

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, July 20—Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Wis 12:13, 16-19 Rom 8:26-27 Mt 13:24-43

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

MONDAY, July 21—Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Readings: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8 Mt 12:38-42

No 7:00 A.M. Mass
9:00 A.M. Michael & Maureen Kelly

TUESDAY, July 22—Saint Mary Magdalene

Readings: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

No 7:00 A.M. Mass
9:00 A.M. Marie Salamone

WEDNESDAY, July 23—Saint Bridget, Religious

Readings: Jer 1:1, 4-10 Mt 13:1-9

No 7:00 A.M. Mass
9:00 A.M. Vincenzo DeSimone

THURSDAY, July 24—Saint Sharbel Makhluף, Priest

Readings: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Mt 13:10-17

No 7:00 A.M. Mass
9:00 A.M. Beatrice Tedesco

FRIDAY, July 25—Saint James, Apostle

Readings: 2 Cor 4:7-15 Mt 20:20-28

No 7:00 A.M. Mass
9:00 A.M. Joseph Salamone

SATURDAY, July 26—Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Readings: Jer 7:1-11 Mt 13:24-30

9:00 A.M. Purgatorial Society
Anthony Minieri George Vetro
John Kos Vincent Nicolosi

5:00 P.M. Felicia Grace Briffa

SUNDAY, July 27 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12 Rom 8:28-30 Mt 13:44-52

8:00 A.M. Andrea Anastasio
9:30 A.M. Dorothy Leonard
11:00 A.M. For the People of St. Francis of Assisi
12:30 P.M. Carmela Arricis—I.A.C.A. Society
Concetta D'Angelo
Rosa Benedetto Erminia Kebbe
Gilda Bove Carmela Panepucci

FOCUS: The power of God is his mercy.

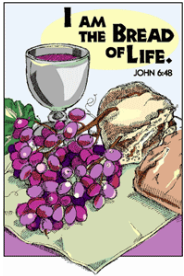
The Lord desires that we be with him in eternity, but he will not violate our consciences in the process. For that reason, he allows us to make mistakes and then offers us his mercy. The experience of the mercy of God teaches us about his love and invites us to love our neighbors as well.



It is the smallest of all the seeds, yet when full grown it is the largest of plants.

Matthew 13:32

Memorials for the Week of July 20, 2014



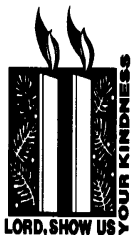
ALTAR BREAD
For this week is
donated in Loving
Memory of
Antonio Calvo
Requested by
Calvo Family



ALTAR WINE
For this week is
offered for
Antonio Calvo
Requested by
Calvo Family



ALTAR CANDLES
Are dedicated to
Antonio Calvo
Requested by
Calvo Family



SANCTUARY LAMP
Is burning for
Antonio Calvo
Requested by
Calvo Family

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

Religious Education



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.

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

Thank you for your cooperation.

When going on vacation and you need to know the nearest Catholic Church,

www.masstimes.org

will assist you. Enjoy the summer!



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 12/13 \$ 5710.07
Maintenance & Repair \$ 1184.00

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.



We welcome Fr. Marco Gallo to St. Francis of Assisi and thank him for expressing his desire to assist us through the month of September.

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.



**SFA Blood Drive
will be Sunday,
September
14th.**

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 support 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 **\$37,207.00**. 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. Remember 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

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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THIS 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



NEXT WEEK

July 27 - August 2

Sunday, July 27

2nd Collection ~ Air Conditioning
1:30 P.M. Baptisms - Church

Monday, July 28

Tuesday, July 29

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

Wednesday, July 30

Thursday, July 31

First Friday, August 1

Saturday, August 2



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!

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 for Air Conditioning to keep our church comfortable during the summer months.



Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 20, 2014

“The Spirit too helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought.” Do you approach the Lord in prayer with the confident strength given by the Holy Spirit asking that He make known your unique vocation? If God may be inviting you to consider 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.

ATT: ALL SOCIETIES
A copy of the 2014-2015 Parish Calendar can be picked up at the Rectory.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE FOR JULY 2014



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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.

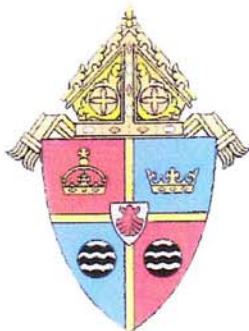
To the Basilica of the National Shrine
of the Immaculate Conception



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