

# Our Lady of Refuge R.C. Church

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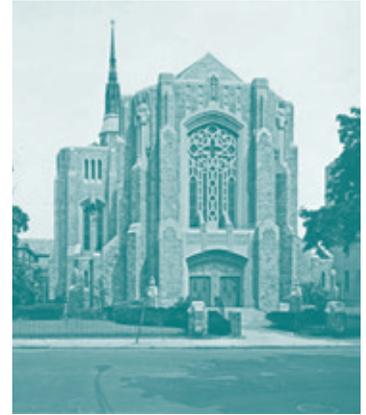
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## *Bienvenue • Welcome • Bienvenidos*

### Parish Vision Statement

TO GROW IN HOLINESS, TO WORSHIP GOD, AND TO SERVE  
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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

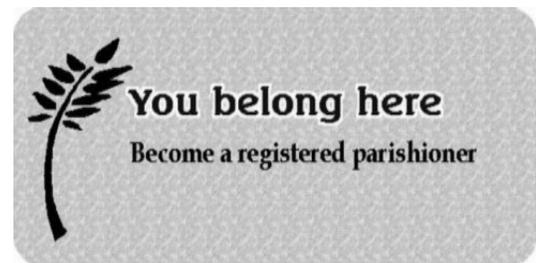
The Eucharist can be brought to the elderly and those  
who are homebound. Please call the rectory.





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& Sunday on NETNY.TV on  
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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  
Acts 9:26-31**

Barnabas reported to the Apostles how Saul had seen the Lord on the way.

**SECOND READING  
1 John 3:18-24**

This is his commandment: that we may believe and love.

**GOSPEL READING  
John 15:1-8**

"I am the vine, you are the branches."

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*In the Gospel today we hear Jesus say that he is the vine and his disciples are the branches. He tells them that those who remain on the vine will bear much fruit. Saul of Tarsus persecuted the early church, trying to destroy the blossoming vine. But in today's first reading, after his conversion and baptism, Saul—now Paul—boldly preaches in the Lord's name. We also hear John assure us that if we keep God's commandments we will remain in the Lord, remain on the vine, bearing fruit.*

**\* IMPORTANT INFO \***

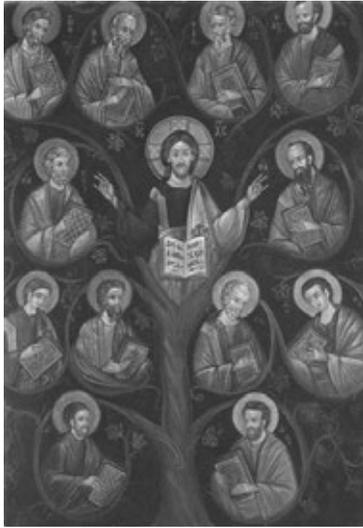
Our Lady of Refuge **Food Pantry** is open every Wednesday from 10am-1pm. The entrance will be on E 21<sup>st</sup> Street. We are asking all clients to wear a face mask and maintain 6 feet social distancing.

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.**

## Stewardship Reflection



Our readings today teach us what it means to bear fruit as disciples of Christ. We hear in each of our readings that it is from the Lord that good effects will be produced in our lives.

In our first reading, we hear about disciples that were preaching the Good News and defending the faith. The work they were doing was “with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.” It was not their work alone, but the work of God.

We must ask ourselves, ‘how is God bearing fruit in my life?’ and ‘have I invited the Holy Spirit to work in me?’ The more we try to produce good effects in our lives, the more we will become disappointed if all we are relying on is our own efforts. It is only by inviting the Holy Spirit into our everyday moments that we will see goodness poured out.

Jesus clearly tells us how to do this in our Gospel. He says, “I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit.” We can remain in Christ by staying faithful to His commandments and frequently receiving the sacraments. And our day to day moments should be a reflection of those commitments.

That could mean opening our day with a prayer of thanksgiving, smiling at those we see on the street, asking God for help as we begin our workday, praising God in moments of trial, taking time to listen to our spouse after a long day. To remain in Christ means, in all that we do, we do it with the Lord.

When we live a life like that — as a branch never separated from its vine — God will produce bountiful fruit in our lives.

[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).

**OUR LADY OF REFUGE—FIFTH SUNDAY IN EASTER, MAY 2<sup>ND</sup> 2021**

**TO HEAL THE WORLD  
Living as an Easter People in the Risen  
Lord**

**Zoom program: Thursday evening,  
7:30pm  
May 6**



Following on a successful program this past Advent, during this Easter Season parishioners of Our Lady of Refuge and Holy Innocents will once again take part in a prayerful reflection series, entitled To Heal the World, facilitated by Fr. Ken Gavin, SJ and members of the parish communities. Together we will encounter Jesus in prayer and explore his invitation to care for the poor, tend Mother Earth, and grow in solidarity as brothers and sisters.

In order to take part in this Zoom spiritual program, please register prior to April 20th by sending your name, phone number, and parish affiliation to the following email address: [tohealtheworld112@gmail.com](mailto:tohealtheworld112@gmail.com). After registering online, you will receive a confirmation email from Fr. Gavin along with a Zoom link for our THIRD Zoom session on May 6<sup>th</sup>.

We look forward to your joining us online for this enriching post-Easter program.

**2021 Annual Catholic Appeal**



As the 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal begins. We encourage all to watch the brief 2021 ACA Video online at: [CFBQ.org/ACAVideo](https://www.cfbq.org/ACAVideo)

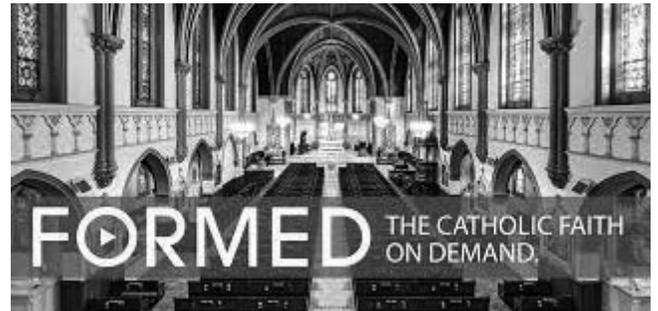
Let us pray that the 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal will be successful in both allowing us reach out in love to those in need in, as well as uniting us together in Christ as one

Church. I hope you will join me and Our Lady of Refuge in "proclaiming the gospel Of God" by participating in the 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal.

Sincerely, Our Lady of Refuge Church  
Text ACA to (977) 336-1255

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**OUR LADY OF REFUGE–FIFTH SUNDAY IN EASTER, MAY 2<sup>ND</sup> 2021**



**Saturday – May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021**

- 5:30pm** – For the people enrolled in our Memorial Society.  
 - Thanksgiving to God and the blessed mother as requested by Wooslene and family  
 -Thanksgiving and blessing to the Virgin Mary as requested by the Tulce Pierre Family  
 -Thanksgiving to God as requested by Fabiola Winfield

**Sunday – May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021**

- 8:30am** –Repose of the soul of Rafael Cueto as requested by his family  
 - Repose of the soul of Orga Melgarejo as requested by her daughter Josephine Rivera  
 - Birthday blessings for Valeria Alarcón & Arelys Ascerico as requested by their mom, Yadira Alarcón  
 - Repose of the soul of Gustavo Adolfo as requested by Maria De Los Santos
- 10:30am** – - Repose of the soul of Fr. Andrew Struzzieri as requested by Michele St. Vil and family  
 - In thanksgiving to God for Alex St. Vil as requested by Alex St. Vil
- 12:00pm** – For the people of the Parish.  
 - Repose of the soul of Yvette Mahone as requested by her mother Terese Mahone  
 - Repose of the soul of Jean Yves Emile as requested by the Bony family  
 - Repose of the soul of Yves Vixamar as requested by Jacqueline Vixamar and family  
 - Birthday Blessings for Melissa LaFortune as requested by her grandmother Josette Cesar  
 - Birthday Blessings for Jose Pierre as requested by his mother Josette Cesar  
 - Repose of the soul of Virginia as requested by Andree Jumelle  
 - Repose of the soul of Simone Fever as requested by Marie Jo Valentine and family  
 - Repose of the soul of Luckner Colagene as requested by his wife Claire Marie Séjour.

**Monday – May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021**

- 9:00am**– Repose of the soul of Jean Claude St. Jean as requested by his family

**Tuesday– May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

- 9:00am** – Repose of the soul of Violette Bony as requested by the Bony family

**Wednesday – May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

- 9:00am**– In memory of Solange Lorde as requested by her daughter Marie C. Tulce  
 -In thanksgiving to God and birthday blessings for Fatima St. Vil and Family  
 -Repose of the soul of Mirelle Calon as requested by Michele St. Vil and family

**Thursday – May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

- 9:00am**– In thanksgiving to God and Birthday blessings for Jerimiah Isaiah St. Vil as requested by his parents  
 -In memory of Paulette Galitte as requested by her family

- 7:30pm**– For those suffering from job loss.

**Friday – May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

- 9:00am** – Repose of the soul of Isabelle St. Jean as requested by her niece Kettie Estime

**Saturday – May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

- 9:00am** – In memory of Michaela Pierre as requested by her son Yves Pierre

**Mass Attendance 4-25-21**

<u>Mass</u>	<u>Adults</u>	<u>Children</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<b>8:00 PM</b>	48	2	50
<b>8:30 AM</b>	109	22	136
<b>10:30 AM</b>	69	7	76
<b>1:00 PM</b>	82	2	84

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

April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**\$5,412.00**



**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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