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*1923-2023: Celebrating a hundred years of Ministry and Service*



**Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
 for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”**  
 — Matthew 5:3

### OUR STAFF

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Midwood Catholic Academy (Pre-K3 - Gr. 8)  
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### OFFICE HOURS

**Monday to Friday:** 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 pm

**Evenings & Weekends:** By appointment

### MASS SCHEDULE

**Monday - Saturday:** 9:00 a.m.

**Saturday:** 5:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass

**Sunday:** 8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

**HOLY DAYS:** 9:00 a.m.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Rosary Society 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday after 11:00 a.m. Mass	Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Novena after 9:00 a.m. Mass	Charismatic Group la Paix Rectory basement at 7:00 p.m.	Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena after 9:00 a.m. Mass	Mary's Apostolate Prayers for Reconciliation 8:00 a.m.	Legion of Mary Rectory basement at 10:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul sandwich making Rectory basement at 9:00 a.m.
	<i>In His Light</i> Charismatic Prayer Group Rectory basement at 7:00 p.m.	<i>Group la Paix</i> Charismatic Mass 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.	Jeanne Mance SUNDAY Guild Rectory basement after 9:00 a.m. Mass	St. Vincent de Paul 1 <sup>st</sup> Monday Rectory at 7:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts Lower Church 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.	Divine Mercy Chaplet Chapel after 9:00 a.m. Mass

# FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## JANUARY 29<sup>TH</sup> 2023

Blessed are the humble of the earth (1), blessed are the poor in spirit (Ps, 3). Such are the ones God has chosen to confound the strong of the world (2).

### MASS INTENTIONS:

**Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>** 5:00 p.m.

Catholic Schools Week

Joshua A. Wong - In memoriam, 38<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Requested by Mary Wong

**Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>** 8:00 a.m.

Catholic Schools Week

11:00 a.m.

Catholic Schools Week

The People of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish

Terry Ann Samuel - In thanksgiving

Requested by Sandra Stafford

**Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup>** 9:00 a.m.

Adrian Stafford Browne - Birthday blessing

Requested by Sandra Brown

**Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>** 9:00 a.m.

Memorial of Saint John Bosco, Priest

Francis Barthelemy and Family - In thanksgiving

**Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup>** 9:00 a.m.

Centennial Mass Intentions

Centennial Mass Memorials

**Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>** 9:00 a.m.

**Feast of the Presentation of the Lord**

**World Day for Consecrated Life**

**Candle Mass Day**

Our Lady of Lourdes Novena

All the Consecrated - Blessing

**First Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>** 9:00 a.m.

Memorial of Saint Blaize, Bishop, Martyr

**Blessing of Throats**

Our Lady of Lourdes Novena

Memorial of Saint Ansgar, Bishop

**First Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup>** 9:00 a.m.

Our Lady of Lourdes Novena

Ministry of Mercy - Blessing



### **World Day for Consecrated Life**

February 2

Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

### GIFTS AND INTENTIONS:

**Bread and Wine:**

**Altar Flowers:**

**Sanctuary Candle:**

Ministry of Mercy - Blessing

**Altar Candle:**

Adrian Stafford Browne - Birthday blessing

**Altar Candle:**

Ministry of Mercy - Blessing

**Altar Candle:**

Ministry of Mercy - Blessing

**Altar Candle:**

Arlette Salim - Birthday blessing

**Mary's Chapel Candle:**

Constance Dawson - Birthday blessing

Requested by Claudia Hooper

**Annunciation Chapel Candle:**

**Saint Joseph Candle:**

Ministry of Mercy - Blessing

**Baptism:** Every second Saturday of the month at 11:00 a.m. The child's original birth certificate must be presented at registration.

**Marriage:** Couples planning to be married should speak to the priest at least 6 months before the desired date. For complete information about marriage preparation in the Diocese, visit [www.pre-cana.org](http://www.pre-cana.org).

**Reconciliation:** Saturdays at 4:30 p.m. or by appointment.

**Sick Calls:** In case of an emergency - any time.

To live stream Masses go to  
[saintvincentferrer.org](http://saintvincentferrer.org)

### Homebound Ministry

Please contact the Rectory Office if you are homebound or know of any parishioner who is homebound or anyone going for a medical procedure who would like to be anointed by a priest and/or receive the Holy Eucharist.  
#718-859-9009

# 1923-2023: Celebrating a hundred years of Ministry and Service

## THE PEOPLE OF GOD'S KINGDOM

In our Gospel reading from Matthew, we hear the Beatitudes, the stirring opening to the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus is proclaiming the coming of the kingdom of God, and begins by considering what kind of people will enter and participate in this kingdom. They are the poor in spirit, the meek, the clean of heart, the peacemakers. We hear both Zephaniah and Paul echo this, as God specifically chooses the weak and the lowly to be God's agents in ushering in the reign of God. By living with humility and integrity, their hearts are open to being transformed by the grace of God. We too are called to live in this way. Jesus invites us to be people with open hearts, to receive God's blessing. And working through us, God may bless all of creation.

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## TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — You humble of the land, seek justice and humility, and the Lord will be your protection (Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13).

Psalm — The Lord blesses the humble and gives them the heavenly kingdom (Psalm 146).

Second Reading — God chose the weak of the world, those who count for nothing, so that whoever boasts should boast in the Lord (1 Corinthians 1:26-31).

Gospel — Jesus taught from the mountain: Blessed are the poor in spirit (Matthew 5:1-12a).

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26b-28, 30-32; Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]

Friday: Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9; Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6; Mk 6:30-34

Sunday: Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16



**Kamala Harris**  
VICE PRESIDENT

## Second Collections.

### *Churches in Need*

Thank you for your generous support of the **Churches in Need** Collection. This collection supports pastoral programs in Latin America and the Caribbean. Projects include the work of evangelization, formation of laity, religious and seminarians, as well as youth ministry and catechesis.

### *Heat/Light*

The second collection next weekend is **Heat/Light Collection**. Funds from this collection will defray expenses incurred heating and lighting our church this winter. Please be generous.

***Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into a friend.***

Martin Luther King, Jr.



## Letters from Heaven



Start with the letter in the shaded square. Draw a path from letter to letter to complete the Biblical statement. Move one square at a time, up, down, right, left and diagonally until all letters are used once. Ignore any black squares.

Jesus said,  
"Blessed are they who mourn, for they ..."

	W	I	L
O	C	L	B
M	O	E	E
F	R	T	D

W \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ .

Answer: *will be comforted.*

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## **We Are The Church Together!**

**Without our faithful parishioners,  
we could not fulfill the mission of  
our diocese.**

**Vicariate of Black Catholic Concerns**  
*Diocese of Brooklyn*  
and  
**Office of Multicultural Diversity**  
*Diocese of Rockville Center*

**Saturday, February 4 - 3:00 p.m.**

“Going Home Like a Shooting Star:  
Thea Bowman’s Journey to Sainthood”

St. Mary Magdalene Church  
136-20 219th Street, Springfield Gardens, NY 11413

**Saturday, February 4 or**

**Monday, February 13**

Young Adults (18 - 36) Virtual Day of  
Reflection/Listening Session in  
preparation for the NBCC Conference.

Registration required at:

[www.kopc.org/reflect](http://www.kopc.org/reflect)

**Sunday, February 5 - 2:00 p.m.**

Black History Month Mass and  
National Day of Prayer for the African  
American and African Family.

St. Patrick’s Cathedral, NYC  
Livestream: [saintpatrickcathedral.org/live](http://saintpatrickcathedral.org/live)  
Office of Black Ministry: 646-794-2681  
[obm@archny.org](mailto:obm@archny.org)

**Sunday, February 11 - 12Noon**

**VBCC & OMD of Rockville Center**

Black History Month  
Mass of Thanksgiving.

The Cathedral of Saint Agnes  
Rockville Centre NY 11570



**Marcia Fudge**

SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

**The Ministry of Mercy**  
invites you to  
consecrate yourself to  
**Saint Joseph**



on the  
**Feast of the  
Presentation of the Lord**  
February 2, 2023

Preparation began January 1, 2023

**All are welcome!**



**General Lloyd James Austin, Ret.**  
SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

We pray for those who have given so generously to the Annual Catholic Appeal, that the Lord will bless them abundantly for their generosity and supply all their needs and the needs of their loved ones.

# The Eucharist Is The Heart Of Our Life In Christ



## Brooklyn Jesuit Prep

Located right above St. Vincent Ferrer Church, Brooklyn Jesuit Prep is accepting applications for next year's 5th and 6th grade classes! At BJP our students benefit from small class sizes, as we have **one teacher per every seven students** in our building. We offer an extended school day from Monday-Thursday, opening our doors at 7:30am, and providing small study spaces and extracurricular opportunities for students after school until dismissal at 4:30pm. **99% of our BJP alums graduate from high school, and 93% of them enroll in college.** Apply to BJP using this link: <https://bit.ly/bjp2023>.

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### First Communion

The preparation is a 2-year program usually starting in the First Grade

### Faith Formation

Religious Education continues in the 3rd grade through the 6th grade.

### Confirmation

The preparation is a 2-year program, typically in the 7th and 8th grades.

**The 2 years of preparation are MANDATORY.**

Mass attendance is a very important part of the Faith Formation program especially for those in the Sacramental programs. Please make every effort to join us during our celebrations.

**For additional information please contact  
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## Midwood Catholic Academy

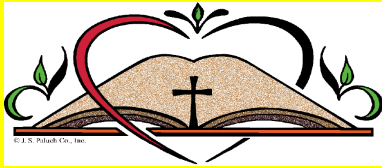
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***Centennial Memorials  
Prayer Intentions  
Living and Deceased***

Every first Wednesday of the month, we will honor Centennial Memorial requests. You can enroll a loved one in the Saint Vincent Ferrer's Memorial Book (for the deceased), or in Mary's Prayer Intention Book (for the living). A donation of \$20.00 will be accepted with each request.

***In thanksgiving,***

The Yilmaz Family, Marie R. Charlotin and Family, Mary Marchen, Sybil Kean, Nicholas Miller, Carlene Philip, Charmain Philip, the Baron Family, the Gonzales Family, Marguerite Pierre-Louis, Guy Pierre-Louis, Cassandra Pierre, Roy Redhead, David Emmanuel Lee Pack, Enoch Jemmott, Thomas Lillis, the Morancie Family, Keela Walker Elsa & Stanley Dickson, Agnes Melissa Mark, Caro Mark-Walker, Joseph Wilkerson, Imani Felissma, Marie Casey, Yvonne Mitchell, Ketty Numa

***In memoriam***

Venetia Williams, Sorancia Midy, Marie Bertrand, Olga Arthur, Jean P. Charlotin, the Jordan Family, the Montanez Family, Mr. & Mrs. Jeanty Vernet, the Gaudard Family, Lilian Philogene, Guynemere Philogene, Sheldon Selman, Vaughn Philip, Jacqueline Wong, Irma Lucas, Jocelyn Wiltshire, Richard Redhead, Emmanuel Lee Pack, Lorna Peters, Joseph McCourt, Jon David Lewis-Royer, Judy Stewart, Susan Wilkinson, Edith Flavigny, Aldwin Mark, Jean White, Lillian Mark, Sullivan Walker, Andre Mitchel, Elizabeth Dickson, Lorraine Richardson,



**OUR FASCINATING FAITH**

**Candlemas (February 2)**

Thanks to Pope Sergius I (687–701), on February 2 we celebrate the Presentation of the Lord. On this day we also commemorate the Purification of Mary, who complied with the Jewish law (Leviticus 12:1). The law indicated that a mother should be purified forty days after giving birth to a boy child. Since the eleventh century the Purification of Mary and the Presentation of the Lord have been celebrated with the blessing of all the candles and candlesticks that are going to be used during the year. This is done with the hope that there will never be a lack of light, either material or spiritual, in the houses of the faithful. The root of the word candlemas is the Latin verb candere (“to shine”) and from which also come the words candelabra and candlestick. This feast of candles recalls that Christians can, like Simon and the prophetess Anna in the temple, say that they also have seen salvation: Jesus the true Light who shines in the arms of Mary (Luke 2:25–38).

—Friar Gilberto Cavazos-González, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



**Michael Regan**

ADMINISTRATOR OF THE  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

**“If abortion isn’t wrong,  
...then nothing is.”**

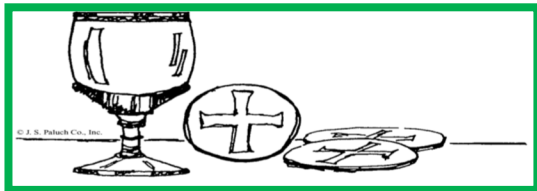
Mother Theresa

The Ministry of Mercy  
invites you to  
consecrate yourself to Jesus  
through  
The Blessed Virgin Mary  
on the  
Feast of  
Our Lady of Lourdes



February 11, 2023  
Preparation began January 9, 2023

**All are welcome!**



**Pope Francis' February Intention**

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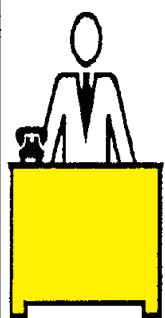
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