



# FRANCIS, OUR POPE

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A JOURNEY OF FAITH  
THROUGH THE **HEART** OF NEW YORK 2015

## **POPE FRANCIS CLASSROOM VISIT TO OUR LADY QUEEN OF ANGELS**

Principals and students from OLQA, St. Ann, St. Paul and St. Charles Borromeo Catholic inner-city elementary schools in Manhattan will meet with Pope Francis and demonstrate how Catholic education in the schools of the Archdiocese of New York helps children put *Faith in Action* in their daily lives.

The 24 third and fourth grade students will showcase school projects and ongoing lessons focusing on stewardship of the environment and community service. These are initiatives the children know are important to Pope Francis who they will invite to pray with and for them during their short time together.

The themes of the student projects are:

**ST. ANN SCHOOL - COMMUNITY SERVICE**  
**ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO - THANK GOD FOR THE GIFTS OF THE EARTH**  
**ST. PAUL SCHOOL - THE SACRAMENTS OF RECONCILIATION AND HOLY COMMUNION**  
**OUR LADY QUEEN OF ANGELS - STEWARDSHIP OF OUR RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION**

### **A GIFT OF A SPIRITUAL BOUQUET**

As an expression of the great joy with which we receive Pope Francis to the city of New York, Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of New York are presenting the Holy Father with a Spiritual Bouquet; a collection of prayers accompanied by photographs of students and student drawings, bound in a hard cover book. This Spiritual Bouquet of prayers is being offered to Pope Francis in thanks for his ministry which inspires and moves us all closer to God, in both words and deeds. Both elementary and high school students from across the nine regions of the archdiocese are represented in the bound Spiritual Bouquet book, expressing how much Catholic school children in the Archdiocese of New York love Pope Francis and are praying for him.

### **Spiritual Bouquet Presenters:**

Shaila Cuellar from Our Lady Queen of Angels - grade 8  
Victor Franco from St. Paul School - grade 8



## Our Lady Queen of Angels

Ms. Joanne Walsh, Principal

229 East 112<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY 10029

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### Statistics

Opened in 1892 Enrollment: 282 in Pre-K through Grade 8

71% Catholic

69% Hispanic; 22% African American; 9% Other

69% receive financial assistance and/or scholarships

**Network Affiliation** Our Lady Queen of Angels is part of the pioneering, non-profit school management organization, Partnership Schools, whose mission is to support outstanding Catholic elementary schools that provide low-income students with the academic preparation, values, and skills they will need to break the cycle of poverty and lead fulfilling, productive lives. In an historic agreement signed in 2013, Partnership Schools was granted broad authority by the Archdiocese of New York to provide educational, administrative, and operational services to six Pre-K-8 urban Catholic schools, three in Harlem and three in the South Bronx. The work of the Partnership is part of a growing national effort to ensure that Catholic schools thrive in under-served neighborhoods for years to come.

### School Mission Statement

True to its tradition of serving the East Harlem Community for over 120 years, Our Lady Queen of Angels School provides our students with an academically rigorous, content-rich, and values-driven education that is rooted in Gospel values and attentive to individual differences.

### School Philosophy

We seek to partner with families to foster a strong school community that promotes mutual respect, personal responsibility, and service to others. We strive to empower our students to strengthen their faith, develop their talents and abilities, and embrace a life-long passion for learning. We do so to prepare them to become successful, contributing members of their local and global communities.

### School at a Glance

Over the past 11 years, the principal has worked with the school community to create an environment focused on the intellectual, spiritual, and emotional development of all learners. As part of that effort to serve the East Harlem community, Ms. Walsh and her team, in collaboration with the community and the Archdiocese, redoubled its efforts to recruit new immigrant students. Today, more than two-thirds of the OLQA student population is Hispanic, 142 or 50% of them first-generation Americans, and fully 74% families qualify for federal free and reduce price lunch.

### Academics and Curriculum

- Drawing on the classical roots of Catholic education, academic life at OLQA is grounded in a rigorous, content-rich curriculum that aims to build both the knowledge and the academic skills students need to achieve at the highest levels. In all areas, our curriculum and instruction meets or exceeds the New York State Standards. Our curriculum centers on Core Knowledge Language Arts (Pre-K-5), Collections Literature (6-8), Math in Focus (K-6), Eureka Math (7-8), and Glencoe Science.
- We stress mastery of reading, writing, mathematics, science and social studies, and work closely with each student to meet these expectations. In addition, all students participate in religious education and sacramental preparation, where students are taught the values and character skills that have been an essential focus of Catholic education for generations.
- OLQA offers programming that attends to the whole child, including: full day Pre-K 3 and Pre-K 4, extended academic day (grades 1-8), an afterschool program with academic support and enrichment options, art history, ballroom dancing, guidance, SETSS, secondary school placement counseling, and ESL classes for parents. The facilities include a science lab, library, art room and full-sized gymnasium. Students and teachers will return to school this Fall to newly furnished classrooms.
- Integrated science that focuses on both knowledge and inquiry
- Art, Music, and Physical Education instruction by specialists



### St. Ann School

Ms. Hope Mueller, Principal

314 East 110th Street

Noah Rodriguez 4th grade; Maziya Clemente 4th grade

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#### Statistics:

56% Catholic 47% Hispanic 37% African American 16% Other

Enrollment: 235 Pre-K through Grade 8

St. Ann has been serving families in East Harlem since its founding in 1926. At St. Ann we support the whole child's moral, physical and cognitive development through a faith-based education. Our dedicated faculty and staff provide students with an academically rigorous, technology-infused curriculum. In addition, our Blended Learning approach allows teachers to create personalized lessons for each student. The core academic subjects are complemented by a wide range of extracurricular programs both during and outside the school day. These programs expose students to fine arts, athletics, and language, allowing them to discover their individual talents and inspiration. All children can learn, but all children learn differently. St. Ann embraces diversity and partners with parents to ensure every student meets his or her full potential. Each morning the principal greets every student by name.

#### School at a Glance

FREE Universal Pre-K (UPK); Grades Pre-K to 8; Follows Common Core Standards; Full-day Pre-K for 3-year-olds; Extended day schedule (8am-4pm) for grades K to 8; Early drop-off; Free breakfast; After school program with homework supervision; Resource room for children with disabilities; Two recreational playgrounds; Religious instruction; Enrichment instruction includes visual arts and physical education; Library program includes a full-time librarian; Fully-equipped computer lab with technology coach; SMARTboard technology in each classroom; Music program including choral singing and orchestra.

### **Extracurricular Activities**

**Music & Performance Arts: During the School Day:** Grades Pre-K3-8 Weekly General Music Education Class; Grades Pre-K3-8 Bimonthly Art Class; Grades 3-5 Learning to Look monthly art appreciation course; Grades 4-8 Orchestra run by Education through Music; Grades 6-8 Choir **After School:** Grades 6-8 Senior Orchestra, run by Education through Music; Grades 5-8 Drama Club

**Athletics: During the School Day:** Grades K-8 weekly physical education class; Grades Pre-K3 - 8 daily outdoor playground time weather permitting **After School:** Grades K-1 ballet class; Grades 6-8 basketball league run by Inner-City Scholarship Fund Junior Committee for St. Ann, Our Lady Queen of Angels, and Mount Carmel Holy Rosary

**Language Arts: After School:** Grade 8 Newspaper Club meets every other Tuesday and produces the school's monthly newspaper; Grades 6-8 Yearbook Club; Grades Pre-K3 - 1 Spanish Club

**Leadership & Character Development: After School:** Grades 4-8 Student Council meets once a month or as needed to work at events or on projects; Faculty Leader Mrs. Karen Doyle, 4th grade teacher; Grades 4-5 Mentoring USA (Saturday program)

### **Blended Learning:**

In 2014 St. Ann was selected as the Archdiocese of New York Manhattan Region Model School for Blended Learning. The award recognizes St. Ann faculty and staff for their commitment to personalizing education via integrating technology and new teaching methods into the classroom. St. Ann faculty undergoes rigorous professional development to enhance their lesson plans and ability to deliver personalized instruction to students at all grade levels. The software powering Blended Learning assess each student's strengths and areas for development in English Language Arts and Math, and provides diagnostics to the teacher so that he or she can target their instruction to that student's needs. St. Ann faculty receive ongoing Blended Learning professional development from Educate LLC tech coaches

### **St. Charles Borromeo School**

Ms. Aleeya Francis, Principal

214 West 142nd Street

Farida Mintoumba 4th grade; Essa Nahshal 3rd grade

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### **Statistics:**

27% Catholic 91% African American 6% Hispanic 3% Other

Enrollment: 238 Pre-K 3 through Grade 8

Founded in 1904, St. Charles Borromeo School recognizes every child is a unique creation of God, endowed with gifts and talents to be nurtured and developed. It is the purpose of the faculty and staff to teach your child the academic subjects for success in the contemporary world and to guide and direct his or her spiritual, moral, and emotional growth. The dedicated staff is committed to the development of the whole child body and soul, heart and mind.

### **Mission Statement:**

We believe that the child is a citizen of two worlds, the temporal and the spiritual. We believe, that as a citizen of these two worlds, the child must be able to live this present life fully, so as to attain his or her destiny. Every child is a unique creation of God, endowed with gifts and talents to be nurtured and developed. It is our purpose to teach the child the academic subjects for success in the contemporary world and, equally important, to guide and direct his or her spiritual, moral, and emotional growth. We commit ourselves to the development of the whole child body and soul, heart and mind.

### **School at a Glance:**

Universal Pre-K (UPK); Grades Pre-K 3 through 8; FREE AdvancED Accredited; Follows the New York State Curriculum and Archdiocese of New York Guidelines; After-school program; Option for Free Breakfast and Lunch program; Weekly Mass; Technology enhanced curriculum with SMARTboards in every class; Library;

CYO Girls and Boys Basketball; City Track; Art program; Performing Arts; Early Childhood - Chess, Karate, and Spanish.

### **After School:**

Our After-school program serves not only the children in our school, but also their parents and community. Our after-school program often works with various resources to meet two constituents: providing to the children a place to feel safe, relaxed and productive; a supplement and complement to the school experience, with additional activities not offered or stressed in school; opportunities for active play, guided socialization and friendship, enhanced self-image, and the learning of new skills in supportive environment. It gives their parents a place to leave their children where they are safe and receive caring and imaginative supervision, coupled with a supportive community and a communication network with center staff.

### **Art Programs:**

The Art Program brings working artists into St. Charles Borromeo School to collaborate with teachers in giving visual arts education in painting, drawing, sculpture, and printmaking. The goal of the program is to stimulate “visual thinking” and the creative use of materials and concepts. Keyed to the on-going curriculum, the program encourages students to design art projects that both draw from and lead into their more formal class work. For example, an academic unit on ancient Greece might inspire design and motif art projects as well as philosophical and political discussions and writings assignments. The “Studio Art Program” provides students with weekly art sessions. Initially the school, in conjunction with the program’s Art Coordinator, hires an appropriate artist/instructor to work 2-3 days a week. Each Teacher and his or her class attends “studio-instruction” sessions every week.

## **St. Paul School**

Dr. Joseph Muscente, Principal (conversational Spanish)  
114 East 118th Street

Emely Rodriguez: 3rd grade (Spanish Speaker); Benjamin Grassia: 4th grade (Spanish Speaker)  
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### **Statistics:**

74% Catholic 76% Hispanic 22% African American 2% Other  
Enrollment: 256 Pre-K through Grade 8

### **Mission Statement:**

St. Paul School is a culturally diverse student population constantly striving toward academic excellence, Christ-centered values and strong spiritual growth for all its students, teachers and staff. All that we do at St. Paul School is focused on bringing the mission of Christ to all who enter, giving them the skills to go forth and preach the gospel through their words, actions and deeds.

### **Philosophy:**

Since the mid 1800's, St. Paul School has been educating the children of God in the East Harlem community with emphasis on the spiritual and educational growth of each individual child. During each and every school year, we are committed to carrying on the mission of Christ in spreading the good news to all people. The St. Paul School follows the rigorous, New York State Common Core Curriculum and the Archdiocesan Essentials of Learning. This combination of standards aims to foster in each child a curiosity to pursue knowledge, higher order thinking and the ability to think critically. Our values infusion program ensures that our Catholic faith permeates each subject area. Students will also be exposed to a program geared toward STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Education. To enhance the curious minds of our students, technology and scientific exploration will be a part of every grade level. Our intent is to foster a curiosity for education in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics by bringing it to life in every subject area. The individual talents of each child are supported by a teaching staff which constantly re-evaluates and assesses its methods of teaching through regular professional development and Catechist Formation. Our teaching staff is firmly committed to lesson differentiation, giving each student the greatest opportunity to learn and develop.

## School at a Glance

Free Pre-Kindergarten For All, After School Program until 5:45, Breakfast In The Classrooms, Religious Education Program, STEM Education with STEM Center, SmartBoard Technology in all classes, Google Classrooms, Science Lab, Accelerated Reading Program, Math Club, ITV, Drama Club, Intramural Sports, choral music and guitar/keyboard instruction, Title I services (Math, Reading, ELL), Scholarships Available.

## Academics and Curriculum:

The following academic areas are covered in St. Paul's UPK program: Literacy, Math, and Science

The following academic areas are covered in St. Paul's Elementary & Middle School: Religion, Science, Math, ELA, Social Studies, Accelerated Reading, Gym, Music and Art

Both Title I and SETSS for children with special educational needs, both of which are provided by the New York and/or NYC Department of Education.

STEM & Virtual Learning: Programs include: Mathletics, Envision Math, Sadlier Math & Math Connects, Brain Pop, and Reading Eggs.

## Students:

### Our Lady Queen of Angels

Principal: Joanne Walsh

Nicholas Marronaro  
Allison Reyes-Gonzalez  
Nguebou Kamwa  
Pedro Hernandez  
Itzmary Vazquez  
Aaron Diaz

### Saint Ann School:

Principal: Hope Mueller

Noah Rodriguez  
Maziya Clemente  
Jaylin Gratereaux  
Logan Colon  
Justin Blanco  
Belinda Baeza

### Saint Paul School:

Principal: Joseph Muscente

Emely Rodriquez  
Benjamin Grassia  
Lori Jeudy  
Mia Waterman  
Charles Orajiaka  
Nicholas Vargas

## Saint Charles Borromeo

Principal: Aleeya Francis

Farida Mintoumba  
Essa Nahshal  
Kelis Williams  
Kayla Osborne  
Marshay Mulero  
LaSalle Duke-Sample

## High School

Albertus Magnus  
Archbishop Stepinac  
Burke Catholic  
Cardinal Hayes  
Cardinal Spellman  
Cathedral  
Kennedy Catholic  
Maria Regina  
Monsignor Farrell  
Moore Catholic  
Our Lady of Lourdes  
St. Joseph by the Sea

## Students Name

Patrick McAvoy  
Brandon Cabaleiro  
Veronica DiPaul  
Daniel Kwaku Afrifa  
Tiffany Le  
Danielle Armato  
Nicholas DiGrandi  
Kara Fragola  
Richard Portas  
Stephanie Smallridge  
Julie Costigan  
Robert Ruskowski

## Principal/President

Christopher Power/Robert Gomprecht  
Paul Carty  
John Dolan/Janice Clark  
Fr. Joseph Tierney/William Lessa  
Daniel O'Keefe  
Maria Spagnuolo  
Fr. Mark Vaillancourt  
Valerie Reidy/Rosemarie Decker  
Msgr. Edmund Whalen  
Dr. Joseph Fusco/Rose Walsh  
Catherine Merryman  
Rev. Michael Reilly