

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intention

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25– 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 A.M. Clemente Delsignore
9:30 A.M. Eric Saldarriaga
11:00 A.M. Michael Mangialino Sr.
12:30 P.M. Saverio Giordano
Rocco D'Angelo
Maria DeBenedetto
Giuseppe Grifonetti

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26- WEEKDAY

9:00 A.M. Jocelin C. Eiaw

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27 - WEEKDAY

9:00 A.M. Sally Gaurdiosi

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28 - Sts. Simon and Jude - Apostles

9:00 A.M. Roseann Hale

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29 - WEEKDAY

9:00 A.M. Lydia K. Renya

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30 - WEEKDAY

9:00 A.M. Purich Family

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31- WEEKDAY

9:00 A.M. Purgatorial Society
John Kos
Fred DiPaoli
John Muscot
Mary Muscot

5:00 P.M. Roseann Hale

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1– All Saints Soleminty

8:00 A.M. For the People of St. Francis
9:30 A.M. Anna Cambareri
11:00 A.M. Antonetta Tierno
12:30 P.M. Dimilta Family
LoPiccolo Family
DiMaria Family
Ida Zoppo
Gilda Campanaro

Today's Readings

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Exodus 22:20-25
1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10
Matthew 22:34-40

Readings for the Week

MONDAY: Ephesians 4:32-5:8
Luke 13:10-17

TUESDAY: Ephesians 5:21-33
Luke 13:18-21

WEDNESDAY: Ephesians 2:19-22
Luke 6:12-16

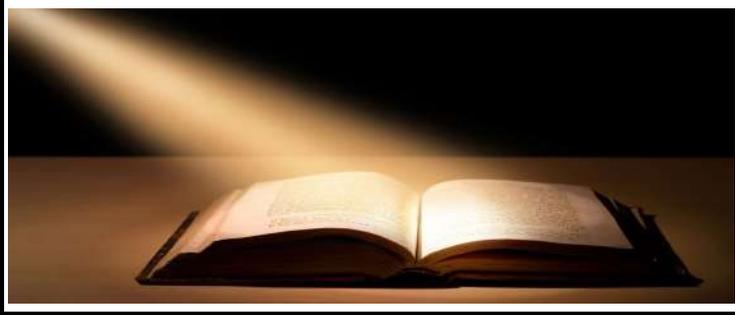
THURSDAY: Ephesians 6:10-20
Luke 13:31-35

FRIDAY: Philippians 1:1-11
Luke 14:1-6

SATURDAY: Philippians 1:18b-26
Luke 14:1, 7-11

All Saints - Soleminty

Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14
1 John 3:1-3
Matthew 5:1-12a





FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



My Dear Parishioners,

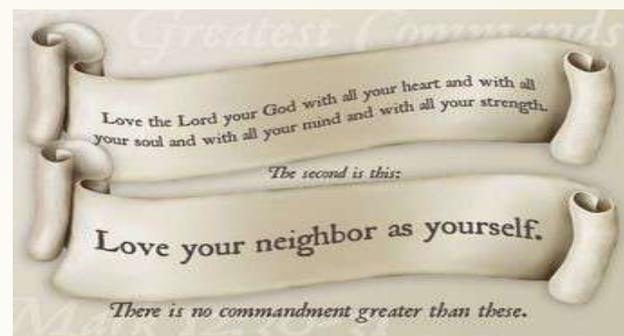
Today's scripture readings take us from the time of Moses to the missionary journey's of Paul. Even though the events of The Old and New Testaments were separated by thousands of years, the work of God in the lives of the ancient Israelites is echoed in the common thread of God's covenant relationship with the early Christians. All of the good that we bring about in our lives today is rooted in our covenant relationship with God, with its promises and responsibilities. Our readings summarize the responsibilities required of us, and they relay the promise of God to free us from sin and death.

From today's reading taken from the Book of Exodus, we can surmise that wrongs were being committed against the very weakest of the Israelites—the widows, the orphans, and the poor. The prophet Moses expressed God's displeasure at this sinful behavior. The point of his message is: Treat everyone with love because God has compassion toward the weak. The consequence for failing to do right was spelled out for the Israelites; the wrath of God would destroy them.

In today's gospel from Matthew, an attempt to trap Jesus with questions about the law backfires on the religious leaders. There are six hundred and thirteen laws in the Jewish Torah, Jesus states the essence of these laws when he cites the central command to “love the Lord your God” as the greatest commandment and combines it with “love your neighbor as yourself.” Jesus says these two laws are the basis upon which the Torah and the prophets depend.

Who is my neighbor? Moses tells us they are the widows, the orphans, and the poor. Jesus taught that he, too, is “neighbor” when he said what we do to the least among us, we do to him. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches that “All men are called to the same end: God himself...Love of neighbor is inseparable from love for God” (#1878). We have a compassionate God who has established a covenant relationship with us. We have the grace of Christ in the Eucharist to strengthen us in overcoming our weaknesses. We have the gift of the Holy Spirit to help us carry out all that God asks of us. What more do we need? All that is left is to say YES to God and Yes, to love of neighbor as our self.

***All God's Blessings,
Msgr. Maresca***





Wednesday, October 28, 2020
Feast of Sts. Jude and Simon, Apostles

St. Jude Thaddaeus

St. Jude, known as Thaddaeus, was a brother of St. James the Lesser, and a relative of Jesus. Ancient writers tell us that he preached the Gospel in Judea, Samaria, Idumaea, Syria, Mesopotamia, and Lybia. According to Eusebius, he returned to Jerusalem in the year 62 and assisted at the election of his brother, St. Simeon, as Bishop of Jerusalem.

He is an author of an epistle (letter) to the Churches of the East, in particular the Jewish converts, directed against the heresies of the Simonians, Nicolaites, and Gnostics. This Apostle is said to have suffered martyrdom in Armenia, which was then subject to Persia. The final conversion of the Armenian nation to Christianity did not take place until the third century A.D.

St. Jude was the one who asked Jesus at the Last Supper why He would not manifest Himself to the whole world after His resurrection. Little else is known of his life, but legend claims that he visited Beirut and Edessa. He was beaten to death with a club, then beheaded post-mortem in 1st century Persia. His relics reside at Saint Peter's in Rome, at Rheims, and at Toulouse, France.

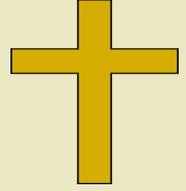
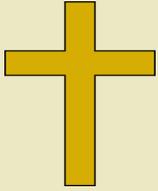
Saint Jude Thaddeus is not the same person as Judas Iscariot, who betrayed Our Lord and despaired because of his great sin and lack of trust in God's mercy.

St. Jude Thaddeus is invoked in desperate situations because his New Testament letter stresses that the faithful should persevere in the environment of harsh, difficult circumstances, just as their forefathers had done before them. Therefore, he is the patron of desperate situations, forgotten causes, hospital workers, hospitals, impossible causes, lost causes, and the diocese of Saint Petersburg, Florida. He is represented as bearded man holding an oar, a boat, boat hook, a club, an axe or a book. Nearly every image of him depicts him wearing a medallion with a profile of Jesus. He usually has a small flame above his head and he often carries a pen

St. Simon the Zealot

Little is known about the post-Pentecost life of St. Simon, who had been called a Zealot. He is thought to have preached in Egypt and then to have joined St. Jude in Persia. Here, he was supposedly martyred by being cut in half with a saw, a tool he is often depicted with.

Simon and Jude traveled together to teach others about Jesus. Because of their eyewitness accounts of Jesus' miracles and his death and Resurrection, many people became believers and were baptized. Simon and Jude died for their faith on the same day in Beirut. Jude's body was later returned to Rome where it was buried in a crypt under St. Peter's Basilica.



ALL SAINTS DAY

Sunday, November 1st is All Saints Day. We give special attention and honor to those faithful members of God's family who have gone before us and have reached the perfection of heaven.

This includes those who have been canonized by the Church and those who have not. We honor their goodness as examples that we want to emulate. We ask the intercession and aid of those now glorified in the presence of God. Blessed are we to have so great a family to care for us and about us, on this earth and beyond.



ALL SOULS DAY

Monday, November 2nd is All Souls Day. On this day we remember All the Faithful Departed. After death, nearly everyone needs to undergo a period of purification (cf. CCC1030) before they can enter the glory of heaven. All Souls Day gives us the opportunity to pray for those who are in this state of purification. The Book of Wisdom reminds us that death is not the last word and that there is life after death. Although we are unable to see or fully understand this, we believe that our beloved dead are in the hands of God. Our journey of faith leads us beyond death to the new and eternal Jerusalem, where God will comfort us and wipe away every tear.

May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

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.



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

Ana Balint, John Wrenn, Rose Williams, George Behringer, Augustin Cisneros, Mario Floramo, Martha Calado, James Nunez, Vincent Wytak, Carol Ross, Jeffrey Hyans, Marie LoVolpe, Jessica St. Preux, Al Ciani, Alesha Moses, Nancy McCaffrey, Christopher Wojtalik, Marie Guerriero, Theresa Pacheco, William Goss, Luke Pacheco, Vincenza Papa, Jim Schneggenburger, Anthony Criscuolo, John Ross, Samantha O'Sullivan, Marilyn Miller, John Carmody, Rosario Duran, Vivian Papa, Joel Steinmann, Anna Governali, Antonio Postiglione, Mario Tamburello, Christopher Araimo, Charles Principato, Jim Kreitler, Humberto Cordova, John Schakir, Louise Joyce Mastromarco, Margaret Culhane, Benedicto Randazzo

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:

Fidelity to God's two great commandments sets a good example for others to follow.

The Old Testament lists more than 600 laws by which the Israelite people were to live. Jesus in fulfilling the law, tells us *that the whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments: loving God, and loving our neighbor as ourselves.* Living by God's law is the best advertisement in drawing others to want to know and follow Jesus Christ. Our actions really do speak louder than our words.

RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

Just a reminder when coming up to receive Holy Communion, and after receiving Jesus, one should be thinking of the wonderful privilege as a Catholic to receive Jesus, that special time we have with our Lord and Savior. It is not a time to allow oneself to be distracted by looking all around, waving, or speaking with the person on the end of the pew.

The Roman Missal states that, "one should prepare by praying quietly, so that one may fruitfully receive the Body and Blood of Christ".

SFA SCRIPTURE STUDY

ALL ARE WELCOME

"Not by bread alone shall man live, but by every word of God"

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN

Join us in our virtual scripture study. We meet every Thursday at 7:30pm. The October 29th meeting will continue with the study of John Chapter 2.

We are using Zoom as our platform. Technical assistance will be provided by Ellen Vento for accessing and using the program.

The Gospel readings and study will be conducted using the Little Rock Scripture program. Study booklets will be provided.

If you are interested in joining the study group or would like further information, please contact us through our email at sfascripturestudy@gmail.com or call the rectory at (718) 728-7801. Please be sure to leave your name and contact information.

Grow in Knowledge and Love of Scripture--
All Are Welcome!

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ATTENTION:

Please DO NOT light the candles in Church by using another candle. One could get burned and the wax is dripping all over the candle stands creating a mess. **PLEASE** use the lighter. If you have trouble with the lighter, ask for help.

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
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"Love God with your whole heart, with your whole soul and with all your mind."

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

2021 Mass Book

The 2021 Mass Book is now open

Please note the following:

The 9 AM Mass Monday to Friday
is a single intention Mass

On Saturday the 9 AM Mass is a multiple
intention Mass and the 5 PM Mass is a single
intention Mass.

Sunday 12:30 PM Italian Mass is a multiple
intention Mass.

All Announced Masses are \$15.00

Purgatorial Mass Cards are \$30.00

Memorials (Altar Bread, Wine, Sanctuary Lamp &
Altar Candles) are \$60.00

Altar Flowers are \$75.00

Please note all precautions will be taken for the well-being and safety of every parishioner. All those coming to the Rectory office must wear a mask.

The Rectory office hours are:

Monday thru Friday

9:00am to 12:00 noon

1:00pm to 5:00pm

There are NO evening or Saturday hours at the present time.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation during this difficult time.

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.

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.

The Collection/Donation for the weekend:

Collection 10/17-18	\$3,007.00
World Mission Sunday	509.00

School parents must use church envelopes.

Memorials for the Week of October 25, 2020



ALTAR BREAD
In Loving Memory of
Christine Kebbe
Requested by:
*The Faculty & Staff of
St. Francis of Assisi
Catholic Academy*



ALTAR WINE
In Loving Memory of
Christine Kebbe
Requested by:
*The Faculty & Staff of
St. Francis of Assisi
Catholic Academy*



SANCTUARY LAMP
In Loving Memory of
*Anne & William
Thompson*
Requested by:
The Thompson Family



STATUE OF ST. CLARE OF ASSISI

Our new statue of St. Clare of Assisi is up in the front of Church on the right side of the sanctuary.

If anyone would like to make a donation toward the statue, your name will be placed on a plaque. A minimum donation of \$100 is requested.

The deadline to make a donation is Friday, October 30, 2020.

PRAYER TO MARY DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANADEMIC

O Mary, you shine continuously along our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the Cross were near to the pain of Jesus, keeping your faith firm.

You, Salvation of the Roman people, know what we need, and we trust that you will provide for those needs so that, as at Cana of Galilee, joy and celebration may return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us, He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and took up our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

Pope Francis

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Banns of Marriage
2nd Time:

Michael Vecchione
Most Precious Blood
Astoria, NY

And

Lenor Romano
Most Precious Blood
Astoria, NY



Mass of Remembrance
All Souls' Day: November 2nd



Please remember to put your All Souls' Day envelopes in any collection before November 2nd.

Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, envelopes are not available in Church this year. Please use the envelope you received in the mail or a plain envelope. Please state your mass intention.

Thank you.

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.

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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.

Help Spread the Word to help Those in Need!

Please Visit Us at svdpauto-brooklynqueens.org

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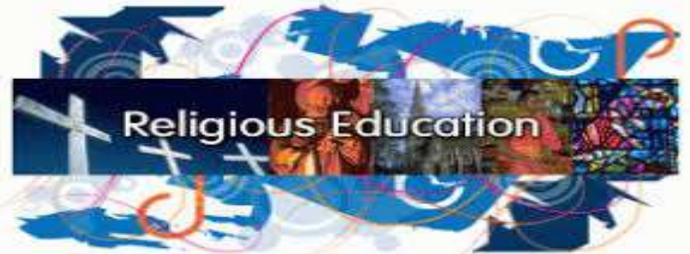
With Much Thanks and Many Blessings,

Jim Shea

Associated Vincentian Charities Car Program Coordinator



During this time of Covid-19, if you are not feeling well, have a temperature, or have a cough, please stay home and watch the mass on television. There are a number of stations that carry Sunday Mass for you to watch. Please know this is for your health and the health of others.



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.

Anthony Perrelli, Director of Faith Formation,
(718) 278.0259 or dre@sfaacademy.org



ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW
SOMEONE WHO...

Has expressed an interest in becoming
Catholic?

Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not
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Eucharist and/or Confirmation?

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experience of the Church as well as prepare
individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of
Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the
Easter season.

For information please contact our
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OFFICE HOURS
Monday - Thursday 9:00AM to 3:00PM
or by appointment

Holy Cross High School

Open House by Appointment Only
at www.holycrosshs.org

Sunday, October 25th
Virtual Open House 7:00pm - 8:00pm
Families must RSVP in advance for both
events.

Holy Cross High School
26-20 Francis Lewis Boulevard
Flushing, NY 11358

Molloy College

Due to the COVID19 pandemic, we will be
hosting our Open House virtually, via Zoom.

Fall Open House
Sunday, November 15, 2020
1:00 PM
To register: www.molloy.edu/openhouse
*once you register, you will receive a
Zoom link.

Molloy College
1000 Hempstead Avenue
Rockville Centre, NY 11571



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Saturday, October 17, 2020
10:00 to 11:30 AM

Wednesday, October 28, 2020
5:00 to 6:30 PM

RSVP Required on our website

Please contact our Director of Admissions, Madeleine Metzler, '07:
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