

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Mass Intention

SUNDAY, **May 21 – Seventh Sunday of Easter**
8:00 A.M. Ruth Niemand
9:30 A.M. For the People of St. Francis
11:00 A.M. Evelyn Perrone
12:30 P.M. Rino Del Carro
Giacinta Giangio

MONDAY, **May 22 – Weekday**
9:00 A.M. Pietro Zuliani

TUESDAY, **May 23-Weekday**
9:00 A.M. Ana Del Gos

WEDNESDAY, **May 24– Weekday**
9:00A.M. Mary Martinez

THURSDAY, **May 25—Weekday**
9:00 A.M. Joseph Ewy (Living)

FRIDAY, **May 26 – Weekday**
9:00 A.M. Vinicio Donato

SATURDAY, **May 27—Weekday**
9:00 A.M. Purgatorial Society
James A. Hennessy

5:00P.M. Rita Morris

SUNDAY, **May 28 - Pentecost Sunday**
8:00 A.M. John Marchassalla
9:30 A.M. Dr. Arthur Gualtieri
11:00 A.M. For the People of St. Francis
12:30 P.M. Rino Del Carro
Giacinta Giangio

Today's Readings

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:12-14
1 Peter 4:13-16
John 17:1-11a

Readings for the Week

MONDAY: Acts 19:1-8
John 16:29-33

TUESDAY: Acts 20:17-27
John 17:1-11a

WEDNESDAY Acts 20:28-38
John 17:11b-19

THURSDAY: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11
John 17:20-26

FRIDAY: Acts 25:13b-21
John 21:15-19

SATURDAY: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31
John 21:20-25

Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-11
1 Corinthians 13:3b-7, 12-13
John 20:19-23



From the Pastor's Desk



My Dear Parishioners,

Today's readings highlight three qualities by which we can give glory to God in our daily lives: prayer, a willingness to carry our crosses, and faithfulness to God. Through daily prayer we open ourselves to God, we allow God to transform, strengthen, and guide us. We become centered in God and are able to focus on what truly matters: loving God and accepting the love he has for us.

After Jesus ascended into heaven the Apostles, and some others who were close to the Lord, returned to Jerusalem to the Upper Room where they were staying. There they devoted themselves to prayer, preparing themselves to receive the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. It was in being open to the Holy Spirit that enabled the Apostles and early disciples to glorify God with the carrying on of Jesus' saving mission through the proclamation of the Gospel and the establishment of the Church.

The Gospels record that before Jesus underwent his passion and death, he prayed. Today's reading from John's Gospel gives us an intimate portrait of some of the prayer Jesus made in the last days of his life. Jesus prayed that through his passion and death his Father would be glorified and many would come to know and believe in the one true God.

Jesus teaches us that if we are to live as his followers, we must be willing to take up our cross and follow him. In bearing our burdens for the sake of the Gospel, we ensure that Christ's saving mission is carried on through us. Denying ourselves or enduring hardships in praise of Jesus shows our love and devotion to God the Father. This is affirmed by Peter in today's second reading, "But whoever is made to suffer as a Christian should not be ashamed but glorify God because of the name."

Faithfulness to God also serves to give him glory. This is found in loving Him with our whole heart and our neighbor as ourselves. Our wholehearted love of God, shown through acts of charity and compassion toward others, speaks of God's goodness and care for every person. When we reach out to others, God also reaches out to them through us. Likewise, Christ's death on the cross showed that his main focus in life was on completing the saving work entrusted to him by his Father. His life, offered as a ransom for many, brought forgiveness of sins and showed us God's unconditional love for us.

Through prayer, enduring hardships for the sake of the Gospel, and through loving God and our neighbor, we give him glory. This leads to a peaceful, joyful, and fulfilled life and prepares us for heaven. There we will be united in perfect love, with all the angels and saints, in giving glory to God for all eternity.

*All the Blessings of the Risen Lord,
Msgr. Maresca*





Reverend Emilio J. Salerno

Reverend Emilio J Salerno passed away on Thursday, May 11, 2023.

The arrangements are as follows:

WAKE: **Immaculate Conception Center**
7200 Douglaston Parkway
Douglaston, NY 11362
Sunday, May 21, 2023
3:00 PM—6:30 PM

VIGIL MASS: **Immaculate Conception Center**
Sunday, May 21, 2023
7:00 PM

FUNERAL MASS: **Immaculate Conception Center**
Monday, May 22, 2023
11:00 AM

BURIAL: **Mount Saint Mary Cemetery**
Flushing, NY

Should you wish to send condolences, please mail to his sister,
Mrs. Norma Guidice, 6 Saint James Place, Hempstead, NY 11550.



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

John Ross, Steven Joyce, Judy Hanley-Brickner, John Wrenn, Augustin Cisneros, Thomas Leiter, James Nunez, Vincent Wytak, Carol Ross, Jeffrey Hyans, Marie LoVolpe, Jessica St. Preux, Al Ciani, Alesha Moses, Nancy McCaffrey, Connie Fontana, Christopher Wojtalik, Theresa Pacheco, William Goss, Luke Pacheco, Vincenza Papa, Jim Schneggenburger, Anthony Criscuolo, Samantha O'Sullivan, Marilyn Miller, John Carmody, Rosario Duran, Vivian Papa, Joel Steinmann, Anna Governali, Tim Graham, Antonio Postiglione, Mario Tamburello, Christopher Araimo, Charles Principato, Jim Kreitler, Humberto Cordova, John Schakir, Margaret Culhane, Benedicto Randazzo, Angelo Niakas, and 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.



"Come to me, all of you who are weary and loaded down with burdens, and I will give you rest."

MATTHEW 11:28

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place before the 9:00AM Mass. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed at 8:00AM each morning, Monday through Saturday, giving parishioners an opportunity for private prayer before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. At 8:30AM the rosary will be prayed by parishioners before the Blessed Sacrament. At 8:50AM the Blessed Sacrament will be reposed. Jesus calls us to perseverance in prayer. "Pray without ceasing." "Watch and pray." Eucharistic adoration helps us discover the Real Presence of Christ.

What a wonderful way to begin our day praying before the Blessed Sacrament in silence or praying the Holy Rosary.

Please make every effort to take advantage of this time with the Lord. We are living in challenging times and we all need the Lord to strengthen our faith and give us the courage to live each day.



Pray
for Vocations

Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 21, 2023

"You will be My witnesses to the ends of the earth"

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](mailto:vocations@diobrook.org)

FOCUS:

Give glory to God.

Today's Liturgy of the Word offers insight into what it means to glorify God. It is not about just praising occasionally with words, but rather, it is about glorifying God with our lives. What we say and what we do ought to glorify God every day. Jesus has shown us this way by His very life, from His public ministry to His passion and resurrection.

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.

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.

Sunday Collection \$4,692.00

School parents must use church envelopes.

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.

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St. Francis of Assisi Class of 1973

The St. Francis of Assisi Class of 1973, 50 Year Reunion, is June 17, 2023 at 3:00PM. Invitations were sent to all 1973 alumni and faculty. Please contact John Ruehl (520) 481-8587 or ruehl247@gmail.com if you have any questions/concerns. Thank you.

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With Much Thanks and Many Blessings,

Jim Shea

Associated Vincentian Charities Car Program Coordinator



Annual Catholic
Appeal 2023
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

THANK YOU to all who have supported the Annual Catholic Appeal. Our goal this year is \$41,679.

As of May 8th we have pledged \$23,227 and paid \$11,818.34 towards our goal.

If you have not contributed to the Appeal, I ask you to prayerfully consider what you are able to give to help us reach our goal.

Your generosity and support is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your support.

Cook Position

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION RECTORY NEEDS A COOK: FULL OR PART TIME. MONDAY TO FRIDAY. BENEFITS INCLUDED. CONTACT MSGR. FERRARESE AT 718-728-1613.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THIS WEEK

May 21—May 27

Sunday, May 21

9:30AM—Children's Liturgy

10:40-Noon CCD

1:30PM—Baptism

Monday, May 22

12:00-3:30PM Golden Age

7:00PM Adult Choir

Tuesday, May 23

6:30 AA Meeting

Wednesday, May 24

Thursday, May 25

10-11:30AM-Legion of Mary—SFR

6:00PM—I.A.C.A.

Friday, May 26

Saturday, May 27

NEXT WEEK

May 28—June 3

Sunday, May 28

Pentecost Sunday

Monday, May 29

Memorial Day-School & Rectory Office Closed

Tuesday, May 30

6:30 AA Meeting

Wednesday, May 31

Thursday, June 1

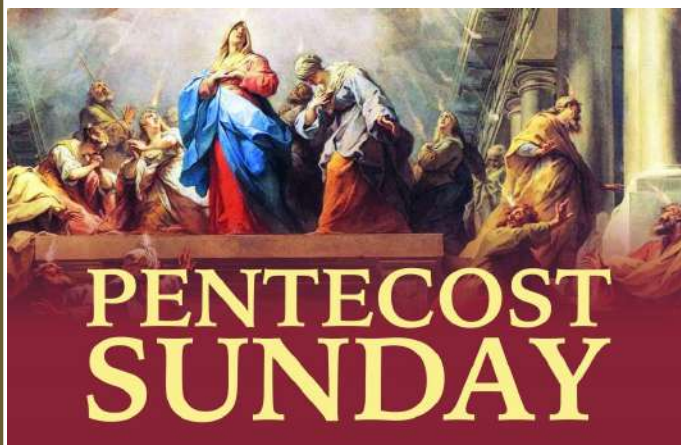
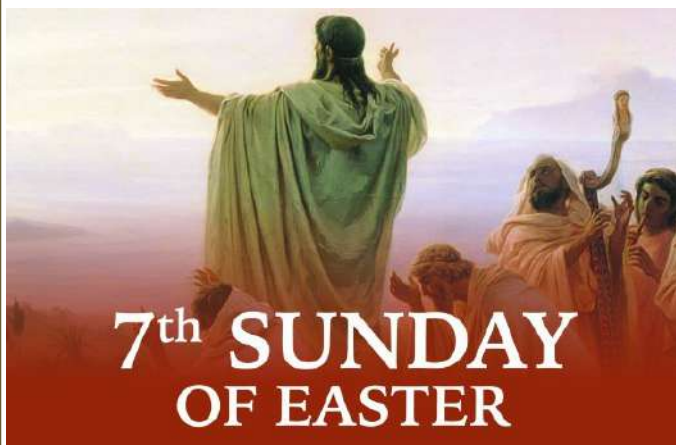
10-11:30AM-Legion of Mary—SFR

6:00PM—I.A.C.A.

Friday, June 2

Saturday, June 3

6:00-7:30PM-Youth Group



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

21-17 45TH STREET ASTORIA, NEW YORK 11105

SPECIAL PROCESSION

TO HONOR MARY

SUNDAY MAY 21, 2023



Mass will be celebrated at 12:30

*Procession begins in front of
St. Francis of Assisi Church
at 1:30p.m.*

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!!!!!

*ALL CHILDREN WHO HAVE JUST RECEIVED FIRST HOLY
COMMUNION ARE WELCOME TO WEAR THEIR COMMUNION
OUTFITS.*

2023

Fall Festival

We are planning for our Fall Festival.

The day will be Saturday, September 30th.

There will be a general meeting on Tuesday, June 6th at 7:00PM in the rectory basement for all who are interested in working at the Festival. Please enter by the steps in the rear of the rectory.

We need many volunteers to make the Festival successful and hope that many of our parishioners will come forward to support our efforts.

Dominick Grimaldi is our new Chairman. The Co-Chairs are Ted Kyriakopoulos, Plinia Sarchese and assisted by Cathy Grimaldi.

All proceeds go to the parish and the academy. It's a fun day that brings our parish and school communities together. Plan to join us for a fun filled day.

Hope to see you on the 6th of June.





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