The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

Mass Intention

SUNDAY, June 11 – Corpus Christi
8:00 A.M. Holy Name
9:30 A.M. For the People of St. Francis
11:00 A.M. Dr. Arthur Gualtieri
12:30 P.M. Rino Del Carro
Calogena Pina Annibale
Ettore Iocco

MONDAY, June 12—Weekday
9:00 A.M. The Vella Family

TUESDAY, June 13—St. Anthony of Padua
9:00 A.M. Joseph Salamone

WEDNESDAY, June 14 – Weekday
9:00A.M. Marie Salamone

THURSDAY, June 15— Weekday
9:00 A.M. John Purich

FRIDAY, June 16 – Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
9:00 A.M. Dr. Arthur Gualtieri

SATURDAY, June 17—The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary
9:00 A.M. Purgatorial Society
Jennifer Ronacher
John Vos
Joseph Manchesi
Viola Manchesi

5:00P.M. For the People of St. Francis

SUNDAY, June 18 - The Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 A.M. Msgr. Stefan Geosits
9:30 A.M. Father's Day Novena
11:00 A.M. Andrew Gandolfo
12:30 P.M. Rino Del Carro
Nicola Zulli
Giuseppe Carlino
Mina Polychronakis
Michael Lentini
Matteo Ferrara
Fr. Emilio Salerno

Today's Readings

Corpus Christi

Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9
1 Corinthians 13:11-13
John 3:16-18

Readings for the Week

MONDAY: 2 Corinthians 1:1-7
Matthew 5:1-12

TUESDAY: 2 Corinthians 1:18-22
Matthew 5:13-16

WEDNESDAY 2 Corinthians 3:4-11
Matthew 5:17-19

THURSDAY: 2 Corinthians 3:15-4:1, 3-6
Matthew 5:20-26

FRIDAY: Deuteronomy 7:6-11
1 John 4:7-16
Matthew 11:25-30

SATURDAY: 2 Corinthians 5:14-23
Luke 2:41-51

The Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 19:2-6a
Romans 5:6-11
Matthew 9:36-10:8

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear Parishioners,

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Body and Blood of Jesus known as Corpus Christi. What Jesus said is very clear; he is the Bread of Life. Have we ever asked why Jesus chose the very human act of eating and made it a holy sacramental action? What is there about eating that it should be an important element of our relationship with our Savior? Of course nothing is more basic to maintaining life than eating.

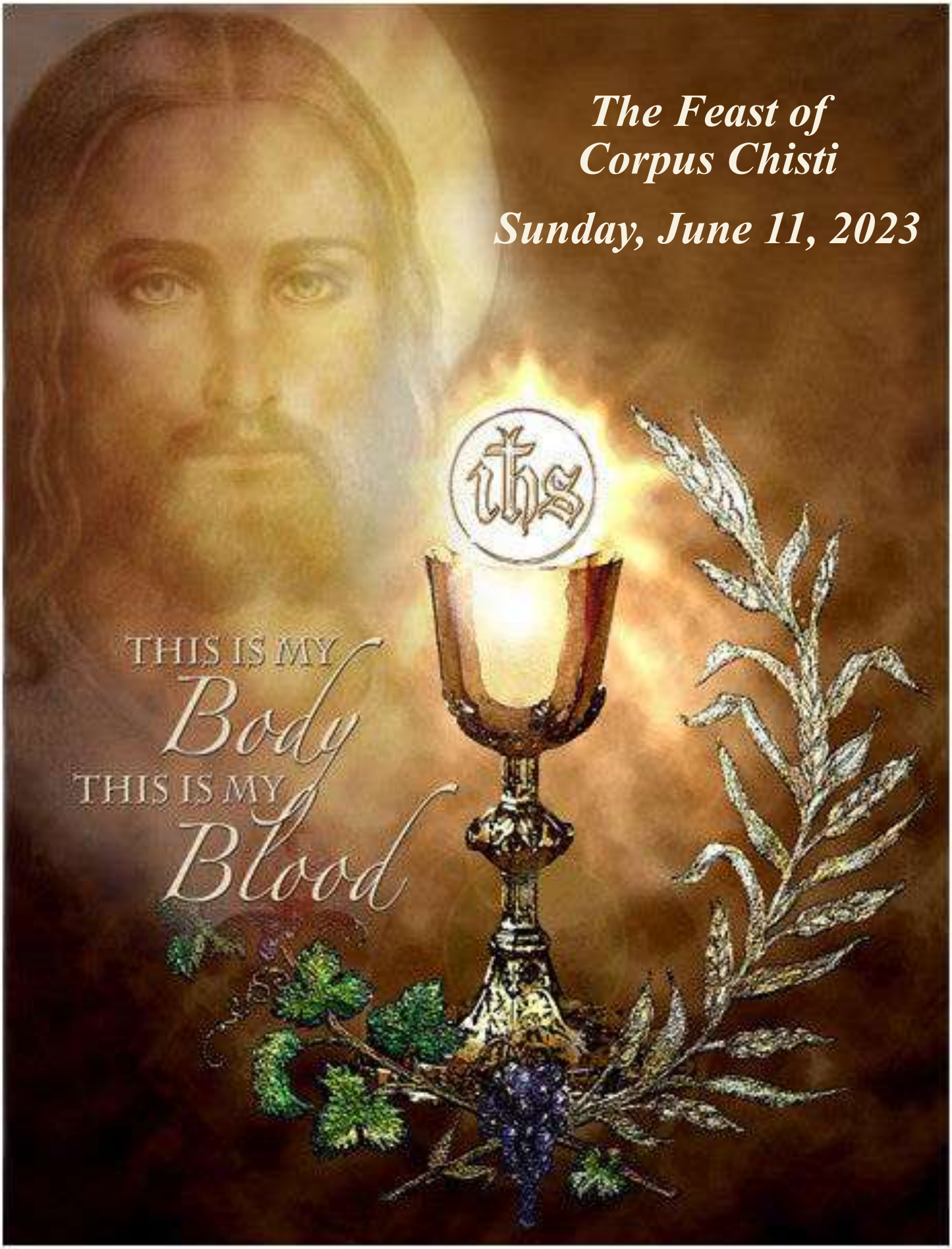
Most of the important events in our lives seem to include some kind of food. Weddings, baptisms, graduations, special birthdays, anniversaries and retirements often have wonderful meals which follow the actual event. Years ago the Sunday afternoon family meal was a wonderful time for family to gather and share family traditions and stories and be with loved ones. Food signals a festive atmosphere in which we share one another's happiness or the passing from one way of life to another. Even the condolences offered by family and friends at a funeral are often continued over a meal. Around a table we have time to share memories and stories of the life of our loved one and express our hope in the future life of eternal glory.

In day-to-day relationships with family and friends, food is part of the picture. Would you invite friends in to watch the BIG game without offering refreshments? Probably not! Over a cup of coffee, a plate of cookies and or pastries, friendships grow among neighbors or among the staff members at the office. Food and the nourishing community are unmistakably linked.

Why would Jesus give himself to us as food? Our relationship with Jesus is essential for our spiritual wellbeing. If we are to know the Father we must first know the Son. To know the Son we must do as he directed and part of that is to share his Body and Blood through the sacrament he left us at the Last Supper. The community life in our parish may take many forms-prayer groups, Bible study, RCIA, or charity projects-but the essential gathering of our parish families is around the table of the Lord for the Eucharistic meal. Here we partake of the Lord, his Real Presence, and he becomes part of who we are as we take him into the world. It is by the Eucharist that we are united to Catholics throughout the world. One in our beliefs, one in our practice, one in our mission, we are one in the Lord.

All God's Blessings,
Msgr. Maresca

PS This will be my last bulletin column for the summer. I thank you for your words of encouragement over the year. I pray that your faith is enriched as we pray the Scriptures and receive the Body and Blood of Christ.
Enjoy the summer months when hopefully you will relax and reflect on all God's Blessings in your life.
Remember to pray every day and attend Mass each weekend.
Be safe, relax and enjoy!
Msgr. Maresca


The Feast of
Corpus Chisti
Sunday, June 11, 2023
THIS IS MY
Body
THIS IS MY
Blood

O Sacred Heart of Jesus, fountain of Eternal Life, your Heart is a glowing furnace of Love. You are my refuge and my sanctuary. O my adorable and Loving Saviour, consume my heart with the burning fire with which yours is aflamed.

– Saint Gertrude

Happy Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Friday, June 16, 2023

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE HEART

O MARY,

Refuge of sinners,
I beg of you by the
infinite merits of the
SACRED HEART of
Jesus Christ,
and by the graces
God has granted
you since your
Immaculate
Conception,
the grace of
never going
astray again.
Mother, keep
me, a sinner,
constantly
bathed in the
light of your
Immaculate
HEART.
Amen.

Saturday, June 17, 2023

Tuesday, June 13, 2023
The Feast of
Saint Anthony Padua

The gospel call to leave everything and follow Christ was the rule of Saint Anthony of Padua's life. Over and over again, God called him to something new in his plan. Every time Anthony responded with renewed zeal and self-sacrificing to serve his Lord Jesus more completely. His journey as the servant of God began as a very young man when he decided to join the Augustinians in Lisbon, giving up a future of wealth and power to be a servant of God. Later when the bodies of the first Franciscan martyrs went through the Portuguese city where he was stationed, he was again filled with an intense longing to be one of those closest to Jesus himself.

So Anthony entered the Franciscan Order and set out to preach to the Moors. But an illness prevented him from achieving that goal. He went to Italy and was stationed in a small hermitage where he spent most of his time praying, reading the Scriptures and doing menial tasks. The call of God came again at an ordination where no one was prepared to speak. The humble and obedient Anthony hesitantly accepted the task. The years of searching for Jesus in prayer, of reading sacred Scripture and of serving him in poverty, chastity, and obedience had prepared Anthony to allow the Spirit to use his talents. Anthony's sermon was astounding to those who expected an unprepared speech and knew not the Spirit's power to give people words. Recognized as a great man of prayer and a great Scripture and theology scholar, Anthony became the first friar to teach theology to the other friars.

After he led the friars in northern Italy for three years, he made his headquarters in the city of Padua. He resumed his preaching and began writing sermon notes to help other preachers. In the spring of 1231 Anthony withdrew to a friary at Camposampiero. There he prayed and prepared for death. On June 13, he became very ill and asked to be taken back to Padua, where he died after receiving the last sacraments. Anthony was canonized in 1946.

Wednesday, June 14, 2023

Flag Day

When the American Revolution broke out in 1775, the colonists weren't fighting united under a single flag. Instead, most regiments participating in the war for independence against the British fought under their own flags. In June of 1775, the Second Continental Congress met in Philadelphia to create the Continental Army—a unified colonial fighting force—with the hopes of a more organized battle against its colonial oppressors. This led to the creation of what was, essentially, the first "American" flag, the Continental Colors.

For some, this flag, which was comprised of 13 red and white alternating stripes and a Union Jack in the corner, was too similar to that of the British. George Washington soon realized that flying a flag that was even remotely close to the British flag was not a great confidence-builder for the revolutionary effort, so he turned his efforts towards creating a new symbol of freedom for the soon-to-be fledgling nation.

On June 14, 1777, the Second Continental Congress took a break from writing the Articles of Confederation and passed a resolution stating that "the flag of the United States be 13 stripes, alternate red and white," and that "the union be 13 stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation."

Bernard Cigrand, a Wisconsin teacher, originated the idea for an annual flag day, to be celebrated across the country every June 14, in 1885. That year, he led his school in the first formal observance of the holiday. Cigrand continued to promote his concept and advocate respect for the flag throughout his life.

In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson officially established June 14 as Flag Day.

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 & Catherine Caravana.

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

Corpus Christi
June 11, 2023

"You gave them something to eat"

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:

Are we living our lives on earth as if we are destined for heaven.

When we consume the body and blood of the Lord, do we let our Lord consume us? If we are in Christ and He is in us, how does it change us?

Let the living bread we eat today transform and strengthen us To do the work of Christ on earth.

CORPUS CHRISTI

Sunday, June 11th we celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi, The Body and Blood of the Lord. It is a beautiful opportunity to reflect on this great gift given to us by the Lord Jesus-his Body and Blood. This is food that nourishes our body and soul, to strengthen us for our mission as disciples of the Lord.

We will have a procession with the Blessed Sacrament beginning at 1:30pm. We will walk around the block, carrying the Blessed Sacrament and praying the rosary. We will return to Church for quiet time in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, hear a Scripture reading, have a reflection and end with Benediction. The day will end by 3:00pm.

All are invited to join us in giving praise and thanks to the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

If you are unable to walk around the block, remain in Church until we return.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration will conclude for the summer on Saturday, June 17th. I am grateful for our Deacons and their support in this service. Also, I appreciate all those who come to spend some time in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

Adoration will resume on Tuesday, September 5th at 8:00AM to 8:50AM.

PLEASE NOTE that Church will open in the summer at 8:15AM.

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 **$4,682.00**

School parents must use church envelopes.

REMINDER

There is a parish calendar meeting on June 15th at 7:00PM in the Rectory basement. Each society is expected to have a representative at the meeting.

Cook Position

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

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 June 6th we have pledged **$32,857** and paid **$23,128.68** 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.

As you are aware, Fr. Peter is being transferred as of June 30, 2023. He will be going to the parish of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Brooklyn.

We will have a Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, June 25th at 11:00am. After Mass all are invited to Msgr. Campbell Hall for light refreshments and wish Fr. Peter well in his new parish.

We thank him for his presence with us and wish him all the best in his new assignment.

I received a letter from Bishop Brennan on Monday evening, June 6th, informing me that Fr. Del Parku has been granted by his bishop a 5 year sabbatical to come and have a different experience of parish ministry, here in the Diocese of Brooklyn. Bishop Brennan has accepted his sabbatical. The Bishop has assigned Fr. Del to St. Francis of Assisi. Most of you know Fr. Del who has come in the past for summer assistance. Now, he will be assigned to St. Francis of Assisi to assist with the work of our parish. He will be arriving on June 12th, We wish Fr. Del all God's Blessings as he begins his ministry with us.

Thank You

Thank you for your kind expressions of sympathy.
The love you have shown has given us great comfort during this difficult time.
Thank you for keeping us in your thoughts and prayers.

Deacon Sal and
The Family of Darrin O'Connor (Hili)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THIS WEEK

June 11—June 17

Sunday, June 11
Corpus Christi

Monday, June 12
12:00-3:30PM—Golden Age-MCH

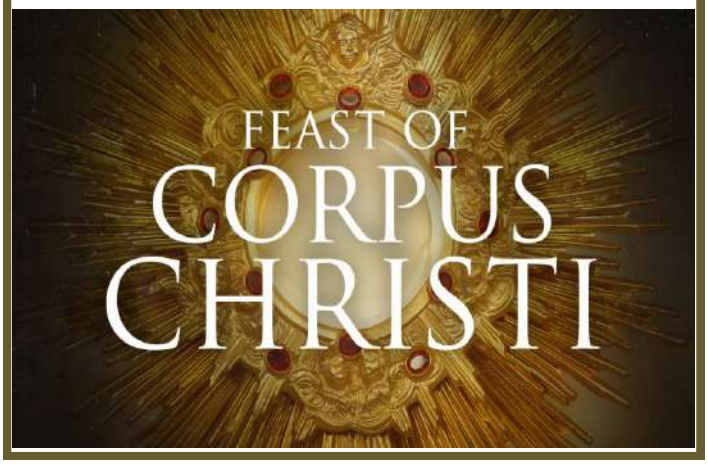
Tuesday, June 13
6:30 AA Meeting

Wednesday, June 14
7:00PM-Baptism Class

Thursday, June 15
10-11:30AM-Legion of Mary—SFR
6:00PM—I.A.C.A.-Summer Party
7:00PM—Parish Calendar Meeting-
Rectory Basement

Friday, June 16
5:00PM - Graduation Mass & Ceremony

Saturday, June 17



NEXT WEEK

June 18—June 24

Sunday, June 18

Monday, June 19
School & Rectory Office Closed
7:00PM-CYO Meeting-Rectory Basement

Tuesday, June 20
6:30 AA Meeting

Wednesday, June 21

Thursday, June 22
10-11:30AM-Legion of Mary—SFR

Friday, June 23
Last Day of School

Saturday, June 24
12:00Noon-Baptisms

SUMMER Schedule

Summer Rectory Office Hours - 2023

Summer Rectory office hours will begin Monday, June 26th and conclude on Monday September 4th. Regular office hours will resume on Tuesday, September 5th.

Summer Hours:

Monday—Thursday	9:00am to 12 Noon * 1:00pm to 5:00pm
Friday	9:00am to 12 Noon * 1:00pm to 3:00pm
Lunch Hour	12:00 Noon to 1:00pm
Saturday	9:00am to 2:00pm
Sundays and Holidays	Closed

Summer Weekly Collections

As the nice weather provides us with weekend opportunities to get away, please remember the importance of your weekly offerings. While the summer months bring a dip in our Mass attendance and weekly offerings, it is important that we try to meet our normal operating expenses. Those expenses do not change with the summer season.

Please consider submitting your summer envelopes before you leave for vacation. Those monies help us pay our summer bills and keep our budget balanced. As you know our fiscal year ends August 31, 2022, so it is important we maintain a balanced budget. I appreciate your cooperation in this matter. As always, thank you for you understanding, your generosity and your spirit of sacrificial giving.

Have a peaceful, prayerful, enjoyable and safe summer!

When going on vacation and you need to know the nearest Catholic Church, www.masstimes.org Will assist you.

SUMMER WEATHER

As the warm weather approaches, we are blessed to have air conditioning in our church to keep us cool. Unfortunately, it is not easy to please everyone. Some say it is too cool, others say it is not cool enough. A suggestion that you bring a sweater might help to solve the situation if you feel the cold. Also, if it is sunny, you may want to sit on the schoolyard side of church where it is usually warmer from the suns rays coming through the windows. THANK YOU.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC ACADEMY

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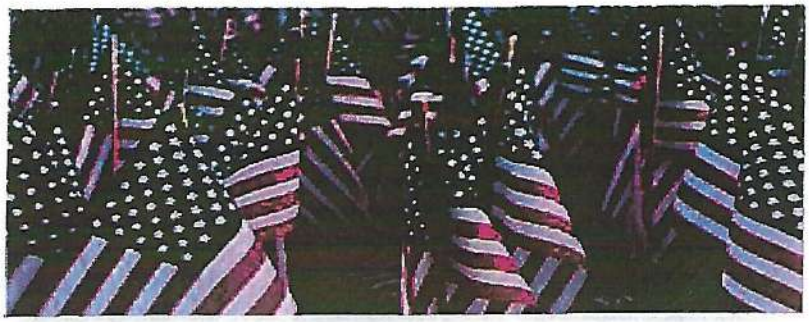

To recognize and celebrate all of those who have or are serving, we will be displaying American Flags along the gate in front of our school starting on Memorial Day, May 29th through July 4th.

If you would like to memorialize a flag(s), please send off the tear-off below by Monday, May 22, 2023

$10 Each

Small messages of dedication will be attached to each flag.

Some examples are:

In Loving Memory of Jane Doe The Smith Family	In Honor of Jane Doe The Smith Family	Thank You for your service Jane Doe United States Navy The Smith Family

The Smith Family

Please return to school with payment by Monday, May 22nd

Name _____ Grade _____

Message (Please Print)

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Message (Please Print)

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Number of Flags _____ x $10 = _____ Enclosed

Cash or check payable to St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Academy

ST. JOSEPH'S SEMINARY

Fall 2023 Course Offerings Announced

JOIN US AT ST. JOSEPH'S THIS FALL

for online and in-person degree and certificate programs in **Catholic Theology!**

Exciting and innovative course offerings for the fall include:

- *Life and Theology of St. John Henry Newman*
- *Adolescents, Evangelization, and Faith: Theory and Practice*
- *Pastoral Issues in Contemporary Moral Theology*

See our fall courses at: **dunwoodie.edu/fall2023schedule**

NEW 50% TUITION DISCOUNT

for Parish, Catholic School, and Diocesan Employees!

St. Joseph's Seminary has announced an exciting new discount policy for eligible full-time employees of the Archdiocese of New York, the Diocese of Brooklyn, and the Diocese of Rockville Centre, including full-time employees at parishes and Catholic schools in these (arch)dioceses. These employees are now eligible for a 50% tuition remission!

To learn more, go to **dunwoodie.edu/tuition-and-fees**

GRADUATE AND CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS IN THEOLOGY

Registration for the fall begins **June 1** | Classes begin **August 30**

- Open to qualified lay men and women, clergy, and consecrated religious
- Zoom in from any location to join a class
- Tuition: $1,500 for three credits, $500 to audit
- 50% off for new students and alumni auditors

Now is the perfect time to grow in your Catholic faith by taking courses at St. Joseph's Seminary. To learn more about our course offerings:

- Go to **www.dunwoodie.edu**
- Email us at **SJS.Academics@archny.org**
- Call us at **914-367-8280**

SUMMER

Hour Children Inc. Presents..

12th Street Block Party

THANK YOU TO OUR NEIGHBORS, VOLUNTEERS AND FAITH BASED PARTNERS

SATURDAY JULY 8TH , 2023

Hour Children welcomes our neighbors, volunteers and faith based partners for Fun - Food - Fellowship - Music - Games.

12TH STREET, BETWEEN 36TH & 37TH AVENUES LONG ISLAND CITY NY 11106.

12:00PM - 4:00PM

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT US VISIT

https://hourchildren.org