

## *The Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

### *Mass Intention*

**SUNDAY, June 18 – The Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 A.M. Msgr. Stefan Geosits  
9:30 A.M. Father's Day Novena  
11:00 A.M. Andrew Gandolfo  
12:30 P.M. Rino Del Carro  
Nicola Zulli  
Giuseppe Carlino  
Minas Polychronakis  
Michael Lentini  
Matteo Ferrara  
Fr. Emilio Salerno

**MONDAY, June 19—Weekday**  
9:00 A.M. Father's Day Novena

**TUESDAY, June 20—Weekday**  
9:00 A.M. Father's Day Novena

**WEDNESDAY, June 21 – St. Aloysius Gonzaga**  
9:00A.M. Father's Day Novena

**THURSDAY, June 22— Weekday**  
9:00 A.M. Father's Day Novena

**FRIDAY, June 23 – Weekday**  
9:00 A.M. Father's Day Novena

**SATURDAY, June 24—The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist**  
9:00 A.M. Purgatorial Society  
Father's Day Novena  
Zachery Berhau

5:00P.M. The Proveromo Family

**SUNDAY, June 25 - The Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 A.M. Father's Day Novena  
9:30 A.M. Lexie Casey  
11:00 A.M. For the People of St. Francis  
12:30 P.M. Rino Del Carro  
Calogero Lillo Catalia

### *Today's Readings*

#### *Corpus Christi*

Exodus 19:2-6a  
Romans 5:6-11  
Matthew 9:36-10:8

### *Readings for the Week*

**MONDAY:** 2 Corinthians 6:1-10  
Matthew 5:38-42

**TUESDAY:** 2 Corinthians 8:1-9  
Matthew 5:43-48

**WEDNESDAY** 2 Corinthians 9:6-11  
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

**THURSDAY:** 2 Corinthians 11:1-11  
Matthew 6:7-15

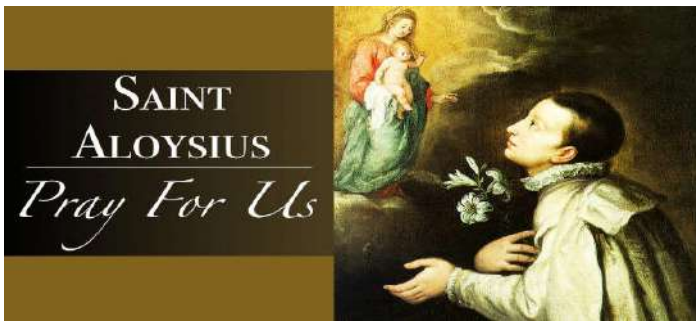
**FRIDAY:** 2 Corinthians 11:18, 21-30  
Matthew 6:19-23

**SATURDAY:** Isaiah 49:1-6  
Acts 13:22-26  
Luke 1:57-66, 80

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Jeremiah 20:10-13  
Romans 5:12-15  
Matthew 10:26-33

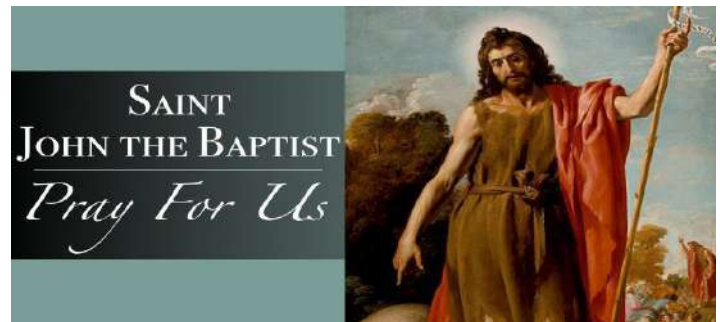




***Wednesday, June 21, 2022***  
***The Feast of***  
***Saint Aloysius Gonzaga***

Florence was the “mother of piety” for Aloysius Gonzaga despite his exposure to a “society of fraud, dagger, poison, and lust.” As a son of a princely family, he grew up in royal courts and army camps. His father wanted Aloysius to be a military hero. At age 7 Aloysius experienced a profound spiritual quickening. His prayers included the Office of Mary, the psalms, and other devotions. At age 9 he came from his hometown of Castiglione to Florence to be educated; by age 11 he was teaching catechism to poor children, fasting three days a week, and practicing great austerities. When he was 13 years old, he traveled with his parents and the Empress of Austria to Spain, and acted as a page in the court of Philip II. The more Aloysius saw of court life, the more disillusioned he became, seeking relief in learning about the lives of saints. A book about the experience of Jesuit missionaries in India suggested to him the idea of entering the Society of Jesus, and in Spain his decision became final. Now began a four-year contest with his father. Eminent churchmen and laypeople were pressed into service to persuade Aloysius to remain in his “normal” vocation. Finally he prevailed, was allowed to renounce his right to succession, and was received into the Jesuit novitiate. Like other seminarians, Aloysius was faced with a new kind of penance—that of accepting different ideas about the exact nature of penance. He was obliged to eat more, and to take recreation with the other students. He was forbidden to pray except at stated times. He spent four years in the study of philosophy and had Saint Robert Bellarmine as his spiritual adviser.

In 1591, a plague struck Rome. The Jesuits opened a hospital of their own. Because he nursed patients, washing them and making their beds, Aloysius caught the disease. A fever persisted after his recovery and he was so weak he could scarcely rise from bed. Yet he maintained his great discipline of prayer, knowing that he would die three months later within the octave of Corpus Christi, at the age of 23.



***Saturday, June 24, 2022***  
***The Nativity of***  
***Saint John the Baptist***

Jesus called John the greatest of all those who had preceded him: “I tell you, among those born of women, no one is greater than John...” But John would have agreed completely with what Jesus added: “[Y]et the least in the kingdom of God is greater than he” (Luke 7:28). John spent his time in the desert, an ascetic. He began to announce the coming of the Kingdom, and to call everyone to a fundamental reformation of life. His purpose was to prepare the way for Jesus. His baptism, he said, was for repentance. But one would come who would baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire. John was not worthy even to untie his sandals. His attitude toward Jesus was: “He must increase; I must decrease” (John 3:30). John was humbled to find among the crowd of sinners who came to be baptized the one whom he already knew to be the Messiah. “I need to be baptized by you” (Matthew 3:14b). But Jesus insisted. Jesus, true and humble human as well as eternal God, was eager to do what was required of any good Jew. Jesus thus publicly entered the community of those awaiting the Messiah. But making himself part of that community, he made it truly messianic. The greatness of John, his pivotal place in the history of salvation, is seen in the great emphasis Luke gives to the announcement of his birth and the event itself—both made prominently parallel to the same occurrences in the life of Jesus. John attracted countless people to the banks of the Jordan, and it occurred to some people that he might be the Messiah. But he constantly deferred to Jesus, even to sending away some of his followers to become the first disciples of Jesus.

Perhaps John’s idea of the coming of the Kingdom of God was not being perfectly fulfilled in the public ministry of Jesus. For whatever reason, when he was in prison he sent his disciples to ask Jesus if he was the Messiah. Jesus’ answer showed that the Messiah was to be a figure like that of the Suffering Servant in Isaiah. John himself would share in the pattern of messianic suffering, losing his life to the revenge of Herodias.



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, Peter Lopez & Catherine Caravana.

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.

## Memorials for the Week of June 18, 2023



### ALTAR BREAD

In Loving Memory of  
**Joe Cosentino**

Requested by:  
**Francisco & Anna Maria  
Tenaglia & Family**

## 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](http://stfrancisofassisiastoria.org)

You will then begin to receive weekly offering envelopes.



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**“As for you, go and proclaim  
the kingdom of God”**

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:

*The kingdom of heaven is at hand.*

**God’s heart has been *moved with pity* for us throughout salvation history. Good sees us in our wanderings, like sheep without a shepherd.**

**Our readings today weave together a tender saga of God’s loving care as He works to gather us back unto Himself.**



## EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration has concluded for the summer. I am grateful for our Deacons and their support in this service. Also, I appreciate all those who come to spend some time in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

Adoration will resume on Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:00AM to 8:50AM.

**PLEASE NOTE** that Church will open in the summer at 8:15AM.

**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** **\$3,219.00**

*School parents must use church envelopes.*



Next weekend, June 24th and 25th, the second collection will be for Peter's Pence.

Your generous donation is an opportunity to support the charities of Pope Francis.

Thank you for your continued generosity.



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

As of June 13<sup>th</sup> we have pledged **\$33,007** and paid **\$23,478.68** 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.

**REMINDER**

As you are aware, Fr. Peter is being transferred as of June 30, 2023. He will be going to the parish of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Brooklyn.

We will have a Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am. After Mass all are invited to Msgr. Campbell Hall for light refreshments and wish Fr. Peter well in his new parish.

We thank him for his presence with us and wish him all the best in his new assignment.

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*Money goes back to your local parish*

*My Car Went To Heaven*



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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.

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*With Much Thanks and Many Blessings,*

*Jim Shea*

*Associated Vincentian Charities Car Program Coordinator*

**Cook Position**

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



# PRAYER OF BLESSING ON FATHERS' DAY

God our Eternal Father, Creator of heaven and earth. When you had given us your Son, Jesus to be our Redeemer. You chose to entrust him to the care of St. Joseph to be his earthly father.

We ask you to bless the fathers and grandfathers. Bless them with the strength of your Spirit; may they love their wives with faithfulness and trust; may they establish their families with perseverance in work; and may they also be exemplar in Christian virtues. Give them the strength which comes from the Gospel so that they may be witnesses of Christ to others.

We also remember today the fathers who are working in other countries away from their families in order to provide for their daily needs. Keep them always true to your commandments; keep them faithful in marriage and protect them from any harm.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

We at St. Francis of Assisi wish all fathers, grandfathers, uncles and those who have taken the responsibility to act as fathers a very

***HAPPY FATHERS' DAY***

# ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC ACADEMY



GRADE 8  
MRS. KUBINA, TEACHER

***We congratulate the graduates of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Academy, Class of 2023! May they have continued success in their high schools and remember to keep the mission of St. Francis for peace and love in their lives.***

***Our students will have their closing Mass on June 23rd at 9:00 am. It is the last day of school!***

***Dismissal follows Mass. We wish everyone a wonderful and safe summer.***

***School begins Wednesday, September 6th.***

***Happy Summer!***

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## THIS WEEK

**June 18—June 24**

**Sunday, June 18**

**Monday, June 19**

School & Rectory Office Closed

**Tuesday, June 20**

6:30 AA Meeting

**Wednesday, June 21**

**Thursday, June 22**

10-11:30AM-Legion of Mary—SFR

**Friday, June 23**

Last Day of School

**Saturday, June 24**

12:00-Baptisms



**11<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
of  
Ordinary  
Time**

## NEXT WEEK

**June 25—July 1**

**Sunday, June 25**

11:00AM Mass of Thanksgiving

**Monday, June 26**

Summer Hours Begin-See Schedule

**Tuesday, June 27**

6:30 AA Meeting

**Wednesday, June 28**

**Thursday, June 29**

10-11:30AM-Legion of Mary—SFR

**Friday, June 30**

**Saturday, July 1**



**12<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
of  
Ordinary  
Time**



# SUMMER Schedule

## Summer Rectory Office Hours - 2023

Summer Rectory office hours will begin Monday, June 26th and conclude on Monday September 4th. Regular office hours will resume on Tuesday, September 5th.

### Summer Hours:

Monday—Thursday	9:00am to 12 Noon * 1:00pm to 5:00pm
Friday	9:00am to 12 Noon * 1:00pm to 3:00pm
Lunch Hour	12:00 Noon to 1:00pm
Saturday	9:00am to 2:00pm
Sundays and Holidays	Closed



## Summer Weekly Collections

As the nice weather provides us with weekend opportunities to get away, please remember the importance of your weekly offerings. While the summer months bring a dip in our Mass attendance and weekly offerings, it is important that we try to meet our normal operating expenses. Those expenses do not change with the summer season.

Please consider submitting your summer envelopes before you leave for vacation. Those monies help us pay our summer bills and keep our budget balanced. As you know our fiscal year ends August 31, 2022, so it is important we maintain a balanced budget. I appreciate your cooperation in this matter. As always, thank you for your understanding, your generosity and your spirit of sacrificial giving.

Have a peaceful, prayerful, enjoyable and safe summer!



When going on vacation and you need to know the nearest Catholic Church,  
[www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org)  
Will assist you.

## SUMMER WEATHER

As the warm weather approaches, we are blessed to have air conditioning in our church to keep us cool. Unfortunately, it is not easy to please everyone. Some say it is too cool, others say it is not cool enough. A suggestion that you bring a sweater might help to solve the situation if you feel the cold. Also, if it is sunny, you may want to sit on the schoolyard side of church where it is usually warmer from the sun's rays coming through the windows. THANK YOU.



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC ACADEMY

CELEBRATE | HONOR | REMEMBER



To recognize and celebrate all of those who have or are serving, we will be displaying American Flags along the gate in front of our school starting on Memorial Day, May 29th through July 4th.

If you would like to memorialize a flag(s), please send off the tear-off below by Monday, June 19, 2023

\$10 Each

Small messages of dedication will be attached to each flag.

Some examples are:

In Loving Memory of  
Jane Doe  
  
The Smith Family

In Honor of  
Jane Doe  
  
The Smith Family

Thank You for your service  
Jane Doe  
United States Navy  
  
The Smith Family

The Smith Family

Please return to school with payment by Monday, May 22nd

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Message (Please Print)

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Number of Flags \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10 = \_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed

Cash or check payable to St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Academy