Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Mass Intention

SUNDAY, April 9 – EASTER SUNDAY
8:00 A.M. Easter Novena
9:30 A.M. Vito Silletti
11:00 A.M. Maria Assunta Spiteri
12:30 P.M. Rino Del Carro
Giuseppe Anna Volpe
Calogero Pina Annibale
Adelina Iocco
Filomena Elia Cinquemani
Salvatore Giovana Cinquemani
Lt. Robert B. Cruz
Piraneo Angela Carmela
Gerlando Graci

MONDAY, April 10 – Weekday
9:00 A.M. Easter Novena

TUESDAY, April 11– Weekday
9:00 A.M. Easter Novena

WEDNESDAY, April 12– Weekday
9:00A.M. Easter Novena

THURSDAY, April 13—Weekday
9:00 A.M. Easter Novena

FRIDAY, April 14 – Weekday
9:00 A.M. Easter Novena

SATURDAY, April 15—Weeekday
9:00 A.M. Purgatorial Society
Easter Novena
Maria Voddrich
Coram-Willis Family
Rose D'Amico
Joseph McCann

5:00P.M. Ambrose Vigano

SUNDAY, April 16 - DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
8:00 A.M. Thomas Gaudiesi
9:30 A.M. Easter Novena
11:00 A.M. Joseph Mooney
12:30 P.M. Rino Del Carro
The Kos Family
Matteo Ferrara

Today's Readings

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Acts 10:34a, 37-43
Colossians 3:1-4
John 20:1-9

Readings for the Week

MONDAY: Acts 2:14, 22-33
Matthew 28:8-15

TUESDAY: Acts 2:36-41
John 20:11-16

WEDNESDAY: Acts 3:1-10
Luke 24:13-35

THURSDAY: Acts 3:11-26
Luke 24:35-48

FRIDAY: Acts 4:1-12
John 21:1-14

SATURDAY: Acts 4:13-21
Mark 16:9-15

Divine Mercy Sunday

Acts 2:42-47
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31

My Dear Parishioners,

"I take it you know what has been reported all over Judea about Jesus of Nazareth… We are witnesses to all that he did in the land of Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him finally, "hanging him on a tree," only to have God raise him up on the third day and grant that he be seen, not by all, but only by such witnesses as had been chosen beforehand by God, by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead." These words of St. Peter were meant to ring in the ears of all people for all eternity.

We hear the words, but do we believe? Do we really believe that there is an empty tomb in Jerusalem this morning? Do we really believe that he awoke from physical death and walked out of the sealed tomb? And if we do believe there is an empty tomb in Jerusalem, what difference does it make to us in our own daily lives? How are we transformed by our belief in the actual, physical, bodily Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead?

Jesus Christ came into the world in such a way that it took faith to believe that he was the Son of God. He died in such a way that it takes faith to believe that he rose from the dead. He was born in utter poverty and anonymity and died with the only thing he owned, his tunic, stripped off of him. Born with only a handful of people to acknowledge him as King of kings, he died with only a handful of people who knew him to be the Son of God made Man.

Jesus gave all types of signs to the people, before he underwent his passion and death. He cured the lame, restored sight to the blind, healed the sick, and raised the dead. He did these things so that people would put faith in him when he said that he would rise from the dead. They didn't! Not even his apostles understood. They lost heart as soon as he had been arrested in the Garden of Gethsemane. Jesus left the world, briefly, in exactly the same way as he had come into it, defying its expectations.

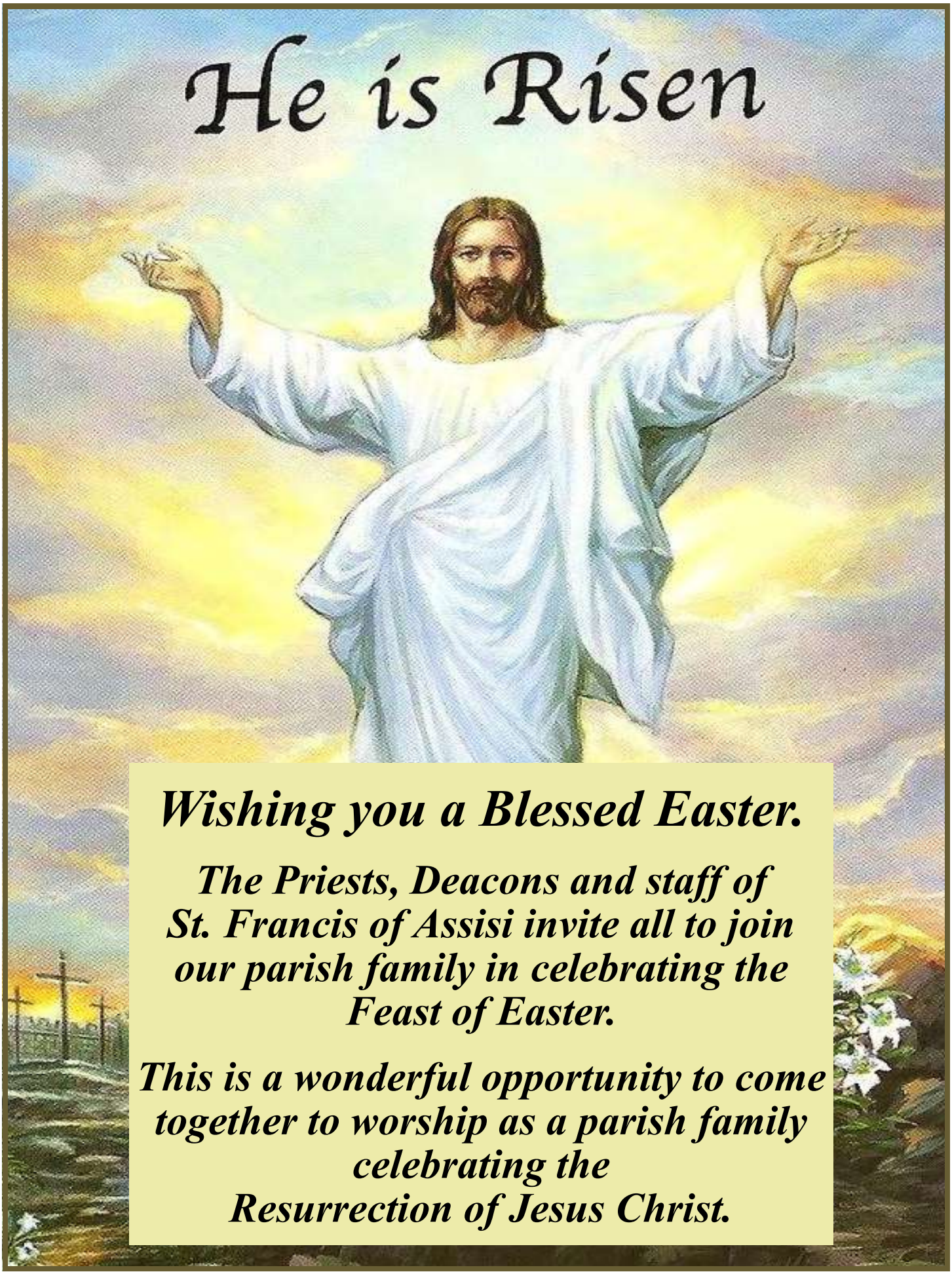
The world expected that the long-awaited Messiah would be a political leader; Jesus was the Good Shepherd sent by God to save humans from their sins. He was a sign of contradiction. The world thought that Jesus had been defeated on Good Friday, his missionary efforts come to an end; what appeared to be his ultimate defeat proved to be his, and our greatest victory. The world didn't believe the fact of the Resurrection over 2,000 years ago; and, today, the celebration of Easter is largely focused around a meal, with little reflection of the glory of Jesus' victory over sin and death.

The world is looking for salvation in all the wrong places today. Government, politics, public policy programs, sensuality, materialism, these will not bring us salvation. The world was looking for salvation in all the wrong places over 2,000 years ago. Salvation is to be found only in Jesus Christ and the Church, nothing else. Not even fame, fortune or honors matter if we lose our soul in its pursuit.

If you believe in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, then you have all of the hope to sustain you in whatever trials or difficulties or challenges you will experience in this life. We know that by patiently carrying our daily crosses, we will be rewarded. We have faith in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, a faith which causes us to celebrate joyously for the next fifty days as a foretaste of eternity. **"Alleluia! Jesus Christ is Risen today!"**

I wish you and your families a Happy Easter!

The Blessings of the Risen Lord,
Msgr. Maresca



Wishing you a Blessed Easter.

The Priests, Deacons and staff of St. Francis of Assisi invite all to join our parish family in celebrating the Feast of Easter.

This is a wonderful opportunity to come together to worship as a parish family celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

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.

Pray
for Vocations

Easter Sunday
April 9, 2023

"The Lord is truly risen!"

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:

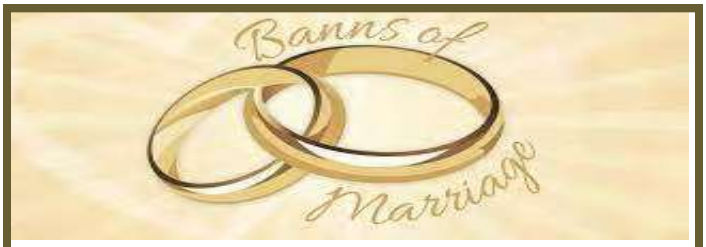
This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad

Today's readings describe the effects of Jesus' resurrection on those who walked with Him, and also what the resurrection has accomplished for us. In Acts, Peter testifies that belief in the risen Lord leads to forgiveness of sins. St. Paul tells the Colossians that our death and life in Jesus will result in our glorification. Everything that Jesus did, He did for us.

Easter Candle

The Easter Candle will burn In Loving 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
Maria & Domenic Viscovich
Maria Vlacich
Sylvester V. Guerriero
Harold Elmendorf
Raffaele & Lucia Guerriero
Pasquale & Christina Iorio
Vincenzo & Benedetta Iorio
Pasquale & Lugina De Cicco
Carmela Messina
Michael Mangialino Sr.

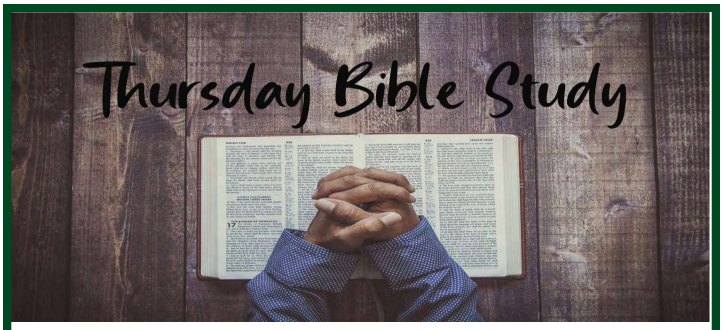


2nd Time:

Claudia Messina
St. Francis of Assisi
Astoria, NY

And

Andrew Agro
St. Francis of Assisi
Astoria, NY



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

Dear Friends, the Scripture Study Group will be on Easter Recess until April 20, 2023 when we will be **on Isaiah Chapters 47-50.**

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.

HAPPY EASTER

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 April 9, 2023

SANCTUARY LAMP

In Loving Memory of
Dr. Rosario &
Mrs. Stella Gualtieri

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	**$5,932.00**
2nd Collection.–Gift to my Church	***$5,784.00***

School parents must use church envelopes.

Thank you!

Thank you all for your generous Gift to the Church at Easter. Your generosity will go a long way to support our Parish and is greatly appreciated.

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

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.

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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
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Like us on
Follow us on

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THIS WEEK

April 9 - April 15

Sunday, April 9
EASTER SUNDAY
NO Children's Liturgy
No CCD

Monday, April 10
The Rectory Office Closes at 5:00PM

Tuesday, April 11
The Rectory Office Closes at 5:00PM

Wednesday, April 12
The Rectory Office Closes at 5:00PM
7:00PM-Baptism Class

Thursday, April 13
The Rectory Office Closes at 5:00PM

Friday, April 14
The Rectory Office Closes at 5:00PM

Saturday, April 15
The Rectory Office is Open 9:00AM to 2:00PM

NEXT WEEK

April 16 - April 8

Sunday, April 16
NO Children's Liturgy
No CCD

Monday, April 17
12:00-3:30PM-Golden Age
3:00-3:45PM Children's Choir
7:00PM Adult Choir

Tuesday, April 18
6:30 AA Meeting

Wednesday, April 19

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

Friday, April 21

Saturday, April 22

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Come and see what becoming a Catholic is about!

Do you think that God might be calling you to Baptism?
Have you always wanted to complete your first Sacraments of
Holy Communion or Confirmation?

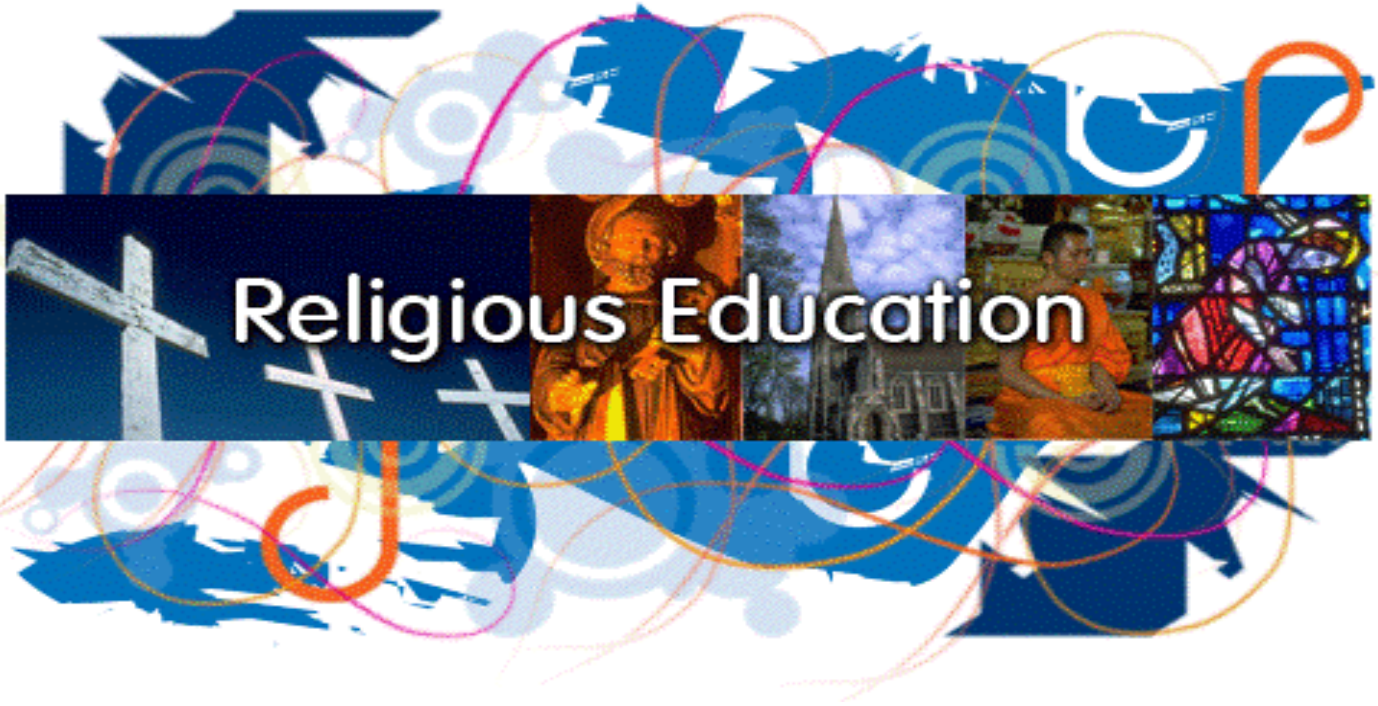
Please consider joining our RCIA program with Sister Francesca Mumbua,
our new Director of Religious Education.

Please call or visit the Religious Education Office on Monday or Thursday.

Registration is in progress.

JOURNEY OF FAITH

**YOU are the reason we are HERE! Come and talk to us.
We will help you get started or Complete you Sacramental Journey.**



Has your child completed the three Sacraments of Initiation, Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation?

Please bring him/her for Religious Education at St. Francis of Assisi Parish.

Religious Education will lead to reception of these Sacraments.

Please consider enrolling him/her in our school of Religious Education.
Classes are held on Sunday morning from 10:30 to 12:00 noon,
September to May.

Hurry! Registration phase for the Class of 2023/2024 is taking place NOW!

You can obtain the registration forms from the Bulletin, parish Office or the Religious Education Office.

The Faith Formation Team of St. Francis of Assisi is waiting for your child!

YOUR child's faith is important to US.

Let the children come to me.

MATTHEW 19:14

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC ACADEMY PRESENTS
3-206
MR. JOSEPH CURRO
MARCH STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

As students in the Third Grade develop their writing skills they will use a variety of strategies to plan, revise, and strengthen their writing as they work independently and collaboratively with adults and peers to produce texts. *~The Next Generation NYS Learning Standards*

Students from the third grade at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Academy were immersed in a creative writing project. Students were instructed to create an original story, with multiple paragraphs, using expressive and descriptive language. Their imaginations soared and the results were very entertaining!

Peter and the Link Games
By Ethan V.
A boy named Peter and his friend Connor wanting a game called "Link Saves the World" where Link challenges a dragon named Zero.

Finding Hot Dog Heaven
By Maria K.
Is about a character named Funny Man looking for Hot Dog heaven.

Eli and the Sneaky Monkey
By Rena D.
Eli realizing that his pet monkey has been stealing money from a Greek restaurant to buy his favorite bananas.

Twins against Ms. Gorf
By Michaela S.
Twins, Mickey and Cory, trying to win the heart of their tough teacher, Ms. Gorf.

Mrs. Ice Cream saves the Day
By Corynne S.
Mrs. Ice Cream saves the world from the villain, Hermione Granger.

How Rena Flies
By Elira K.
Rena is determined to learn to fly with the help of her pet squirrel Jerry.

Cookie World
By Ava C.
Ava and her friend Lea found Cookie World where everything is made of cookies, candy cane trees, and Coca Cola mountains.

Snuggles the Super Hero
By Mason C.
Snuggles had a dream about being a super hero. He thought it was a dream until he found it he really had powers.

Soccer
By Victoria P
A girl wants to win a soccer game but really doesn't know how to play. She tries her best and wins for her team.

Life on Pluto
By Adrian N.
A family moves to Pluto, which is a miniature Earth. Pluto has water, fish, trees and air. The people on Pluto are happy and live forever.

The Fight
By Arden G.
Lily works very hard and does not make a lot of money. She finds out that Talking Burrito Tommy is stealing from her. Lily confronts him and gets her money back.

St. Francis of Assisi Ju Jitsu

St. Francis of Assisi's first Ju Jitsu session was a HUGE success. We had 14 children for Kindergarten all the way up to middle school participate in the 10-week program. Each week they learned new skills from Coach Isaac. By the end of the program, they were able to execute everything they learned allowing them to earn their stripes.

The children are very excited to return in the Fall.

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: _____

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