15, Feast Days, and Sunday Mass intentions are \$20.

## PARISH MASSES LIVE STREAMING



All masses are live streamed for those who are unable to attend in person due to the pandemic.

Our mass schedule is as follows:

Monday – Saturday 9:00am Daily Mass  
Saturday  
5:30pm English Mass  
Sunday  
8:30am Spanish Mass  
10:30am English Mass  
12:00pm Haitian Mass  
6:00pm English Mass  
Thursday  
7:30pm Spanish Mass

Special Feast Days will be 7:30pm Trilingual

To view our live stream you can visit our website at [www.olrbrooklyn.org](http://www.olrbrooklyn.org) or you can visit our facebook page. You do not need to have an account with facebook since our page is public. Please remember to click the donate button or give central link to contribute to the parish.

**OUR LADY OF REFUGE– FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT, FEBRUARY 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2021**



**Saturday – February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021**  
**5:30pm** – For those enrolled in Our Memorial Society.  
**Sunday – February 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2021**  
**8:30am** – Repose of the soul of Yolanda Isidra as requested by Maria Rojas  
**10:30am** – Repose of the soul of Bishop Pierre Antoine Paulo as requested by Michele St. Vil and Family  
**12:00pm** – Birthday Blessings for Satins Lorenceau as requested by her mother

- Thanksgiving to God in honor of the sacred heart of Jesus as requested by Leonide Paul
- Birthday Blessings for Shabana Pierre as requested by her mother Claudette Vague.
- Repose of the soul of Raphael Jean Noel as requested by Zulca and family,
- Birthday Blessings for Gina and Dana as requested by their mother Neltar Lepinasse
- Repose of the soul of Murcia Massan as requested by Claire Marie Séjour
- Repose of the soul of Jean Yves Émile as requested by Immacula Dorcelly

**Monday – February 22<sup>ND</sup>, 2021**  
**9:00am** – For the homeless and the poor.  
**Tuesday – February 23<sup>RD</sup>, 2021**  
**9:00am** – In loving memory of Simone Innocent as requested by her family

**Wednesday – February 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2021**  
**9:00am** – For the youth in the world.  
**7:30pm** – For peace and healing.  
**Thursday – February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021**  
**9:00am** – For the people of the parish.  
**7:30pm** – For the people of the parish.  
**Friday – February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021**  
**9:00am** – For those suffering with illness. as requested by the Bony family.  
**Saturday – February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021**  
**9:00am** – For the people of the parish.

**Mass Attendance 2-14-21**

<u>Mass</u>	<u>Adults</u>	<u>Children</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<b>5:30 PM</b>	43	3	46
<b>8:30 AM</b>	94	24	118
<b>10:30 AM</b>	58	3	61
<b>12:00 PM</b>	66	1	67

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP  
 OFFERING ON SUNDAY  
 February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
 \$7,157.00**



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

**Coronavirus Update**

**DAILY MASS & WEEKEND MASS HAVE RESUMED  
 AT 50% CAPACITY WITH SOCIAL DISTANCING  
 GUIDELINES. ALL PARISH EVENTS AND GROUP  
 MEETINGS ARE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER  
 NOTICE. MORE INFORMATION WILL BE  
 FORTHCOMING IN THE NEAR FUTURE.**

**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**

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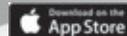
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