Sixth Sunday of Easter

Mass Intention

SUNDAY, May 14 – Sixth Sunday of Easter
8:00 A.M. Holy Name
9:30 A.M. Bishop Thomas Daily
11:00 A.M. Mother's Day Novena
12:30 P.M. Rino Del Carro
Antonia Matsrocola
Carmila Della

MONDAY, May 15 – Weekday
9:00 A.M. Mother's Day Novena

TUESDAY, May 16-Weekday
9:00 A.M. Mother's Day Novena

WEDNESDAY, May 17– Weekday
9:00A.M. Mother's Day Novena

THURSDAY, May 18—The Ascension of the Lord
9:00 A.M. Mother's Day Novena
11:00AM Ana Balint
7:30PM Maria Ferrara

FRIDAY, May 19 – Weekday
9:00 A.M. Mother's Day Novena

SATURDAY, May 20—Our Lady of Fatima
9:00 A.M. Purgatorial Society
Mother's Day Novena
Marija Kuljanic
Mary Ethel McCann
Mary Ethel Dugan

5:00P.M. Mother's Day Novena

SUNDAY, May 21 - Seventh Sunday of Easter
8:00 A.M. Ruth Niemand
9:30 A.M. For the People of St. Francis
11:00 A.M. Evelyn Perrone
12:30 P.M. Rino Del Carro
Giacinta Giangio

Today's Readings

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17
1 Peter 3:15-18
John 14:15-21

Readings for the Week

MONDAY: Acts 16:11-15
John 15:26-16:4a

TUESDAY: Acts 16:22-34
John 16:5-11

WEDNESDAY Acts17:15, 22-18:1
John 16:12-15

THURSDAY: Acts 1:1-11
Ephesians 1:17-23
Mathew 28:16-20

FRIDAY: Acts 18:9-18
John 16:20-23

SATURDAY: Acts 18:23-28
John 16:23b-28

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:12-14
1 Peter 4:13-16
John 17:1-11a

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear Parishioners,

From the time of earliest childhood, the fear of separation from loved ones can be a powerful force in one's life. It is especially difficult for a little child to be left alone for even a short period of time without becoming agitated or perhaps crying for attention from a family member. It was and is a hard thing to grasp how a person can voluntarily leave loved ones, even for a short while.

The disciples themselves resisted this idea. They did not want Jesus to leave them; they did not want to face the future without his guidance. But He led them to understand that although he would leave their physical sight, he would continue to give them and us an even greater sharing in the very nature of God. They knew the Father through the Law given to Moses. They had come to know the Son through his companionship with them. Soon they would encounter the Holy Spirit, and realize that his power could not so much be seen with their eyes, but known through the vision of faith.

Too often we take the role of the Holy Spirit for granted. Yet, He is the source of all holiness, all strength, and all inspiration. He is with us as a constant and gentle prompting within our hearts to show us the good that is to be done, and the evil that is to be avoided. He is the Spirit of Truth, who guides the Church to remain in the truth despite the pressure of changing times and worldly influence. The Holy Spirit assures unity between our faith today and the message proclaimed by Jesus long ago.

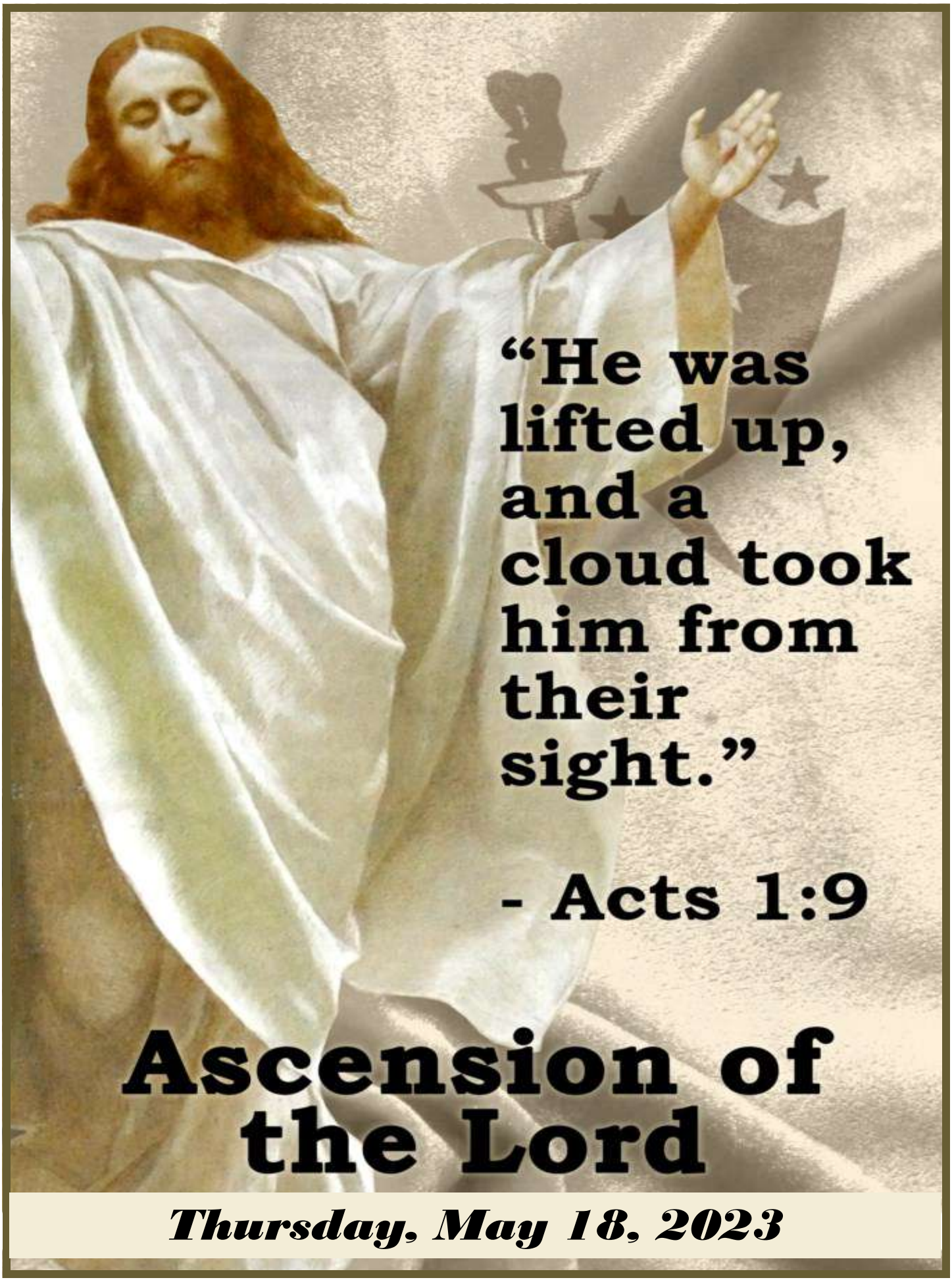
Although Jesus is away from our sight, he remains with us in the sacraments. The sacraments extend Christ's work on earth throughout every age. We must realize that the sacraments receive their efficacy and power through the gift of the Holy Spirit. With the priest, we pray at Mass that the Holy Spirit come upon the gifts we offer and make them holy before God, the Father.

As Christians, God wants us to be fully alive in the Holy Spirit. By Baptism, we are freed from sin and consecrated as children of God. We become members of his Church and sharers in the mission to make disciples of all nations.

The gifts of Baptism are strengthened in Confirmation. Confirmation empowers us to take the message of Christ to the community around us, especially into those places where otherwise the gospel message would go unheard. We should never hesitate to invite people to know Jesus better, even when we might not be able to give a full answer to their questions. We must first strive to be good examples of living the Christian life. St. Paul VI once said: "*People listen more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if they do listen to teachers, it is because they are witnesses"(Address to the Members of the Consilium de Laicis, October, 1974).*

May all of us, by the power of the Holy Spirit, become effective witnesses in this mission. Know that He will be with us always!

All the Blessings of the Risen Lord,
Msgr. Maresca



Thursday, May 18, 2023

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 Fontana 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

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 14, 2023

"Those who love Me will keep My word"

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:

The Holy Spirit is God's gift to those who follow Him.

All three readings today mention the reception and action of the Holy Spirit. Confirmation in the Spirit completes Christian initiation in Samaria Jesus, the model of Christian behavior, was brought to risen life in the Spirit. He bestows the Spirit of Truth on those who keep His commandments. As we approach the Eucharist, let us thank God for His gracious gift.

Memorials for the Week of May 14, 2023

ALTAR CANDLES

In Loving Memory of
Ana Bilant

Requested by:
Danielle Balint

SANCTUARY LAMP

In Loving Memory of
Ann & William Thompson

Requested by:
The Thompson Family

ALTAR BREAD

In Loving Memory of
Clorinda Carullo

Requested by:
Lisa Tenaglia & Family

Prayer of Blessing for All Mothers

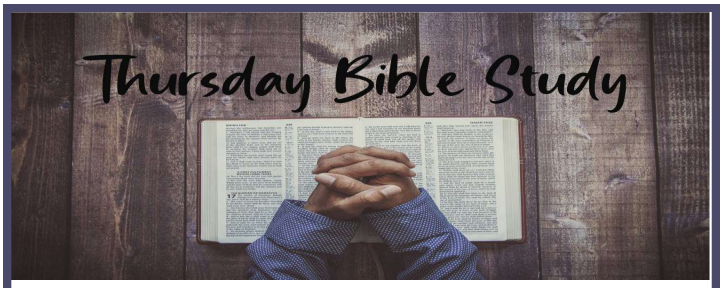
Dear Lord, Bless every mother and every grandmother with the finest of your spiritual blessings today.

Confirm in her heart and spirit, the work of her hands and the love that she has so freely given to those children under Your care.

Validate her worth daily so she has no reason to doubt whether she is loved, valued, and cherished in the eyes of her Heavenly Father.

Amen

theSouthernCross



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI SCRIPTURE STUDY

Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us; make our hearts burn while you speak to us. Luke 24:32

Dear SFA Friends & Family,

The SFA Scripture Study Group has completed a productive study year ending with our study of the Book of Isaiah. We are delighted to report that several new members joined us, who shared their enthusiasm and love of scripture with the group.

We look forward to having you join us in **September** as we begin a new study with the Gospel of Luke.

May God bless your summer days rest, relaxation and His peace.

If you are interested in joining the study group or would like further information, please contact us through our email at sfascripturestudy@gmail.com or call the rectory at **(718) 728-7801.** Please be sure to leave your name and contact information.

Grow in Knowledge and Love of Scripture.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

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

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

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

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.

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 **$4,692.00**

School parents must use church envelopes.

Catholic Communication Campaign
CONNECT WITH CHRIST

Nest weekend, May 20th and 22nd, the second collection will be for The Catholic Communication Campaign.

Thank you for your continued generosity.

Annual Catholic Appeal 2023
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

THANK YOU to all who have supported the Annual Catholic Appeal. Our goal this year is **$41,679.**
As of May 8th we have pledged **$23,227** and paid **$11,818.34** towards our goal.
If you have not contributed to the Appeal, I ask you to prayerfully consider what you are able to give to help us reach our goal.
Your generosity and support is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your support.

St. Francis of Assisi Class of 1973

The St. Francis of Assisi Class of 1973, 50 Year Reunion, is June 17, 2023 at 3:00PM. Invitations were sent to all 1973 alumni and faculty. Please contact John Ruehl (520) 481-8587 or ruehl247@gmail.com if you have and questions/concerns. Thank you.

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Help Spread the Word to help Those in Need!

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

Cook Position

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION RECTORY NEEDS A COOK: FULL OR PART TIME. MONDAY TO FRIDAY. BENEFITS INCLUDED. CONTACT MSGR. FERRARESE AT 718-728-1613.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THIS WEEK

May 14—May 20

Sunday, May 14
8:00AM-Holy Name Mass
9:30AM-Children's Liturgy
10:40-Noon CCD

Monday, May 15
12:00- Golden Age Mass
1:00-3:30PM Golden Age
7:00PM Adult Choir

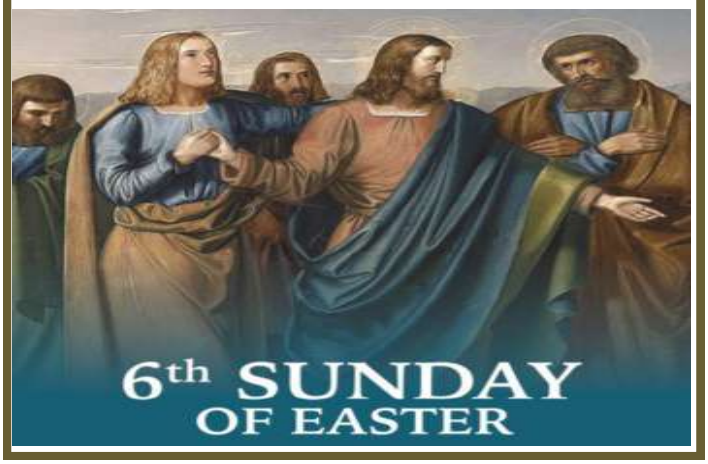
Tuesday, May 16
6:30 AA Meeting

Wednesday, May 17
7:00PM-Civic Association Meeting-MCH

Thursday, May 18
Feast of the Ascension of the Lord
9:00AM Mass
10-11:30AM-Legion of Mary—SFR
11:00AM Mass
7:30PM Mass

Friday, May 19
1:30PM Drama Club Performance

Saturday, May 20



NEXT WEEK

May 21—May 27

Sunday, May 21
9:30AM—Children's Liturgy
10:40-Noon CCD
1:30PM—Baptism

Monday, May 22
1:00-3:30PM Golden Age
7:00PM Adult Choir

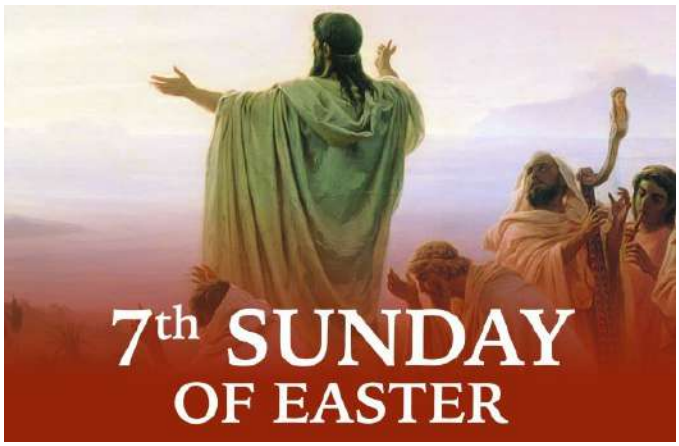
Tuesday, May 23
6:30 AA Meeting

Wednesday, May 24

Thursday, May 25
10-11:30AM-Legion of Mary—SFR
6:00PM—I.A.C.A.

Friday, May 26

Saturday, May 27



A Mother's Day Blessing

Blessed is the Mother,
Who lets the
Lord be her
guiding hand,
Whose faith brings
her family courage,
Whose wisdom
comes from God,
And whose children
still stand and
honor her.

Happy Mother's Day

Catholic Youth Organization
Children are at the heart of our mission

THE COACHES' CORNER

Wildcats Football

The Flag Football Pee Wee Wildcats played a great game this weekend vs. St. Sebastian. The win was made with touchdowns by Mason C., Ethan V, Gabriel M, Michael S and Jacob D. The final score was 7-33.

The Flag Football Bantam boys played two great games this weekend. Saturday they played OLBS and had their first season win with a score of 37-13. Their second game came up just a little short against OLH with a score of 27-35. All the players played amazing.

Wildcats Soccer

Our Youngest players Mites A and Mites B versed each other on Saturday. It was a great game with goals made by Liam K., Jace H, Thomas R, and Daniel M. The following day our Kindergarten Mites played OLBS, the game ended in a tie 2-2 with both of our goals scored by Liam K.

SFA's 1st grade Mites won their match against St. Anastasia with a score of 7-2. Goals were scored by Daniel M, Thomas R, Ronan K, and Jace H.

Subnovice Boys played a relentless game against St. Andrew's on Sunday winning with a score of 4-1. Goals were scored by Matthew C., Girogio M and Evan V. Great defense was performed by Lorenzo P, Ethan V, and Patrick H.

Boys Bantam B team had a resounding 3-1 win over RA highlighted by an impressive hat trick from Andrej K, the entire team contributed towards the victory. Strong mid field play by Franco B, as well as Gianni S and Christian D keeping the opposition off the scoreboard.

The Bantam Lady Wildcats dropped two matches this weekend, 6-1 vs St. Andrews and 4-2 vs OL Grace. Despite the losses, the team is learning and improving as a unit. Standout performers from the weekend included goalkeeper Gabriella L, Eliana J and Ariadna M who anchored the defense and Charlotte K who netted two goals.

The Bantam Wildcats team A are starting to show more cohesiveness as a team with better passing, set pieces and overall offense. The defense has also begun to unify themselves. Our Saturday game versus OLBS was proof of that. In Sunday's game against Anastasia the team won 3-0 with goals made by Henry M, Adrain D and Charlie P. Defense was led by Miachael M, Valentino P and Nikolas S. Great goalkeeping was done by Andrea R and Isaiah R.

GO WILDCATS!

I.A.C.A.

THE ITALIAN AMERICAN CATHOLIC ACTION

44TH Anniversary Celebration

The Italian American Catholic Action held their 44th Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, April 30, 2023. After the Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Francis of Assisi Church, the celebration continued in Msgr. Campbell Hall.

The Honorees this year were Deacon Nicolino Scarlatto & Deacon Giovanni Messina.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

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SPECIAL PROCESSION

TO HONOR MARY

SUNDAY MAY 21, 2023

Mass will be celebrated at 12:30

Procession begins in front of
St. Francis of Assisi Church
at 1:30p.m.

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St. Francis of Assisi
Girl Scouts

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SATURDAY, MAY 13TH & SUNDAY, MAY 14TH
OUTSIDE OF CHURCH AFTER ALL MASSES

Sat 5pm - Sun 8am-9:30am-11am-12:30pm

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UNITED COMMUNITY CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Information: 917-742-6975

ALERT!

Astoria/Astoria Heights

Residential and Business Community

"Train" To The Plane
PA/MTA Informational Meeting

Wednesday May 17th, 2023 7PM

St. Francis of Assisi Church
MSG. Campbell Hall (Lower Church)
21-17 45th Street Astoria

Refreshments Hosted By Bel Aire Diner

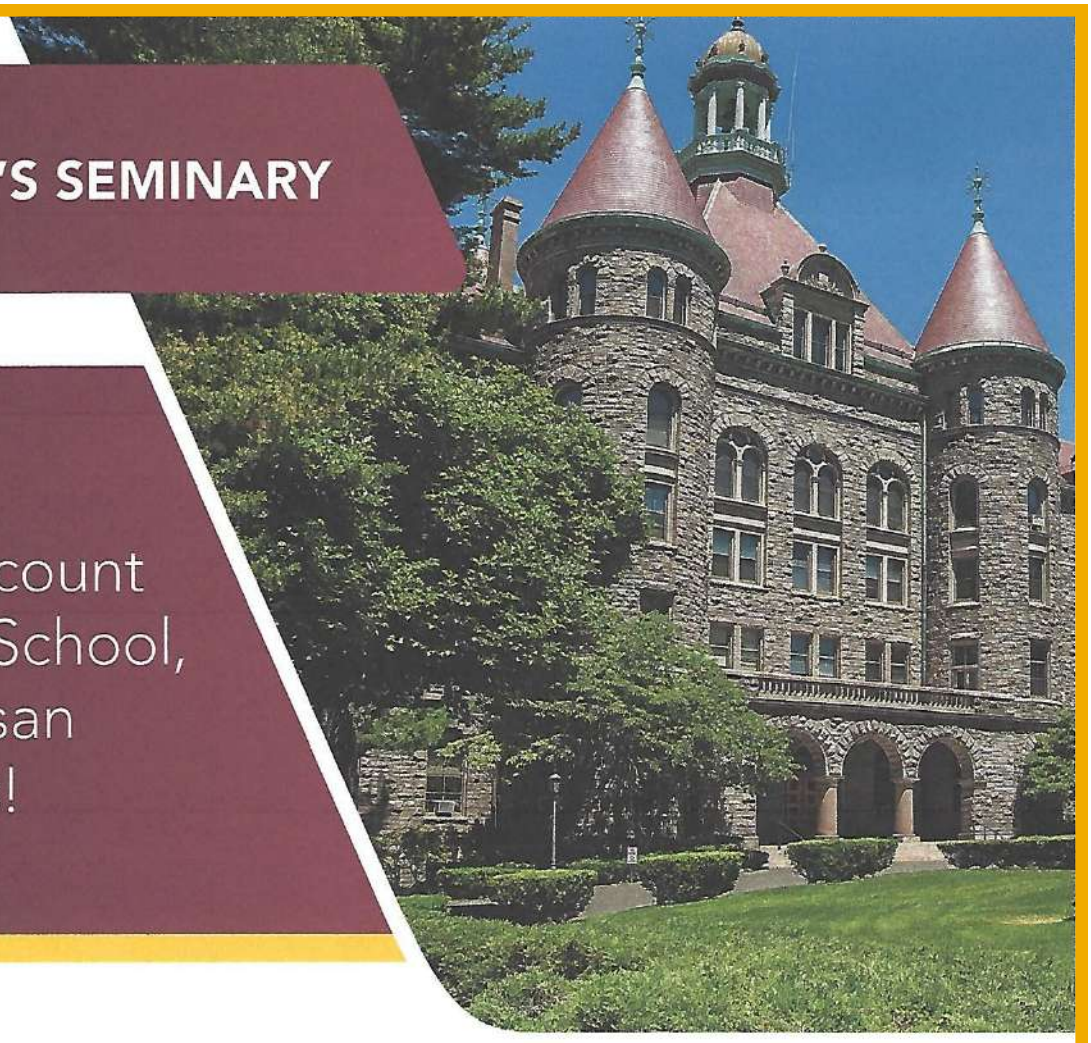
2023

Fall Festival

We are planning for our Fall Festival.
The day will be Saturday, September 30th.
There will be a general meeting on Tuesday, June 6th at 7:00PM in the rectory basement for all who are interested in working at the Festival. Please enter by the steps in the rear of the rectory.
We need many volunteers to make the Festival successful and hope that many of our parishioners will come forward to support our efforts.
Dominick Grimaldi is our new Chairman. The Co-Chairs are Ted Kyriakopoulos, Plinia Sarchese and assisted by Cathy Grimaldi.
All proceeds go to the parish and the academy. It's a fun day that brings our parish and school communities together. Plan to join us for a fun filled day.

Hope to see you on the 6th of June.

ST. JOSEPH'S SEMINARY



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