

The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intention

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1 – Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 A.M. Caroline Connors
9:30 A.M. Mary Martino
11:00 A.M. Maria Zgaljic
12:30 P.M. Helen Gorski
Romolo Trivisan
Maria Cini

MONDAY, AUGUST 2 - WEEKDAY
9:00 A.M. Deceased Members of Perrelli Family

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3 - WEEKDAY
9:00 A.M. Tommaso Scarlatto

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4 - St. John Vianney
9:00 A.M. Marie Salamone

THURSDAY, AUGUST 5 - WEEKDAY
9:00 A.M. Victor Salamone

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6 - The Transfiguration of The Lord
9:00 A.M. Joseph Salamone

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7 - WEEKDAY
9:00 A.M. Purgatorial Society
Maria Nicola D'Angelo
Anthony Moncone
Charlotte Lechner
Vittorio DiPietro

5:00 P.M. Mike Perrino

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8 – Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 A.M. For the People of St. Francis
9:30 A.M. Carmelo Vella
11:00 A.M. Nello Rubinic
12:30 P.M. Robert Kline
Josephine Dochych
Susan Perinuzzi



Today's Readings

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Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15
Ephesians 4:17, 20-24
John 6:24-35

Readings for the Week

MONDAY: Numbers 11:4b-15
Matthew 14:13-24

TUESDAY: Numbers 12:1-13
Matthew 14:22-36

WEDNESDAY: Numbers 13:1-2, 25-14:1,
26-29a, 34-35
Matthew 15:21-28

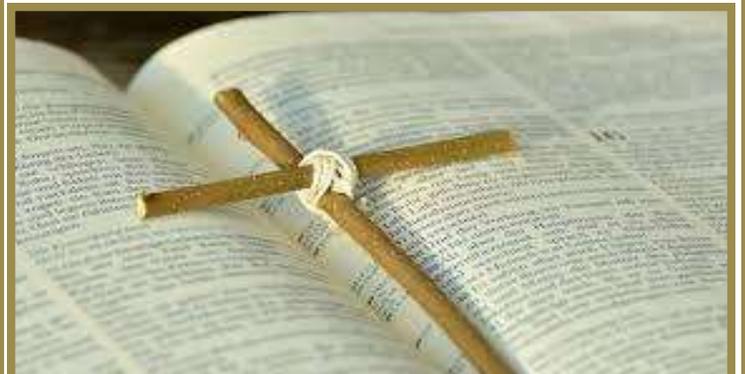
THURSDAY: Numbers 20:1-13
Matthew 16:13-23

FRIDAY: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
2 Peter 1:16-19
Mark 9: 2-10

SATURDAY: Deuteronomy 6:4-13
Matthew 17:14-20

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1 Kings 19:4-8
Ephesians 4:30-5:2
John 6:41-51



Welcome New Parishioners



We welcome those who registered in our parish during the month of July 2021.

***Stephen Conti & Michelle Troperno
Jonathan & Jennice Tankleff***

Baptisms



We welcome those who were Baptized during the month of July 2021.

***Alexis Carmen Grohmann
Annabella Rose Potere
Alissia Rose Dinome
Rosalie Sheila Sbano***

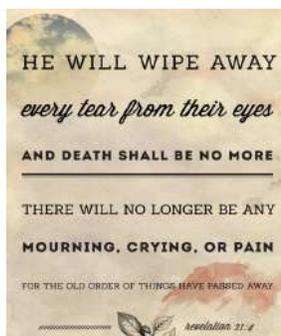
Marriages



Congratulations to those who were married in our Parish in the month of July 2021.

Christopher Bosch & Vanessa Enea Vargas

Recently Deceased



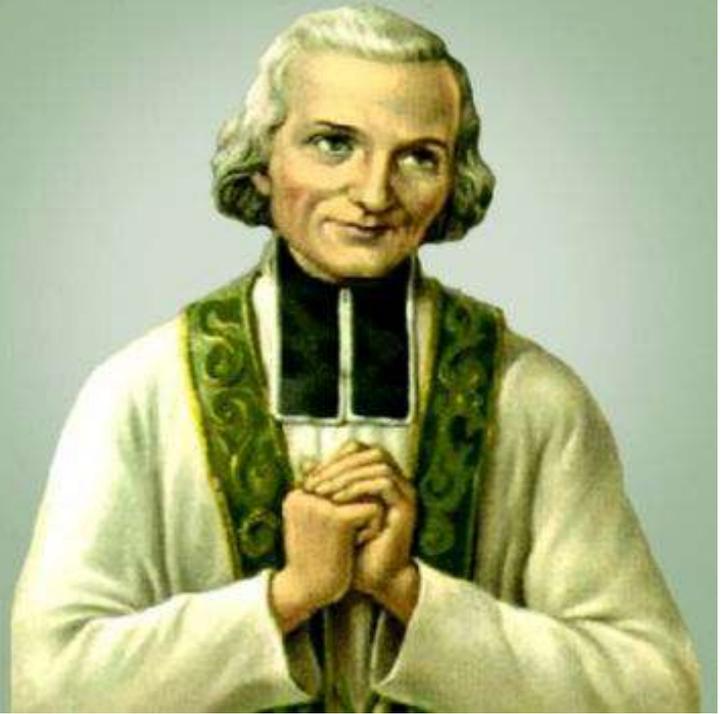
The following have passed away during the months of June and July 2021. We continue to pray for the recently deceased members of our parish.

***Vittorio DePietro
Jose Mendez
Robert Dusha
Viola Herbst
Michele Ann D'Angelo***

Parish Mission Statement

St. Francis of Assisi Parish is a Catholic community that is centered in Jesus, gathers in worship and witnesses the Gospel message. The parish values and welcomes each person's gift of time, talent and treasure. As a faith-filled community, we are committed to minister to the spiritual, educational and material needs of all people.

SAINT
JOHN VIANNEY
Pray For Us



Wednesday, August 4, 2021
The Feast of
Saint John Vianney

This glorious parish priest was born in eastern France, three years before the French Revolution broke out. He was a simple farmer's boy. He received his first Holy Communion secretly in a barn when he was thirteen years of age. He later began studies for the priesthood. Because of the simple innocence of his mind, he found it very hard to pass the seminary examinations. His great devotions were to the Blessed Sacrament and to Our Blessed Lady. After months of prayer to Our Blessed Lady, he finally obtained the favor of being ordained a priest in 1815. He got encouragement to pursue his vocation to the priesthood at the tomb of Saint John Francis Regis. He was first made an assistant pastor at Ecully, and later a pastor at the little village of Ars. He stayed there for forty-one years, until he died. He is always referred to as the Cur'e of Ars. So great was his sanctity that people from all over Europe came to see him. He used to spend from sixteen to eighteen hours in the confessional every day. Heads of the State, army officers, university professors, bishops and priest, all went to him for direction. Toward the end of his life, nearly 20,000 pilgrims visited him every year. Pope Pius XI proclaimed him the patron of all parish priests. He was one of the most loved priests in the history of the Catholic Church. Everyone remembers him either as sitting in the confessional or kneeling before the Blessed Sacrament or before an image of Our Blessed Mother, always with the rosary beads in his hand.

St. John Vianney died on August 4, 1859, at Ars, France, of natural causes. He was canonized May 31, 1925. He is known as the Cur'e of Ars. Pope Pius XI declared him the patron saint of all diocesan priests in 1929. His body remains incorruptible.

Prayer to Saint John Vianney

Almighty and merciful God, Who didst make St. John wonderful in his pastoral zeal and constant prayer and penance: grant, we beseech Thee, that by his example and intercession we may be able to win the souls of our brethren for Christ, and together with them attain to everlasting glory. Through the same our Lord.



Friday, August 6, 2021
The Feast of
Transfiguration of the Lord

Each year on August 6th the Church recalls and celebrates the Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we recall Christ's divinity showing forth on Mount Tabor. This event foreshadowed the glorious Resurrection and Ascension of Christ that would occur after His death on the Cross.

The Transfiguration wasn't in and of itself the greatest part of this mystery, but what is even greater is that Christ humbled Himself and hid His immense glory while on earth.

As Our Blessed Lord ascends Mount Tabor and is transfigured before His closest disciples, there appears to Him both Moses and Elijah -- symbolizes the Law and the Prophet, surrounding the Son of Man. The radiance of Jesus in the presence of Moses refers to Moses' radiance in the presence of the Lord. St. James the Greater, along with Peter and John, was one of the few that witnessed Our Lord's Transfiguration on Mt. Tabor, the raising of the daughter of Jairus, and Our Lord's suffering in the Garden of Gethsemane before His passion.

As the beginning of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen's section on the Transfiguration states: "Three important scenes of Our Lord's life took place on mountains. On one, He preached the Beatitudes, the practice of which would bring a Cross from the world; on the second, He showed the glory that lay beyond the Cross; and on the third, He offered Himself in death as a prelude to His glory and that of all who would believe in His name" (*Life of Christ* by Fulton J. Sheen, p. 158, © 1970).

The Transfiguration was a special event in which God allowed certain apostles to have a privileged spiritual experience that was meant to strengthen their faith for the challenges they would later endure. But it was only a temporary event. It was not meant to be permanent.



PRAYER TO OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE

Most holy and immaculate Virgin, Mother of Jesus and our loving Mother, being His mother, you shared in His universal kingship. The prophets and angels proclaimed Him King of Peace. With loving fervor in our hearts, we salute and honor you as Queen of Peace.

We pray that your intercession may protect us and all people from hate and discord, and direct our hearts into the ways of peace and justice which your Son taught and exemplified. We ask your maternal care for our Holy Father who works to reconcile the nations in peace. We seek your guidance for our head of state and other leaders as they strive for world peace.

Glorious Queen of Peace, grant us peace in our hearts, harmony in our families and concord throughout the world.

Immaculate Mother, as patroness of our beloved country, watch over us and protect us with your motherly love. Amen

WELCOME

We welcome Father Peter Hesse for summer assistance. Father will arrive on Monday, August 2nd. We are grateful for his presence with us. He will be here until October 31st. Father Peter Hesse is from Ghana.



ANOINTING MASS

Saturday, August 7, 2021, the 9:00am Mass will be an anointing Mass. All those who wish to receive the Sacrament of the Sick are asked to participate in this Mass.

All are invited to join us in prayer as we remember to pray for all those who are in need of God's healing power.



Ensuring the Future of Your Church

Saint Francis of Assisi Parish relies on your goodness and generosity to ensure that the ministry of Jesus continues here in Astoria. A charitable bequest is an excellent way to create a lasting memorial. Many of our parishioners use their wills or living trusts to make their most generous gifts. Please remember us when you create yours.

Remember in your prayers all those in our parish who are sick, that they may find health and comfort:



Steven Joyce, Ana Balint, John Wrenn, Rose Williams, George Behringer, Augustin Cisneros, Martha Calado, James Nunez, Vincent Wytak, Carol Ross, Jeffrey Hyans, Marie LoVolpe, Jessica St. Preux, Al Ciani, Alesha Moses, Nancy McCaffrey, Christopher Wojtalik, Marie Guerriero, Theresa Pacheco, William Goss, Luke Pacheco, Vincenza Papa, Jim Schneggenburger, Anthony Criscuolo, John Ross, Samantha O'Sullivan, Marilyn Miller, John Carmody, Rosario Duran, Vivian Papa, Joel Steinmann, Anna Governali, Antonio Postiglione, Mario Tamburello, Christopher Araimo, Charles Principato, Jim Kreitler, Humberto Cordova, John Schakir, Louise Joyce Mastromarco, Margaret Culhane, Benedicto Randazzo, Theresa Unter, Angelo Niakas, & Peter Lopez.

Also remember in your prayers all the deceased of the Parish. Please remember to continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood, religious life, diaconate, and married life.

RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

After receiving Holy Communion, please remember this is a special time with the Lord. Do not be stopping to say hello or wave to people in the pews. Return to your seat in silence and use this special time for prayer and thanksgiving. Reflect that you have received the Body and Blood of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Jesus is with you. Please observe a prayerful silence.

Please be mindful that there are people who come to church early in order to pray.



Please show respect by observing silence.

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Pray
for Vocations

“The Bread of God is that which comes down from heaven.”

Consider a vocation as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life.

Contact the Vocation Office at
(718) 827-2454 or
email: vocations@diobrook.org



Communion for the Homebound

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion can bring the Eucharist to home bound parishioners using the usual safety precautions (masks, social distancing) and if the parishioner and extraordinary minister are comfortable doing so. The homebound person should be equally comfortable in having the Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion visit their home. If Extraordinary Ministers are willing, please call Marybeth at the rectory to let her know.

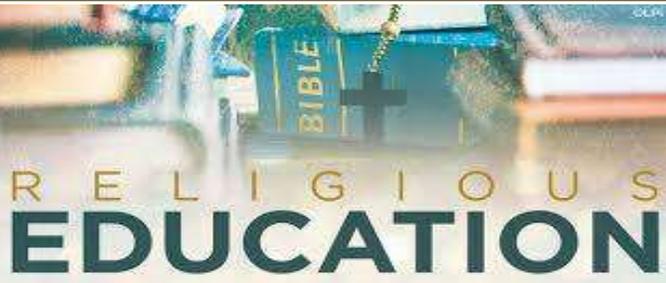
Those who are home bound, if you wish Holy Communion, please call the rectory and leave your name, address, and phone number. A minister will be in contact with you to make the necessary arrangements. Please DO NOT contact a minister on your own. If a minister was bringing Holy Communion to you let Marybeth know that when you call the rectory.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

FOCUS:

Do not work for food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life.

As we listen to the Discourse on the Bread of Life, we are reminded that on the journey of life, no matter its twists and turns, the Lord continues to travel with us and to care for us, nourishing us with heavenly food as He once fed the Israelites in the desert.



If you have a child beginning first grade in public school, it is time to register for Religious Education. Diocesan guidelines require *two years* of instructions prior to the reception of a Sacrament. If your child is already in the first grade and missed this year, call the Office of Religious Education to set up an appointment to discuss the options.

Anthony Perrelli, Director of Faith Formation,



ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW
SOMEONE WHO...

Has expressed an interest in becoming
Catholic?

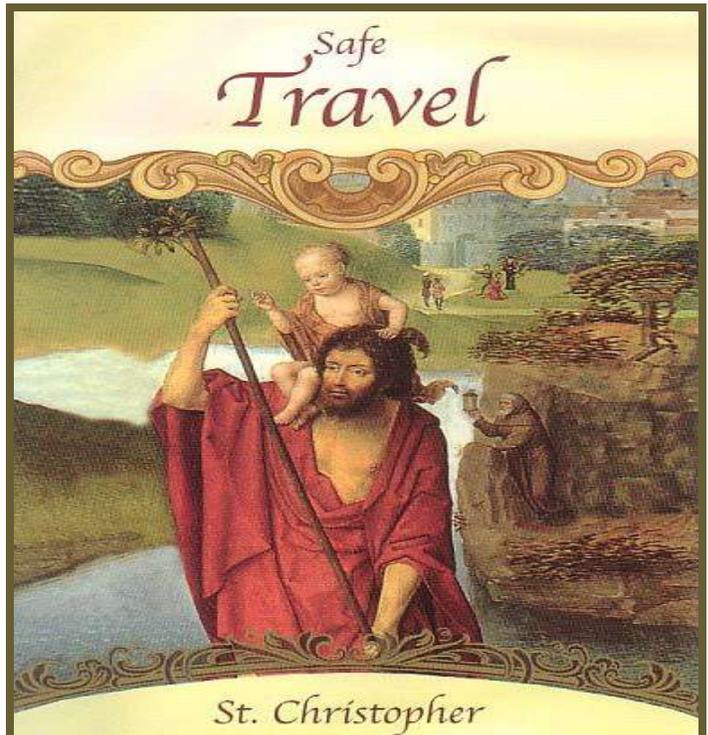
Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not
celebrated the Sacraments of
Eucharist and/or Confirmation?

Then **RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)**
is what you're looking for!

Sessions focus on the teachings and
experience of the Church as well as prepare
individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of
Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the
Easter season.

For information please contact our
Director of Faith Formation, Anthony Perrelli at
(718) 278.0259 or dre@sfaacademy.org.

OFFICE HOURS
Monday - Thursday 9:00AM to 3:00PM
or by appointment



St. Christopher

Prayer for Safe Travel

*O almighty and merciful God, Who
commission Your angels to guide and
protect us, command them to be our
constant companions from our leaving
until our return; to clothe us with their
invisible protection; to keep us from all
danger, and finally, having preserved us
from all evil, and especially from sin, to
guide us to our heavenly home.*

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Welcome to Our Church

If you wish to register as a parishioner of St.
Francis of Assisi Church, please stop by the
Rectory Office during regular business hours.
There you can pick up a census card which can be
filled out at that time or returned by mail or in the
Sunday Collection Basket. You can even download
the census card on line. Just check our website at:

stfrancisofassisiastoria.org

You will then begin to receive weekly
offering envelopes.

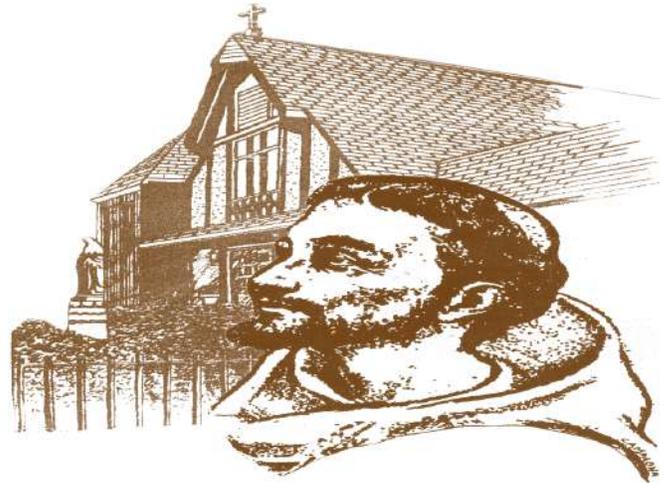
St. Francis of Assisi Parish
Weekly Offering

Thank you for your continued generosity of giving each week. Your weekly offering helps us pay our monthly bills.

The Collection/Donation
for the weekend:

Sunday Collections 7/24-7/25 \$3,896.00

School parents must use church envelopes.



Church Tower Repairs

The front and side of the tower of Church are in need of major repair. If you look closely at the wood it is rotting and cracked and, in some places, coming off. Work needs to be done before water seeps into the stairwell going down to Msgr. Campbell Hall. Before that happens, which would create mold and mildew, it has to be repaired.

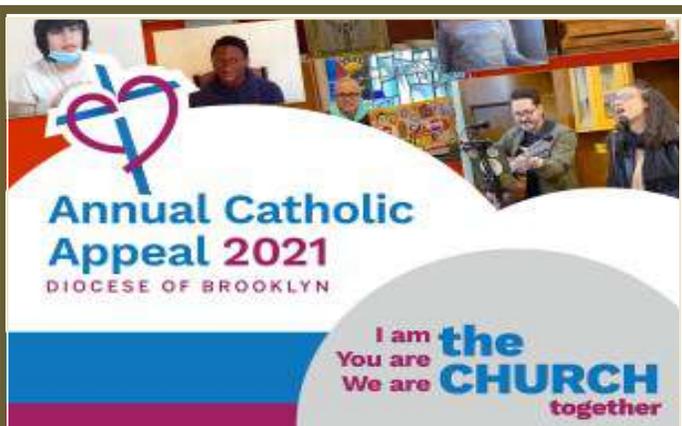
I have contracted with ARTECH Church Restoration, they are the company who restored the inside of our church years ago, to do the work on the tower. They will fasten all the loose boards and then install custom cap aluminum siding to replicate the existing design. This will protect the tower and prevent any rotting or leakage of water for years to come. The cost of this project is \$25,500.00.

I know we are in challenging times, however, if you are able to make a donation to help defray the cost, I would be very grateful. Please make the check out to St. Francis of Assisi and mark the envelope "TOWER RESTORATION". You may place it in any collection or drop it off at the rectory.

Thank you for your support of this project and your help in keeping our Church in good shape. To this day, we have received 12,530.00 in donations.

I am grateful to all those who have donated to this project.

Msgr. Maresca



THANK YOU to all who have donated to the Annual Catholic Appeal. I appreciate your generosity. As of this time we have \$36,508.00 pledged and \$27,508.00 paid towards our goal of \$41,679.00.

If you have not donated to the appeal as of this time, I ask you to prayerfully consider a donation to help us achieve our goal.

Envelopes are available in Church or you may stop at the rectory.

Our parish receives a grant from the appeal for our Religious Education Program and a grant helps to defray the cost of the hospital chaplain in our deanery. I ask that you help us reach our goal since we do benefit from the appeal.



ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY

The St. John's University Speech and Hearing Center will be offering
"Hearing Aid Help"

from June 21, 2021 through August 5, 2021. This is a free service and is available for anyone who has a hearing aid and may be experiencing some difficulty caring for it or using it.

Please call the Center at (718) 990-6480 to schedule an appointment.

The Speech and Hearing Center is located at 152-11 Union Turnpike Flushing, NY



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NO THANK YOU

PLEASE do NOT leave any donations of clothing, shoes and other things that you do not want on the front steps of the rectory or the Church. We are NOT collecting these things and we have no place to keep them. You may want to call the St. Vincent DePaul Society and inquire if they are collecting things at this time.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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Dear Fellow Parishioners,

Since 2014 alone, the Associated Vincentian Charities of Brooklyn Donation Program has given back over \$400,000 to local parishes throughout the New York Metropolitan Area. Your donation has helped many individuals in need in your neighborhood. Only through the generosity of countless parishioners are we able to make a difference. Please help us to continue to make a difference by spreading the word to anyone you know that would like to donate a vehicle, running or not leaving a review on Google, and liking us on Social Media. Together we can continue our mission in helping the less fortunate.

Help Spread the Word to help Those in Need!

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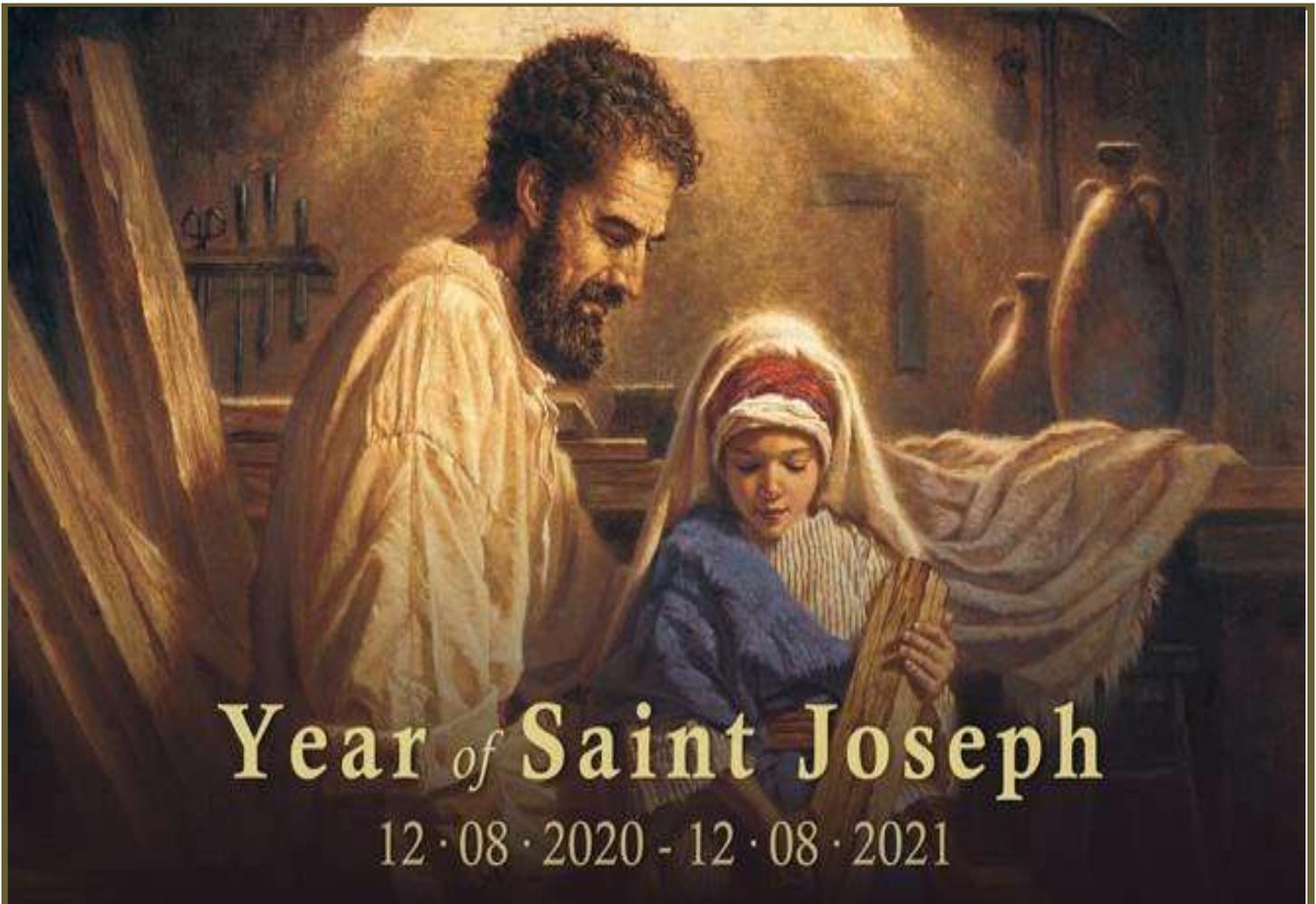
With Much Thanks and Many Blessings,

Jim Shea

Associated Vincentian Charities Car Program Coordinator

**JULY 2021
LECTOR ASSIGNMENTS**

	NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
	AUGUST 7-8	AUGUST 14-15	AUGUST 21-22	AUGUST 28-29
Saturday 5:00 P.M.	Edward Kubina	Dolores Ratkowski	Debbie Skinner	Dolores Ratkowski
Sunday 8:00 A.M.	Robert Laucella	Andrew Soltesz	Robert Laucella	Andrew Soltesz
Sunday 9:30 A.M.	Sharon Costanza	Josephine Corso	Sharon Costanza	Josephine Corso
Sunday 11:00 A.M.	Jane DiDonato	Carol Hickey	Jane DiDonato	Carol Hickey
Sunday 12:30 P.M.	Jackie Macchia	Anna Maria Tenaglia	Anna Maria Del Carro	Concetta D'Angelo
<p align="center">*** REMINDER *** Once you are scheduled, if you cannot fulfill your assignment, please make every effort to call and get a replacement. Thank you</p>				



Year of Saint Joseph

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To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our afflictions, and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also.

Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.

O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ; O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence; O our most mighty protector, be kind to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness.

As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. Amen.

