The Fourth Sunday of Lent

Mass Intention

SUNDAY, March 19 – The Fourth Sunday of Lent
8:00 A.M. Joseph Cseri
9:30 A.M. For the People of St. Francis
11:00 A.M. Joseph Salamone
12:30 P.M. Rino Del Carro
Lolanda Babore

MONDAY, March 20 – St. Joseph
9:00 A.M. Antonio Maeusic

TUESDAY, March 21– Weekday
9:00 A.M. Onorata Zorovich

WEDNESDAY, March 22– Weekday
9:00A.M. Jack Zorovich

THURSDAY, March 23—Weekday
9:00 A.M. Simon Zorovich

FRIDAY, March 24 – Weekday
9:00 A.M. Elizabeth Hovanec

SATURDAY, March 25 The Annunciation
9:00 A.M. Purgatorial Society
Jaga Turkovich
Mary Ethel Dugan

5:00 P.M. Patrick Farrell

SUNDAY, March 26 - The Fifth Sunday of Lent
8:00 A.M. Bill Gastic
9:30 A.M. Agnes Reilly
11:00 A.M. For the People of St. Francis
12:30 P.M. Rino Del Carro
Calogio Cutaia
Giovanni Maria DiBenedetto
Diego Piazza

Today's Readings

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

1 Samuel 16:1b2 6-7, 10-13a
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41

Readings for the Week

MONDAY: 2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 23-14a, 16
Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22
Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a

TUESDAY: Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12
John 5:1-16

WEDNESDAY: Isaiah 49:8-15
John 5:17-30

THURSDAY: Exodus 32:7-14
John 5:31-47

FRIDAY: Wisdom 3:1a, 12-22
John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

SATURDAY: Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10
Hebrews 10:1-10
Luke 1:26-38

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ezekiel 37:12-14
Romans 8:8-11
John 11:1-45

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear Parishioners,

Our readings today strengthen us to persevere in our Lenten journey and nourish us with encouragement to deepen our faith as we come to know Jesus more fully. A question for all of us is the one spoken by the Pharisees in today's Gospel: "What do you have to say about Him?"

The main reason we read this Gospel on the fourth Sunday of Lent is because the faith journey of the man who was given sight is a model for every catechumen. Those coming to faith are especially featured in the Church's prayer during these 40 days. From blindness to sight symbolizes the gift of faith-seeing what we can never perceive on our own. The step-by-step deepening of the man's perception of Jesus could well be the phases of one coming to faith.

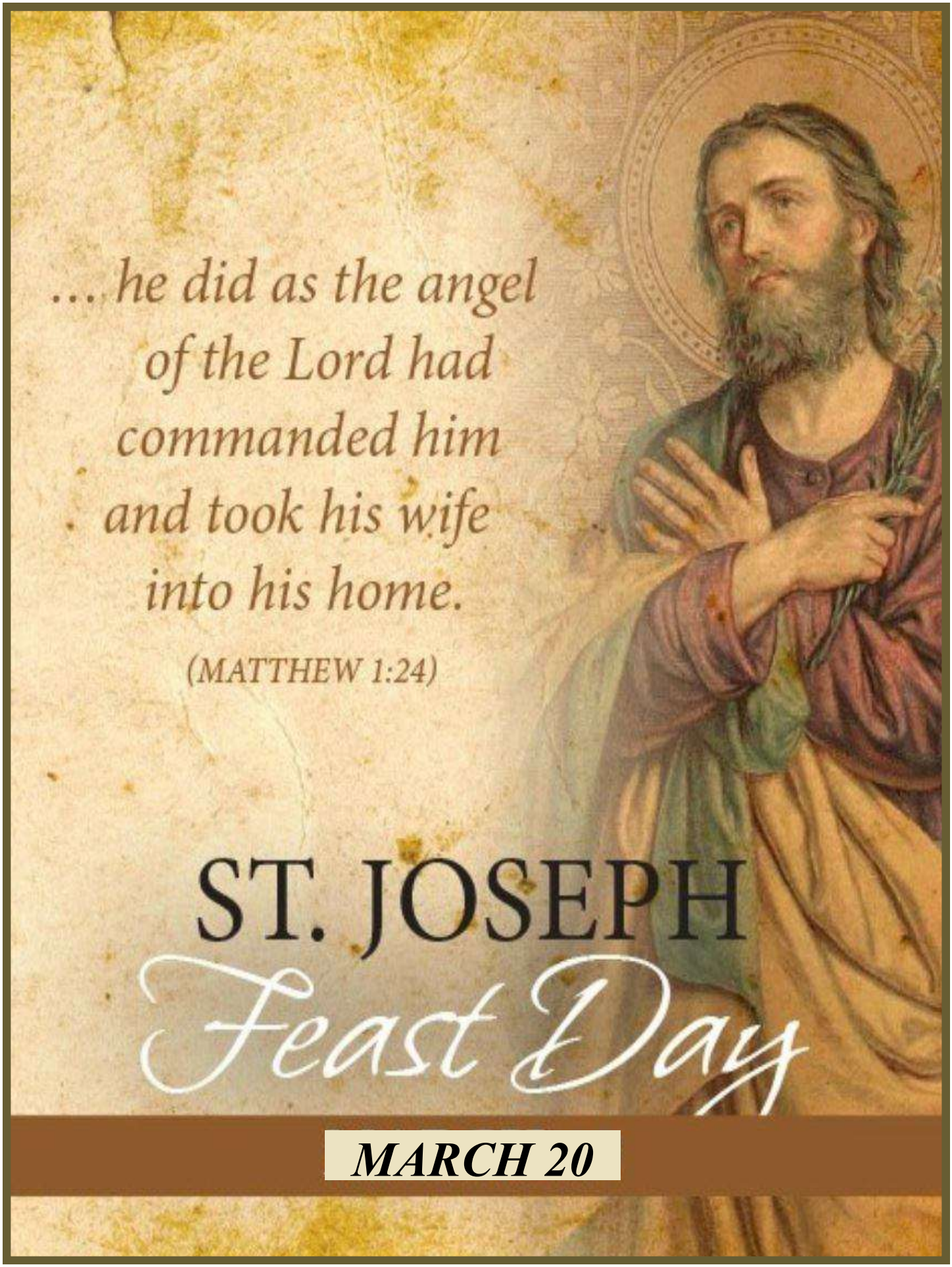
At first the man knows only a man named Jesus, who smears mud on his sightless eyes and tells him to go wash. As the man re-tells his story to the authorities, he states boldly, "He is a prophet." As the Pharisees become more pointed in their attacks against Jesus, the man grows in assurance and clarity: "If Jesus were not from God, he would not be able to do anything." Finally, when Jesus seeks him out again and asks if he believes in the Son of Man, he falls down in adoration and confesses his faith in Jesus.

This is every believer's journey of faith, whether baptized as infants or catechumens, as we clearly make our own personal decisions to follow Christ. In the waters of baptism we believe we are washed of our sins and enter into the life of Christ, the one sent by God. To those preparing for Baptism this is a model for coming to faith. For all those who have been baptized, it also tells of our story. The man said: "I went to the pool and washed, and now I can see!" We have been washed by baptism and our eyes have been opened by faith.

So, what do we see? Our life is centered on Jesus; yet, there are many things not so clear: Who is my neighbor? How do I grow truly rich? How do I balance prayer and work? Who is God the Father in my life? How faithful am I as a disciple of Christ? It is a lifelong effort to put on the mind of Jesus. We believe that Jesus is the one who leads us through darkness, but we are still on this side of resurrection. Jesus suffered temptation and trial in his life journey. He promises us the same; as well as the assurance that he is with us on the dark road of our suffering and self-doubt.

The coming to faith of the man born blind is the model for our journey to Christ as we are called to live out our faith each day. Sunday after Sunday we can build on this initial faith. We have a long way to go, yet our initial faith in Jesus, the Son of Man, as the center of our seeing is foundational. The question "What do you have to say about Him?" is still addressed to us today.

All God's Blessings,
Msgr. Maresca


....he did as the angel
of the Lord had
commanded him
and took his wife
into his home.
(MATTHEW 1:24)
ST. JOSEPH
Feast Day
MARCH 20

The Annunciation of the Lord

In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you." Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end." "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?" The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May it be to me as you have said." Then the angel left her.

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.

LENT
WALKING WITH CHRIST

Easter Candle

The Easter Candle will burn in Memory of:

Rose & Denis Sweeney
Lucia & Ralph Borgia
Domenick Borgia
Ralph & Rita Maresca
William LeDone
Ana Zgaljic
Antonina Kos
John Kos
Yolanda Palazzolo
Natale Palazzolo
Marija Kuljanic
John Purich
Louis & Theresa Falco
Nick & Millie Mistretta
Vincenzo & Maria Falco
Frank & Adelina Falzetti

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

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.

This year, as a part of the Eucharistic Revival that is being promoted by the Church, the Diocese of Brooklyn has announced a Lenten Pilgrimage of Eucharistic Adoration around the diocese, beginning at St. James Cathedral in Brooklyn and ending in Maspeth. Locally, the pilgrimage will arrive at Immaculate Conception Parish on March 30th, and then at St. Rita Parish on March 31st. As the dates get closer, we will promote the pilgrimage in the bulletin. For further information about the pilgrimage, you can visit this website:

dioceseofbrooklyn.org/LentenPilgrimage.

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 Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 19, 2023

"I AM has sent me to you."

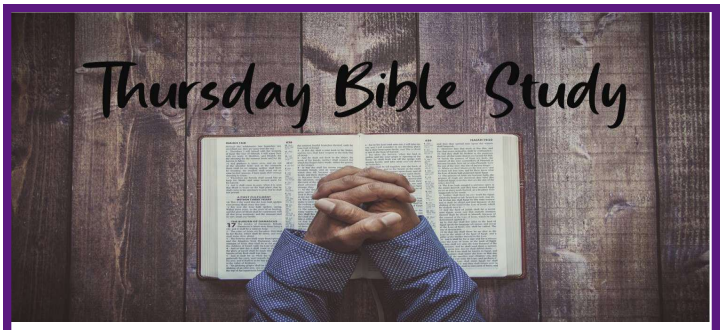
Consider a vocation as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life.

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

FOCUS:

Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness.

Sometimes doing God's will can seem strange, foolish or even wrong to others. Jesse assumed his youngest son couldn't be the next king, so David was left to care for the sheep when Samuel came. The Pharisees thought Jesus sinned by healing on the Sabbath. Are we preoccupied with what others will think, or are we focusing on doing God's will.



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 23rd, 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 40-42. 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	**$3,738.00**
2nd Collection–Fuel	***$1,262.00***

School parents must use church envelopes.

Easter Mass Remembrance envelopes can be returned in any collection before Easter. The names of your loved ones, living or deceased, will be remembered at the Easter Novena of Masses Celebrated Easter week.

Easter Flower Offering envelopes can be returned in any collection.

Please clearly **print** the names as we will be listing the names in our Bulletin.

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.

Associated Vincentian Charities of Brooklyn

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Dear Fellow Parishioners,
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
Leave a Review on Google &
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With Much Thanks and Many Blessings,
Jim Shea
Associated Vincentian Charities Car Program Coordinator

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THIS WEEK

March 19—March 25

Sunday, March 19
9:30AM Children's Liturgy
10:40 CCD

Monday, March 20
12:00-3:30PM-Golden Age
3:00-3:45PM Children's Choir
7:00PM Adult Choir

Tuesday, March 21
6:30PM AA Meeting

Wednesday, March 22

Thursday, March 23
10-11:30AM-Legion of Mary—SFR
6:00PM IACA
7:20-8:50 Scripture Study

Friday, March 24
Supper & Stations

Saturday, March 25

NEXT WEEK

March 26—April 1

Sunday, March 26
9:30AM Children's Liturgy
10:40 CCD
1:30PM—Baptisms

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

Tuesday, March 28
6:30PM AA Meeting

Wednesday, March 29

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

Friday, March 31
Supper & Stations

Saturday, April 1

You can take part in decorating St. Francis of Assisi Church by memorializing a Palm Cross during the Easter Season.

The Palm Crosses will adorn the walls inside of the church from Palm Sunday April 1 & 2 until Divine Mercy Sunday April 15 & 16

Small messages of dedication will be attached to each cross.
ie: In Loving Memory of…….
In Thanksgiving for ……..

Donations to memorialize a cross: $50

Please submit payment to the rectory or in any collection by March 24th.

PALM CROSS

Requested by_____

In Loving Memory of_____
OR
In Thanksgiving for _____

Amount enclosed $_____

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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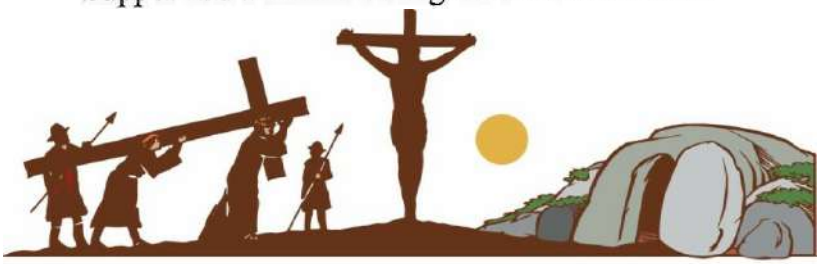
LENTEN
Supper & Stations

The St. Francis of Assisi Parish Council invites you to our
Supper and Stations during the Season of Lent.



STATIONS of the CROSS

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.

_____
_____ **Friday, March 24th - Pasta and Bread**
_____ **Friday, March 31st - Salad Night**

Kindly return by Sunday, **March 19th**

ITALIAN AMERICAN CATHOLIC ACTION

44th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Sunday April 30, 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)

HONORING

DEACON NICOLINO SCARLATTO

&

DEACON GIOVANNI MESSINA

Basket Raffles, 50/50 $ 75.00 per person

RSVP April 15, 2023

For more information contact Maria Bruno 917 943-7156 or Josephine Sferrazza 718 808-2097

_____Number of tickets @ 75.00 each

Names of guests: _____

__ I can't attend but I wish to donate Amount_____

Total payment: _____

Name_____

E-mail address_____Phone:_____

Please make checks payable to I.A.C.A

Thank You

Let's see what our 3K-101 Class is learning!

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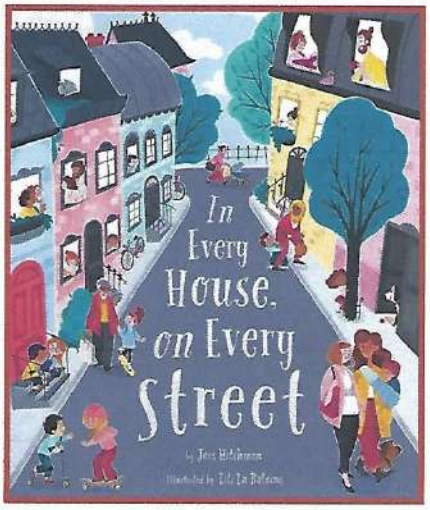
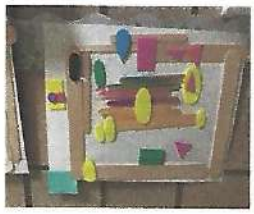


In the story, "In Every House on Every Street" by Jess Hitchman, we get to see how every house and apartment building in a neighborhood are all so unique.

Hitchman describes that no matter where or what you might live in, and the differences that they may have inside and outside of each home, doesn't matter. The beautiful similarities in all homes that are created by family and friends is love.

In 3K-101 we created our own neighborhood just like Hitchman's with our own unique houses and apartment buildings that are all made with love and creativity.



" I made my house for Baba, Mommy & Judy." - Heidi

" I made a house for Nina. "
- Nella

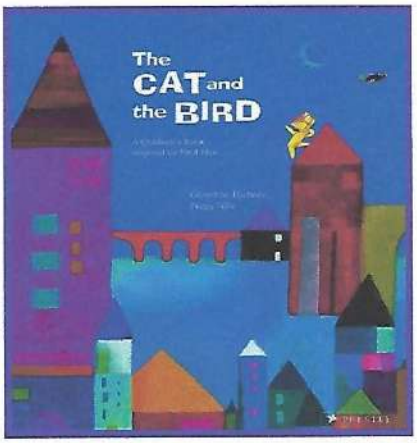
" I made a house for mommy, daddy & my brother. "
- Anna Maria

"For Mama."
- Christian

"Olivia is going to live in this house,"
- Marco

Let's see what our 3K-103 Class is learning!

3-K FOR ALL



A treasured painting by Paul Klee is the basis for this whimsical tale about a cat and a bird, and about the themes of freedom and friendship.

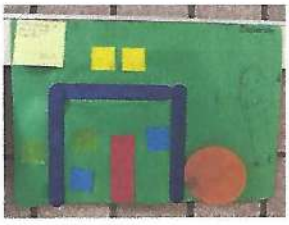
A cat lives in a house filled with toys, but every day she dreams of being free like the bird she watches though the window.

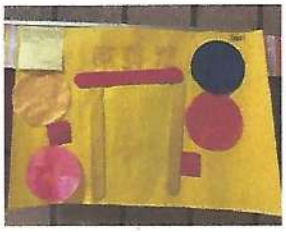
Finally, with the bird's help, she is able to escape and dance on the roofs of the city by moonlight. This lovely story unfolds in a series of playful, brilliantly colored illustrations based on the artist Paul Klee's work.

Influenced by the artist's bright palette and use of shapes and line, the book culminates in a dazzling reproduction of Klee's Cat and Bird.

In 3K-103 we were inspired by Paul Klee's artwork and used different materials of shapes and colors to create our own city inspired picture.

It was awesome to see the children's interpretation of the book and deeper explore our building unit in an abstract way.





"My house is strong and colorful." - Zachariah

" My house is big and it has lots of toys." -Gael

"My house has my Mommy, Daddy, Louie, Johnny, Santa and a flower." - Theresa

" My house is colorful and sparkly!" - Ayla

"My house is big with me my mommy and my daddy." - Sofia

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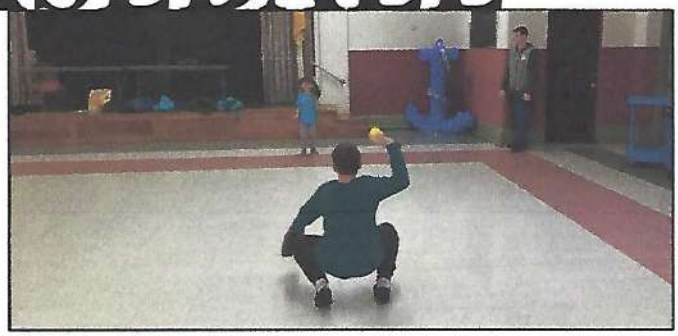

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Boys and girls from St. Francis and local community

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When?

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