

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, July 13 — Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Is 55:10-11 Rom 8:18-23 Mt 13:1-23

8:00 A.M. For the People of St. Francis of Assisi Parish
9:30 A.M. Dorothy Leonard
11:00 A.M. Gloria Curry
12:30 P.M. Anna Volpe
Maria Tierno
Fred Stile
Salvatore Milazzo

MONDAY, July 14 — Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

Readings: Is 1:10-17 Mt 10:34-11:1

No 7:00 A.M. Mass
9:00 A.M. George Blaslov

TUESDAY, July 15 — Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Readings: Is 7:1-9 Mt 11:20-24

No 7:00 A.M. Mass
9:00 A.M. Michael & John Marchassalla

WEDNESDAY, July 16 — Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

Readings: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16 Mt 11:25-27

No 7:00 A.M. Mass
9:00 A.M. George Blaslov

THURSDAY, July 17 — Weekday

Readings: Is 26:7-9, 16-19 Mt 11:28-30

No 7:00 A.M. Mass
9:00 A.M. Mary DiPietro

FRIDAY, July 18 — Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest

Readings: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8 Mt 12:1-8

No 7:00 A.M. Mass
9:00 A.M. Rose Syracuse

SATURDAY, July 19 — Weekday

Readings: Mi 2:1-5 Mt 12:14-21

9:00 A.M. Purgatorial Society
Antonio Corillo
Antonio Calvo
5:00 P.M. Nicola D'Alleva

SUNDAY, July 20 — Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 A.M. Thomas Flake
9:30 A.M. For the People of St. Francis of Assisi
11:00 A.M. Patrick Fogerty
12:30 P.M. Concetta & Giuseppe Cecere
Mary Barbara Console-DeJesus
Adelina Iocco
Luciano & Elisabetta Masciangelo
Luigi Filiberti
Antonio & Caterina Delucchi

FOCUS: Let your seed of faith
break open and bring forth the
glory of God's life-giving Word.

It is important that the seed of our
faith comes from a solid source and
is planted in rich soil, so that when
it breaks open and grows, it will be
a blessing, glorifying God by its
beauty. We do not ever want to
find ourselves planted on soil that
does not nourish and strengthen us
in serving God. The rich soil, the
source of life for us, is Jesus.



My word shall not return to me void, but
shall do my will, achieving the end for
which I sent it.

Isaiah 55:11

Memorials for the Week of July 13, 2014



ALTAR CANDLES
Are dedicated to
Mrs. Esperanza Eiaw
This was requested by
Catherine Carubia



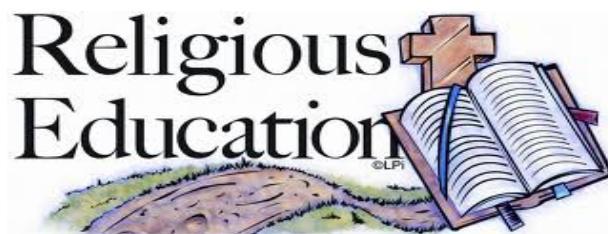
When going on vacation
and you need to know the
nearest Catholic Church,
www.masstimes.org
will assist you. Enjoy the summer!



During the summer months when the
air conditioning is on please remember
to keep all doors and windows closed.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Please Consider Remembering
St. Francis of Assisi Parish in your Will.



It's not too early!

Is your child going into the first
grade next year? You can sign them
up for Religious Education classes
which begin September 28th.
Remember in order to receive First
Communion your child must have
two years of instructions.

If you have a child beginning first grade in public school, it is time to register for Religious Education. Diocesan guidelines require *two years* of instructions prior to the reception of a Sacrament. If your child is already in the first grade and missed this year, call the Office of Religious Education to set up an appointment to discuss the options.

Are you interested in being Baptized or
complete your initiation by the reception of
the Sacraments of Eucharist and/or
Confirmation for Easter 2015?

Join the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The RCIA is a process in which adults
prepare themselves for the reception of
the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism,
Confirmation and Eucharist) through
study, discussion and discernment.

Please contact the Rectory.





Remember in your prayers all those in our parish who are sick, that they may find health and comfort:

James Nunez, Vincent Wytak,
Carol Ross, Rolondo Larrondo,
Jeffrey Hyans, Josephine Costanza,
Jessica St. Preux, Al Ciani, Alesha
Moses, Elizabeth Quartuccia,
Stephanie Stetz, Anthony Criscuolo,
Kathleen Newton, Samantha Fabrizi, Nancy McCaffrey,
Christopher Wojtalik, Marie Guerriero, Theresa
Pacheco, William Goss, John Ross, Terri Kornalewski,
Antonio Ciancio, Luke Pacheco, Vincenza Papa,
Jake Pontillo, David Schneggenburger.

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.

Congratulations to the following students who have achieved Honor Roll status:

St. Agnes Academic High School
Natalia Plaza

St. Francis Preparatory School
Stephanie Ann Biscaglia
Lucas Carlos Pavlounis

St. John's Preparatory High School
Brianna Anello
Vincenzo Asaro
Rachel Aspenieiter
Yasmine Issa
Jonathan Lipe
Antonio Ragusa
Michael Viola
Nicholas Yanez



SUMMER DRESS— We are all aware of the warm days of summer that are upon us. We are very fortunate that our church is air-conditioned. Please dress appropriately when coming to Mass. Thank you.

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Finances

Thank you for your weekly contributions which pays our bills. Your sacrifice and generosity is much appreciated.

The Collection/Donation for the weekend:

July 5/6	\$ 5178.00
Missions	\$ 2077.00

Just a reminder to our envelope users to please mark the amount on the outside of the envelope. It is a great help to our counters. Also, if you are not using the envelope system and would like to please call the rectory. School parents are strongly encouraged to use the envelopes.



SUMMER COLLECTIONS

If you are going away during the summer, please consider submitting your summer offering envelopes before you leave. It is important that those monies go towards the present budget to keep it balanced. As you know we still have payroll, medical and monthly bills and our fiscal year ends August 31, 2014. Thank you very much for your cooperation and I appreciate all the support you give to our parish. We could not pay our bills without your sacrifices. Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

TACHS Prep Classes—St. John's Prep
21-21 Crescent St., Astoria, NY 11105

Saturday, September 20 - November 1, 2014

Go to
www.stjohnsprepschool.org/admission/TACHSPrep

To download a paper application, to register online or to find out more information.

50-50 WINNERS
for the Month of June

First Prize:
Mr. Dominic Camastra

Second Prize:
Mrs. M. Trentacosti

Third Prize:
Mrs. Frances Perrino

Congratulations!!



CRAFT TABLE DONATIONS

Greetings Fellow Crocheters, Knitters
and Crafters,

It's that time of year, our Annual
Festival will be on Saturday, September
27th, 2014 and I could use your help.

Your kind donations have raised
needed funds for our Church and
School. I can be reached at
(718) 932-2735 to arrange a drop off at
my home or a pick up from
yours. Your continued support
inspires me and I look forward to
hearing from you again. Blankets and
children's items sweaters, hats,
scarves are a huge request along
with shawls, tissue box covers and
kitchen décor.

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Gives Back**

For each car, truck or van, running or not,
St. Vincent de Paul will give back to St.
Francis of Assisi \$50/100 per vehicle.
Maybe you don't have a vehicle, but a
family member, friend or neighbor has an
old or neglected vehicle in their driveway
that they would like to dispose of. Call the
Society of St. Vincent de Paul at
(718) 491-2525.



2014 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

The theme this year is, "*When we Give We
Share the Light of Faith.*"

I want to express my appreciation and gratitude
to everyone who has supported the appeal. Your
sacrifices and prayers have been a wonderful sup-
port and have helped us to reach our goal and go
over. Our goal is **\$44,615**. We have pledged
\$47,275.00 and monies collected to this date
amount to **\$35,869.00**. This amount is from 161
donors. **GREAT JOB!** Please continue to honor
your pledges. If there are some who did not
pledge, please prayerfully consider if you are able
to give at this time. Last years records show that
we had 201 donors. It would be a great help to
the parish if we could achieve that goal. Remem-
ber all monies received over goal come back to
our parish 100%.

Thank you again for the many sacrifices you
continue to make to support this appeal. Please
know that you are remembered every day in my
prayers.

God Bless,
Msgr. Maresca

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THIS WEEK

July 13 - July 19

Sunday, July 13

2nd Collection ~ Maintenance & Repairs

Monday, July 14

Tuesday, July 15

6:30 P.M. AA - R/B

Wednesday, July 16

Thursday, July 17

Friday, July 18

Saturday, July 19



Our Parish Calendar will be published weekly. Please submit changes or updates to swoods@stfrancisofassisiastoria.org Thank you for keeping our Parish up to date!

NEXT WEEK

July 20 - July 26

Sunday, July 20

2nd Collection ~ Replenish Parish Reserves

Monday, July 21

Tuesday, July 22

6:30 P.M. AA - R/B

Wednesday, July 23

Thursday, July 24

Friday, July 25

Saturday, July 26



FESTIVAL CHANCE BOOKS

If anyone would like to sell festival chance books over the summer please call the rectory. Thank you for your continued support of our Fall Festival.



Next weekend there will be a **second collection** *Replenish Parish Reserves.*

Thank you for your generosity and support.



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“Let everyone heed what they hear.” Is the Lord inviting you to know, love and serve Him more closely in the priesthood or consecrated life?

Contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email:

vocations@diobrook.org

SUMMER PRAYER

May our loving God watch over you and keep alive in your heart all that you have learned this year. Amen.

Keep your mind on God. Remember to pray often and to celebrate your faith, at home with your family, and at Mass with your faith family. Amen.

Keep your faith in God. Let all the joys of summer remind you of God's goodness. Never forget that God is always with you, no matter what. Amen.

May the God of all creation, who comes to us in Jesus, and lives among us in the Holy Spirit, keep you safe, happy, and holy this summer and always.

Amen.

VOTIVE CANDLES

Remember when you were able to light a real candle instead of pushing a button and an electric light comes on?

Well now you can!

They have come out with real wax candles that can be lighted and as the wax melts it drops into a tray of water under the candles. We have one candle stand with 30 votive candles. The cost for each candle is \$1.00. Please deposit the money in the box in front of the candle stand. There is a lighter in the side box to light the candle. We will start with one stand of 30 votive candles to see how it works out.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE FOR JULY 2014



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Sat. July 12th 5pm Leandra Rodriguez, Samantha Dee, Jessica Aniello

Sun. July 13th 8am no servers available
9:30am Frankie Marzella, Valentina Cracolici
11am Rocco Marchesona
12:30pm Caterina Gioino

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Sat. July 19th 5pm Samantha Dee, Joseph Todaro

Sun. July 20th 8am Andrew Soltesz, Frankie Marzella
9:30am Jessica Aniello, Valentina Cracolici
11am Lauren Staats, Nicole Pereira
12:30pm Caterina Gioino

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Sat. July 26th 5pm Samantha Dee, Jessica Aniello

Sun. July 27th 8am Andrew Soltesz
9:30am Maya and Kayley Burns, Valentina Cracolici
11am Rocco Marchesona, Victoria Formoso
12:30pm Caterina Gioino
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Dear Altar Servers,

I hope you have a relaxing and safe summer vacation. Please remember your assignments. If you attend mass and there is no altar server, please come up to serve. I realize that some masses have only one server or no servers, that is because of vacation schedules. I tried to honor everyone's vacation schedule.

Please remember to say your prayers everyday and attend mass every weekend, even if you are not serving or are away. (www.masstimes.org)

Thank you for your service at the altar.

God Bless, Msgr. Maresca



Save the Date

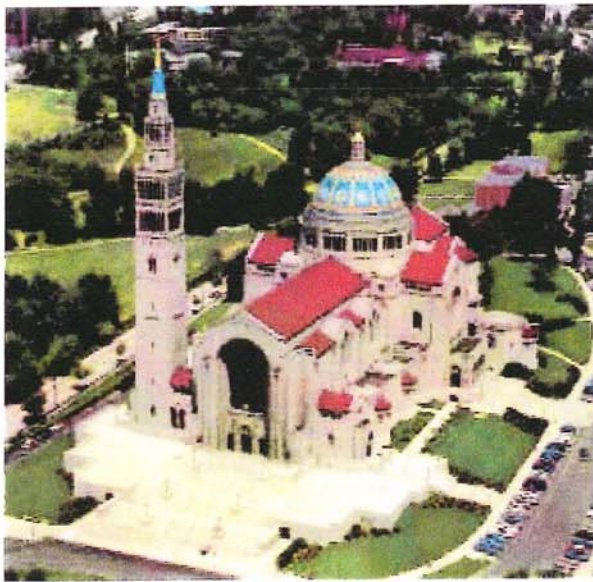
October 4th, 2015

**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI
PARISH
85TH ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION
ANNIVERSARY MASS
&
DINNER DANCE
VILLA BARONE MANOR**

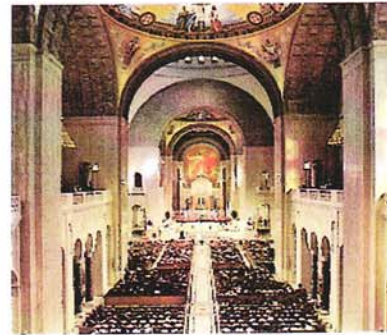


Marian Pilgrimage to Washington, D.C.

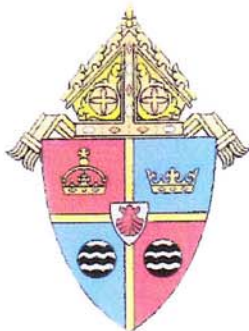
To the Basilica of the National Shrine
of the Immaculate Conception



Led by
the Most Rev.
Nicholas DiMarzio



Saturday, October 25, 2014



To register for this Pilgrimage contact your

Parish Rep: SUSAN WOODS

Telephone: (718) 728-7801

Diocesan Pilgrimage Office
26-15 154th Street
Flushing, NY 11354
tel 718-965-7313

MARIAN PILGRIMAGE TO WASHINGTON. D.C.
SATURDAY OCTOBER 25, 2014

- The Diocese has reserved Saturday, October 25, 2014, as a Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC.
- This Pilgrimage is a tribute to Mary. This is not meant to be a tour, but rather a spiritual journey to honor our Blessed Mother and pray for the needs of our country, our diocese and our parish family. Please remember that the Bishop's hope and aim is that this be a spiritual Pilgrimage with our Blessed Mother as the focal point of the entire day.
- Since this will be a one-day trip, we're hoping to make the journey with one 15 minute stop each way. The estimated time for the trip with a short stop will be approximately 5 hours. We plan on leaving by 6:00 a.m. so we can arrive at the Shrine by 11:00 a.m.
- Our plans include being greeted by our Bishop, Nicholas DiMarzio, a mid-day prayer service at 12 Noon, an opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Confession, Exposition of the Holy Eucharist, leading to a concelebrated Mass at 3:00 p.m. The Liturgy should conclude at 5:00 p.m. Departure for the trip home will begin immediately. The bus will leave and return to St. Francis and if the rest stop is not too long on the return, we should be arriving back before 10:00 p.m.
- We are planning to have one bus with 54 people leaving from right here in front of our church. If we don't have enough people to fill a bus, we will have to go with another parish. The entire cost is \$ 60.00 per person and this will include; water, snacks and donation made to the Basilica. Payment can be made by check written to "St. Francis of Assisi" or cash and you will be given a receipt.
- The Shrine has a cafeteria with modest prices, however the facilities are limited to 288 people at one time, and there could be long waits, disappointments and frustrations. We suggest you bring your own lunch as well as non-perishable items such as juice boxes and fruit.
- This Pilgrimage is open to the entire Parish with the exception of unaccompanied children. We encourage all parishioners, their families and young adults to participate in this devotion to the Blessed Mother.

WE MUST HAVE YOUR COMMITMENT BY JUNE 15TH IN ORDER TO RESERVE A BUS

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NAME _____ PHONE _____

PLEASE DETACH AND DROP OFF AT THE RECTORY OR GIVE TO AN USHER

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL THE RECTORY (718) 728-7801 OR EMAIL
SWOODS@STFRANCISOFASSISIASTORIA.ORG