

The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intention

SUNDAY, July 16 – The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 A.M. The Geosits Family
9:30 A.M. For the People of St. Francis
11:00 A.M. George Blaslov
12:30 P.M. Rino Del Carro
Rosa Arnone

MONDAY, July 17— Weekday

9:00 A.M. David E. Moore

TUESDAY, July 18– Saint Camillus de Lellis

9:00 A.M. Joseph Salamone

WEDNESDAY, July 19 – Weekday

9:00A.M. Marie Salamone

THURSDAY, July 20– Saint Apollinaris

9:00 A.M. Lexie Casey

FRIDAY, July 21 – Saint Lawrence of Brindisi

9:00 A.M. Sandra Casatelli

SATURDAY, July 22– Saint Mary Magdalene

9:00 A.M. Purgatorial Society

5:00P.M. The Devane Family

SUNDAY, July 23 - The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 A.M. Dominick Borgia
9:30 A.M. Anthony Carrino
11:00 A.M. For the People of St. Francis
12:30 P.M. Rino Del Carro
Calogero Annibale

Today's Readings

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Isaiah 55:10-11
Romans 8:18-23
Matthew 13:1-23

Readings for the Week

MONDAY: Exodus 1:8-14, 22
Matthew 10:34-11:1

TUESDAY: Exodus 2:1-15a
Matthew 11:20-24

WEDNESDAY Exodus 3:1-6, 9-12
Matthew 11:25-27

THURSDAY: Exodus 3:13-20
Matthew 11:28-30

FRIDAY: Exodus 11:10-12, 14
Matthew 12:1-8

SATURDAY: Song of Songs 3:1-4b
John 20:11-18

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Wisdom 12:13, 16-19
Romans 8:26-27
Matthew 13:24-43





Saturday, July 22, 2023
The Feast of
Saint Mary Magdalene

Except for the mother of Jesus, few women are more honored in the Bible than Mary Magdalene. Yet she could well be the patron of the slandered, since there has been a persistent legend in the Church that she is the unnamed sinful woman who anointed the feet of Jesus in Luke 7:36-50.

Most Scripture scholars today point out that there is no scriptural basis for confusing the two women. Mary Magdalene, that is, “of Magdala,” was the one from whom Christ cast out “seven demons” (Luke 8:2)—an indication at the worst, of extreme demonic possession or possibly, severe illness.

Writing in the *New Catholic Commentary*, Father Wilfrid J. Harrington, O.P., says that “seven demons” “does not mean that Mary had lived an immoral life—a conclusion reached only by means of a mistaken identification with the anonymous woman of Luke 7:36.” In the *Jerome Biblical Commentary*, Father Edward Mally, S.J., agrees that she “is not...the same as the sinner of Luke 7:37, despite the later Western romantic tradition about her.”

Mary Magdalene was one of the many “who were assisting them [Jesus and the Twelve] out of their means.” She was one of those who stood by the cross of Jesus with his mother. And, of all the “official” witnesses who might have been chosen for the first awareness of the Resurrection, she was the one to whom that privilege was given. She is known as the “Apostle to the Apostles.”

Mary Magdalene has been a victim of mistaken identity for almost 20 centuries. Yet she would no doubt insist that it makes no difference. We are all sinners in need of the saving power of God, whether our sins have been lurid or not. More importantly, we are all “unofficial” witnesses of the Resurrection.



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.



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“What must I do to inherit eternal 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)

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.

FOCUS:

The seed is the word of god,
 Christ is the sower.

The image of the seed that Jesus offers in today's parable can call us to see more clearly, and to listen more carefully.

This seeing and hearing requires a posture of wonder, a posture of careful attentiveness. Can we slow down and marvel, watching with anticipation to see what God will do?

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.



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 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	\$3,786.00
<i>Second Collection-Maintenance and Repair</i>	<i>\$1,205.00</i>

School parents must use church envelopes.

PRAYER FOR SAFE TRAVEL

Lord, be our guide and our protector on the journey we are about to take. Watch over us. Protect us from accidents. Keep us free from harm to body and soul. Lord, support us with Your grace when we are tired. Help us be patient in any trouble which may come our way. Keep us always mindful of Your presence and love.
Amen

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.

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With Much Thanks and Many Blessings,

Jim Shea

Associated Vincentian Charities Car Program Coordinator



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

As of July 11th we have pledged **\$35,807** and paid **\$26,506.68** 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.

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

July 16—July 22

Sunday, July 16

Monday, July 17

Tuesday, July 18

6:30PM—AA Meeting

Wednesday, July 19

Thursday, July 20

10-11:30AM-Legion of Mary—SFR

Friday, July 21

Saturday, July 22

NEXT WEEK

July 23 - July 29

Sunday, July 23

Monday, July 24

Tuesday, July 25

6:30PM—AA Meeting

Wednesday, July 26

Thursday, July 27

10-11:30AM-Legion of Mary—SFR

Friday, July 28

Saturday, July 29



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEACHER NEEDED

St. Francis of Assisi Religious Education Program is in need of a 2nd Grade teacher.

Classes are on Sunday mornings following the 9:30am Mass. Class begins at 10:30am and concludes at 12 Noon. If you are interested in helping form our young people in our Catholic Faith, or have any questions, please call Msgr. Maresca at the rectory, 718-728-7801 or Sister Francesca at 718-278-0259.

The *Role of a Religious Education Teacher* is to bring our young people closer to Jesus and grow in their faith as Catholics. Through their service the catechist nurtures and mentors the faith and spiritual growth of the children they teach so that they may form a firm commitment to follow Christ. A catechist must be at least 18 years old, a practicing catholic in good standing who attends weekly Mass regularly, has a love for children, the desire to grow in faith and share that journey with young people, the ability to relate well to others, and a willingness to be of service to the Church.

Please prayerfully consider this wonderful opportunity.



It is never too early to register or re-register for Religious Education. Classes for all 1st through 8th Grade Public School students. Call the Religious Education office for more information at (718) 278-0259 or email us at dre@sfaacademy.org.

The registration form can be found in the back of the church and in our weekly Bulletin.

Classes begin on Sunday, September 17th for all grades.

Keep in mind that Diocesan guidelines require **two years** of instructions prior to the reception of a Sacrament.

St. Francis of Assisi Office of Faith Formation REGISTRATION FORM – 2023-2024

Registration remains open all year. *If you have any financial questions or scheduling conflicts, please do not hesitate to call our office so we can discuss your situation and work together to find a solution.*

Tuition for the 2023-2024 year

Tuition for Grades 1-7:	1 child	\$100	2 children or more	\$175
Additional Fees:	First Communion Fee	\$150	Grade 8 Confirmation Fee	\$150

Family Last Name: _____

Father's Name: _____ Living/Deceased _____ Religion: _____
(circle one)

Mother's Name: _____ Living/Deceased _____ Religion: _____
Include maiden name (circle one)

Student Address _____
Street
Town
State
Zip

Home Phone: _____ Work: _____

Cell (Mother): _____ Cell (Father): _____

Email: _____ School: _____

Are you registering a NEW or Grade 1 student: Yes: _____ No: _____

If you are registering a new or Grade 1 student you must include a copy of the child's Certificate of Baptism.

<u>Student Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Grade in Sept 2023</u>
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1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT: In case of emergency who should we contact other than Parent/s.

Name: _____ Relationship: _____ Contact Number: _____

Is there any additional information we should know? (family situations, medical conditions, allergies, special needs, etc.) If "NO" please write "NONE".

Are you registered in the Parish? _____

I am interested in volunteering as a catechist, hall monitor, office assistant, or class parent. Please contact me.

Office Use ONLY

Date: _____ Amount: _____ Form of Payment: _____

Office Notes: _____



SUMMER Schedule

Summer Rectory Office Hours - 2023

Summer Rectory office hours are listed below.
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.

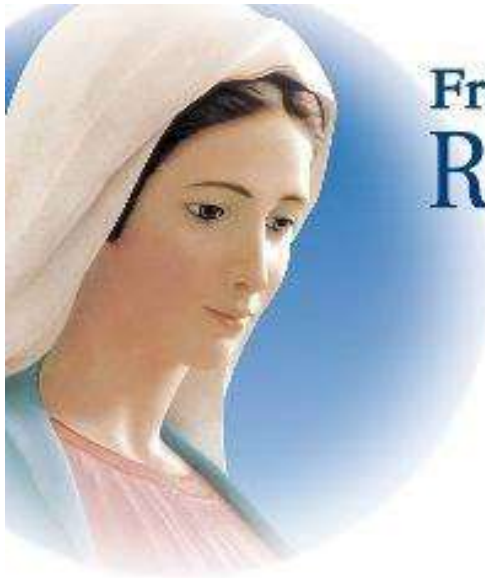
Have a peaceful, prayerful, enjoyable and safe summer!



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.



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Siete tutti invitati ad una

GIORNATA DI SPIRITUALITA'

SABATO 12 Agosto, 2023

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Sara' una giornata di preghiera
e di riflessione in preparazione
alla Festa dell'Assunta

PROGRAMMA

10:00 am - Rosario

11:00 am - Santa Messa

12:30 pm - Pranzo al sacco

1:30 pm - Adorazione Eucaristica
& Benedizione Finale

Shrine of Our Lady of the Island

258 Eastport Manor Road

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Durante la celebrazione ci saranno sacerdoti a disposizione per le confessioni



**María e' stata assunta in cielo e intercede per noi,
si prende cura di noi, ci protegge, ci custodisce e ci ama.
Apriamo il nostro cuore e ascoltiamoLa.**