



Our Lady of Peace Church

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

Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 20, 2015
Cuarto Domingo de Adviento - 20 de Diciembre de 2015

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Patrick Boyle, O.F.M. - Pastor
Rev. Orlando Ruiz, O.F.M. - Parochial Vicar
Rev. Brian Jordan, O.F.M. - In residence
Lilian M. Flores - Office & Parish Manager
Sister Irix Mejia, H.F.I.C. - Parish Secretary - Superior
Sister Luvia Martinez, H.F.I.C. - Parish Secretary
Sister Adali Ulloa, H.F.I.C. - Parish Secretary

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 (also every 3rd
Saturday of the month at 1:00 p.m.)
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

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 .

NEO-CATECHUMENAL COMMUNITY

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

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.

"Blessed are you among women"



"Bendita tú eres entre las mujeres"

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.

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

TRUSTEES:

Ann Ruggiero Alejandro Sinchi

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From the Pastor's desk . . .

Although this is the *Fourth Sunday of Advent*, it is also the last bulletin prior to Christmas. The fourth candle on our Advent wreath won't burn all that long, since we'll usher in the Christmas Season with the Vigil Mass of Christmas Eve on Thursday of this week. Hopefully this Advent season has been one of grace-filled opportunities to prepare, not only your homes, but your hearts as well, for the coming of Christ at Christmas.

*May you have
the gladness of Christmas
which is hope;
the spirit of Christmas
which is peace;
the heart of Christmas
which is love.*

On behalf of *Fr. Orlando, Fr. Brian, Lily Flores, Sr. Adali, Sr. Irix, Sr. Luvia, Sr. Margarita* and myself, we wish all of you a very *'Merry Christmas'* and a *'Blessed New Year!'* Be assured of a remembrance for all of you at our Christmas masses, along with our prayers throughout the year. May the light and love of the Christ Child, born anew this Christmas in Bethlehem, fill your hearts with peace and joy. May you share that peace and joy with your brothers and sisters long after the Christmas decorations are down and packed away for another year.

*Sincerely,
Fr. Patrick*

**+ Lessons & Carols +
+ Blessing of the Bambino +**

In the final hours of our Advent season, we remind you that this Sunday evening, December 20th, we will be hosting our *Annual Christmas Concert of 'Lessons & Carols'* beginning at **7 o'clock**. If you're not in the holiday spirit yet, you will be following this service. Come and hear the story of the birth of Christ told through passages from sacred scripture (*the 'Lessons'*) and then raise your voices with some of our favorite Christmas songs and hymns (*the 'Carols'*).

We also ask you to take notice of the Christmas Mass Schedule on the following page. For those who will be attending the **10 o'clock Christmas Eve Mass** on Thursday, don't forget to bring with you to church, the *'Baby Jesus'* (*'Bambino'*) from your home nativity set. The multitude of babies (*'bambini'*) will be blessed at the end of mass, to be then carried home and placed in your family's Nativity scene. Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, conducts the *'Blessing of the Bambini'* each year at the basilica of St. Peter's in Rome.



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**+ Jubilee Year of Mercy +
Fourth Sunday of Advent**

In proclaiming the *'Jubilee Year of Mercy,'* Pope Francis proclaimed his desire that this Holy Year be *"steeped in mercy,"* as we disciples *"go out to every man and woman,"* bringing the *"balm of mercy"* to *"believers and those far away, as a sign that the Kingdom of God is already present in our midst!"* (*Misericordiae Vultus, 5*). In her visitation of Elizabeth, Mary beautifully presents just such an image. Despite the perils of her pregnancy, not to mention her preoccupations as a young unwed mother, Mary instantly, unselfishly, *"goes out"* of herself, hastening far and over dangerous terrain, to *"bring the balm of God's tender mercy"* in assistance rendered to her older relative. Since baptism and the Eucharist have made us, in a way, bearers of the living Christ within as Mary was, such selfless *"going out"* of ourselves to be of loving service to others in mercy should especially mark our Christmas season this Jubilee Year.



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FATHER

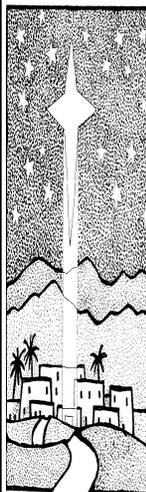
**+ Año Jubilar de la Misericordia +
Cuarto Domingo de Adviento**

Al proclamar el *'Año Jubilar de la Misericordia,'* el Papa Francisco exclamó cómo él deseaba que este Año Santo esté *"lleno de misericordia,"* nosotros como discípulos vamos *"al encuentro de cada persona llevando la bondad y la ternura de Dios. A todos, creyentes y lejanos, pueda llegar el bálsamo de la misericordia como signo del Reino de Dios que está ya presente en medio de nosotros"* (*Misericordiae Vultus, 5*). Al visitar a Isabel, María presenta bellamente una imagen así. A pesar de los riesgos de su embarazo, sin mencionar su preocupación por ser una mujer joven sin casarse todavía, María de inmediato, sin egoísmo *"sale"* de sí misma y a toda prisa avanza sobre terreno peligroso para llevar *"el bálsamo de la misericordia"* de Dios para ayudar a su pariente. Ya que el Bautismo y la Eucaristía nos han hecho, de alguna manera, portadores de un Cristo Vivo dentro de nosotros, así como María fue, esa generosidad de *"salir"* de nosotros mismos para ofrecer un servicio atento de misericordia a nuestros prójimos, debe marcar especialmente nuestro Tiempo de Navidad este Año Jubilar.



MISERICORDIOSOS
~ COMO EL ~
PADRE

+ William Shakespeare and Christmas +



There is only one time, in his plethora of plays, sonnets and poems, that William Shakespeare mentions, or makes reference to, Jesus Christ. That one time is in *'HAMLET'* - Act I, Scene I.

*"Some say that ever'gainst that season comes
wherein our Saviour's birth is celebrated,
the bird of dawning singeth all night long:
and then, they say,
no spirit dare stir abroad, the nights are
wholesome, then no planets strike, no fairy
takes nor witch hath power to charm,
So hallow'd and so gracious is the time."*

+ Parish Office Hours for Christmas +


For the past several years, due to budget constraints, the Diocese of Brooklyn has been giving their paid staff an extended Christmas holiday, in place of a monetary bonus. We have been following their example. Please be aware, that the Parish Office will close at noon on Thursday, December 24th and will remain closed until Monday, January 4th. This doesn't

mean that no one will be home at the Rectory! Fr. Patrick and/or Fr. Orlando will be here each day during the holiday week from Christmas to New Year's, **HOWEVER**, this simply means there won't be someone sitting in the front office waiting to answer the door. So, if you have an emergency, or business that needs to be addressed while the office is closed, please **CALL FIRST** and inform us that you need to stop in at the office, otherwise, as stated, there won't be anyone to answer the door. Hopefully we can all spend a little time with family and friends this Christmas.


**Masses for the Week****Saturday, December 19, 2015**

1:00pm Latin Tridentine Mass
4:30pm Christine Manzo (*Birthday & Anniversary of passing*)
7:15pm Neo-Catechumenal Community

Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 20, 2015

8:00am For the Living and Deceased members of Our Parish (*"Pro-Popolo"*)
9:30am Latin Tridentine Mass
11:00am Lilian de Flores, Luis Alonso Flores, Gloria, David y Pedro Gonzalez (*Dec*)

Monday, December 21, 2015

8:00am Stella Pastore (*Dec*)

Tuesday, December 22, 2015

8:00am St. Anthony - Jose Roberto Flores (*Dec*)

Wednesday, December 23, 2015

8:00am Joseph & Phillip Padovano (*Dec*)

Thursday Morning, December 24, 2015

8:00am Stella & Mario Pastore (*Dec*)

Christmas Eve - December 24, 2015

4:30pm Vigil Mass for Christmas (*English*)
10:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass
(*Bilingual: English & Spanish*, with the '*Blessing of the Bambini*')

Friday, December 25, 2015**Christmas Day - The Nativity of our Lord**

8:00am For the living and deceased members of the Boyle, Bogusky & O'Connor Families (*English*)
9:30am Latin Tridentine Mass (*Latin*)
11:00am *Intention of the Celebrant*

Saturday, December 26, 2015

4:30pm John Bartey (*Dec*)
7:15pm Neo-Catechumenal Community

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, December 27, 2015

8:00am Marian Boyle (*Dec*)
9:30am Latin Tridentine Mass
11:00am For the Living and Deceased members of Our Parish (*"Pro-Popolo"*)



+ REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES +
+ Sanctuary Lamp + Giammarino & Mongiello Fam. Dec.
+ Altar Bread & Wine + Stella & Mario Pastore
+ Chapel Lamp + All Souls

+ Pray for our Faithful Departed +

We entrust to your prayers, the repose of the soul of **Elizabeth M. Boyle**, Fr. Patrick's aunt, who passed into eternal life on Monday, December 7th. She was buried from her parish church in her hometown of Phillipsburg, New Jersey. Elizabeth was 94 years of age.

"May her soul, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen."

+ Stewardship of Treasure +

Parish Support for the
Third Sunday of Advent - December 13, 2015
Totaled: \$ 1,884.26

The previous week's collection for the
Second Sunday of Advent - December 6th
Totaled: \$ 1,145.27

Please be aware, that the second collection offered at the Christmas Masses, will be directed to 'Catholic Charities,' in support of their ministries throughout the Diocese. As always, we ask you to be a generous as your means allow. Thank you.

+ Please Remember and Pray for the Sick +

"And the prayer offered in faith may make the sick person well"

+ James 5:15

Hector Ortiz, Guadalupe Bautista, James Morganti, Nicholas-Tomsic, Lucille Acocella, Friar Daniel Morey, ofm, Arlene Morganti, 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 Scorgia, Sebastian James Diaz, Dante Manzo, Flo Leopold, Vincent Manzo, Isabel Chavarria, Ciro Diaco, Catherine Dashiff, Matthew Anthony Keeffe, 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.

