

The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intention

SUNDAY, July 23 – The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 A.M. Dominik 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

MONDAY, July 24— Weekday
9:00 A.M. Joseph Salamone

TUESDAY, July 25– Saint James, Apostle
9:00 A.M. Marie Salamone

WEDNESDAY, July 26 – Saints Joachim and Anne
9:00A.M. Ana Balint

THURSDAY, July 27– Weekday
9:00 A.M. Maria Ferrara

FRIDAY, July 28 – Weekday
9:00 A.M. Guy Mazzone

SATURDAY, July 29– Saints Martha, Mary and Lazaus

9:00 A.M. Purgatorial Society
Darrin T. O'Connor (Hili)

5:00P.M. For the People of St. Francis

SUNDAY, July 30 - The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 A.M. Rose Schrantz
9:30 A.M. Patrick Williams
11:00 A.M. Maxine Gail Sullivan
12:30 P.M. Rino Del Carro
Rosa Arnone

Today's Readings

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

Readings for the Week

MONDAY: Exodus 14:5-18
Matthew 12:38-42

TUESDAY: 2 Corinthians 4:1-15a
Matthew 20:20-28

WEDNESDAY Exodus 16:5, 9-15
Matthew 13:1-9

THURSDAY: Exodus 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b
Matthew 13:10-17

FRIDAY: Exodus 20:1-7
Matthew 13:18-23

SATURDAY: Exodus 24:3-8
John 11:19-27

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1 Kings 3:5, 7-12
Romans 8:28-30
Matthew 13:44-52





Tuesday, July 25, 2023
The Feast of
Saint James

This James is the brother of John the Evangelist. The two were called by Jesus as they worked with their father in a fishing boat on the Sea of Galilee. James was one of the favored three who had the privilege of witnessing the Transfiguration, the raising to life of the daughter of Jairus, and the agony in Gethsemani.

Two incidents in the Gospels describe this man and his brother. Saint Matthew tells that their mother came—Mark says it was the brothers themselves—to ask that they have the seats of honor in the kingdom. “Jesus said in reply, ‘You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the cup that I am going to drink?’ They said to him, ‘We can’” (Matthew 20:22). Jesus then told them they would indeed drink the cup and share his baptism of pain and death, but that sitting at his right hand or left was not his to give—it “is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father” (Matthew 20:23b). It remained to be seen how long it would take to realize the implications of their confident “We can!” The other disciples became indignant at the ambition of James and John. Then Jesus taught them all the lesson of humble service: The purpose of authority is to serve. They are not to impose their will on others, or lord it over them. This is the position of Jesus himself. He was the servant of all; the service imposed on him was the supreme sacrifice of his own life. On another occasion, James and John gave evidence that the nickname Jesus gave them—“sons of thunder”—was an apt one. The Samaritans would not welcome Jesus because he was on his way to hated Jerusalem. “When the disciples James and John saw this they asked, ‘Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to consume them?’ Jesus turned and rebuked them...” (Luke 9:54-55).

James was the first of the apostles to be martyred.



Wednesday, July 26, 2023
The Feast of
Saints Joachim and Anne

In the Scriptures, Matthew and Luke furnish a legal family history of Jesus, tracing ancestry to show that Jesus is the culmination of great promises. Not only is his mother’s family neglected, we also know nothing factual about them except that they existed. Even the names “Joachim” and “Anne” come from a legendary source written more than a century after Jesus died.

The heroism and holiness of these people however, is inferred from the whole family atmosphere around Mary in the Scriptures. Whether we rely on the legends about Mary’s childhood or make guesses from the information in the Bible, we see in her a fulfillment of many generations of prayerful persons, herself steeped in the religious traditions of her people.

The strong character of Mary in making decisions, her continuous practice of prayer, her devotion to the laws of her faith, her steadiness at moments of crisis, and her devotion to her relatives—all indicate a close-knit, loving family that looked forward to the next generation even while retaining the best of the past.

Joachim and Anne—whether these are their real names or not—represent that entire quiet series of generations who faithfully perform their duties, practice their faith, and establish an atmosphere for the coming of the Messiah, but remain obscure.

This is the “feast of grandparents.” It reminds grandparents of their responsibility to establish a tone for generations to come: They must make the traditions live and offer them as a promise to little children. But the feast has a message for the younger generation as well. It reminds the young that older people’s greater perspective, depth of experience, and appreciation of life’s profound rhythms are all part of a wisdom not to be taken lightly or ignored.





Saturday, July 29, 2023
The Feast of
Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus

Martha, Mary, and their brother Lazarus were evidently close friends of Jesus. He came to their home simply as a welcomed guest, rather than as one celebrating the conversion of a sinner like Zacchaeus or one unceremoniously received by a suspicious Pharisee. The sisters felt free to call on Jesus at their brother's death, even though a return to Judea at that time seemed to spell almost certain death.

Martha's great glory is her simple and strong statement of faith in Jesus after her brother's death. "Jesus told her, 'I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world'" (John 11:25-27).

No doubt Martha was an active sort of person. On one occasion, she prepares the meal for Jesus and possibly his fellow guests and forthrightly states the obvious: All hands should pitch in to help with the dinner. The Lord recognizes that Martha is "worried about many things," also noting that Mary, who has spent the preparation time at Jesus' feet listening to his words "has chosen the better part." John 12:1-8 describes Mary's anointing of Jesus' feet at Bethany, an act which he praised highly.

Immediately after we are told that the chief priests plotted to kill Lazarus "because many of the Jews were turning away and believing in Jesus because of him." Lazarus was the one of whom the Jews said, "See how much he loved him." In their sight Jesus raised his friend Lazarus from the dead.

Legends abound about the life of Lazarus after the death and resurrection of Jesus. He is supposed to have left a written account of what he saw in the next world before he was called back to life. Some say he followed Peter into Syria. Another story is that despite being put into a leaking boat by the Jews at Jaffa, he, his sisters, and others landed safely in Cyprus. There he died peacefully after serving as bishop for 30 years.

It is certain there was early devotion to the saint. Around the year 390, the pilgrim lady Etheria talks of the procession that took place on the Saturday before Palm Sunday at the tomb where Lazarus had been raised from the dead. In the West, Passion Sunday was called *Dominica de Lazaro*, and Augustine tells us that in Africa the Gospel of the raising of Lazarus was read at the office of Palm Sunday.



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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“Mary has chose the better part”

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:

Jesus encourages us to persevere in faith even in challenging circumstances.

In our daily lives it can be challenging to persevere in faith, in charity, and in kindness when dealing with people who appear to be the opposite-mean, vengeful, thoughtless. But Jesus reminds us that it is still possible to bear fruit under these conditions, and that even a small seed of faith can yield abundant fruit.

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.



EUCCHARISTIC 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 **\$3,180.00**

School parents must use church envelopes.



We welcome back Fr. Victor who will arrive on July 25th and be with us until September 1st. Fr. Victor will be here on vacation. We wish him well.



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.



Next weekend, July 29th and 30th, the second collection will be for air conditioning to keep our church cool during the summer months.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

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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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THIS 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

NEXT WEEK

July 30 - August 5

Sunday, July 30

1:30PM—Baptisms

Monday, July 31

Tuesday, August 1

6:30PM—AA Meeting

Wednesday, August 2

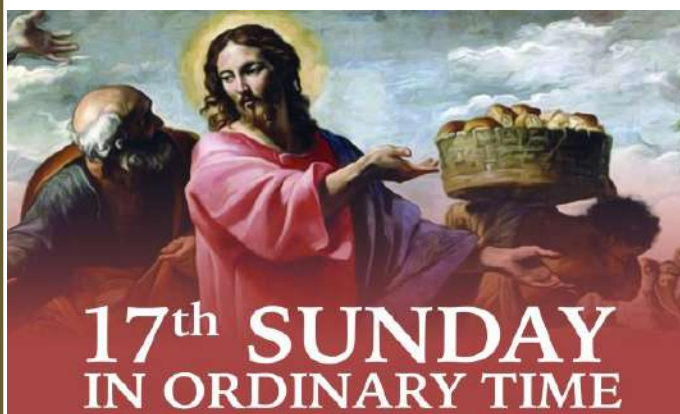
Thursday, August 3

10-11:30AM-Legion of Mary—SFR

Friday, August 4

Saturday, August 5

9:00AM-Anointing Mass



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.