The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intention

SUNDAY, January 15 – The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 A.M. Kevin Oleaga
9:30 A.M. Raffaele Martello
11:00 A.M. Giuseppe Cervegnano
12:30 P.M. Rino Del Carro
Amadio Trentini
Maria Ciluffo
Liberato Manocchio
Elenora Manocchio
Antonio Iadovito
Angela Iadovito
San Antonio Abate

MONDAY, January 16 – Weekday
9:00 A.M. Luis Horacio Agudelo

TUESDAY, January 17– Saint Anthony, Abbot
9:00 A.M. Florence Drob

WEDNESDAY, January 18– Weekday
9:00 A.M. Gaetano Hili

THURSDAY, January 19—Weekday
9:00 A.M. Ana Balint

FRIDAY, January 20 – Weekday
9:00 A.M. Susan Camenzuli

SATURDAY, January 21– Saint Agnes
9:00 A.M. Purgatorial Society

5:00 P.M. Joseph Columbo Family

SUNDAY, January 22 - The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 A.M. Claire McKenna
9:30 A.M. Danielle DeRosa
11:00 A.M. For the People of St. Francis
12:30 P.M. Rino Del Carro

Today's Readings

The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6
1 Corinthians 1:1-3
John 1:29-34

Readings for the Week

MONDAY: Hebrews 5:1-10
Mark 2:18-22

TUESDAY: Hebrews 6:10-20
Mark 2:23-28

WEDNESDAY: Hebrews 7:1-3, 15-17
Mark 3:1-6

THURSDAY: Hebrews 7:25-8:6
Mark 3:7-12

FRIDAY: Hebrews 8:3-13
Mark 3:13-19

SATURDAY: Hebrews 9:2-3, 11-14
Mark 3:20-21

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Isaiah 8:23-9:3
1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17
Matthew 4:12-23

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear Parishioners,

At Baptism each of us was claimed by God as his child, each became a new creation in Christ and a member of Christ's body the Church. Together we share a common mission and purpose. We are called, as Isaiah reminds us, to be a *light to the nations.* We, like John the Baptist, are to bear witness to the world that Jesus is the Son of God, the Savior of the world.

To be true to our common purpose, to be effective in helping to carry on Christ's saving mission, we need to be zealous in living out our faith. Jesus and the desire to build God's kingdom should be the greatest passion of our lives. God calls us to see ourselves as instruments and channels of his love. We are to place our lives at the service of God and allow his love to flow through us as we help to build his kingdom on earth.

The challenges to the kingdom of God are many. These include the sin and wounds that we carry within ourselves as well as the hatred, violence, indifference, poverty, disease, and injustice which exist in the world. To overcome these many obstacles we must work with determination and diligence in cooperation with the grace of the Holy Spirit. This combination enables us to meet the challenges head on and bear good fruit for the kingdom. Even when we grow weary, we are to turn to the Spirit for perseverance and strength as we continue to fight the good fight.

Fruitful labor on behalf of God's kingdom also necessitates working with others. Jesus did not come to save us as isolated individuals; rather, he calls all people to live a new life of faith and salvation, in love and unity, with other believers, in his body the Church. As members of the Church each of us has a unique role to fill, and each role is important in helping to carry on Christ's saving mission. If we are to truly serve as a light to the world and bear witness to our faith in Jesus, we must demonstrate it through acts of compassion, kindness, generosity, love, and service to others.

Together let us shine a light that is radiant for all the world to see. Only then we will receive the crown of righteousness that awaits us in heaven.

May the grace and peace of God our Father and of our Lord Jesus Christ always reign in your hearts.

All God's Blessings,
Msgr. Maresca

Tuesday, January 17, 2022
The Feast of
Saint Anthony, Abbot

The life of Anthony will remind many people of Saint Francis of Assisi. At 20, Anthony was so moved by the Gospel message, "Go, sell what you have, and give to [the] poor" (Mark 10:21b), that he actually did just that with his large inheritance. He is different from Francis in that most of Anthony's life was spent in solitude. He saw the world completely covered with snares, and gave the Church and the world the witness of solitary asceticism, great personal mortification and prayer. But no saint is antisocial, and Anthony drew many people to himself for spiritual healing and guidance.

At 54, he responded to many requests and founded a sort of monastery of scattered cells. Again, like Francis, he had great fear of "stately buildings and well-laden tables." At 60, he hoped to be a martyr in the renewed Roman persecution of 311, fearlessly exposing himself to danger while giving moral and material support to those in prison. At 88, he was fighting the Arian heresy, that massive trauma from which it took the Church centuries to recover. "The mule kicking over the altar" denied the divinity of Christ. Anthony is associated in art with a T-shaped cross, a pig and a book. The pig and the cross are symbols of his valiant warfare with the devil—the cross his constant means of power over evil spirits, the pig a symbol of the devil himself. The book recalls his preference for "the book of nature" over the printed word. Anthony died in solitude at age 105.

In an age that smiles at the notion of devils and angels, a person known for having power over evil spirits must at least make us pause. And in a day when people speak of life as a "rat race," one who devotes a whole life to solitude and prayer points to an essential of the Christian life in all ages. Anthony's hermit life reminds us of the absoluteness of our break with sin and the totality of our commitment to Christ. Even in God's good world, there is another world whose false values constantly tempt us.

Saturday, January 21, 2022
The Feast of
Saint Agnes

Agnes is one of the "virgin martyrs" of the church of Rome. She is one of seven women, in addition to the Blessed Virgin Mary, who are mentioned in the Roman Canon of the Mass. Saints Felicity, Perpetua, Agatha, Lucy, Cecilia, and Anastasia are the other six. Agnes is a patron saint of chastity, gardeners, girls, Girl Scouts, engaged couples and victims of rape.

There are a diversity of accounts of her martyrdom (by fire, or sword) from very early on, and so it is hard to know much with certainty. The historical record of the specific circumstance/reasons for her martyrdom is also unclear. Most date her martyrdom to the year 304 under the Emperor Diocletion, but the evidence again is not unanimous. All sources seem to agree that she was very young, 12-13 years old, when she was martyred, in the late 3rd or early 4th century. It is the tradition that she was martyred on January 21, and so her feast day is January 21. It was the custom in the early church to commemorate martyrs on the day of their birth into eternal life. The bones of Saint Agnes are preserved in the Church of Sant'Agnese Fuore le Mura (Saint Agnes Outside the Walls) in Rome. This church was built over the catacombs that were constructed around the tomb of Saint Agnes. Her skull is preserved in a side chapel of the Church Sant'Agnese in Agone (Saint Agnes in Agony) which is in Rome's Piazza Navona.

One of the traditions associated with Saint Agnes is that on the Feast of Saint Agnes, two lambs who have been raised at the local Trappist Monastery of Tre Fontane, are brought to the Basilica of Saint Agnes Outside the Walls and are blessed. The lambs are raised into sheep by the Benedictine Sisters of Cecilia in Trastavere. The sheep are sheered each year on Holy Thursday.

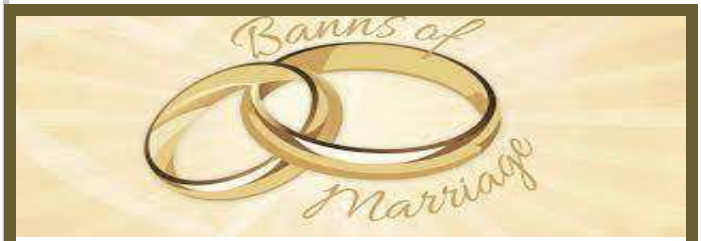
Remember in your prayers all those in our parish who are sick, that they may find health and comfort:

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, 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, & Fr. Emilio Salerno.

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.

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.



2nd Time:

Kelsey Papanicolaou
St. Francis of Assisi
Astoria, NY

And

Nicholas Mistretta
St. Francis of Assisi
Astoria, NY

RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

After receiving Holy Communion, please remember this is a special time with the Lord. Do not be stopping to say hello or wave to people in the pews. Return to you seat in silence and use this special time for prayer and thanksgiving. Reflect that you have received the Body and Blood of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Jesus is with you. Please observe a prayerful silence.

Also, remember that after you have received Holy Communion, step aside and place the host in your mouth. Do Not walk back to the pew with the host in your hand. Again as you are on line to receive Holy Communion, it is a time to think about who you are receiving and thanking Jesus for this wonderful gift of Himself in the Eucharist.

Pray
for Vocations

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"This is My beloved Son
in whom I am well pleased "

Consider a vocation as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life.

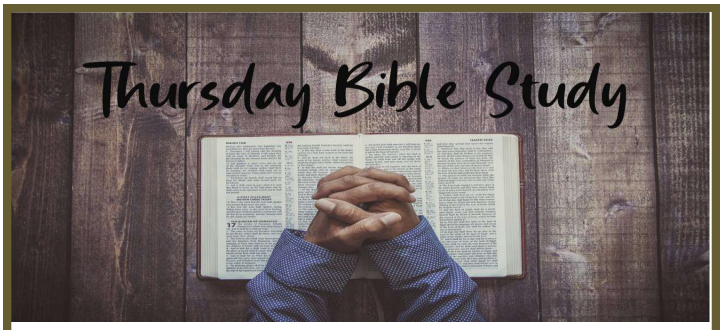
Contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454
or
email:vocations@diobrook.org

FOCUS:

God's call is an invitation to service, honor and holiness.

Today's readings center on God's call. All of those called—Isaiah, Saint Paul, John the Baptist—have a special vocation from God to bear witness to His name and foster holiness among His people. God equips those so chosen with grace, honor and strength to carry out their mission.

He calls and equips us too.



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI SCRIPTURE STUDY

"Prepare to way for the Lord; clear a straight path for him." (Mark 1:1-3)

THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET ISAIAH

Join us on Thursday, January 19, 2023, at 7:20-8:20 in the St. Joseph room of the rectory. This week's study will be on the Book of Isaiah, Chapters 5-11. Come join us in the new year.

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!

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place before the 9:00AM Mass. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed at 8:00AM each morning, Monday through Saturday, giving parishioners an opportunity for private prayer before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. At 8:30AM the rosary will be prayed by parishioners before the Blessed Sacrament. At 8:50AM the Blessed Sacrament will be reposed. Jesus calls us to perseverance in prayer. "Pray without ceasing." "Watch and pray." Eucharistic adoration helps us discover the Real Presence of Christ.

What a wonderful way to begin our day praying before the Blessed Sacrament in silence or praying the Holy Rosary.

Please make every effort to take advantage of this time with the Lord. We are living in challenging times and we all need the Lord to strengthen our faith and give us the courage to live each day.

Memorials for the Week of January 15, 2023

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

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.

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	**$5,120.00**
2nd Collection-Diocesan Missions	***$706.00***

School parents must use church envelopes.

In observance of
Martin Luther King Jr. Day,
The Rectory office will be closed all day
Monday, January 16, 2023
The office will reopen on Tuesday,
January 17th at 9:00AM.

Aid to the Church in Need

A Catholic charity under the guidance of the Holy Father

KEEPING THE FAITH ALIVE

725 Leonard Street • Box 220384 • Brooklyn, NY • 11222
www.churchinneed.org

Next weekend, January 21st and 22nd, the second collection will be for Churches in Need.

Please be as generous as your means allow.

Annual Catholic Appeal 2022

DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

THANK YOU to every parishioner for your prayers and generosity in supporting the 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA). Your generosity and support are greatly appreciated

Our goal was $41,679 and we have pledged $42,078 and paid $40,836.

I know the many financial responsibilities and struggles you are burdened with and yet you continue your loyal support to our parish. Please know that I remember all you every day at the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

I am honored and blessed to be your pastor.

Peace and Blessings,
Msgr. Maresca

Mass Intentions

2023 Mass Book

The 2023 Mass Book is now open.

All Announced Masses are $15.00
Purgatorial Mass Cards are $30.00
Memorials (Altar Bread, Altar Wine, Sanctuary Lamp and Altar Candles) are $60.00 each
Altar Flowers are $75.00.
Thank you.

Msgr. Maresca

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THIS WEEK

January 15—January 21

Sunday, January 15
NO Children's Liturgy
NO CCD

Monday, January 16
Martin Luther King Day
Rectory Office & School Closed

Tuesday, January 17
6:30PM—AA Meeting

Wednesday, January 18

Thursday, January 19
10-11:30AM-Legion of Mary—SFR
6:00PM—I.A.C.A.
7:20-8:50PM—Scripture Study

Friday, January 20
Girl Scout Raingutter Regatta
Father/Daughter Dance

Saturday, January 21
9:00AM Confirmation Retreat

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There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee.

NEXT WEEK

January 22—January 21

Sunday, January 22
9:30AM-Pre-Confirmation Service Mass
9:30AM Children's Liturgy
10:40AM-CCD

Monday, January 23
12:00-3:30PM-Golden Age
3:00-3:45PM Children's Choir
7:00PM Adult Choir

Tuesday, January 24
6:30PM—AA Meeting

Wednesday, January 25

Thursday, January 26
10-11:30AM-Legion of Mary—SFR
6:00PM—I.A.C.A.
7:20-8:50PM—Scripture Study

Friday, January 27

Saturday, January 28

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen."

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

A

Abela, Raphaela (Phyllis)
Acquista Family
Alongi, Manny
Anderson, Dean
Andrea, Muriel & Clifford
Annunziata, Dawn
Antonio Maria
Arcicovich, Anthony
Arcicovich, Melita
Argiropoulos, John
Armenti, Elsa
Attard, Valerie & Peter

B

Baffuto, Domenica
Ballone, Robert
Barrett, David & Dana
Battista, Clara & Leo
Battista, Manuel & Juana
Behringer, George
Beiner, Josephine & Edward
Beiner, Joy
Berhau, Gloria
Berhau, Zacheary
Bernardo, Maria Giuseppe
Biancospino, Luigi & Giuseppina
Biancospino, Paul
Biancospino, Vito & Liliana
Bieganski, Teresa Bogustou
Blenk, Louisa
Bratti, Louise
Brodsky, Estelle
Bromley Family
Bruno Anna Eliseo
Bruno, Antonio
Burch Family
Burch, Chris
Byrne Family

C

Callahan, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas
Canastra, Angelina
Camastra, Michael
Carbone, Sarina
Carbone, Sarina Marie
Carone, Angela
Carpanini, Gino
Castelo, Mary
Cervegnano Family
Cesare & Emma Marchianni
Cesareo, Mario & Jocelyn
Charltonc, Walter, Frances & Walter Jr
Christenson, Mary Ellen
Christenson, Paul A.
Christmas, Charles, Theresa, Victoria
Ciancio Family
Ciangiola, Mr. Thomas
Clayton, Jack & Rose
Commodore, Helen & Lester
Conlon Family
Conlon, Dorathy & John
Conlon, Richard
Connick, Frances
Corvinelli, Antonetta
Criscola, Theresa
Criscola, Vincent
Cucciniello, Edith

D

DaCorta, Grace
DaCorta, Steve
Daddario, Andrew
D'Alleva, Maria
Dec, Joseph & Katarzna
De Luise, Ben & Natalie
Dee, Lillian
DeGrandis, Rocco
DelCarro, Rino
DelCarro, Santina & Pasquale
Della Polla, Angelo M.
Della Polla, Rosa
DeLuise, Ben & Natalie
DeMarco, Pauline
D'Ercole, Mr. & Mrs. Sal
Despojo, Marie
Devane, Michael & Kathleen
Diaz, Henry
Di Biase, Mr. & Mrs. Rocco
DiDonato, Frank
DiDonato, Rose
DiGiacomo, Margaret & Joseph
DiGiorgio, Albert
DiGravino, Domenick, Maria & Florrie
Dimeo, Kay
DiPietro, Mary
DiRico, Carolina
DiRico, Nicola
DiRico, Vincenzo
Donato, Jane
Donato, Joseph
Donato, Matthew
Donatom Vinido
Douvelis, Gregory
Duran, Juan & Ana

E

Edenhofer Family
Eiaw, Esperanza
Eiaw, Joie
Eiaw, Paul
Elmendorf, Harold
Emanuelson, George, Joan & Mark
Enukidze, Vazhe
Esposito, Fortune & Achille

F

Farrell, Patrick
Ferguson Family

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Ferguson, Edward & Jean
Ferguson, Harry & Helen
Florama, Francisco
Floramo, Mariano
Florio Family
Formosa, Charles
Frank, Henry
Frias, Fr. Ramon C.
Fulop, Mr. & Mrs. Istvan
Fulop, Mr. & Mrs. Steve
Fulop, Mrs. Grace
Furey, Patricia

G

Gabriellini, Charles
Gallagher Family
Gangi, Rose & John
Gangi, Vincent
Garcia Family
Garcia, Francis
Garnick Family
Gaviglia, Anna
Gavila, Frank
Giacchina Family
Giacome, Salvatore
Giacopelli, Mr. & Mrs. Carl
Gioino, Mrs. Teresa
Giordano Family
Giordano, Francesco & Maria
Giordano, Saverio
Golodner, Ben, Lina & Susan
Gordon, Charles
Gordon, Veronica
Gorofalo, Mary & John
Granelli, Rose
Grech, Wendy
Grifunetti, Giuseppe
Grioli, Giacomo
Gualtieri Family
Gualtieri, Dr. Arthur
Gualtieri, Dr. Rosario & Mrs. Stella
Guerriero, Sylvester V.
Gurnick Family

H

Handibode Family
Hanson, Julia
Hanson, Robert M.
Hanson, Robert P.
Hartley, Veronica
Heng, Dee Bung
Hengl Family
Hennessy, James
Hennessy, Richard & Stella
Hernandez, Paquita
Hernandez, Ernesta & Juan
Hernandez, Ivan
Hickey Family
Higgins, Daniel Sr.
Honesty, Trammel
Hubert Family
Hubert, Frank
Huges Family

I

Ianora, Carmine & Armando
Idarraga, Mr. & Mrs. Rodrigo
Iorio, Pasquale

J

Jacoby, Paul
Jacoby, Sophie
Jambor Family

K

Kean, John
Kenny, Marie
Koira, Lazer
Kratz, Harold P.
Kratz, Harold V.
Kuljanic, Marija
Kurth, Thomas

L

Landusky Family
Langone, Margaret
LaRosa, Mr. & Mrs. Alfred
Lanzara, Albert & Lillian
Lazarowitz, Shirley
Leto, Francesco
Lombardi, Anna & Berardino
Lombardi, Pat
Lopez, Beatrice
Lopez, Earnest & Beatrice
Lorenzo Family
Loud, Raymond
Lusardi, Maria & Ernesto

M

Macchia Family
Machado, Angela
Mahoney, Brian E.
Mahony, Mary & Phil
Mancuso Family
Mangelius, Mr & Mrs. Sal
Manocchio, Liberato
Manzo, Michael & Joanna
Marchassalla, Michael
Marchesella Family
Marchesi, Mr. & Mrs. Louis
Marchisella, Florence & Rocco
Marinelli, Guido
Marini Family
Marino Family, Deceased Members
Martello, Ralph
Martucci, Elvira
Marusic, Dana
Marusic, Jurga
Marusic, Mario
Marzella, Mr. & Mrs. Michael
Masluk Family
McCann, Joseph Anthony
McCann, Mary Ethel
McConnell, John Sr.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

McConnell, Josephine
McLernon, William & Jeanne
McNamee, Gerard
Mecca, Daniel & Anna
Medina, Maximina & Juan
Melnick, George
Melnick, William
Mendez, Ermy & Mario
Messina, Carmela
Messina, Giovanni & Michelina
Mincone Family
Mirabella, Amato
Mohr, Richard
Montalbo Family
Morris, Nicole
Murphy, Elizabeth

N

Nunez Filion, Maria
Nunez Filon Family

O

O'Connor, Eileen & Gerry
Olwa Family
O'Malley, Patrick
O'Neill Family
Otero Family
Otero, Joseph A.
O'Toole, Joseph & Helen
Ottorino, Vittoria Livio

P

Paleologos, Nick
Papa Family
Papanicolaou, Kyriacos & Mary
Papp, Mr. & Mrs. Romero
Pastore, Angelina
Pellerzi, Ida & August
Pellerzi, John C.
Pequeno Family
Peralo, John
Perez, Elba
Perina, Arthur
Perrino, Miike
Pesaro, Maria
Petosa, Antonio & Carmela
Pettorrezzo, Philomena
Piak, Chua
Piazzola, Michael, Ellen & Lee Ann
Poggio, Antonietta & Carlo
Pontillo, James
Power, James
Powers, Margaret
Prete, Fernando
Prete, Cristina
Profeta, Eda

Q

Quaresimo, Mr. & Mrs. Rob
Quintanar, Mr. & Mrs. Roberto

R

Rama Family
Restivo Family
Richter, Lynn
Riggio, Joan
Riviello, Domenico
Ruffini, Giuseppe & Family
Ryan, Thomas

S

Saavedra, Dannx
Saint Appollonia
Salamone, Joseph
Salamone, Marie
Salamone, Victor
Saldarriaga, Eric
Saldarriaga, Petra
Salerno Family
Salerno, Anthony
Salvio, John
Sandor, Robert
Santagato Family
Santerciera, Gemma & Joey
Saraceni, Concetta
Sarchese, Adelina
Sawka, Anna
Sawka, Joseph
Scaaone Famly (Deceased)
Scarda, Assunta
Scarlatto, Tommaso
Schinco, Teresa
Scilla, Angela
Scuillante, Giovanno
Seaglione, Marie
Sferrazza Family
Siano Family
Silletti, Vito & Ottavia
Silone, Louis
Singura, Ed
Skinner Family-(Deceased)
Slavish, Peter
Sokolovic, Helen & Dominick
Spiteri Family (Deceased)
Spitieri, Mr. & Mrs. Charlie
Spuler, Joseph
Squillante, Giovanni
Steeneck, Gilda
Stroble, David & Rose
Sucich Family-Deceased Members
Sultana, Joseph & Carmela
Supon, Josie & Paul
Suppa, Olga

T

Tamburrino, Mr. & Mrs. Frank
Tedesco, Don
Thompsom, William R. & Mary H.
Thompson, Andrew
Thompson, Anne & William
Thompson, Mary H. & William R.
Tomasulo, Ann
Tomasulo, Vincent
Traina, Angelina
Traina, Joseph
Trapani, Paoloe Giuseppa

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

U

Umberto Maria Teresa Agusto

V

Vigano, Ambrose & Ines
Viscovich, Maria & Domenico
Vitale, Faro & Frances
Vlakancic, Dumica
Vlakancic, Josip
Volpe, Leonard

W

Walsh Family (Deceased Members)
Walsh, Daniel E.
Ward, Michael & Hannah
Warner, George
Wood, Christopher
Wright, Arthur
Wytak, Stanley & Frances

X

Xuereb, Giovanna

Y

Yepez, Fabuzio

Z

Zajac Family
Zilinski Family
Zilinski, Maureen
Zonzini, Maria
Zorovich, Jack
Zorovich, Nori
Zuliani, Linda
Zuliani, Pietro
Zuliani, Rosemarie

PLEASE NOTE:

EVERY EFFORT HAS BEEN MADE TO HAVE THE NAMES LISTED ACCURATELY. HOWEVER, SOME HANDWRITING IS ILLEGIBLE AND SOME NAMES MAY BE INACCURATE. WE APOLOGIZE FOR ANY MISSPELLING

We are grateful to all who donated toward the flowers.

Your generosity has helped us decorate our church for the Christmas season.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES
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Community Program Services
191 Joralemon Street,
Brooklyn, NY 11201
718 726-9790

December 29, 2022

St. Francis of Assisi Roman Catholic Church
2117 45th Street
Queens, NY 11105

Dear Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi Roman Catholic Church,

Thank you for your generosity towards Catholic Charities Brooklyn and Queens 2022 Christmas Toy and Gift Drive to help those who needed it the most during the holidays. Each gift made such an important difference to so many of our neighbors in need. In every neighborhood throughout Brooklyn and Queens, our vast array of programs and services respond to our neighbor's most pressing needs and your support helps make this possible.

We gave out toys to over 3000 children of Queens and Brooklyn through our giveaways at St. Vincent Ferrer parish in East Flatbush and Our Lady of Mount Carmel parish in Astoria. Once again, Catholic Charities Community Program Services set up "Santa's Toy Shops," enabling parents to choose the perfect gift for their child (with the assistance of "shopper elves"). We found this to be a very empowering and dignified way to distribute your generous donation.

None of this would have been possible without your hard work and dedication!! We at Catholic Charities understand that much of our success depends on the generosity of you, and your willingness to be part of the solution….
May God continue to bless you in all you do during the coming year and beyond.

On behalf of our children and families, we thank you for demonstrating the true spirit of Christmas and making a difference in so many lives.

With sincerest appreciation,

Al LoPinto

Msgr. Alfred LoPinto, CEO & President, *Catholic Charities Brooklyn and Queens*

HEART TO HEART MINISTRY

Women's Brunch Retreat

American Martyrs Church~Bayside
79-43 Bell Boulevard/Union Turnpike

Sullivan Hall*(Accessible)**

Saturday, February 11, 2023

9:45am—12 Noon

Theme: Ordinary is Wonderful

Wonderful Reflection and Music by Alverlis

****Donation Basket that day.**

RSVP to Sister Ave Clark, O.P.
(718) 428-2471