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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. Alfredo Garcia
Rev. Michel Pierre Louis
In Residence: Rev. Isaie Jean Louis

Bus. Administrator/Stewardship
Coordinator: 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

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 HaitienneKreyol
Jueves: 7:30PM 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 for marriage
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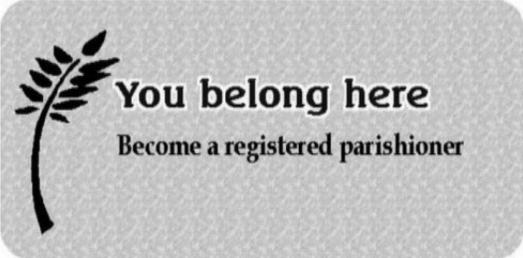
The Eucharist can be brought to the elderly and those
who are homebound. Please call the rectory.





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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
Isaiah 50:4c—9a
 I gave my back to those who beat me.

SECOND READING
James 2:14—18
 Faith, if it does not have works, is dead.

GOSPEL READING
Mark 8:27-35
 You are the Christ... the Son of Man must suffer greatly. *****
Living the disciple's life is not easy. Isaiah is proud to serve the LORD, but it's been difficult. Facing opposition and abuse, he relies on God's help. James preaches that faith obligates us to do good, to actually act on our beliefs. Jesus tells the crowd that whoever follows him must take up his or her cross. Listening to today's readings, let us reflect on how our faith both challenges us to do more and comforts us as we act in the Lord's name.

*** IMPORTANT INFO ***

Our Lady of Refuge **Food Pantry** is open every Wednesday from 10am-1pm. The entrance will be on E 21st 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



Jesus addresses His disciples saying, “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.” We are Jesus’ disciples, and He is speaking those same words to us here and now.

Living a life of discipleship is not always easy. It requires us to be imitators of Christ — who suffered, died, and rose from the dead out of total love for each one of us. This means we are called to share in Christ’s sufferings by taking up our cross and following Him daily.

But what does this look like in our day-to-day lives?

We can start by making a firm resolution to follow Christ today, here and now, and renewing that resolution each day when we rise. This requires time with Him each day — speaking and listening.

We should also strive to pick up our crosses each day with Christ by our side. Our cross might be suffering from an illness, fighting an addiction, a day of screaming kids, or a period where things just don’t seem to go our way. Instead of avoiding these sufferings or complaining about them, we are called to carry them with Christ, allowing Him to transform us through them.

If we live life constantly focused on us, we will ultimately lose ourselves, but if we surrender our lives for Christ and His mission, we will gain eternal life and become more alive than we could have ever imagined, “For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it.” This takes daily commitment and requires endurance in our faith, which can only be done through active discipleship.

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Our Lady of Refuge Faith Formation

BAPTISM

Parents planning to have a child under 7 years of age baptized must first come to the rectory office during the hours of 1-4:00pm, *Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday* to fill out an initial application. Registration should take place approximately one month prior to Baptism. Children over 7 years of age must be registered in our Religious Education program.

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Religious Education/Faith Formation for 2021-2022

in person Registration begins

What to bring to registration

Original and copy of Baptism Certificate

If child 7 years and older is not baptized (original and copy of Birth Certificate)

First Holy Communion Certificate if child has already received First Communion

Who: New & Returning students:

K, Grade 1 through High School

When: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 1-4pm

Where: Rectory office (use Foster Ave entrance)

Registration Fee

1 student registration	\$65
2 students from the same family registration	\$125
3 students from the same family registration	\$180
4 students from the same family	\$230

Sacrament Donations: Separate from registration fee

First Holy Communion \$75

Other sacraments \$90

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RCIA

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Are you interested in exploring the richness of the Catholic faith through prayer, liturgical experiences, and scripture study? The RCIA is meant specifically for adults 18 years of age and older and is a way to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation.

The RCIA program also provides an opportunity for baptized Catholics to complete their religious journey by receiving sacraments not received.

Call: 718-974-5248 to make an appointment.

Youth Minister Needed!

Interested in the future of the youth of our Parish?
Are you able to dedicate **15-20 hours** of your time?

We invite you to become a Youth Minister.

This part -time paid position looks to coordinate parish youth and youth ministry across all 3

language communities at both parishes of

Our Lady of Refuge and Holy Innocents

for more information please call the office at

(718)-434-2090 and leave your name and phone number and the best time to call.



2021 Annual Catholic Appeal

Once again the 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal supports the daily work of our Church throughout Brooklyn and Queens in ways no one parish can accomplish alone by supporting the following ministries:

Catholic Youth Ministry Initiative, Catholic Charities; Hospital, College and Prison Chaplains; and Diocesan Vocations Office, Catholic Migration Services; Office of Faith Formation; Bishop Mugavero Residence for infirmed clergy; Futures in Education Scholarship Foundation

Our parish goal is \$50,715. We are asking for everyone to participate in this year's Annual Catholic Appeal. For more information please contact the office.

All those who have made a pledge, please remember to send in your payments. Thank you!



Leadership Workshop

Calling all Leaders and Future Leaders!

All parish leaders and future leaders are being asked to attend a Leadership Workshop

Coordinators of Ministry and volunteers in the following ministry:

Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Ushers, Leader of Song, Director of music, Altar Server and Young Adults

this workshop will be held on

Saturday, September 18 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Sister Donna Ciangio will be our presenter.

Please sign-up at the Rectory Office or call at (718)-434-2090



All masses are live streamed for those who are unable to attend in person due to the pandemic. Our mass schedule is as follows:

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 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.

RIFA.....RIFA.....RIFA

La comunidad Hispana tiene una rifa para recaudación de fondos hacia la Campaña Anual Católica. El Sorteo será el domingo 26 de septiembre 2021, despues de la misa Hispana. Primer Premio: \$1,000.00 en efectivo y Segundo Premio: \$200.00 - Cada Boleto tiene un valor de \$10.00 – Boleto disponibles despues de la misa en español o en la oficina de la Rectoria – Compre su Boleto!!!!

Altar Servers

Are you a child who has received First Holy Communion and looking for a way to actively participate at Mass? If yes, become an altar server. Altar servers provide an important service to our parish community during Mass by assisting the Priest. For more information, children and parents, please attend our practice on

Saturday, October 2nd, 2021 at 3:30pm in the Church.





Saturday – September 11th, 2021

5:30pm – For the people enrolled in our Memorial Society.
 - Repose of the Soul of Bishop Guy Sansaricq as requested by the Ugwu family

Sunday – September 12th, 2021

8:30am –For the people of the parish.
 -Birthday Blessings for Viekla Bryan and Danny Scott for La Patron de Panama
 -Thanksgiving for La Patrona de Antigua as requested by the Panamanian Group
 -In memory of Pedro and Hermila Piedrahita and Wilder Alfredo Gomez
 -In memory of Enzo Farachio as requested by his parents
 -Repose of the soul of Pedro Armorado as requested by Maritza Rivera
10:30am-Repose of the soul of Judy Agard as requested by Patricia Georges
 - Repose of the soul of Jacques Petron as requested by Joseph Alexandre
 - Special intentions for Anne-Marie Browne as requested by Jennifer Baptiste
 -Wedding Anniversary Blessings for Louis and Marva Williams as requested by their family
 - Special Intentions for Alyana Pierre as requested by Jennifer Baptiste
 - Repose of the soul of Marie Constantin as requested by Sharon Taylor

12:00pm-Repose of the soul of Claude Serome as requested by Carine Lepinasse
 -Birthday Blessings for Eureka Nadege and Skye Dorcely as requested by Immacula Dorcely
 - Thanksgiving to God as requested by Claudette Vague
 - Repose of all the deceased members of the Vague family as requested by Claudette Vague
 -Birthday Blessings for Laurette Felix as requested by the Fiat Group
 -Birthday Blessings for Suzane Cheryl Paul as requested by Marines Lamour

Monday- September 13th, 2021

9:00am–25th Wedding Anniversary for Torrence and Jennifer Delon as requested by the Nakhid family

Tuesday– September 14th, 2021

9:00am – In deliverance for Claude Patrice François

Wednesday – September 15th, 2021

9:00am– Sarah Michele St. Vil as requested by her parents

Thursday – September 16th, 2021

9:00am– Repose of the soul of Yvette Mahone as requested by her mother Therese Mahone
7:30pm– For the people of the parish

Friday – September 17th, 2021

9:00am –In memory of Margarete Alphonse Nicolas as requested by her children Joane, Patrick, and Andy
 -In memory of Judy Agard as requested by Joane
 -In memory of Thalie and Frantz Napoleon and Fritz Archer as requested by Jean Napoleon
 -Repose of the soul of Danny Philistin as requested by his mother Marie Antoinette and sisters Danny and Marsha

Saturday – September 18th, 2021

9:00am –In memory of Clairmina and Clemont Louissaint as requested by their family

Mass Attendance 9-5-21

<u>Mass</u>	<u>Adults</u>	<u>Children</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
5:30 PM	48	3	51
8:30 AM	139	27	166
10:30 AM	82	6	88
12:00 PM	97	7	104

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 September 5th, 2021 \$5,087.00
 August Online Donation \$2,382.50**

My dear friends and beloved parishioners,
 greetings to you and your family!

As the end of Summer approaches, we would like to thank you for all the hard work you've done to support our ACA goal and upkeep the parish needs through your tremendous generosity. Although we have not yet reached our pledges, We are getting closer to our ACA goal, and we're able to pay off our bills through your contributions.

Allow me to take this opportunity, on behalf of my clergy team and my entire staff, to express my heartfelt gratitude to you for your continued support of your beautiful parish. We are ever grateful to you for all of your sacrifices, love, and dedication.

Also, we would like to remind you as a parish community of our vision for this new pastoral year. We look forward to the beginning of this new pastoral year of prayer and workshops to recruit new leaders and volunteers to make our parish more vibrant and more welcoming to all.

This past year, as difficult as it was, has given us many reasons to hope. We have been through several ups and downs with all the closings and openings due to the covid19 surges, but through it all, it ended up being a challenging but successful year for our parish. We came up together as one Church under the leadership of one administrator to make the impossible possible. We closed the fiscal year with a positive number in the budget for the first time in an extended period.

Let us continue to stick together through prayer, charity, and hard work to enhance our parish mission for a more vibrant parish.

Peace of Christ,

Rev. Lucien Rigaud, MA., M.Div., M.S.Ed.,
 CMHC-LP

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