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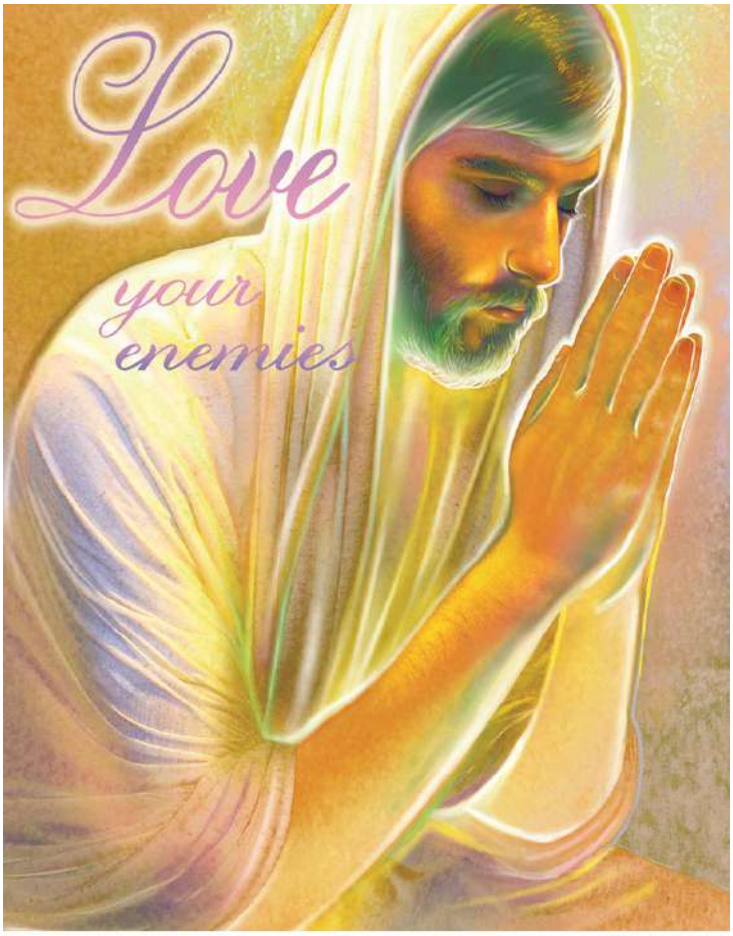

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Midwood Catholic Academy (Pre-K3 - Gr. 8)
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OFFICE HOURS

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 1st 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.
	In His Light **Charismatic Prayer Group** *Rectory basement at* 7:00 p.m.	***Group la Paix*** **Charismatic Mass** 4th Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.	**Jeanne Mance Guild** *Rectory basement* after 9:00 a.m. Mass	**St. Vincent de Paul** 1st 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

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 19TH 2023

Offer no resistance to one who persecutes you (3). Rather love your neighbor (1) as you love yourself. As the Lord is gracious and merciful (Ps), treat others in the same way, humbling yourself before the Lord (2).

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday, February 18th **5:00 p.m.**
Judith Gullap - Birthday blessing

Sunday, February 19th **8:00 a. m.**
Rev. Fr. Antonius P. Gopaul - Blessing
Requested by Roy and Yvonne Redhead

11:00 a.m.
The People of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish
Jean Arthur - In memoriam
Requested on behalf of the Parish

Monday, February 20th **9:00 a.m.**
Presidents Day

Tuesday, February 21st **9:00 a.m.**
Memorial of Saint Peter Damian, Bishop, Doctor of the Church
Francis Barthelemy and Family - In thanksgiving

Ash Wednesday, February 22nd **9:00 a.m.**
Liturgy of the Word **3:00 p.m.**
Mass **7:00 p.m.**

Thursday, February 23rd **9:00 a.m.**
Memorial of Saint Polycarp, Bishop, Martyr
Joseph Gianturco - In memoriam
Requested on behalf of the Parish

Friday, February24th **9:00 a.m.**
Blair Brooks - In memoriam
Requested by Pearly Gopaul and Family

Stations of the Cross **7:00 p.m.**

Saturday, February 25th **9:00 a.m.**

To livestream Masses go to
saintvincentferrer.org

GIFTS AND INTENTIONS:

Bread and Wine:
Kaye McGrath - blessing

Altar Flowers:
Jacqueline Phillip - Blessing

Sanctuary Candle:

Altar Candle:
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Mary's Chapel Candle:

Annunciation Chapel Candle:

Saint Joseph Candle:
Terry Ann Samuel - In thanksgiving

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.
Reconciliation: Saturdays at 4:30 p.m. or by appointment.
Sick Calls: In case of an emergency - any time.

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

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DISCIPLES TOGETHER

Today's readings reflect on our communal identity as disciples. Before we begin Lent together in a few days, we take time to appreciate what God has done by giving us our family of faith. In Leviticus, God tells Moses to "speak to the whole Israelite community" and give them instructions for living in love. Moses passes along the message—to each and every believer—that God's people must strive together for holiness. Saint Paul echoes this message, insisting that we are indeed God's holy children. As temples of the Spirit, we belong to Christ and to one another. This mutual belonging is a blessing and a challenge. In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus sets a high bar for Christian community: his followers must love not only those who are easy to love, but also the people who upset us. Together, let us ask God to give us this kind of love.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Take no revenge and cherish no grudge; love your neighbor as yourself.
(Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18).
Psalm — Our God shows mercy and graciousness (Psalm 103).
Second Reading — You are the temple of God, and holy (1 Corinthians 3:16-23).
Gospel — Offer no resistance; love your enemies (Matthew 5:38-48).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11

OUR FASCINATING FAITH

Ashes

There are three major Biblical traditions concerning ashes: repentance, mourning, and mortality, and they are interrelated. Repeatedly throughout the Bible we encounter the use of ashes (often together with sackcloth) as a penitential practice. A similar practice is seen when someone is in mourning or distress. And ashes are a metaphor for human life, which is seen as brief and destined to end in death: Ashes are the result of fire, the complete burning of something that was alive. They are ephemeral; the slightest puff of air can send them away into nothingness. It is easy to see how ashes came to symbolize fleeting human life or the humility of repentance.

Ashes can represent other things as well. For example, ashes are often used to fertilize our gardens and fields. Ash is therefore necessary to bring about and nourish life.

We can now begin to see how appropriate a symbol ashes are for the season of Lent. For Lent is not only a time of repentance, of sorrow for our sins. It is a baptismal season of preparation for the new life of our catechumens and of recalling the new life of our own baptism. We start Lent in ashes, and end it in Easter. What will the ashes mean to you this Lent?

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

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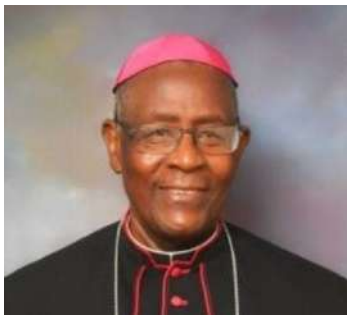

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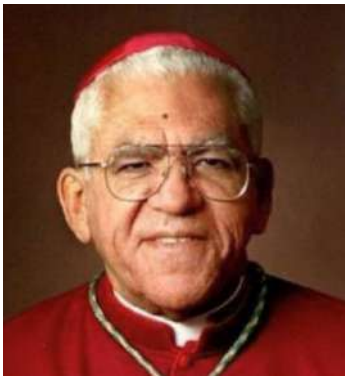

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Midwood Catholic Academy prides itself on the education opportunities provided to our students. In addition to a rigorous academic program, students are provided with rich and varied activities that seek to educate the whole child. At **Midwood Catholic Academy** we understand that music and physical activity are vital components of a child's development. Students participate in unique activities such as American Sign Language. We also believe that the social emotional support of students' families is important, especially during these challenging times, students have access to counseling services through our collaboration with PDHP. **Midwood Catholic Academy** supports the potential of all learners. Our teachers and staff are trained to serve students with disabilities as well as English Language Learners. Professional development consistently focuses on strategies for improving academic instruction for at-risk students to ensure their success.

Please call us at **718-377-1800** for more information to register for the upcoming school year. Seats are available in Pre-K3 to Grade 8.

Most Reverend Edward K. Braxton
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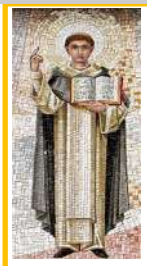

Saint Vincent Ferrer Roman Catholic Church School of Religious Education

Grades 1-8

Sunday classes begin at 9:20 a.m.

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.

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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 Wong Family, Angelina Chan, The Yilmaz Family, Marie R. Charlotin and Family, Mary Marchen, Sybil Kean, Nicholas Miller, Carleen Philip, Charmain Philip, the Baron Family, the Gonzales Family, Roy Redhead, Marguerite Pierre-Louis, Marie Casey, Guy Pierre-Louis, Cassandra Pierre, Enoch Jemmott, David Emmanuel Lee Pack, Thomas Lillis, the Morancie Family, Keela Walker, Imani Felissma, Elsa & Stanley Dickson, Agnes Melissa Mark, Caro Mark-Walker, Joseph Wilkerson, Imani Felisssma, Yvonne Mitchell, Ketty Numa, Brian Knight and Family, Ceciley Baptiste, Roumer –Bastien Family, Ryan Grotto.

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

GIVE US THIS DAY

The **March** issue of
Give Us This Day
is available in the back of the Church

Passive Aggression or Active Love?
I wonder how many people read today's Gospel and said, "You expect me to do that?" Aren't we supposed to resist evil? Yes, and we do it as Jesus did--we conquer it with love.
When Jesus died on the cross, this was the victory over sin and death because he gave his life for us out of love. This love was for everyone, especially those sinners who need it. All he asks of us is to show love to everyone, even our enemies.
Now when we read the examples in the Gospel (Matthew 5:39-42), we may be tempted to say that the way to stop evil is to make people suffer for doing evil. But Jesus didn't say to let people run over us. Instead of a weak passivism, we actively offer the other cheek, hand over the cloak, or go the extra mile. And that's just for the ones who occasionally annoy us. Later in the same Gospel, Jesus tells us to love and pray for our enemies.
But notice what he doesn't say. He never promises that we will change these people, that our actions will eventually cause them to repent or become our friends. No, he only asks his disciples to change, to become "perfect" as the Father is perfect. That kind of holiness comes only from God, just as changing evil-doers or enemies is up to God. Perhaps the love we show to our enemies will at least open their hearts to the possibility of receiving the love of God, who can help them to become holy, too.
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Spring Fling Card Party
March 31st., 2023
6:30 p.m.
Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

Tickets: $25:00
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The Ministry of Mercy
invites you to
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through
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on the
Feast of
The Annunciation

March 25, 2023
Preparation begins February 20, 2023

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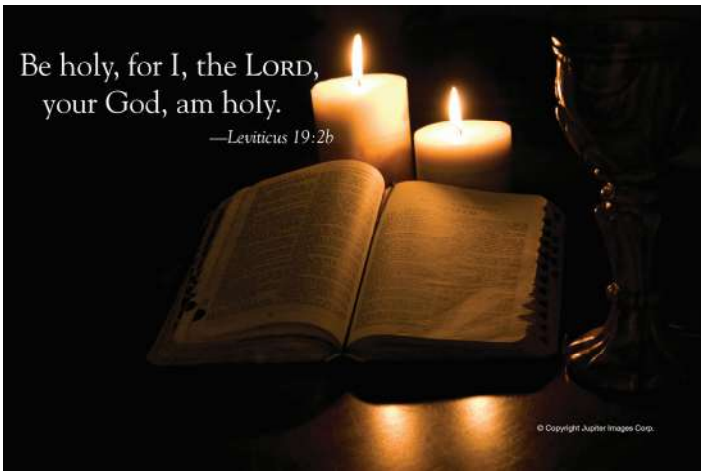

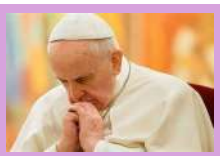

Pope Francis' February Intention

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity, and welcome towards those most in need.

The Ministry of Mercy
invites you to
consecrate yourself to Jesus
on the
Solemnity of
Saint Joseph,
Spouse of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

March 20, 2023
Preparation began February 16, 2023

All are welcome!

VIRTUS Workshop
Lower Church
Saturday, February 25, 2023
1:00 p.m.

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