

The Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intention

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

MONDAY, June 26—Weekday
9:00 A.M. Juan Betancourt

TUESDAY, June 27-St. Cyril of Alexandria
9:00 A.M. Michael Bartolo

WEDNESDAY, June 28 – Saint Irenaeus
9:00A.M. Natale Palazzolo

THURSDAY, June 29-Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles
9:00 A.M. Anna Cinquemani

FRIDAY, June 30 – Weekday
9:00 A.M. Anastasia Weinstock

SATURDAY, July 1-St. Junipero Serra
9:00 A.M. Purgatorial Society
The McHale Family
Margaret McCarthy
John McCarthy
Living & Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary

5:00P.M. Marie Montana

SUNDAY, July 2 - The Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 A.M. For the People of St. Francis
9:30 A.M. Sergio Demesa
11:00 A.M. Victoria Marino
12:30 P.M. Filomena Tenaglia
Santo Mazzeo

Today's Readings

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

Readings for the Week

MONDAY: Genesis 12:1-9
Matthew 7:1-5

TUESDAY: Genesis 13:2,5-18
Matthew 7:6, 12-14

WEDNESDAY Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18
Matthew 7:15-20

THURSDAY: Acts 12:1-11
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18
Matthew 16:13-19

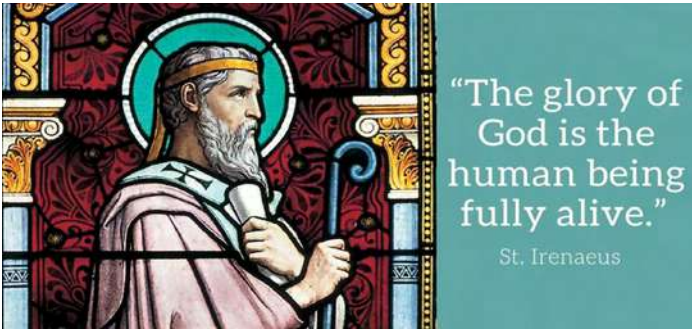
FRIDAY: Genesis 17:1, 9-10, 15-22
Matthew 8:1-4

SATURDAY: Genesis 18:1-15
Matthew 8:5-17

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2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a
Romans 6:3-4, 8-11
Matthew 10:37-42






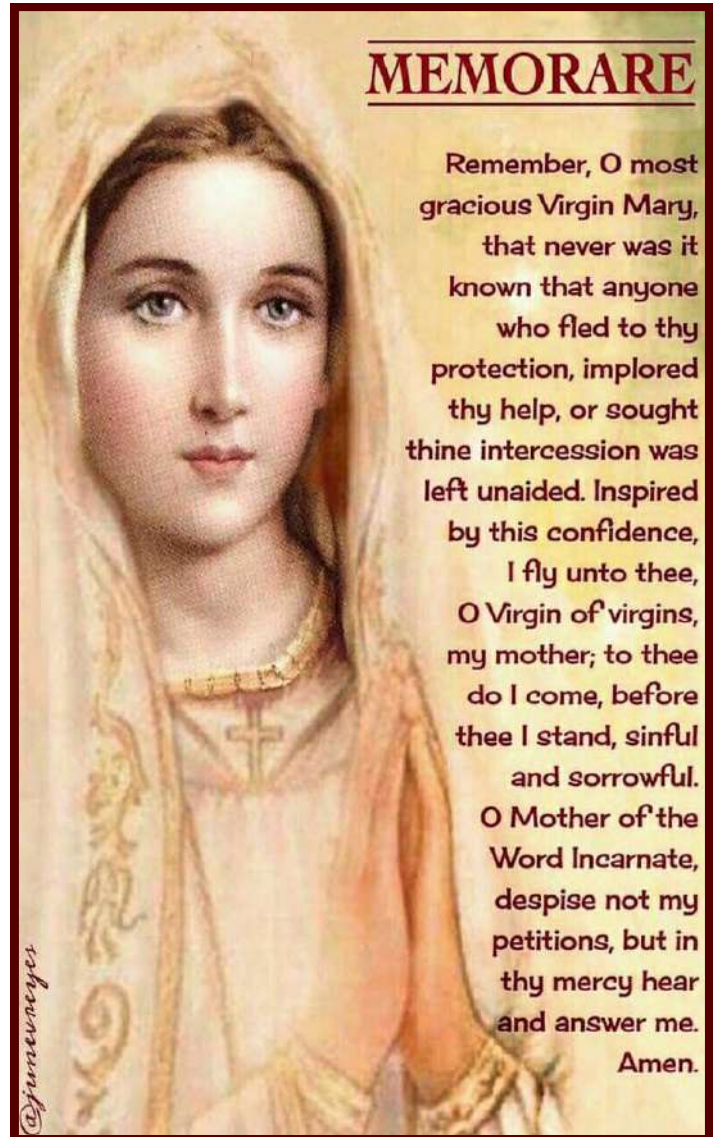
Wednesday, June 28, 2023
The Feast of
Saint Irenaeus

The Church is fortunate that Irenaeus was involved in many of its controversies in the second century. He was a student, well trained no doubt, with great patience in investigating, tremendously protective of apostolic teaching, but prompted more by a desire to win over his opponents than to prove them in error.

As bishop of Lyons he was especially concerned with the Gnostics, who took their name from the Greek word for “knowledge.” Claiming access to secret knowledge imparted by Jesus to only a few disciples, their teaching was attracting and confusing many Christians. After thoroughly investigating the various Gnostic sects and their “secret,” Irenaeus showed to what logical conclusions their tenets led. These he contrasted with the teaching of the apostles and the text of Holy Scripture, giving us, in five books, a system of theology of great importance to subsequent times. Moreover, his work, widely used and translated into Latin and Armenian, gradually ended the influence of the Gnostics.

The circumstances and details about his death, like those of his birth and early life in Asia Minor, are not at all clear. However in 2022, Pope Francis named Saint Irenaeus a Doctor of the Church.

A deep and genuine concern for other people will remind us that the discovery of truth is not to be a victory for some and a defeat for others. Unless all can claim a share in that victory, truth itself will continue to be rejected by the losers, because it will be regarded as inseparable from the yoke of defeat. And so, confrontation, controversy and the like might yield to a genuine united search for God’s truth and how it can best be served.



**ANOINTING
MASS**

Saturday, July 1, 2023, 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.



Thursday, June 29, 2023
The Feast of
Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

On June 29 the Church celebrates the feast day of Saints Peter & Paul. As early as the year 258, there is evidence of an already lengthy tradition of celebrating the solemnities of both Saint Peter and Saint Paul on the same day. Together, the two saints are the founders of the See of Rome, through their preaching, ministry and martyrdom there.

Peter, who was named Simon, was a fisherman of Galilee and was introduced to the Lord Jesus by his brother Andrew, also a fisherman. Jesus gave him the name Cephas (Petrus in Latin), which means ‘Rock,’ because he was to become the rock upon which Christ would build His Church. Peter was a bold follower of the Lord. He was the first to recognize that Jesus was “the Messiah, the Son of the living God,” and eagerly pledged his fidelity until death. In his boldness, he also made many mistakes, however, such as losing faith when walking on water with Christ and betraying the Lord on the night of His passion. Yet despite his human weaknesses, Peter was chosen to shepherd God’s flock. The Acts of the Apostles illustrates his role as head of the Church after the Resurrection and Ascension of Christ. Peter led the Apostles as the first Pope and ensured that the disciples kept the true faith. St. Peter spent his last years in Rome, leading the Church through persecution and eventually being martyred in the year 64. He was crucified upside-down at his own request, because he claimed he was not worthy to die as his Lord. He was buried on Vatican hill, and St. Peter’s Basilica is built over his tomb.

St. Paul was the Apostle of the Gentiles. His letters are included in the writings of the New Testament, and through them we learn much about his life and the faith of the early Church. Before receiving the name Paul, he was Saul, a Jewish pharisee who zealously persecuted Christians in Jerusalem. Scripture records that Saul was present at the martyrdom of St. Stephen. Saul’s conversion took place as he was on his way to Damascus to persecute the Christian community there. As he was traveling along the road, he was suddenly surrounded by a great light from heaven. He was blinded and fell off his horse. He then heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?” He answered: “Who are you, Lord?” Christ said: “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.” Saul continued to Damascus, where he was baptized and his sight was restored. He took the name Paul and spent the remainder of his life preaching the Gospel tirelessly to the Gentiles of the Mediterranean world. Paul was imprisoned and taken to Rome, where he was beheaded in the year 67. He is buried in Rome in the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls.



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.

A Prayer for Safe Travel

“O Almighty and merciful God, who has commissioned your angels to guide and protect us, may they be our companions from our setting out until our return. Clothe us with their invisible protection; keep from us all danger of collision, of fire, of explosion, of falling; and finally, having preserved us from all evil, and especially from sin, guide us to our heavenly home. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*”



3rd Time:

Nicole Giordino
 St. Francis of Assisi
 Astoria, NY

And

Alberto Auriti
 St. Joseph Church
 Astoria, NY



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“Shine like lights in the world as you hold on to the word of life”

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:

What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light; what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops.

Saint Paul tells us that Jesus brings the grace of God as pure gift. And we know that God cares for us so much that He counts the hairs on our heads. Nothing is secret with God— all is finally and perfectly revealed in His Son, Jesus. We ought not fear to share this Good News, acknowledging Christ and Announcing the Gospel to the world.



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 5th 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 **\$4,078.00**

School parents must use church envelopes.



Next weekend, July 1st and 2nd, the second collection will be for air conditioning to keep our church cool during the summer months. Thank you for your continued 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.



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

As of June 13th 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 25th 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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With Much Thanks and Many Blessings,

Jim Shea

Associated Vincentian Charities Car Program Coordinator

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THIS 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



**12th Sunday
of
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NEXT WEEK

July 2—July 1

Sunday, July 2

Monday, July 3

Tuesday, July 4

Rectory Office Closed

Wednesday, July 5

Thursday, July 6

10-11:30AM-Legion of Mary—SFR

Friday, July 7

Saturday, July 8



**13th Sunday
of
Ordinary
Time**

**JULY 2023
LECTOR ASSIGNMENTS**

	THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
	JULY 1-2	JULY 8-9	JULY 15-16	JULY 22-23	JULY 29-30
Saturday 5:00 P.M.	Dolores Ratkowski	Edward Kubina	Debbie Skinner	Dolores Ratkowski	Edward Kubina
Sunday 8:00 A.M.	Robert Laucella	Andrew Soltesz	Robert Laucella	Andrew Soltesz	Robert Laucella
Sunday 9:30 A.M.	Josephine Corso	Patrick O'Toole	Maria Brooks	Marta O'Toole	Josephine Corso
Sunday 11:00 A.M.	Jane Di Donato	Carol Hickey	Jane Di Donato	Carol Hickey	Jane Di Donato
Sunday 12:30 P.M.	Jackie Macchia	Anna Maria Del Carro	Concetta D'Angelo	Anna Maria Tenaglia	Marie Valentini

***** REMINDER *****
**Once you are scheduled, if
you cannot fulfill your
assignment, please make
every effort to call and get
a replacement. Thank you**





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, 2023, 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
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.