

## *Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

### *Mass Intention*

**SUNDAY, August 20 – Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 A.M. Peter Anselmi  
9:30 A.M. Elvira Martucci  
11:00 A.M. For the People of St. Francis  
12:30 P.M. Rino Del Carro  
Roman & Guillerma

**MONDAY, August 21— Saint Pius X**  
9:00 A.M. Maurico Mesa

**TUESDAY, August 22– The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
9:00 A.M. Sam Pittaro

**WEDNESDAY, August 23 – Saint Rose of Lima**  
9:00A.M. Fabio Frezzato

**THURSDAY, August 24– Saint Bartholomew**  
9:00 A.M. John Purich

**FRIDAY, August 25 – St. Louis**  
9:00 A.M. Charles Hickey

**SATURDAY, August 26– Weekday**  
9:00 A.M. Purgatorial Society  
The McHale Family

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

**SUNDAY, August 27– Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 A.M. Sergio Demesa  
9:30 A.M. Billy Takos  
11:00 A.M. Mrs. Grace Fulop  
12:30 P.M. Rino Del Carro  
Carmela Acquista

### *Today's Readings*

#### *The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7  
Romans 11:13-15, 29-32  
Matthew 15:21-28

### *Readings for the Week*

**MONDAY:** Judges 2:11-19  
Matthew 19:16-22

**TUESDAY:** Judges 6:11-24a  
Matthew 19:23-30

**WEDNESDAY** Judges 9:6-15  
Matthew 20:1-16

**THURSDAY:** Revelation 21:9b-14  
John 1:45-51

**FRIDAY:** Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22  
Matthew 22:34-40

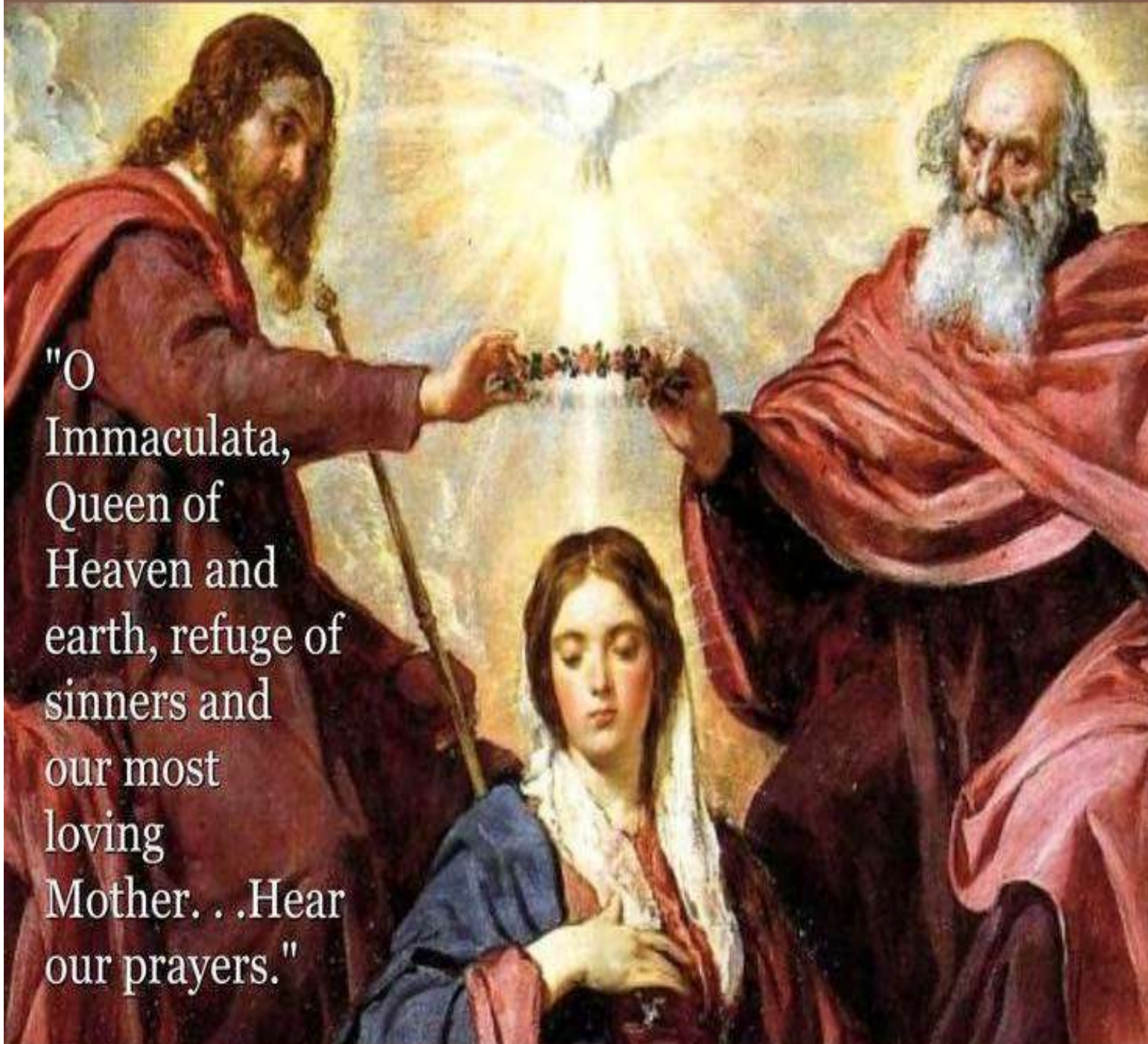
**SATURDAY:** Ruth 2:1-3, 8-11, 4:13-17  
Matthew 23:1-12

#### *The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Isaiah 22:19-23  
Romans 11:33-36  
Matthew 16:13-20



# AUGUST 22 QUEENSHIP OF MARY



"O  
Immaculata,  
Queen of  
Heaven and  
earth, refuge of  
sinners and  
our most  
loving  
Mother. . .Hear  
our prayers."





***Monday, August 21, 2023***  
***The Feast of***  
***Saint Pius X***

Pope Pius X is perhaps best remembered for his encouragement of the frequent reception of Holy Communion, especially by children. The second of 10 children in a poor Italian family, Joseph Sarto became Pius X at age 68. He was one of the 20th century's greatest popes. Ever mindful of his humble origin, Pope Pius stated, "I was born poor, I lived poor, I will die poor." He was embarrassed by some of the pomp of the papal court. "Look how they have dressed me up," he said in tears to an old friend. To another, "It is a penance to be forced to accept all these practices. They lead me around surrounded by soldiers like Jesus when he was seized in Gethsemani." Interested in politics, Pope Pius encouraged Italian Catholics to become more politically involved. One of his first papal acts was to end the supposed right of governments to interfere by veto in papal elections—a practice that reduced the freedom of the 1903 conclave which had elected him. In 1905, when France renounced its agreement with the Holy See and threatened confiscation of Church property if governmental control of Church affairs were not granted, Pius X courageously rejected the demand. While he did not author a famous social encyclical as his predecessor had done, he denounced the ill treatment of indigenous peoples on the plantations of Peru, sent a relief commission to Messina after an earthquake, and sheltered refugees at his own expense. On the 11th anniversary of his election as pope, Europe was plunged into World War I. Pius had foreseen it, but it killed him. "This is the last affliction the Lord will visit on me. I would gladly give my life to save my poor children from this ghastly scourge." He died a few weeks after the war began, and was canonized in 1954. His humble background was no obstacle in relating to a personal God and to people whom he loved genuinely. Pius X gained his strength, his gentleness and warmth for people from the source of all gifts, the Spirit of Jesus.



***Wednesday, August 23, 2023***  
***The Feast of***  
***Saint Rose of Lima***

The first canonized saint of the New World has one characteristic of all saints—the suffering of opposition—and another characteristic which is more for admiration than for imitation—excessive practice of mortification. She was born to parents of Spanish descent in Lima, Peru, at a time when South America was in its first century of evangelization. She seems to have taken Catherine of Siena as a model, in spite of the objections and ridicule of parents and friends. The saints have so great a love of God that what seems bizarre to us, and is indeed sometimes imprudent, is simply a logical carrying out of a conviction that anything that might endanger a loving relationship with God must be rooted out. So, because her beauty was so often admired, Rose used to rub her face with pepper to produce disfiguring blotches. Later, she wore a thick circlet of silver on her head, studded on the inside, like a crown of thorns. When her parents fell into financial trouble, she worked in the garden all day and sewed at night. Ten years of struggle against her parents began when they tried to make Rose marry. They refused to let her enter a convent, and out of obedience she continued her life of penance and solitude at home as a member of the Third Order of Saint Dominic. So deep was her desire to live the life of Christ that she spent most of her time at home in solitude. During the last few years of her life, Rose set up a room in the house where she cared for homeless children, the elderly, and the sick. This was a beginning of social services in Peru. Though secluded in life and activity, she was brought to the attention of Inquisition interrogators, who could only say that she was influenced by grace. What might have been a merely eccentric life was transfigured from the inside. If we remember some unusual penances, we should also remember the greatest thing about Rose: a love of God so ardent that it withstood ridicule from without, violent temptation, and lengthy periods of sickness. When she died at 31, the city turned out for her funeral. Prominent men took turns carrying her coffin.



*Thursday, August 24, 2023*  
*The Feast of*  
*Saint Bartholomew*

In the New Testament, Bartholomew is mentioned only in the lists of the apostles. Some scholars identify him with Nathanael, a man of Cana in Galilee who was summoned to Jesus by Philip. Jesus paid him a great compliment: “Here is a true Israelite. There is no duplicity in him” (John 1:47b). When Nathanael asked how Jesus knew him, Jesus said, “I saw you under the fig tree” (John 1:48b). Whatever amazing revelation this involved, it brought Nathanael to exclaim, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel” (John 1:49b). But Jesus countered with, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than this” (John 1:50b).

Nathanael did see greater things. He was one of those to whom Jesus appeared on the shore of the Sea of Tiberias after his resurrection (see John 21:1-14). They had been fishing all night without success. In the morning, they saw someone standing on the shore though no one knew it was Jesus. He told them to cast their net again, and they made so great a catch that they could not haul the net in. Then John cried out to Peter, “It is the Lord.” When they brought the boat to shore, they found a fire burning, with some fish laid on it and some bread. Jesus asked them to bring some of the fish they had caught, and invited them to come and eat their meal. John relates that although they knew it was Jesus, none of the apostles presumed to inquire who he was. This, John notes, was the third time Jesus appeared to the apostles.

Bartholomew or Nathanael? We are confronted again with the fact that we know almost nothing about most of the apostles. Yet the unknown ones were also foundation stones, the 12 pillars of the new Israel whose 12 tribes now encompass the whole earth. Their personalities were secondary—without thereby being demeaned—to their great office of bearing tradition from their firsthand experience, speaking in the name of Jesus, putting the Word Made Flesh into human words for the enlightenment of the world. Their holiness was not an introverted contemplation of their status before God. It was a gift that they had to share with others. The Good News was that all are called to the holiness of being Christ’s members, by the gracious gift of God.





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.

**FOCUS:**

**Today and every day we celebrate the goodness of God**

*Celebration for the generosity of God resounds in our readings today. As followers of Jesus, we are filled with joy because God has included all people in His bountiful mercy. That joy leads us to reach out to all with compassion and mercy.*

Please be mindful that there are people who come to church early in order to pray. Please show respect by observing silence.



**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.*



**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time.**  
**August 20, 2023**

**“There are a variety of gifts. but the same spirit”**

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](http://stfrancisofassisiastoria.org)

You will then begin to receive weekly offering envelopes.



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 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**                      **\$3,485.00**  
**2nd Collection-Mission Appeal**      **\$1,880.00**

*School parents must use church envelopes.*



**Parish**  
**Calendar**

**Attention All Societies**

The 2023/2024 Parish Calendar is available for pickup.

Please have one member of each society stop by the Rectory during business hours to pick up your copy of the calendar.

Thank you.



***Thank God for Church air conditioning. Please remember after each Mass to close the Church doors, inside and outside to keep the cool air in Church.***

***This action will help keep the Church cool for the following Mass.***

***THANK YOU for your cooperation.***



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

As of July 30<sup>th</sup> we have pledged **\$36,447** and paid **\$27,735.02** 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.



**A Prayer for Increasing Enrollment in Catholic Schools**

O Good and Gracious God, We praise and thank you for the students in our school. It is a sacred privilege to continue the teaching mission of your Son, Jesus. We hear His words in our hearts: "Let the children come to me! Do not hinder them." Lord, we are doing everything we can so that no child is hindered from coming to our school. We advertise, we market; we strategize and plan. Show us what more do we need to do, Lord? Listen to our prayers as we ask you, Lord, to remove whatever hinders parents from choosing a Catholic school for their children. Guide their thinking and their decisions. May our desire to form a partnership with them be a source of hope and encouragement. Bless our efforts to meet funding challenges so that we can fulfill our commitment to be a school for all.

Lord, hold Ms. Reilly, our teachers, staff, our students and their families in Your loving, protective embrace. And thank you for blessing St. Francis of Assisi with a hopeful and promising future. Amen





Sister Anne Marie Beine from Marguerite's Pantry, operating out of Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Elmhurst, is in need of used clothing in good condition for the migrant children that have moved into our area.

Please bring any clothing that is in good condition to the St. Francis of Assisi Rectory office. Do **NOT** leave any bags or boxes of clothing at the Church doors, the academy or on the steps of the Rectory. All clothes must be dropped off at the Rectory office during business hours.

Marguerite's Pantry services approximately 500 families each month and with the recent influx of migrants to our area, the number keeps growing.

All donations are greatly appreciated.



**ST. JOHN'S  
UNIVERSITY**

The Speech and Hearing Center at St. John's University will be offering **FREE** speech and hearing screenings and "**Hearing Aid Help.**"

Please call the center at (718) 990-6480 to schedule at appointment.

The center is located at  
152-11 Union Turnpike  
Flushing, NY

### Cook Position

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

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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

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## THIS WEEK

**August 20 - August 26**

**Sunday, August 20**

**Monday, August 21**

**Tuesday, August 22**

6:30PM—AA Meeting

**Wednesday, August 23**

**Thursday, August 24**

10-11:30AM-Legion of Mary—SFR

**Friday, August 25**

**Saturday, August 26**



**20<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

## NEXT WEEK

**August 27 - September 2**

**Sunday, August 27**

1:30PM - Baptisms

**Monday, August 28**

**Tuesday, August 29**

6:30PM—AA Meeting

**Wednesday, August 30**

**Thursday, August 31**

10-11:30AM-Legion of Mary—SFR

**Friday, September 1**

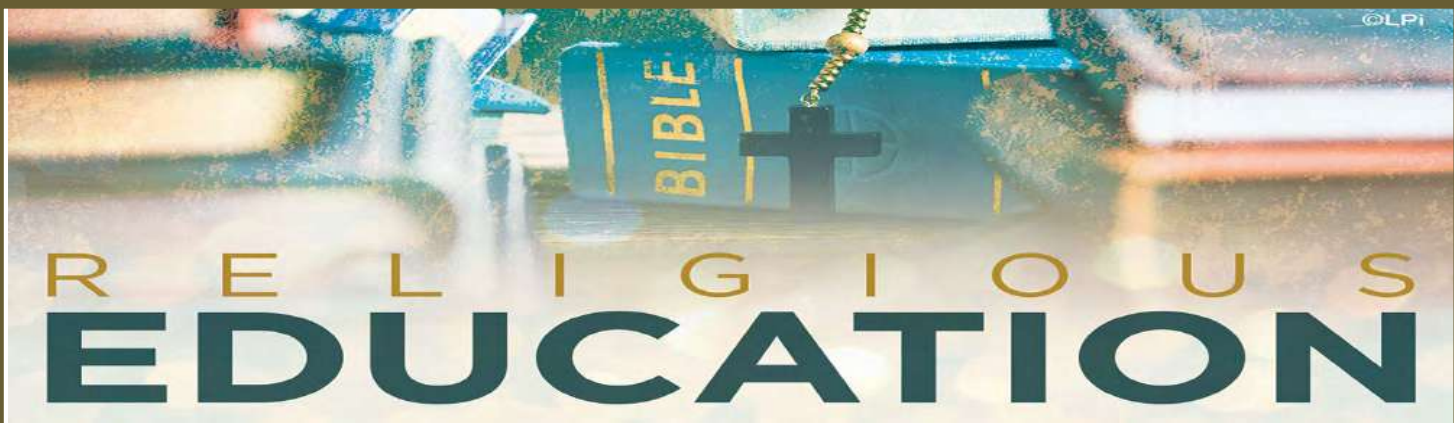
**Saturday, September 2**

9:00AM - Anointing Mass



**21<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**





# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEACHER NEEDED

St. Francis of Assisi Religious Education Program is in need of a 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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:	<b>1 child</b>	\$100	<b>2 children or more</b>	\$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".

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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](http://www.masstimes.org)  
Will assist you.

## SUMMER WEATHER

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.

*Saint Francis of Assisi Parish*

**FALL**  
**FESTIVAL**

*Save the Date*  
*Saturday, September 30, 2023*