The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intention

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

MONDAY, January 23 – Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
9:00 A.M. Michael Connolly

TUESDAY, January 24– Saint Francis de Sales
9:00 A.M. Rita McHale

WEDNESDAY, January 25– The Conversion of Saint Paul , the Apostle
9:00 A.M. John Xerri

THURSDAY, January 26—Saints Timothy & Titus
9:00 A.M. Dr. Arthur Gualtieri

FRIDAY, January 27 – Weekday
9:00 A.M. Joseph Kaufmann

SATURDAY, January 28– Saint Thomas Aquinas
9:00 A.M. Purgatorial Society
Antonia Mastrocola
Camilla Della
Mary Ethel McCann
Elizabeth Hovanec

5:00 P.M. Frank McGowan

SUNDAY, January 29 - The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 A.M. For the People of St. Francis
9:30 A.M. The Spampinato Family
11:00 A.M. Frank Mancuso
12:30 P.M. Rino Del Carro
Giuseppe Carlino

Today's Readings

The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Readings for the Week

MONDAY: Hebrews 9:15, 24-28
Mark 3:22-30

TUESDAY: Hebrews 10:1-10
Mark 3:31-35

WEDNESDAY: Acts 22:3-16
Mark 16:15-18

THURSDAY: 2 Timothy 1:1-8
Mark 4:21-25

FRIDAY: Hebrews 10:32-39
Mark 4:26-34

SATURDAY: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19
Mark 4:.2-41

The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13
1 Corinthians 1:26-31
Matthew 5:1-12a

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear Parishioners,

In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus say the words: "Repent, for the kingdom of God is at hand." As human beings we are all well aware of how discomforting going to confession can be. Who wants to think about their failings and sins, much less tell someone else about them? Wouldn't we much rather tell people about our best points and our good deeds? The reality is that sin brings *disorder* to everyone's life, and each of us is in need of healing.

Experts tell us that the key elements in any kind of recovery are honesty and the willingness to verbalize an honest admission of our faults within a safe, trusted environment. Shame holds many people back from going to the Sacrament of Penance. People may think that in confession the priest sees them at their worst, but have you ever stopped to think that when we tell our sins to a priest and express our sorrow for them, the priest is actually seeing us at our best? In the sacrament, a confessor sees you, not in your sinning, but in your repentance, and the Lord himself reminds us that whenever any sinner returns to ask for forgiveness there is overwhelming joy in heaven. What a wonderful way to look upon this sacrament for priest and penitent alike.

Sin is more than just a private matter between ourselves and God. Like a stone thrown into a pool, the ripples of our sin reach out far and wide. Sin cuts us off not only from God, but from God's Church as well. In sinning we do not just weaken ourselves, but we affect the relationships around us. We diminish the love which binds Christ's body, the Church, together. In the Sacrament of Penance, by exercising the God given authority to forgive sins, the priest not only extends God's forgiveness, but acts as a representative of the Church. He welcomes the sinner back into full communion restored to a life of grace. If you have not been to confession in a long time, today's Gospel warmly encourages you to do so.

For the message to Catholics today is the same as it was in the days of Jesus and John the Baptist: "Repent, for the kingdom of God is at hand!" Let us keep our faith unbroken, with our hearts and minds focused on the joy of reconciliation, let us not be embroiled by sin and unbelief which surrounds us. All things are possible with God's grace. It is amazing what we can do when we are truly motivated and allow the Spirit to work within us. Let us repent of our sins with a new determination to remain strong in our faith to the praise of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the great Healer of souls.

All God's Blessings,
Msgr. Maresca

DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN

MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2023

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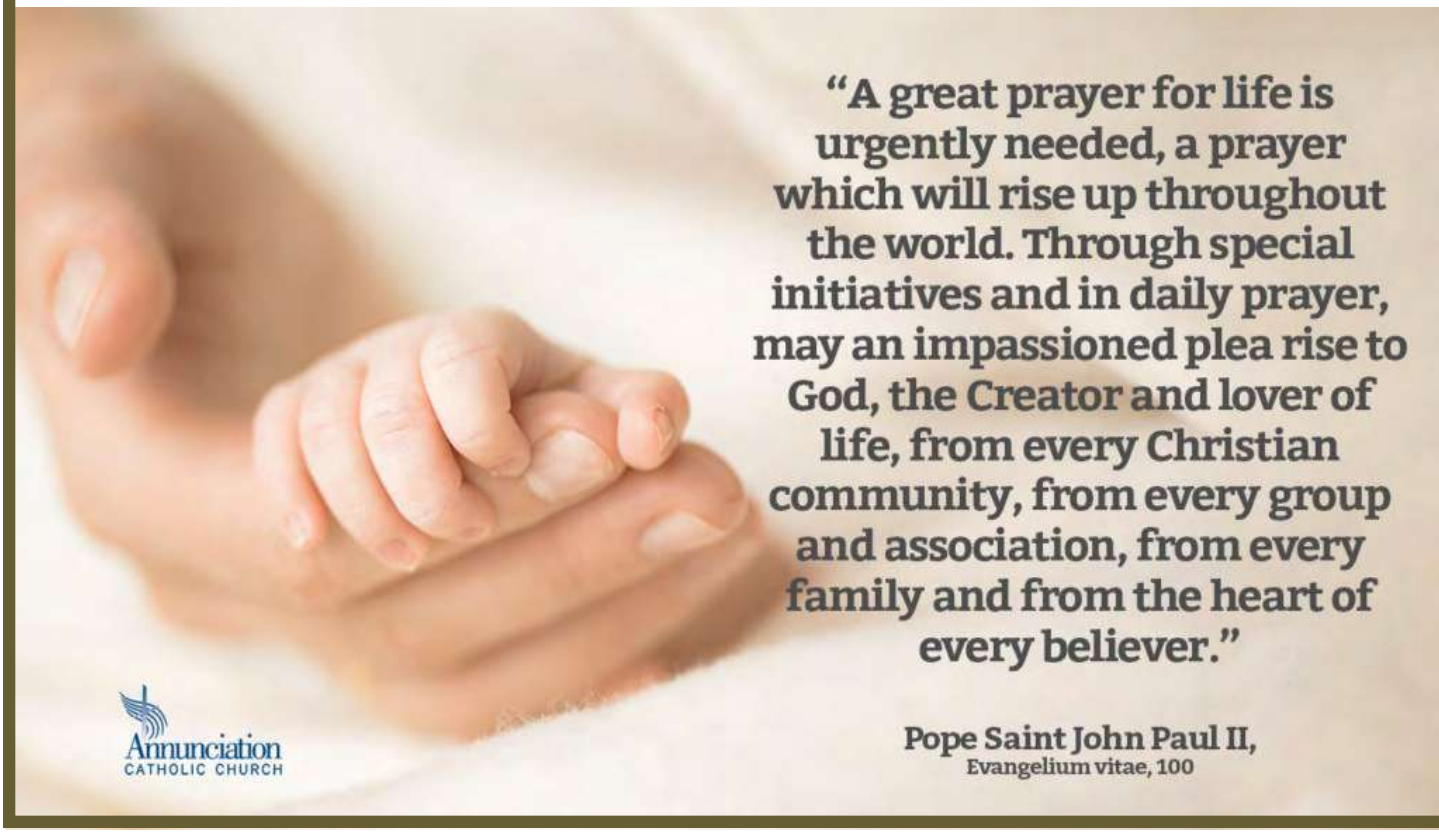


Tuesday, January 24, 2023
The Feast of
Saint Francis de Sales

Francis was destined by his father to be a lawyer so that the young man could eventually take his elder's place as a senator from the province of Savoy in France. For this reason Francis was sent to Padua to study law. After receiving his doctorate, he returned home and, in due time, told his parents he wished to enter the priesthood. His father strongly opposed Francis in this, and only after much patient persuasiveness on the part of the gentle Francis did his father finally consent. Francis was ordained and elected provost of the Diocese of Genevas. At 35, he became bishop of Geneva. While administering his diocese he continued to preach, hear confessions, and catechize the children. His gentle character was a great asset in winning souls. He practiced his own axiom, "A spoonful of honey attracts more flies than a barrelful of vinegar." Besides his two well-known books, the *Introduction to the Devout Life* and *A Treatise on the Love of God*, he wrote many pamphlets and carried on a vast correspondence. For his writings, he has been named patron of the Catholic Press. His writings, filled with his characteristic gentle spirit, are addressed to lay people. He wants to make them understand that they too are called to be saints. As he wrote in *The Introduction to the Devout Life*: "It is an error, or rather a heresy, to say devotion is incompatible with the life of a soldier, a tradesman, a prince, or a married woman…. It has happened that many have lost perfection in the desert who had preserved it in the world."

In spite of his busy and comparatively short life, he had time to collaborate with another saint, Jane Frances de Chantal, in the work of establishing the Sisters of the Visitation. These women were to practice the virtues exemplified in Mary's visit to Elizabeth: humility, piety, and mutual charity. They at first engaged to a limited degree in works of mercy for the poor and the sick. Today, while some communities conduct schools, others live a strictly contemplative life.

Wednesday, January 25, 2023
The Conversion of
Saint Paul the Apostle

Saint Paul's entire life can be explained in terms of one experience—his meeting with Jesus on the road to Damascus. In an instant, he saw that all the zeal of his dynamic personality was being wasted, like the strength of a boxer swinging wildly. Perhaps he had never seen Jesus, who was only a few years older. But he had acquired a zealot's hatred of all Jesus stood for, as he began to harass the Church: "… entering house after house and dragging out men and women, he handed them over for imprisonment" (Acts 8:3b). Now he himself was "entered," possessed, all his energy harnessed to one goal—being a slave of Christ in the ministry of reconciliation, an instrument to help others experience the one Savior. One sentence determined his theology: "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting" (Acts 9:5b). Jesus was mysteriously identified with people—the loving group of people Saul had been running down like criminals. Jesus, he saw, was the mysterious fulfillment of all he had been blindly pursuing. From then on, his only work was to "present everyone perfect in Christ. For this I labor and struggle, in accord with the exercise of his power working within me" (Colossians 1:28b-29). "For our gospel did not come to you in word alone, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and [with] much conviction" (1 Thessalonians 1:5a). Paul's life became a tireless proclaiming and living out of the message of the cross: Christians die baptismally to sin and are buried with Christ; they are dead to all that is sinful and unredeemed in the world. They are made into a new creation, already sharing Christ's victory and someday to rise from the dead like him. Through this risen Christ the Father pours out the Spirit on them, making them completely new.So Paul's great message to the world was: You are saved entirely by God, not by anything you can do. Saving faith is the gift of total, free, personal and loving commitment to Christ, a commitment that then bears fruit in more "works" than the Law could ever contemplate.

Thursday, January 26, 2023
The Feast of
Saints Timothy and Titus

Timothy had the honor of being a fellow apostle with Paul, both sharing the privilege of preaching the gospel and suffering for it. Timothy had a Greek father and a Jewish mother named Eunice. Being the product of a "mixed" marriage, he was considered illegitimate by the Jews. It was his grandmother who first became Christian. Timothy was a convert of Paul around the year 47 and later joined him in his apostolic work. He was with Paul at the founding of the Church in Corinth. During the 15 years he worked with Paul, he became one of his most faithful and trusted friends. He was sent on difficult missions by Paul often in the face of great disturbance in local churches which Paul had founded. Timothy was with Paul in Rome during the latter's house arrest. At some period Timothy himself was in prison. Paul installed him as his representative at the Church of Ephesus. Timothy was comparatively young for the work he was doing. Several references seem to indicate that he was timid. And one of Paul's most frequently quoted lines was addressed to him: "Stop drinking only water, but have a little wine for the sake of your stomach and your frequent illnesses" (1 Timothy 5:23). Titus has the distinction of being a close friend and disciple of Paul as well as a fellow missionary. He was Greek, apparently from Antioch. Titus is seen as a peacemaker, administrator, great friend. Paul's second letter to Corinth affords an insight into the depth of his friendship with Titus, and the great fellowship they had in preaching the gospel. When Paul was having trouble with the community at Corinth, Titus was the bearer of Paul's severe letter and was successful in smoothing things out. Paul writes he was strengthened not only by the arrival of Titus but also "by the encouragement with which he was encouraged in regard to you, as he told us of your yearning, your lament, your zeal for me, so that I rejoiced even more…. And his heart goes out to you all the more, as he remembers the obedience of all of you, when you received him with fear and trembling"

Saturday, January 28, 2023
The Feast of
Saint Thomas Aquinas

By universal consent, Thomas Aquinas is the preeminent spokesman of the Catholic tradition of reason and of divine revelation. He is one of the great teachers of the medieval Catholic Church, honored with the titles Doctor of the Church and Angelic Doctor. At five he was given to the Benedictine monastery at Monte Cassino in his parents' hopes that he would choose that way of life and eventually became abbot. In 1239, he was sent to Naples to complete his studies. It was here that he was first attracted to Aristotle's philosophy. By 1243, Thomas abandoned his family's plans for him and joined the Dominicans, much to his mother's dismay. On her order, Thomas was captured by his brother and kept at home for over a year.

Once free, he went to Paris and then to Cologne, where he finished his studies with Albert the Great. He held two professorships at Paris, lived at the court of Pope Urban IV, directed the Dominican schools at Rome and Viterbo, combated adversaries of the mendicants, as well as the Averroists, and argued with some Franciscans about Aristotelianism.

His greatest contribution to the Catholic Church is his writings. The unity, harmony, and continuity of faith and reason, of revealed and natural human knowledge, pervades his writings. One might expect Thomas, as a man of the gospel, to be an ardent defender of revealed truth. But he was broad enough, deep enough, to see the whole natural order as coming from God the Creator, and to see reason as a divine gift to be highly cherished.

The *Summa Theologiae*, his last and, unfortunately, uncompleted work, deals with the whole of Catholic theology. He stopped work on it after celebrating Mass on December 6, 1273. When asked why he stopped writing, he replied, "I cannot go on…. All that I have written seems to me like so much straw compared to what I have seen and what has been revealed to me." He died March 7, 1274.

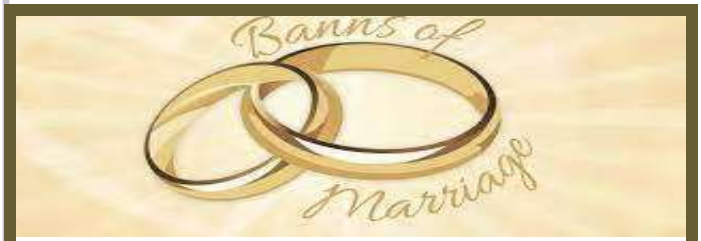
Remember in your prayers all those in our parish who are sick, that they may find health and comfort:

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.



3rd 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

The Third Sunday In Ordinary Time January 22, 2023

"You are the body of Christ and individually members of it "

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:

Our salvation is at hand.

In today's Liturgy of the Word, we read about God's power to fulfil promises. Acknowledging the darkness of life prior to the Messiah, the prophets assure us that there has always been the promise of our salvation. The Gospel proclaims this direct fulfillment of the words in Isaiah, and we know that it is only the beginning of what Jesus sets out to do.

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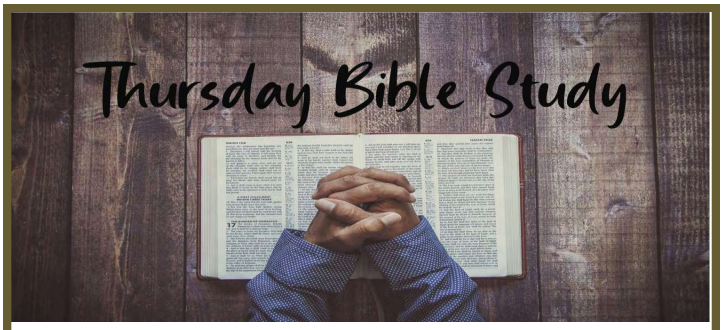


ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI SCRIPTURE STUDY

"When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." (John 8:12)

THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET ISAIAH

Join us on Thursday, January 26, 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!

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

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.

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.

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	**$4,667.00**
2nd Collection-Fuel	***$1,401.00***

School parents must use church envelopes.

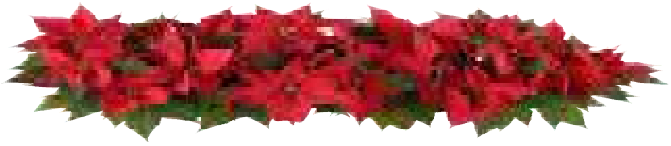
Next weekend, January 28th and 29th the second collection will be for St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Academy. Thank you for your continued generosity.

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



It has come to our attention that a few names were inadvertently omitted from the list of donations to the Christmas Flowers.

Dominic Santelli
Andrew & Concetta Gandolfo
Angelina & Gloria Ianora

We wish to thank you all for your generous donations.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THIS 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

NEXT WEEK

January 29—February 4

Sunday, January 29
11:00AM—Catholic School week Opening Mass
NO Children's Liturgy, CCD or Confirmation Class

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

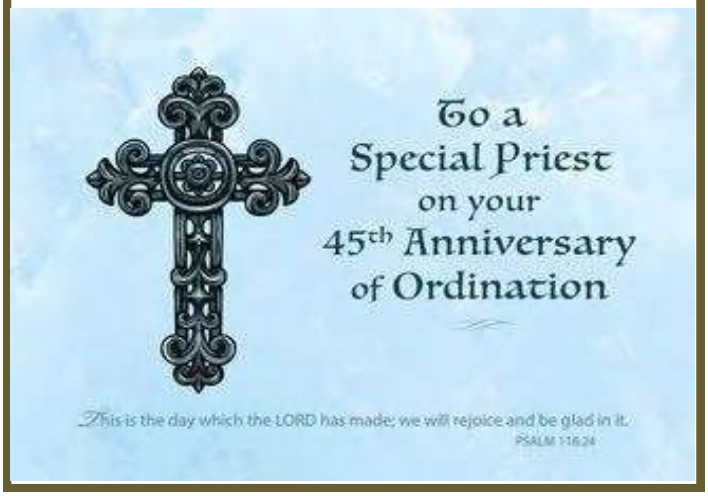
Tuesday, January 31
6:30PM—AA Meeting

Wednesday, February 1

Thursday, February 2
10-11:30AM-Legion of Mary—SFR
6:00PM—I.A.C.A.
7:20-8:50PM—Scripture Study

Friday, February 3

Saturday, February 4
11:00AM—45th Anniversary Mass of Msgr. Maresca's Ordination to the Priesthood



With Gratitude to Almighty God

The honor of your presence is requested

At a Mass of Thanksgiving

Celebrating the

45th Anniversary of Ordination

to

The Holy Priesthood

of

Reverend Monsignor

Ralph J. Maresca

Saturday, February 4, 2023
Eleven o'clock in the morning

St. Francis of Assisi R. C. Church
21st Avenue and 45th Street
Astoria, New York 11105

Lunch Will Follow in Msgr. Campbell Hall

RSVP to Marybeth by January 27th

By calling (718) 728-7801 or email at

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Catholic Schools
Faith. Excellence. Service.

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Academy Celebrates Catholic Schools Week
January 29th – February 3rd 2023

The National theme for Catholic Schools Week is "Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service." Catholic schools have a specific purpose: to inspire students to be good citizens of the world, love God and neighbor and enrich society with the leaven of the gospel and by example of faith. Academic excellence is the hallmark of Catholic education intentionally directed to the growth of the whole person – mind, body and soul. Finally, service is fundamental to Catholic education and the core of Catholic discipleship. Service is intended to help people not only be witnesses to Catholic social teaching, but also active participants through social learning.

The CSW logo emphasizes that the Catholic school, like the Catholic Church, is not a building or an institution, but it is the people. We here at SFACA have long considered our community, a family. Working together we are SFACA Family Strong! As the people of God, we strive to bring about the Kingdom of God to Earth and raise up the next generation to do the same. The image of teachers and students forming the foundation of the school shows that they are active people of faith who serve others and God. **When you are in school this week visit the main office and stop by our SFACA Family Tribute bulletin board.**

Our own SFACA theme for Catholic Schools Week is **The Wonderful Things You Will Be.** This week, we will focus on using our imagination to harness our potential, to grow and develop new ideas and follow our dreams. We encourage our students to make a difference in the world one act of kindness at a time, "Anything you want to, do it. Want to change the world? There's nothing to it." Come in and see all the wonderful things our students are involved in. We look forward to celebrating and sharing our school and students with you.

Sunday, January 29

We begin Catholic Schools Week with Sunday Mass bringing together members of the parish and school communities. SFACA benefits all year long from the religious guidance, prayers, and support our parish provides. **Please attend our CSW Opening Liturgy at 11:00 a.m. as we honor our Distinguished Graduate, Mr. Steven Simicich, Class of 1992.** The second collection at Mass today will be used to enhance academic programs in our school. Please be as generous as your means allow. Students who join us today at Mass, in their school uniform, will enjoy a special dress down day just for them. **Immediately following the 11:00 a.m. mass, please join us at our school's Open House from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Visit our Foundation for Life display in Msgr. Maresca Center which focuses on developing our A,B,C's... Academics, Beliefs and Character. Light refreshments will be available in Msgr. Maresca Center.**

Monday, January 30

A central aspect of Catholic Education is learning the importance of service to others. When students take part in service activities – both local and beyond – they demonstrate the values and faith they gain through their Catholic education and learn how to make the world a better place.

For our service project this year, SFACA will make a donation to St. Jude's Children Hospital. The mission of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is to advance cures, and means of prevention, for pediatric catastrophic diseases through research and treatment. Consistent with the vision of their founder Danny Thomas, no child is denied treatment based on race, religion or a family's ability to pay. At St. Jude's they help today's patient become tomorrow's survivors. **Please support this noteworthy cause which will continue for the entire week.** See specific details on our St. Jude Flyer. **Join us today for an Open House for all grades from 8:30 – 9:00 am.**

Tuesday, January 31

Today is National Appreciation Day for Catholic Schools. We pray for the continued success of Catholic Schools across our nation. In a special way we pray for our own Catholic School as we strive to prepare students to appreciate the value of service to others. Please support our fund raising efforts this week as we continue to raise money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Also today, come and see our Middle School students shine! **Grades 6, 7, and 8 will share their Living Wax Museum creations in Msgr. Campbell Hall. Students in grades K-8 will visit the exhibit in the morning and we invite families to join us from 1:45- 2:30 p.m. There will also be an Open House for NEW FAMILIES today from 8:30 – 9:00 a.m. for all grades.**

Wednesday, February 1

Today, Student Appreciation Day, Catholic schools prepare children to succeed by using their God-given talents to the fullest extent throughout their lives. CSW offers an opportunity for students to explore the many life paths that enable them to use their talents well. **We welcome Mrs. Joan McMaster, Deputy Superintendent, Diocese of Brooklyn, to join us at a special school wide assembly at 10:00 a.m. highlighting our multi-talented student body. We invite all our families to attend.**

To encourage our students to dream big and reach their full potential, at 1:45 p.m. we will be hosting our second Career Day Assembly. Parents from grades 3, 4, and 5 will be presenting information about their career choices to our K-8 students. All are invited to attend. **Today students will be treated to a Burger King lunch and may dress down in RED in support of St. Jude Children's Hospital. Please remember to send in your donation.**

Thursday, February 2

Today, we encourage our students to shine by participating in meaningful activities planned by their teachers. **Please join us in Msgr. Campbell Hall at 10:00 a.m. for our Poetry Presentation. Grades 1-5 will be presenting poems based on our mental workplace ....our imagination. All are invited to attend. There will also be an Open House for NEW FAMILIES today from 1:30 – 2:00 p.m. for all grades.**

Friday, February 3

Today, we celebrate our teachers who are the backbone of Catholic Schools. On this day, schools honor teachers, as well as staff, who support the school in its all important work. We thank God for our talented and dedicated faculty and staff. **Please join us today at the 11:00 a.m. Mass as we pray for our faculty and staff, and the growth and prosperity of our school. We also pray, in a special way, for Msgr. Maresca as he celebrates 45 years of priesthood. For the Feast of St. Blaise students' will receive a general blessing of the throats. Dismissal, for grades K-8, will be at 12:30 p.m and dismissal for 3K and PreK will be at 1:00.** We thank the many parents, grandparents, alumni, parishioners, and Academy Board Members who provide volunteer service. We are all so grateful for each one of you.

Catholic Schools
Faith. Excellence. Service.

New student registration for the 2022 - 23 school year is
Tuesday, February 7th and Thursday, February 9th 9:30 - 10:30am and 1:00 - 2:00pm
or call the office for an appointment

REGISTRATION DOCUMENTS REQUIRED

Necessary documents include: Birth Certificate, Baptismal Certificate, and current Immunization Record. A copy of the student's current report card, June 2022 report card, and most recent NYS Test scores and standardized test scores, IEP or IESP are also required, if applicable.

REGISTRATION FEE REQUIRED

$275.00 non-refundable registration fee for the first child and $125.00 for each additional child.
This fee includes application processing, Home Academy dues, and student insurance.
This fee is payable by check or money order to St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Academy.
Cash cannot be accepted.

Registration for St. Francis of Assisi Free 3K For All Full Day Program
Children must be born in 2020 and turn 3 years old by 12/31/2023
Kindly create an account now on
NYC DOE WEBSITE: MySchools.nyc.
You will receive an email from NYC when the portal is open for registration.

Registration for St. Francis of Assisi Free Pre-K For All Full Day Program
Children must be born in 2019 and turn 4 years old by 12/31/2023
Kindly create an account now on
NYC DOE WEBSITE: MySchools.nyc.
You will receive an email from NYC when the portal is open for registration.

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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

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Colon-Msgr. Higgins Council No. 309

125th Anniversary

Sunday, February 12, 2023

St. Francis of Assisi Church
21-17 45th Street
Astoria, NY 11105

Mass of Thanksgiving at 12:30 PM

Dinner at 2:00 PM
Msgr. Campbell Hall (lower church)

Music | 50/50 Raffle | $75 per Person

RSVP January 27, 2023

For more information contact Boris Musich, 718-683-1051 or John Ketcham, 347-306-2366.

_____Number of tickets @ $75 each

Names of guests: _____

__ I can't attend but wish to donate to the good works of the council. Amount: _____

Total payment: _____

Name: _____

Email address: _____ Phone:_____

Make checks payable to 'Colon-Msgr. Higgins Council 309' and mail to:

Boris Musich, Financial Secretary
20-18 74th St., Apt. 2
East Elmhurst, NY 11370

You may also send your payment via Zelle to boris.musich@gmail.com

THANK YOU

2022 Tax Contribution Statements

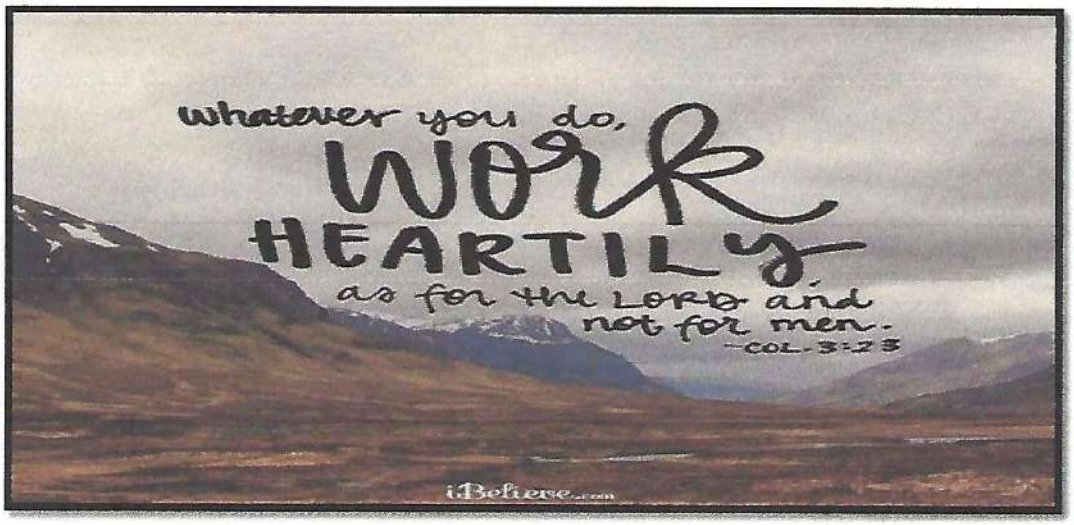
All parishioners who would like to receive a copy of their 2022 Tax Contribution Statement should complete the form below.

The forms can be returned by dropping them in the contribution basket during Mass or they can be dropped in the box on the front door of the rectory. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE #: _____

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