

The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intention

SUNDAY, July 9 – The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 A.M. Holy Name Mass
9:30 A.M. Phyllis Gleeson
11:00 A.M. Emeric Arus
12:30 P.M. Rino Del Carro
Maria Mendez

MONDAY, July 10— Weekday
9:00 A.M. John Kos

TUESDAY, July 11– Saint Benedict
9:00 A.M. Joseph Salamone

WEDNESDAY, July 12 – Weekday
9:00A.M. Victor Salamone

THURSDAY, July 13– Saint Henry
9:00 A.M. Mary Di Pietro

FRIDAY, July 14 – Saint Kateri Tekakwitha
9:00 A.M. George Blaslov

SATURDAY, July 15– Saint Bonaventure
9:00 A.M. Purgatorial Society

5:00P.M. Michael Marchassalla Sr.

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

Today's Readings

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Zechariah 9:9-10
Romans 8:9, 11-13
Matthew 11:25-30

Readings for the Week

MONDAY: Genesis 28:10-22a
Matthew 9:18-26

TUESDAY: Genesis 32:23-33
Matthew 9:32-38

WEDNESDAY Genesis 41:55-57
42:5-7a, 17-24a
Matthew 10:1-7

THURSDAY: Genesis 44:18-21, 23b-29,
45:1-5
Matthew 10:7-15

FRIDAY: Genesis 48:1-7, 28-30
Matthew 10:16-23

SATURDAY: Genesis 49:29-32; 50:15-26a
Matthew 10:24-33

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





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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July 9, 2023

“What must I do to inherit eternal light?”

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

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:

Come to me all you who labor and are burdened.

Many Jews expected a military strong messiah who would lead them into battle to be free of the Romans. Instead, Jesus humbly submitted to the will of His Father, even unto death. Yet He said His burden was light. Motivated by love of God and neighbor, our burdens can be lighter when carried with Jesus.

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.



Tuesday, July 11, 2022
The Feast of
Saint Benedict

It is unfortunate that no contemporary biography was written of a man who has exercised the greatest influence on monasticism in the West. Benedict is well recognized in the later *Dialogues of Saint Gregory*, but these are sketches to illustrate miraculous elements of his career.

Benedict was born into a distinguished family in central Italy, studied at Rome, and early in life was drawn to monasticism. At first he became a hermit, leaving a depressing world—pagan armies on the march, the Church torn by schism, people suffering from war, morality at a low ebb. He soon realized that he could not live a hidden life in a small town any better than in a large city, so he withdrew to a cave high in the mountains for three years. Some monks chose Benedict as their leader for a while, but found his strictness not to their taste. Still the shift from hermit to community life had begun for him. He had an idea of gathering various families of monks into one “Grand Monastery” to give them the benefit of unity, fraternity, and permanent worship in one house. Finally he began to build what was to become one of the most famous monasteries in the world—Monte Cassino, north of Naples.

The Rule that gradually developed prescribed a life of liturgical prayer, study, manual labor, and living together in community under a common abbot. Benedictine asceticism is known for its moderation, and Benedictine charity has always shown concern for the people in the surrounding countryside. In the course of the Middle Ages, all monasticism in the West was gradually brought under the *Rule of St. Benedict*.

Today the Benedictine family is represented by two branches: the Benedictine Federation encompassing the men and women of the Order of St. Benedict; and the Cistercians, men and women of the Order of Cistercians of the Strict Observance.



Friday, July 14, 2022
The Feast of
Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

The blood of martyrs is the seed of saints. Nine years after the Jesuits Isaac Jogues and Jean de Lelande were tomahawked by Iroquois warriors, a baby girl was born near the place of their martyrdom, Auriesville, New York. Her mother was a Christian Algonquin, taken captive by the Iroquois and given as wife to the chief of the Mohawk clan, the boldest and fiercest of the Five Nations. When she was four, Tekakwitha lost her parents and little brother in a smallpox epidemic that left her disfigured and half blind. She was adopted by an uncle, who succeeded her father as chief. He hated the coming of the Jesuit missionaries, but could do nothing to them because a peace treaty with the French required their presence in villages with Christian captives. She was moved by the words of three Blackrobes. Tekakwitha refused to marry a Mohawk brave, and at 19 took the step of converting. She was baptized with the name Kateri--Catherine--on Easter Sunday. Her life in grace grew rapidly. She was powerfully moved by God’s love for human beings and saw the dignity of each of her people. She was always in danger, for her conversion and holy life created great opposition. On the advice of a priest, Kateri stole away one night and began a 200-mile walking journey to a Christian Indian village at Sault St. Louis, near Montreal. For three years she grew in holiness under the direction of a priest and an older Iroquois woman. At 23, Kateri took a vow of virginity. She found a place in the woods where she could pray an hour a day—and was accused of meeting a man there! Her dedication to virginity was instinctive: Kateri did not know about religious life for women until she visited Montreal. She humbly accepted an “ordinary” life. She practiced extremely severe fasting as penance for the conversion of her nation. Kateri Tekakwitha died the afternoon before Holy Thursday. Witnesses said that her emaciated face changed color and became like that of a healthy child. The lines of suffering, even the pockmarks, disappeared and the touch of a smile came upon her lips. She was beatified in 1980 and canonized in 2012



Saturday, July 15, 2022
The Feast of
Saint Bonaventure

Born in Bagnoregio in 1221, Saint Bonaventure was baptized John, but received the name Bonaventure when he became a Franciscan at the age of 22. Little is known about his childhood, but we do know that his parents were Giovanni di Fidanza and Maria Rittell. It seems that his father was a physician and a man of means. While Saint Francis died about five years after the saint's birth, he is credited with healing Bonaventure as a boy of a serious illness.

Saint Bonaventure's teaching career came to a halt when the Friars elected him to serve as their General Minister. His 17 years of service were not easy as the Order was embroiled in conflicts over the interpretation of poverty. Some friars even ended up in heresy saying that Saint Francis and his community were inaugurating the era of the Holy Spirit which was to replace Jesus, the Church, and Scripture. But because he was a man of prayer and a good administrator, Saint Bonaventure managed to structure the Order through effective legislation. But more importantly, he offered the Friars an organized spirituality based on the vision and insights of Saint Francis. Always a Franciscan at heart and a mystical writer, Bonaventure managed to unite the pastoral, practical aspects of life with the doctrines of the Church. Thus, there is a noticeable warmth to his teachings and writings that make him very appealing.

Shortly before he ended his service as General Minister, Pope Gregory X created him a Cardinal and appointed him bishop of Albano. But a little over a year later, while participating in the Second Council of Lyon, Saint Bonaventure died suddenly on July 15, 1274. There is a theory that he was poisoned.

Saint Bonaventure left behind a structured and renewed Franciscan Order and a body of work all of which glorifies his major love—Jesus.



Sunday, July 16, 2022
The Feast of
Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Hermits lived on Mount Carmel near the Fountain of Elijah in northern Israel in the 12th century. They had a chapel dedicated to Our Lady. By the 13th century they became known as “Brothers of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.” They soon celebrated a special Mass and Office in honor of Mary. In 1726, it became a celebration of the universal Church under the title of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. For centuries the Carmelites have seen themselves as specially related to Mary. Their great saints and theologians have promoted devotion to her and often championed the mystery of her Immaculate Conception. Saint Teresa of Avila called Carmel “the Order of the Virgin.” Saint John of the Cross credited Mary with saving him from drowning as a child, leading him to Carmel, and helping him escape from prison. Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus believed that Mary cured her from illness. On her First Communion day, Thérèse dedicated her life to Mary. During the last days of her life she frequently spoke of Mary.

There is a tradition—which may not be historical—that Mary appeared to Saint Simon Stock, a leader of the Carmelites, and gave him a scapular, telling him to promote devotion to it. The scapular is a modified version of Mary's own garment. It symbolizes her special protection and calls the wearers to consecrate themselves to her in a special way. The scapular reminds us of the gospel call to prayer and penance—a call that Mary models in a splendid way.

The Carmelites were known from early on as “Brothers of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.” The title suggests that they saw Mary not only as “mother,” but also as “sister.” The word *sister* is a reminder that Mary is very close to us. She is the daughter of God and therefore can help us be authentic daughters and sons of God. She leads us to a new realization that all human beings belong to the family of God. When such a conviction grows, there is hope that the human race can find its way to peace.

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 \$4,652.00
Second Collection-Air Conditioning \$1,295.00

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 June 26th we have pledged **\$35,357** and paid **\$25,128.68** 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 9—July 15

Sunday, July 9

8:00AM—Holy Name Mass

Monday, July 10

Tuesday, July 11

6:30PM—AA Meeting

Wednesday, July 12

7:00PM-Baptism Class

Thursday, July 13

10-11:30AM-Legion of Mary—SFR

Friday, July 14

Saturday, July 15

NEXT WEEK

July 16—July 22

Sunday, July 16

Monday, July 17

Tuesday, July 18

6:30PM—AA Meeting

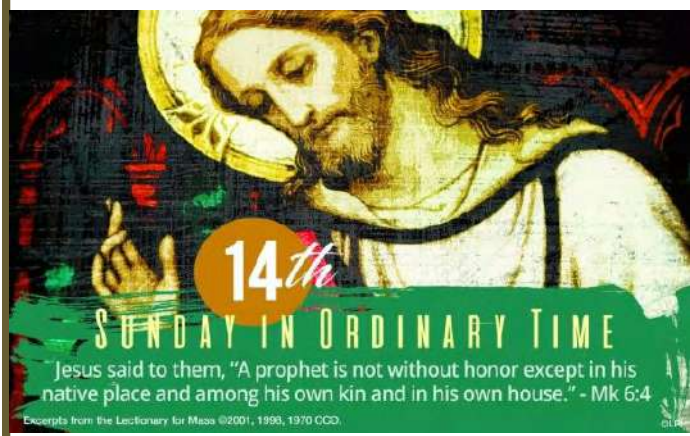
Wednesday, July 19

Thursday, July 20

10-11:30AM-Legion of Mary—SFR

Friday, July 21

Saturday, July 22



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 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.