



Our Lady of Peace Church

522 CARROLL STREET BROOKLYN, NY 11215-1030
FRANCISCAN FRIARS & SISTERS
Established 1899

Second Sunday of Lent, February 21, 2016
Segundo Domingo de Cuaresma, 21 de Febrero de 2016

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Patrick Boyle, O.F.M. - Pastor
Rev. Orlando Ruiz, O.F.M. - Parochial Vicar
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OUR LADY OF PEACE CONVENT

Hermanas Franciscanas de la Inmaculada Concepción
209 First Street Brooklyn, N.Y. 11215
Sr. Margarita Barrera, H.F.I.C.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass - 4:30 p.m. &
7:15 p.m. - Neo-Catechumenal Way
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. - English
9:30 a.m. - Latin Tridentine Mass
11:00 a.m. - Spanish
Weekday Masses: Monday through Friday - 8:00 a.m.

SACRAMENTS:

RECONCILIATION: Saturdays: 3:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.
and by appointment at the Rectory.

BAPTISMS - By appointment

MARRIAGES - Arrangements should be made first with the parish at least six months in advance. Couples must show readiness, attend Pre-Cana classes and receive special instruction at the Rectory.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK - Anytime

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC ACADEMY

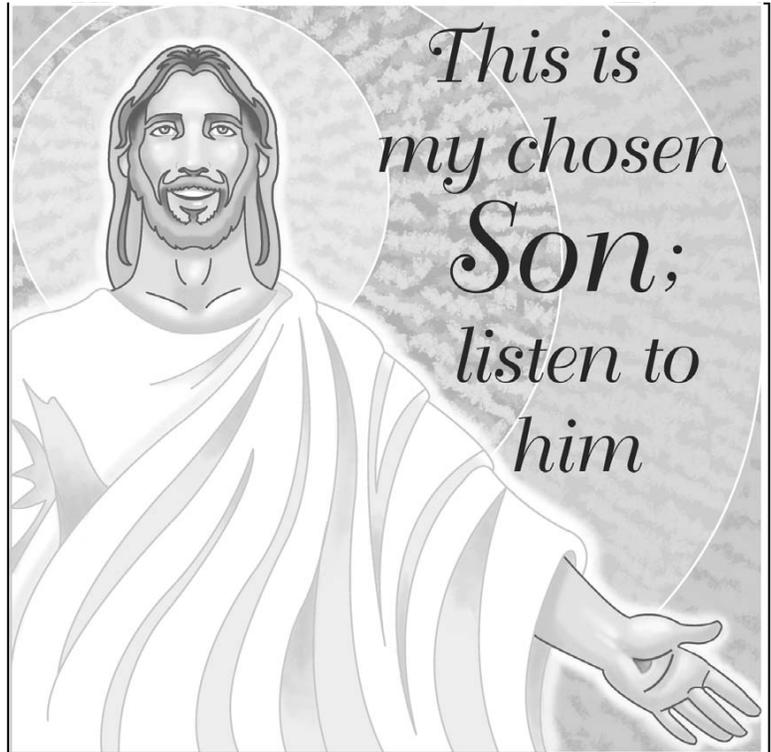
763 President St., Brooklyn, N.Y. 11215
Universal Pre-K thru 8th Grade
Principal: Dorothy Taylor (718) 857-2559

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (C.C.D.)

Lilian M. Flores - Director. Classes are held on Saturday mornings, October through May, from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.

NEO-CATECHUMENAL COMMUNITY

Directors: Andres & Miladys Torres - (917) 562-2732



DEVOTIONS:

Holy Hour - 'First Friday' of each month, beginning with the 8:00 a.m. mass, and continuing with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction.

Rosary - 'First Friday' of each month, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

SAINT ANTHONY DEVOTIONS - every Tuesday following the 8:00 a.m. daily mass.

GOLDEN AGE CLUB

The Senior's club meets every Thursday at 11:00 a.m., September through June in the gym.

MUSIC MINISTERS

Michael Ancona Brittany Stetson Maria Schwab

OFFICE HOURS: Mon, Tues, Wed and Friday:

9:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon & 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Thursday 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 Noon ONLY .

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From the Pastor's Desk...

*"Why is Lent so early this year?"
"And why is Easter so early?"
"Why don't they make Easter
the same date each year?"*



I've been a priest for thirty-five years now, and every year, some form of the questions stated here, are raised. It never fails. And again, as we began to focus our attention on Ash Wednesday over a week ago now, and the season of 'Lent,' began, the questions were raised again. Perhaps more than most, the question about "How do they pick the date for Easter?" is raised more than any other. I've answered this question "more than once" over the past thirty-five years, so for all of you who did ask, and for those of you who didn't, here's the answer.

'Easter' is one of the few "movable" feasts on our Church calendar (which means, unlike Christmas, which is 'December 25th,' the date of Easter 'moves' every year.) The date for Easter is determined by the moon and the lunar cycles. Now, what you need to remember, is that the 'Feast of Passover,' which our Jewish brothers and sisters, celebrate each Spring, is also determined by the moon. And you also need to remember, that Jesus was Jewish, and as such, the year he died for us, the feast of Passover, fell on a Thursday. Jesus was celebrating 'Passover' with his disciples the night he was arrested (this celebration became his 'Last Supper,' and it became our 'Holy Thursday'.) Jesus was crucified the following day, (Friday), which became our 'Good Friday.' Then of course, the Sunday that followed, would have been the first 'Easter.' Knowing that 'Passover' is determined by the lunar cycle, knowing that the year he died, Passover fell on a Thursday, and knowing that his Resurrection would have fallen on the Sunday that followed, it is the closest "historical event" we can identify with Jesus, and so for that reason, the Church decided to continue to determine the date for Easter in accord with the moon, rather than giving Easter a 'stationary' date like we did for Christmas (there have been many attempts throughout our church's history when a permanent date for Easter had been proposed.)

So, here's how they determine the date each year (and I learned this when I was in the fifth grade, preparing to make Confirmation.) It is the definition that I learned from the 'Baltimore Catechism' . . .

"Easter is the first Sunday, after the first full moon, after the Vernal Equinox!"

What the definition is saying, is that you start with the first day of Spring (which is March 20th, the 'Vernal Equinox'), then you look for the date of the first full moon of Spring, and then Easter is the first Sunday following. So this year, the first full moon of Spring, is Wednesday, March 23rd, and Easter is the following Sunday, March 27th!

For Lent and Ash Wednesday, you just count backwards forty days from Palm Sunday, which ends our Lenten season and 'bridges' the season of Easter with 'Holy Week.' Because the lunar cycles are so mathematically predictable, the dates for Easter can be determined years in advance. Case in point, next year (2017) Easter will be rather late . . . it won't be until April 16th . . . Ash Wednesday next year, will be March 1st!



Sincerely, Fr. Pat

Jubilee Year of Mercy

Second Sunday of Lent

Many icons depicting Jesus' transfiguration bear the Greek title



'Metamorphosis,' a technical term also for nature's springtime transformation. Fittingly, this 'Jubilee Year of Mercy' coincides with the Lectionary's Year of Luke, for only Luke specifies Moses and Elijah speaking about Jesus' "exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem" (Luke 9:31). Israel's exodus liberated from slavery; Jesus' exodus liberates from sin's living death of selfishness. Pope Francis suggests that Lent's prayer, fasting, and works of charity can transfigure the world, if Christians translate Isaiah's challenge into our daily lived experience of Jesus' life-giving exodus by releasing those bound unjustly, setting free the oppressed, sharing your bread with the hungry, bringing the afflicted and homeless into your house, clothing the naked, not turning your back on your own. "If you remove from your midst oppression, and malicious speech . . . then light shall rise for you in the darkness . . . you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring whose water never fails" (Isaiah 58:9, 10, 11).

Año Jubilar de la Misericordia

Segundo Domingo de Cuaresma



Muchos iconos con la imagen de la transfiguración de Jesús tienen un título en griego que dice 'Metamorphosis', una palabra técnica que también se refiere a la transformación natural de la primavera. Casualmente, este 'Año Jubilar de la Misericordia' coincide con el Año C en el que los domingos se lee el Evangelio de Lucas, además solamente Lucas menciona que Moisés y Elías "hablaban del éxodo de Jesús, que él estaba a punto de cumplir en Jerusalén" (Lucas 9:31). El éxodo de Israel liberó de la esclavitud; el éxodo de Jesús libera de la muerte en vida del pecado del egoísmo. El Papa Francisco sugiere que en esta Cuaresma la oración, el ayuno y las obras de caridad pueden transformar al mundo, si los cristianos en la vida diaria interpretaran el desafío de Isaías de experimentar de Jesús el éxodo que da vida al liberar a los presos injustamente, dando libertad a los cautivos, compartiendo el pan con los hambrientos, ofreciendo un techo a los desamparados y afligidos, vistiendo al desnudo, no dándoles la espalda a los más necesitados. "Si quitas de en medio de ti el yugo, el amenazar con el dedo y el hablar iniquidad, y si te ofreces al hambriento, y sacias el deseo del afligido, entonces surgirá tu luz en las tinieblas, y tu oscuridad será como el mediodía. Y el Señor te guiará continuamente, saciará tu deseo en los lugares áridos y dará vigor a tus huesos; serás como huerto regado y como manantial cuyas aguas nunca faltan" (Isaías 58:9, 10, 11).

+ Communal Lenten Out-Reach to C.H.I.P.S. +

C.H.I.P.S. (Community Help In Park Slope) located

here in our neighborhood on Fourth Avenue, is seeking cans of soup for their food pantry, to aid them with their daily lunch program for the poor and homeless.



In their ministry, they provide breakfast and lunch to those in need, six days a week. This appeal will continue throughout the season of Lent as a 'communal Lenten practice.' Bring a can of soup to church each week as part of your Lenten 'almsgiving,' and drop it in the collection bin in the foyer.



Last Saturday, at a special service at St. James Cathedral, Bishop James Mazza, **'Welcomed' eighty-five (85!) young adults** from our Diocese who will be received into the Church at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday. Among those welcomed, were the four young candidates from our parish community, who joined in prayer with the other young adults from throughout the Diocese, who have **'elected'** to become members of the Christian Community. Through the remaining weeks of Lent, we, as a community, will continue to pray for them as they take their final steps in their journey to Baptism, Confirmation and the reception of the Holy Eucharist for the first time. This past Sunday, Bishop DiMarzio, **'Welcomed,' one thousand, one hundred thirty adults (1,130!!!)** in a similar ceremony. The **R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)** is the prescribed process by which adults (**and young adults over the age of 8**) are received into the Church. At the Easter Vigil this year, **1, 215 new members** will be welcomed into the church here in the Diocese of Brooklyn. **The 'Spirit' is truly alive and active in our midst!**

+ Stations of the Cross +
 The **'Stations of the Cross'** are prayed each Thursday and Friday at 7:00 p.m. in the Church during the season of Lent. On Thursdays, the **'Stations'** will be prayed in **Spanish**, and on Fridays, the **'Stations'** will be prayed in **English**.

Estaciones Del Santo vía Crucis
 Todos los Jueves de Cuaresma a las 7:00 p.m. en **Español**. Todos los Viernes de Cuaresma a las 7:00 p.m. en **Inglés**.

+ Stewardship of Treasure +
Parish Support for the
The First Sunday of Lent - February 14, 2016
Totaled: \$ 677.70
 The previous week's collection for the
The Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time - February 7, 2016
Totaled: \$ 1,881.34
As always, we remain grateful for your generosity.
"Thank You!"

+ Please Remember and Pray for the Sick +
"And the prayer offered in faith may make the sick person well"
+ James 5:15
Robert Costanzo, Felix Vargaz, Matthew & Oliver Todd, Hector Ortiz, Guadalupe Bautista, Arlene Morganti, Nicholas Tomsic, Lucille Acocella, Friar Daniel Morey, ofm, Henry Seretta, William Casale, Maria Albanese, Melissa Torres, Molly Meltzer, Salvatore Russo, Carlos Emilio Flores, Friar Ron Bolfeta, ofm, Elaine Vona / Dr. Ray Mustafavi, Dolly Panza, Catherine Scorcia, Sebastian James Diaz, Dante Manzo, Flo Leopold, Vincent Manzo, Isabel Chavarria, Ciro Diaco, Catherine Dashiff, Matthew Anthony Keefe, Gia Florio, Luis Rodriguez, Nicolas Escamilla & Ernestina Martinez Rojas, Maria Teresa Salazar Alava, Luis Cáceres.
Please inform the parish office when it's appropriate to remove someone's name from this prayer list. Thank you.



Saturday, February 20, 2016
 1:00pm Latin Tridentine Mass
 4:30pm Stella Gnoza (**Dec**)
 7:15pm Neo-Catechumenal Community

Second Sunday of Lent, February 21, 2016
 8:00am For the Living and Deceased members of Our Parish (**"Pro-Popolo"**)
 9:30am Latin Tridentine Mass
 11:00am Luis Alonso Flores, Lilian De Flores & Maria Leonor Barrera (**Dec**)

Monday, February 22, 2016
 8:00am Dimas Ulloa (**Dec**)

Tuesday, February 23, 2016
 8:00am St. Anthony - Regina Hoak (**Dec**)

Wednesday, February 24, 2016
 8:00am Elena Luisi La Bosco (**'anniversary' - Dec**)

Thursday, February 25, 2016
 8:00am Elvira Archavila De Pelaez

Friday, February 26, 2016
 8:00am Laura & Anthony Spinelli (**Dec**)

Saturday, February 27, 2016
 4:30pm Domenick Giammarino (**Dec**)
 7:15pm Neo-Catechumenal Community

Third Sunday of Lent, February 28, 2016
 8:00am Francine Manzo (**Dec**)
 9:30am Latin Tridentine Mass
 11:00am For the Living and Deceased members of our Parish (**"Pro-Popolo"**)

+ Abstinence +
 Remember that our communal Lenten practice of **'abstaining from meat'** on all the Fridays of Lent, applies to all practicing Catholics who are **14 years of age and older**.

+ Abstinencia +
 Recuerde que nuestra práctica común en el tiempo de Cuaresma es la **'abstinencia de comer carne'** todos los Viernes de Cuaresma, esto aplica para todo Católico practicante de **14 años en Adelante**.

+ REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES +
 + **Sanctuary Lamp** + All Souls
 + **Altar Bread & Wine** + All Souls
 + **Chapel Lamp** + All Souls