The First Sunday of Lent

Mass Intention

SUNDAY, February 26 – The First Sunday of Lent
8:00 A.M. Joseph Cseri
9:30 A.M. Agnes Reilly
11:00 A.M. Serafino Puccio
12:30 P.M. Giancinta Ciancio
Rino Del Carro

MONDAY, February 27 – Weekday
9:00 A.M. Steven Demetriou

TUESDAY, February 28– Weekday
9:00 A.M. Elia Filomena Cinquemani

WEDNESDAY, March 1– Weekday
9:00A.M. Nicola Vella

THURSDAY, March 2—Weekday
9:00 A.M. Joan Higgins

FRIDAY, March 3 – Weekday
9:00 A.M. Filippa Cannavo (Living)

SATURDAY, March 4– Weekday
9:00 A.M. Purgatorial Society
Living & Deceased Members of
The Legion of Mary
Grace Da Corta
Eliseo Da Corta
Steve Da Corta
Margaret McCarthy

5:00 P.M. Luigia Bratti

SUNDAY, March 5 - The Second Sunday of Lent
8:00 A.M. For the People of St. Francis
9:30 A.M. Ottavia Silletti
11:00 A.M. The Masluk Family
12:30 P.M. Paolo Civello
Rino Del Carro

Today's Readings

The First Sunday of Lent

Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7
Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11

Readings for the Week

MONDAY: Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18
Matthew 25:31-46

TUESDAY: Isaiah 55:10-11
Matthew 6:7-15

WEDNESDAY: Jonah 3:1-10
Luke 11:29-32

THURSDAY: Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25
Matthew 7:7-12

FRIDAY: Ezekiel 18:21-28
Matthew 2:20-26

SATURDAY: Deuteronomy 26:16-19
Matthew 5:43-48

The Second Sunday of Lent

Genesis 12:1-4a
2 Timothy 1:8b-10
Matthew 17:1-119

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear Parishioners,

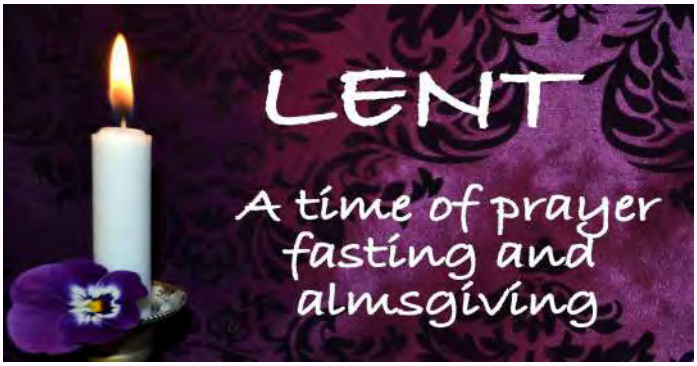
We hear stories Sunday after Sunday: our ancestors walked with God and then wandered away from him, received blessings and endured trials, met with success and then suffered defeat. Scripture is clear; much of the evil which befell the Israelites was due to their sinfulness and their neglect of God's covenant. Therefore, God sent prophets to speak words that would wake them up, remind them of the contrast between good and evil and call them to choose the goodness and blessing that was theirs in God's covenant.

Today's Gospel is testimony to the persistence of the devil to tempt even the Son of God to sin, and the power of grace to overcome evil. As Jesus begins his public ministry, after he has made holy the waters of baptism, and after the Father has proclaimed him beloved, Jesus is assailed by temptation. The true humanity which God took on, the true humanity which God so loves, is put to the test in every major way: with offerings of comfort, wealth, and power. Those three categories cover just about every important aspect of human life. Those three categories also cover the most deadly sins. Unless they are restrained they can even become gods in themselves.

Jesus does not flinch at the nearness or attractiveness of evil; rather, he soundly rejects it. Jesus not only gives us a pattern for our Lenten journey that we are called to make-recognizing the distinction between good and evil and choosing the good-he also gives us the practical grace through the Church to choose the good. We have the sacraments, particularly the sacrament of reconciliation, a rich tradition of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving to sharpen our sense and help us to share in the victory which Jesus won.

Though sin and evil surround even the holiest among us, do not be afraid. Beginning our Lenten journey, may we bring into focus this close proximity of good and bad in our world and in ourselves. May our traditions, the sacraments, and true humility help us to see the contrast, soundly rejecting and turning away from sin and evil to embrace the virtue and goodness which binds us ever closer to our loving Savior.

All God's Blessings,
Msgr. Maresca



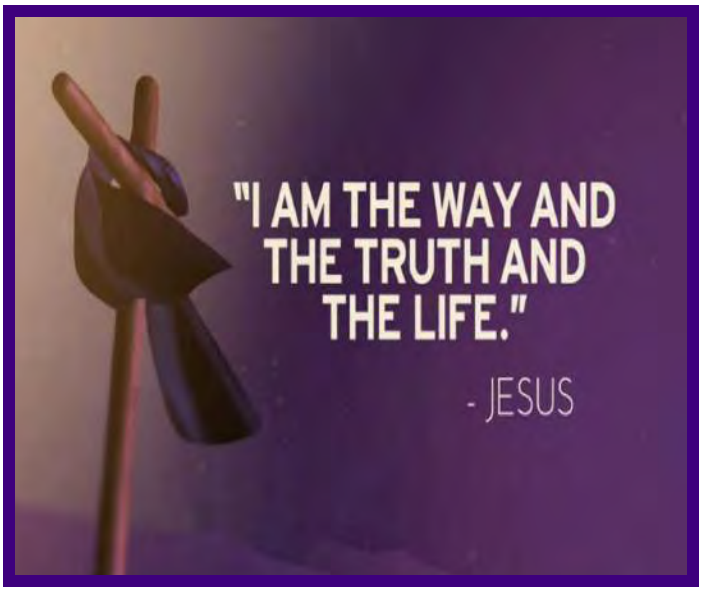
What are you doing for Lent?

To help us during our Lenten journey, the following opportunities will be taking place in our parish.

1. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place each morning at 8:00AM Monday through Saturday.
2. Mass is celebrated each morning at 9:00AM Monday through Saturday.
3. Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday during Lent at 7:30PM and will conclude with Benediction.
4. Confessions are heard every Saturday from 4:00 to 4:30PM.
5. Reconciliation Monday is ***April 3rd***. Every Church in our Diocese, the Archdiocese of New York and the Diocese of Rockville Centre will be hearing confessions. We will be hearing confessions from
   3:00 to 5:00PM and 7:00 to 9:00PM.
   What a wonderful experience to receive the mercy of Christ in this great sacrament.
6. The Saint Francis of Assisi Parish Council will be hosting our Lenten Supper & Stations on Friday during the month of March. Supper will be at 6:00PM in Msgr. Campbell Hall followed by the Stations of the Cross at 7:30PM in Church.
7. All are welcome to join the St. Francis of Assisi Scripture Study Group on Thursday nights at 7:20PM. The group is for anyone who would like to deepen their understanding of the Bible.
8. Our Parish Lenten Mission will take place from Monday, March 13th to Thursday, March 16th. The Mission will take place at the 9:00AM Mass in the morning and again at 7:30PM. Fr. Lee Havey will be giving the Mission. All are invited.

Easter Candle

If anyone would like to make a donation or memorialize the
Pascal Candle,
please stop by the rectory and speak with Marybeth.



Please mark your calendars for our
Parish Lenten Mission
which takes place beginning Monday, March 13th, to Thursday, March 16th.

The mission will take place at the 9:00AM Mass in the morning and again at 7:30PM. Fr. Lee Havey will be giving the mission.

All are invited to join us.

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, Connie Fontano 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.

LENT

WALKING WITH CHRIST

Anointing of the Sick

Saturday, March 4, 2023, the 9:00am Mass will be an anointing Mass. All those who wish to receive the Sacrament of the Sick are asked to participate in this Mass. All are invited to join us in prayer as we remember to pray for all those who are in need of God's healing power.

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 First Sunday of Lent
February 26, 2023

"Shine like lights in the world as you hold on to the word of life."

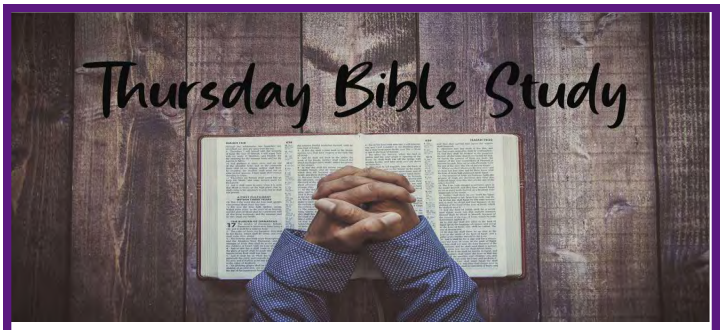
Consider a vocation as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life.

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

FOCUS:

Through Christ we are made righteous and have eternal life.

On this first Sunday of Lent, our readings bring into focus the great drama of our salvation history: Our first parents sinned and through them death came to all. Yet our gracious God sent His Son bot to condemn but to free us and show His power Over Satan. Through Him we are made righteous.



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, March 2nd, at 7:20-8:50 in the St. Joseph room of the rectory. This week's study will be on the Book of Isaiah, Chapters 20-27. Come join us.

The Gospel readings and study will be conducted using the Little Rock Scripture Study 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!

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	**$3,313.00**
2nd Collection–Fuel	***$921.00***

School parents must use church envelopes.

The following students from our parish have achieved Honor Roll status at St. Francis Preparatory School:

Vincent Costanza
Haley Cotilletta
Mila Sadeghi

Congratulations

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.

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.

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With Much Thanks and Many Blessings,
Jim Shea
Associated Vincentian Charities Car Program Coordinator

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THIS WEEK

February 26—March 4

Sunday, February 26
1:30PM Baptism
No Children's Liturgy
No CCD
No Children's Choir

Monday, February 27
12:00-3:30PM-Golden Age
3:00-3:45PM Children's Choir
7:00PM Adult Choir

Tuesday, February 28
6:30PM AA Meeting

Wednesday, March 1

Thursday, March 2
10-11:30AM-Legion of Mary—SFR
6:00PM IACA
7:20-8:50 Scripture Study

Friday, March 3
FIRST FRIDAY
School Mass
Supper & Stations

Saturday, March 4
9:00AM—Anointing Mass

NEXT WEEK

March 5—March 11

Sunday, March 5
No Children's Liturgy
10:40 CCD

Monday, March 6
12:00-3:30PM-Golden Age
3:00-3:45PM Children's Choir
7:00PM Adult Choir

Tuesday, March 7
6:30PM AA Meeting

Wednesday, March 8
7:00PM Baptism Class

Thursday, March 9
10-11:30AM-Legion of Mary—SFR
6:00PM IACA
7:20-8:50 Scripture Study

Friday, March 10
Supper & Stations

Saturday, March 11
6:00 to 7:30PM Youth Group Meeting-MCH

DIOCESAN NEWS

Lenten Regulations 2023

The penitential and grace-filled Lenten Season begins with Ash Wednesday on February 22, 2023. It is a time of hope-filled renewal as the Church journeys towards Easter. In order to assist the faithful of the Diocese of Brooklyn, our Bishop, the Most Reverend Robert Brennan wishes to draw attention to the following:

ABSTINENCE

All the faithful who have reached 14 years of age are required to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.

FASTING

All the faithful between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive are bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday. Fasting means limiting oneself to one full meal and avoiding food between meals. Light sustenance may be taken on two other occasions during the day. Coffee, tea and juice are permitted at any time.

EASTER DUTY

After they have been fully initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, all the faithful are bound to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept must be fulfilled in the Easter Season unless, for a good reason, it is fulfilled at another time. By special permission, in the USA, the period for fulfilling this precept is extended to include the period from the 1st Sunday of Lent (February 26) until Pentecost (May 28).

EASTER VIGIL

Sunset in Brooklyn on April 8, 2023 (Holy Saturday) will be at 7:28 pm. Since the Easter Vigil should begin after dark, the Vigil could begin between 7:30 pm and 8 pm or later and must end before dawn on Easter Sunday (April 9).

Also to be noted:

The "Alleluia" is not sung or said from the beginning of Lent until the Easter Vigil. Musical instruments are to be used during Lent and the Paschal Triduum only to give necessary support to the singing.

The Church should not be decorated with flowers during Lent. Exceptions are the Solemnities of Saint Joseph (which is celebrated on March 20, 2023, this year) and the Annunciation (March 25).

The practice of covering crosses and images in the church may be observed from Sunday, March 26. Crosses remain covered until the Liturgy of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday and other images until the Easter Vigil.

Funeral Masses are not permitted during the Paschal Triduum. Funeral Rites carried out during those days make use of a Liturgy of the Word with a Rite of Farewell.

The obligation to observe, as a whole or substantially, the penitential days specified by the Church is a serious one. Days of penance are not merely individual exercises but rather ones observed by the whole Church as the Body of Christ.

The faithful are urged to celebrate the sacraments of the Eucharist and Penances frequently during Lent as well as reading the Word of God, praying the Stations of the Cross, praying before the Blessed Sacrament and performing acts of charity especially to the poor.

Pastors and parents are responsible for teaching young people, who are not bound by the above regulations, an authentic sense of penance.

All other Fridays of the year remain days of penance. The Bishops of the USA have recommended that abstinence from meat remain a penitential practice for those days but another practice of voluntary self-denial, personal penance, or charity is also encouraged.

In prayerful communion with the candidates and catechumens, let us accompany the Lord on His way to the cross and the empty tomb. May this time of Lent unite us all more closely to the Lord in His death and His Resurrection!

St. Francis of Assisi Parish
Msgr. Ralph J. Maresca, Pastor

LENT 2023

= a day of fasting and abstinence from meat

= a day of abstinence from meat

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
"Lent is the liturgical season of forty days which begins with Ash Wednesday and ends with the celebration of the Paschal Mystery (Easter Triduum). Lent is the primary penitential season in the Church's liturgical year, reflecting the forty days Jesus spent in the desert in fasting and prayer" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*).			22 *Ash Wednesday* Wear ashes today as a sign that you are seeking both forgiveness and eternal life from Christ.	23 Start a prayer book and record those for whom you pray or for what you pray. Also keep track of how God answers your prayers.	24 Catholics are required to abstain from meat on Fridays during Lent as a form of penance.	25 The Bible teaches us to deny ourselves and give instead to those in need. Read Matthew 6:1-4 to learn more about sacrificial almsgiving.
26 Imagine being responsible for all the souls in the world. Offer a Rosary for the intentions of the pope.	27 Ask God to show you what is keeping you from experiencing His love fully- worry, fears, sin. Resolve to deal with it by Easter.	28 Offer an extra small sacrifice for God, just for today - coffee without cream, lukewarm shower, no snacking, etc.	1 **March** Enjoy pretzels -- a traditional Lenten snack. The "crossed" arms of the pretzel recalled monks at prayer.	2 Today, look for opportunities to practice the virtues humility, patience, and kindness.	3 *First Friday* Attend Mass or visit the Blessed Sacrament (find the red candle). Be present to Him who is present to you.	4 Set up an empty box or bin. Throughout Lent, fill it with gently used clothes. Bring it to a local charity at the end of Lent.
5 After Mass today, go out to eat with other parishioners from church.	6 Dive deeper into your faith. Skim the glossary in the Catechism for an unfamiliar term and learn the Church's teaching about it.	7 Pick an issue in the news and pray over it today.	8 Figure out on which luxuries you spend the most money. Take a tenth of that amount and put it in the poor box at church.	9 Pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy for those who have no one to pray for them. Look here: https://www.usccb.org/prayers/divine-mercy-chaplet.	10 Resist "idle curiosity." Don't research trivial questions or follow every browser thread. Unless it's important, it's okay not knowing.	11 Pray for pregnant mothers and their babies. Consider donating to pro-life charities that help women in crisis.
12 Reread John 4:5-30. How is Christ calling you closer to Him? What "jug" would you leave behind?	13 Refuse to gossip, either in person or on screen. Affirm every person or keep silent.	14 Write down your worries. Place the list under a statue or image of Jesus. Pray, "Jesus, I surrender this to You. Take care of everything."	15 Attend Confession and experience God's mercy. Resolve to make amends where you can.	16 Check out Catholic Relief Services to see how you can support their projects. Look here: https://www.crs.org.	17 *St. Patrick's Day* In honor of St. Patrick, evangelize silently by wearing a symbol of your faith (e.g. a cross, medal).	18 Contact local shelters and soup kitchens and ask if they need volunteers.
19 *Laetare Sunday* Unless it's sinful, enjoy something you gave up for Lent in joyful anticipation of Easter!	20 *St. Joseph's Day* St. Joseph silently, selflessly cared for Mary and Jesus. Pray for fathers and entrust them to St. Joseph's care.	21 Do an act of kindness. Whether openly or secretly, do it for God's glory. It's really Him you're serving.	22 Take the box of clothes you set up on March 4 to a clothing drive.	23 Pray for an increased faith throughout the Church in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist.	24 Practice patience... patiently. "Be patient with everyone, but first of all with yourself" (St. Francis de Sales).	25 *Annunication of the Lord* Mary said "Yes!" to God's plan. Pray three Hail Marys, for the grace to give your "Yes" to Him, too.
26 Fast from unnecessary screen use today. Use the time to read a book, walk outside, pray.	27 This week, get up when the alarm goes off and offer your day to God's service.	28 Send your parish priests a "spiritual bouquet" — listing the prayers you'll offer for them (e.g. three Hail Marys, an Our Father).	29 Today, complete an errand or chore you've been putting off.	30 The Our Father is the prayer given to us by Jesus. Pray each line slowly. Really think about what you are saying.	31 Today, fast from complaining. Culviate gratitude instead.	1 **April** Declutter, dust, and clean the house in preparation for Holy Week — the holiest time of the year.
2 *Palm Sunday* Display blessed palms around your home, *"that the King of Glory may come in!"* (Psalm 24:7)	3 Holy Week is a busy time for parishes. Stop by your parish office and ask how you can help.	4 Pray for those who are coming into the Church at the Easter Vigil.	5 Judas betrayed Christ. Consider how our sins betray Jesus and make a sincere Act of Contrition.	6 *Holy Thursday* Visit the Blessed Sacrament. Offer Him your love for the "lost hour" of Gethsemane (Mathew 26:40).	7 *Good Friday* Read the Passion Narrative, John 18, 19. See Jesus' offering of love for you. How will you respond?	8 *Holy Saturday* Renew your baptismal vows and commit to living your faith more fully this year.

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MARCH 2023
LECTOR ASSIGNMENTS

	THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT	THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
	MARCH 4-5	MARCH 11-12	MARCH 18-19	MARCH 25-26
Saturday 5:00 P.M.	*Edward Kubina*	*Dolores Ratkowski*	*Debbi Skinner*	*Dolores Ratkowski*
Sunday 8:00 A.M.	*Robert Laucella*	*Andrew Soltesz*	*Robert Laucella*	*Andrew Soltesz*
Sunday 9:30 A.M.	*Josephine Corso*	*Patrick O'Toole*	*Marta O'Toole*	*Maria Brooks*
Sunday 11:00 A.M.	*Jane Di Donato*	*Carol Hickey*	*Jane Di Donato*	*Carol Hickey*
Sunday 12:30 P.M.	*Anna Maria Tenaglia*	*Eterna Bruno*	*Jackie Machia*	*Anna Maria Del Carro*

***** REMINDER *****
Once you are scheduled, if you cannot fulfill your assignment, please make every effort to call and get a replacement. Thank you

LENTEN
Supper & Stations

The St. Francis of Assisi Parish Council invites you to our
Supper and Stations during the Season of Lent.
The dates are as follows:

Friday, March 3rd - Soup and Bread
Friday, March 10th - Pizza Night
Friday, March 17th -Salad Night
Friday, March 24th - Pasta and Bread
Friday, March 31st - Dessert Night

Please fill out the slip below **as soon as possible**
and check off which night(s) you will be joining us.
Simply return in any collection or Rectory mailbox

Supper will be at 6:00pm in Msgr. Campbell Hall.
Following supper, you are invited to attend the
Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm in the Church.
A free will donation is asked of you.
What a great way to observe the fast on Lenten Friday's Supper & Stations!

Name _____ Contact # _____

Number of guests _____
Please check off the night(s) you will be joining us.

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Kindly return by Sunday, February 26th

MARCH 25, 2023 @ 11:00 AM

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Greetings!

I am reaching out to you as we embark on a new year blessed by the absence of Roe v. Wade in the United States. Though our country starts on new ground, much devastation exists in the hearts of mothers, fathers, siblings and grandparents. In addition our youth are still losing their Innocence due to the affects of legalized abortion. Also, now that Roe v. Wade was found to be unconstitutional, the work begins in New York State on a different level. Many individual prolife groups across New York State realize that the only way to move forward in establishing the Culture of Life here, is to work together. Focus on New York State in particular, must not be lost because it greatly influences the rest of the nation culturally, legally & spiritually.

This letter comes to you as an urgent plea to join all of us in the pro-life walk called the **2023 International Gift of Life Walk-NYC** in Downtown Manhattan's Foley Square on March 25, 2023. God unceasingly calls each of us to witness to the great worth and dignity of the human person. We honor Our Creator as we walk down the section of Broadway known as the "Canyon of Heroes". All those who witness with us are "Heroes for Life!"

Eight years ago, inspired by the words of Pope Saint John Paul II, Personhood Education NY, Inc. had decided to follow his cue. In fact, the Vatican.va page titled "The Day of the Unborn Child" promoted the Feast of the Annunciation, March 25th as "The Day of the Unborn Child". It also noted that when the movement began in Argentina, the official 1999 proclamation was made in the presence of representatives from the Orthodox, Anglican, Evangelical, Jewish, and Muslim faiths. Likewise, the date of the Annunciation as the "Day of the Unborn Child" can be honored by those who advocate the right to life for secular philosophical reasons (i.e., with no particular faith tradition).

Pope Saint John Paul II announced, "I propose a "Day for Life" be celebrated each year in every country, as already established by some Episcopal Conferences. The celebration of this Day should be planned and carried out with the active participation of all sectors of the local Church." And so it was Pope Saint John II who guided us in celebrating the day to raise awareness of the dignity of the unborn child,

Just as Pope Saint John Paul II encouraged us, we are encouraging our pastors, churches and schools to participate in the Walk in the spirit of Pope Saint John Paul II.

Please find all the information concerning this Walk in the enclosed flyer. Thank you for your time in reading this message.

May God Bless You!

Most sincerely,

Dawn C. Eskew
President, Founder, Personhood Education New York, Inc.

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SABATO 11 Marzo, 2023
10:00 am - 3:30 pm

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PROGRAMMA

10:00 am - Confessioni
11:00 am - Santa Messa
12:00 pm - Pranzo al sacco
1:30 pm - Adorazione Eucaristica
2:30 pm - Via Crucis

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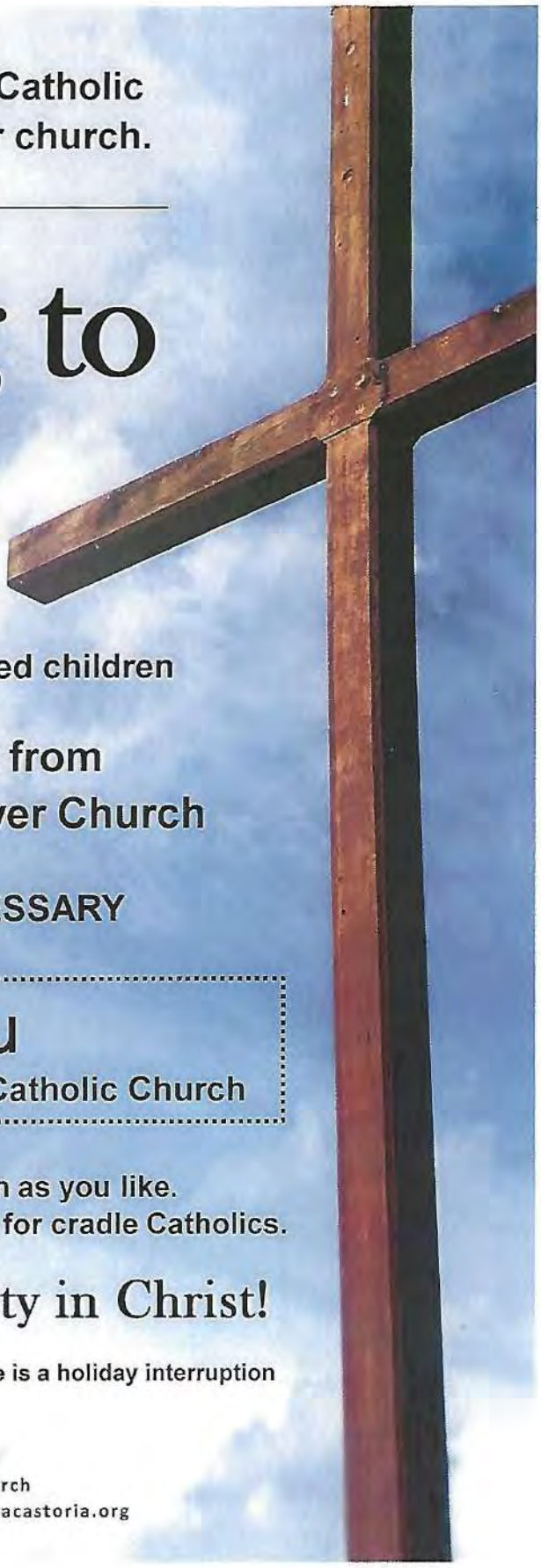

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The forms can be returned by dropping them in the contribution basket during Mass or they can be dropped in the box on the front door of the rectory. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

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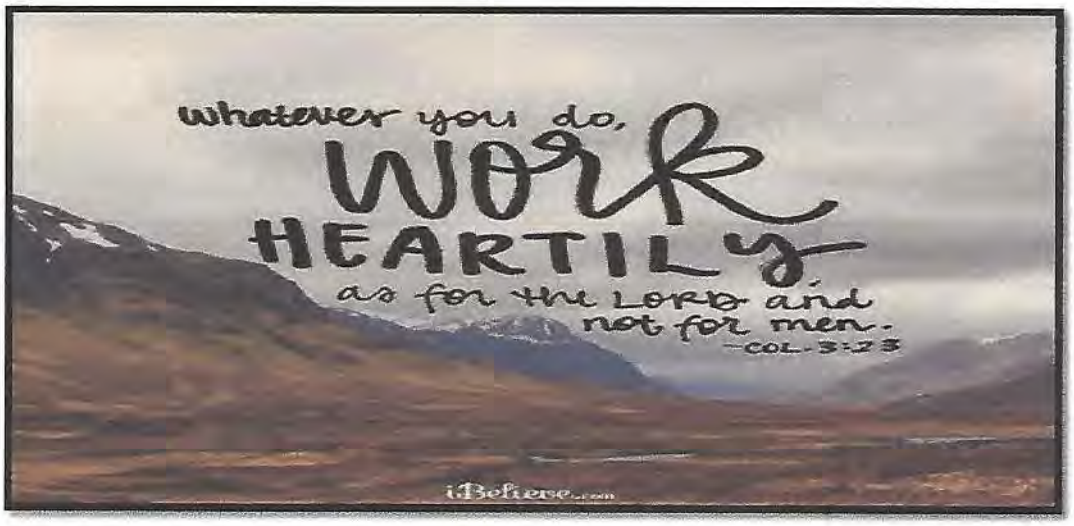
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