The Most Holy Trinity

Mass Intention

SUNDAY, June 4 – The Most Holy Trinity
8:00 A.M. Anthony Carrino
9:30 A.M. Mary Cilia
11:00 A.M. Vincent P. Tabone
12:30 P.M. Rino Del Carro
Maria Ferrara
Serafina Cicolini
Anna Maria Cicolini

MONDAY, June 5 – St. Boniface
9:00 A.M. Raymond Loud

TUESDAY, June 6—Weekday
9:00 A.M. Anna Zgaljic

WEDNESDAY, June 7 – Weekday
9:00A.M. Raffaele DiGioia

THURSDAY, June 8— Weekday
9:00 A.M. Linda Zuliani

FRIDAY, June 9 – Weekday
9:00 A.M. Rosemarie Z. Conroy

SATURDAY, June 10—Weekday
9:00 A.M. Purgatorial Society
The McHale Family
Lagica Turkovich
Roland Timbrook
Virginia Timbrook

5:00P.M. Jane Abt

SUNDAY, June 11 - The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)
8:00 A.M. Holy Name
9:30 A.M. For the People o St. Francis
11:00 A.M. Dr. Arthur Gualtieri
12:30 P.M. Rino Del Carro
Calogera Pina Annibale
Ettore Iocco

Today's Readings

The Most Holy Trinity

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

Readings for the Week

MONDAY: Genesis 3:9-15, 20
John 19:25-34

TUESDAY: Sirach 35:1-12
Mark 10:28-31

WEDNESDAY Zephaniah 3:14-18a
Luke 1:39-56

THURSDAY: Sirach 42:15-25
Mark 10:46-52

FRIDAY: Sirach 44:11-26
Mark 11:11-26

SATURDAY: Sirach 51:12cd-20
Mark 11:27-33

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

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

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear Parishioners,

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity.

Think for a moment about how God might answer the question "Who am I?" Today we consider one response to the question. God is so eager to be known to us that God's presence is revealed in three familiar ways as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Unlike our dilemma in bringing together who we are and what we do, God is presented to us as a unified whole, one in being and doing.

Jesus assures us that being in God's love and acting out of God's love is one act of faith Being and doing come together in a single moment of belief: "Whoever believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." Eternal life is presented to us by Jesus, now not just as a hope for the future. Eternal life begins the moment we believe in Jesus.

If we truly embrace that Christ centered way of living, then the present, the now, takes on a much greater significance. Who we are and what we do becomes a direct expression of our faith. At the same time, we are thoroughly human, not always consistent and prone to the occasional blunder. Go does not expect perfection of us, at least not yet. Our blunders may be evidence of our brokenness, but take heart: "God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him God sends the Son and saves the world: This is God being and doing.

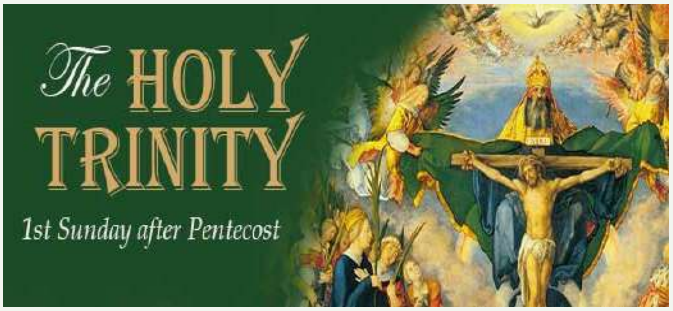
The being of God, the life and love of Jesus and our existence in this world flow into one. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is a unity of God's presence. But we are not left to simply contemplate and puzzle over this revelation by God. God assures us that we are always forgivable, always redeemable and that God's fervent desire is to love, not condemn.

With that marvelous truth lodged in the depth of our hearts, we are free. We are free to embrace our God of love whenever, through whatever **or** whomever God chooses to be revealed. Our call is to maintain a posture of readiness; readiness to listen and readiness to accept God's message.

Look around today, Look for God who so passionately wants to be known. Embrace God who does not condemn but who loves. Believe in God who constantly invites us to be reconciled when we blunder. See God in our mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, spouses, partners, and our neighbors. Look around and know that God chooses to be intimately involved with every one of us every day.

Now try the question again: Who are you?

All the Blessings of the Holy Spirit,
Msgr. Maresca



Welcome New Parishioners

We welcome those who registered in our parish during the month of May 2023.

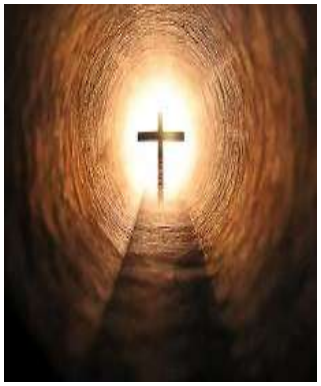
Marc & Rhoda Grebot
Flor Paul & Rhuvijo Dela Cruz
Connor Patrick McManus

Baptisms

We welcome those who were Baptized during the month of May 2023.

Ilia Timothy Nicola Shave
Eleanora Frances Potere
Cassandra Elle Russo
Luca Pascal Grebot

Recently Deceased



The following have passed away during the month of May 2023. We continue to pray for the recently deceased members of our parish.

Anna Trivigno
Paul C. Saliba
Jack Capello
Peter Barbini Sr.
Paul Kuzma
Ivan Vrankovic
Maribel Rojo-Formoso
Rosa Arnone
Vincenzo Imperatrice

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.

I believe in the Holy Spirit...who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified.

God our Father, who by sending into the world the Word of truth and the Spirit of sanctification made known to the human race your wondrous mystery, grant us, we pray, that in professing the true faith, we may acknowledge the Trinity of eternal glory and adore your Unity, powerful in majesty. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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

The Most Holy Trinity

June 4, 2023

"We boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God"

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

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BLESSED BE THE NAME OF JESUS

Holy Name Society

On Sunday, June11th, the 8:00am Mass is the Holy Name Mass. The mission of the Holy Name Society is to promote devotion and reverence for the Holy Name of God and Jesus. What better way than to participate in the Holy Name Monthly Mass. All are invited to join in this celebration

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.

FOCUS:

The Trinity is a mystery of faith and a communion of love.

Today's feast celebrates the greatest mysteries of our faith. One God, made up of three persons sharing one divine substance—the Trinity. It is through God's self-revelation to us through Jesus Christ and His Pascal Mystery, that we come to know the Triune God from whom al life flows. God so loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.

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 **$4,438.00**

School parents must use church envelopes.

MASS COUNTS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2023

The average attendance for the month of April (4 weekends) is as follows:

5pm	**94**
8am	**54**
9:30am	**164**
11am	**95**
12:30pm	**46**

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 30th we have pledged **$30,837** and paid **$20,728.34** 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.

50/50 Winners May 2023

First Prize
Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Marchesona

Second Prize
Ms. Alice Santelli

Third Prize
Mr. & Mrs. Jonathan Tankleff

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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.

The Parishes of Astoria invite you:

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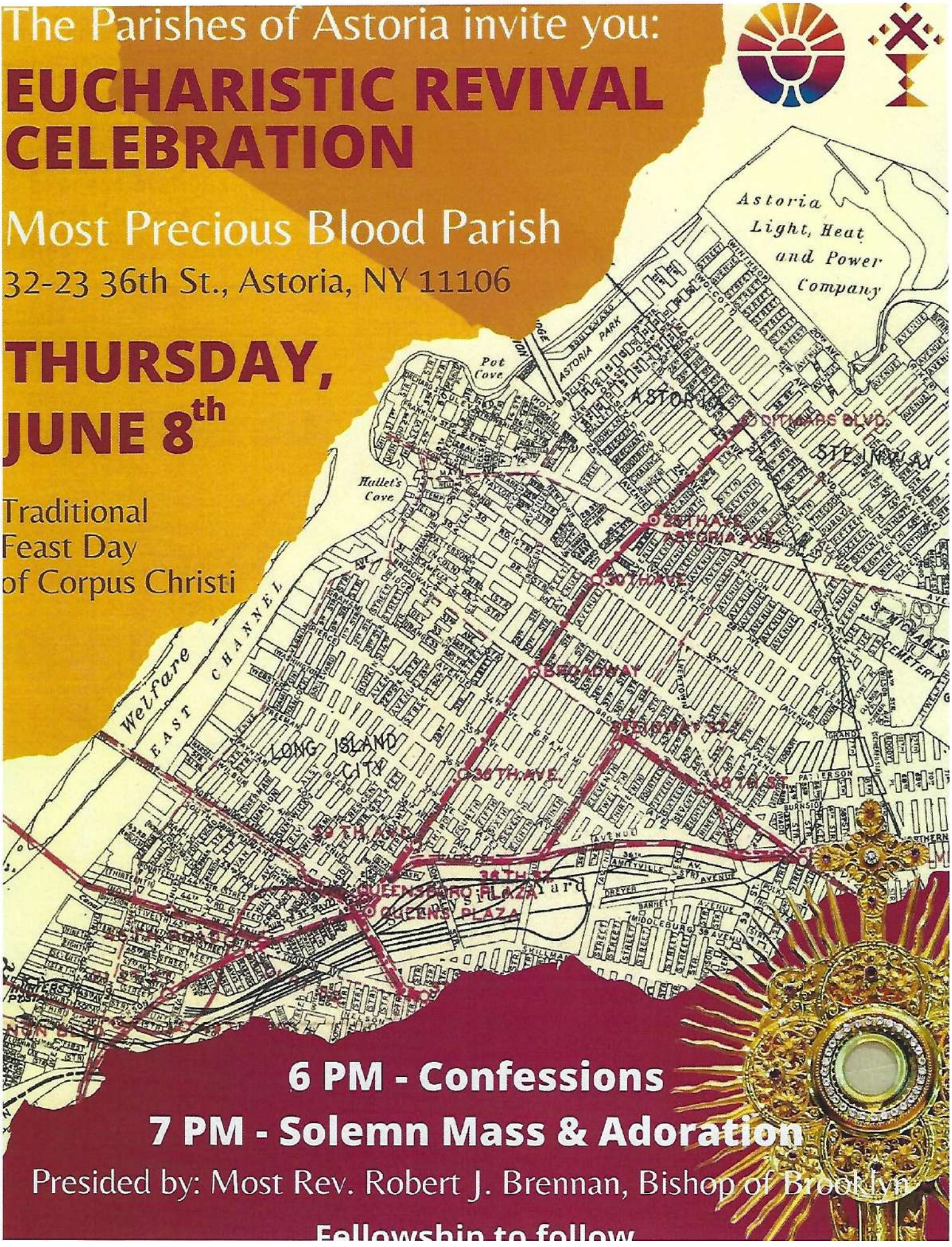
Most Precious Blood Parish

32-23 36th St., Astoria, NY 11106

THURSDAY, JUNE 8th

Traditional
Feast Day
of Corpus Christi



6 PM - Confessions

7 PM - Solemn Mass & Adoration

Presided by: Most Rev. Robert J. Brennan, Bishop of Brooklyn

Fellowship to follow

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THIS WEEK

June 4—June 10

Sunday, June 4
The Most Holy Trinity-Solemnity

Monday, June 5
12:00-3:30PM—Golden Age-MCH

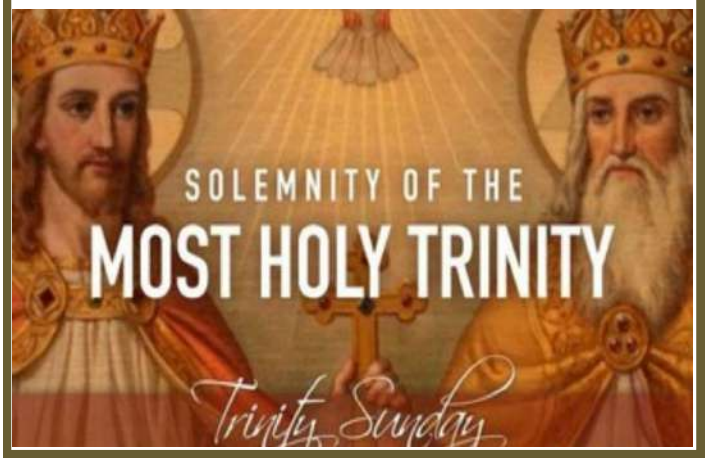
Tuesday, June 6
6:30 AA Meeting
7:00PM Festival Meeting-Rectory Basement

Wednesday, June 7

Thursday, June 8
10-11:30AM-Legion of Mary—SFR
6:00PM—I.A.C.A.

Friday, June 9

Saturday, June 10



NEXT WEEK

June 11—June 17

Sunday, June 11
Corpus Christi

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

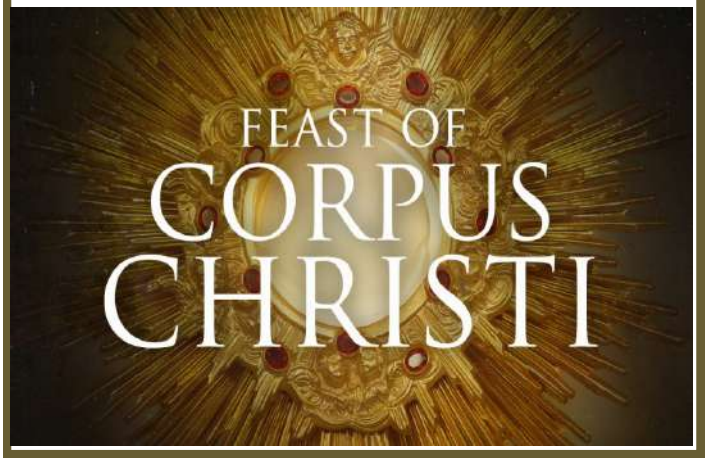
Tuesday, June 13
6:30 AA Meeting

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

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

Saturday, June 17



JUNE 2023
LECTOR ASSIGNMENTS

	THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST (Corpus Christi)	THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	THE TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
	JUNE 3-4	JUNE 10-11	JUNE 17-18	JUNE 24-25
Saturday 5:00 P.M.	*Debbi Skinner*	*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

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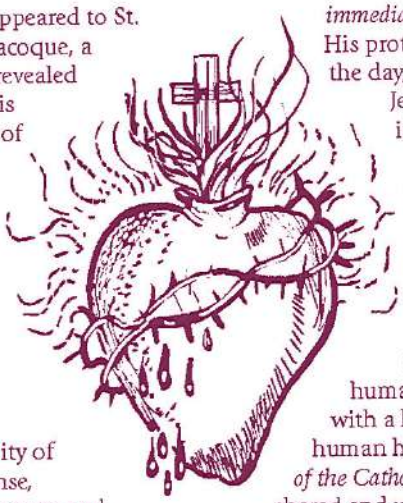
June 2023

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

God so loves the world



In 1673, Jesus appeared to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, a French nun, and revealed the intensity of His love in the image of the Sacred Heart, *"Behold the Heart which has so loved [mankind] that it has spared nothing…in order to testify Its love."*

God's love is intense: The famous image illustrates the reality of a love that is intense, extravagant, passionate, and eternally faithful. Display the Sacred Heart image in your home or workplace to remind you that His extravagant love is for you.

His Heart is our safe place: Jesus advised St. Faustina: *"Do not bargain with temptation but lock yourself immediately in my Heart."* Seek His protection often throughout the day, "O Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in You."

God shares our nature: The Sacred Heart illustrates the mystery of the Incarnation – when the Son of God became (sinless) man. He "worked with human hands; he thought with a human mind … with a human heart he loved" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #470). He shared and understands our human condition.

Our hearts can conform to His: When we put others needs before our own, find the good in others, and show patience, we love like Christ. We do this with His help, "O Sacred Heart of Jesus, make my heart like Yours!"

One Minute Meditations

Pray for priests daily

The average parish priest is celebrant, teacher, counselor, minister, and financial manager. He works more than 60 hours per week, does everything from administering Sacraments to bringing comfort to troubled souls to taking out the trash, and he is paid just enough to get by. Yet, nearly nine out of ten priests report being happy in their ministry. Our support can help them stay strong in their faith and true to their calling.

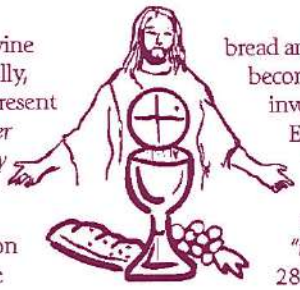
Love at home

"God has created us so we do small things with great love. I believe in that great love that comes, or should come from our heart, should start at home: with my family, my neighbors across the street, those right next door. And this love should then reach everyone." Saint Teresa of Calcutta

"The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice; he who begets a wise son will be glad in him" (Proverbs 23:24).

Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics believe the Eucharist is more than a symbol?



Catholics have it on divine authority that Jesus is really, truly, and substantially present in the Eucharist, *"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life"* (John 6:54). When the priest, acting in the person of Christ, consecrates the bread and wine, we believe that Jesus becomes truly present. Scientific investigations of the hundreds of Eucharistic miracles support this amazing mystery. In the Eucharist, Christ fulfills His promise to remain with us *"to the end of time"* (Matthew 28:20).

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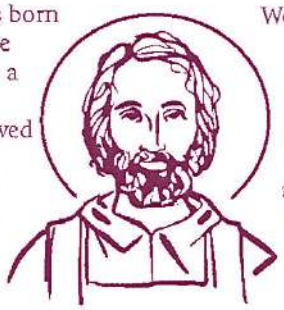
The best father on Earth



Scripture doesn't tell us that St. Joseph was born with special graces, yet he was chosen to raise God's Son. The Bible doesn't say that he had a gift of prophecy, yet Joseph never doubted God's word. He was an ordinary man who lived an extraordinary life.

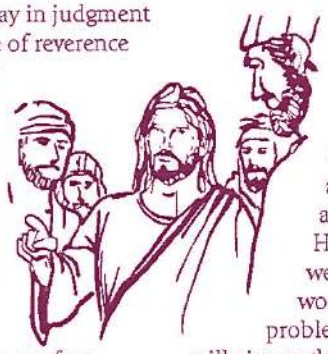
Ever faithful. It would have been hard for any man to believe his fiancée was pregnant by the Holy Spirit. As a faithful Jew, though, Joseph knew what was written about the birth of the Savior. His devotion to God's Word helped him recognize God's will.

Steady protector. At a moment's notice, Joseph left everything behind to whisk his family to safety (Matthew 2:13-15). Joseph's hard work and skill helped keep his family safe in a foreign land.

Good man. Scripture calls St. Joseph, a *"righteous man,"* meaning he lived a virtuous life (Matthew 1:19). For example, he was compassionate by his treatment of Mary. Who better to raise the Son of God and care for his Mother than the best father on Earth?

from Scripture — Matthew 10:26-33, "Be not afraid"

In this Gospel passage, Jesus teaches us that the only thing we should fear is God, who has the final say in judgment over us. This is the virtue of reverence (holy fear) – not fearing God as if He were a tyrant, but fearing to offend Him because He is good, holy, wise, and infinitely worthy of our honor and love.



If we faithfully follow Jesus Christ, we will encounter persecution. Even in the United States, we face efforts to undermine Catholic beliefs and values. These attacks don't hurt us physically, but can eat away at our faith, our self-respect and respect for others, and ultimately, our happiness.

Jesus' advice to His followers 2,000 years ago applies to us today. Instead of being afraid, we can trust God, who watches over all the details of our lives and who wants us in Heaven even more than we want to be there. He won't make all our problems disappear but He will give us the strength and grace we need to get through them, especially through daily prayer and the Sacraments.

Feasts & Celebrations

June 1 – St. Justin Martyr (c. 165). Justin was a Christian convert who searched for Truth. After his conversion, he held debates with pagans. When ordered by a pagan judge to renounce his faith or die, St. Justin responded, "Nobody in his senses would give up truth for falsehood." He was martyred for his faith.

June 4 – Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. Today, we honor the central mystery of our Faith – that there is one God in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Jesus revealed this mystery after the Resurrection (Matthew 28:19).

June 9 – St. Ephrem the Deacon (373). Born at Nisibis in Mesopotamia, he became a deacon and taught catechism classes, opposed heresy, and wrote hymns, prayers, and commentaries on Scripture.

June 29 – SS. Peter and Paul (1st Century). Peter was the apostle chosen by Jesus to lead the Church – an ordinary fisherman, made extraordinary by God's grace. A persecutor of the Church, Paul became the Great Apostle, also transformed by grace.

Q & A — What can I do to promote respect for life?

All Catholics are called to protect the dignity of life from conception to natural death. While casting votes for candidates who pledge to protect life is important, there are many options outside the voting booth.

Assist pregnancy support centers. Many centers offer counseling, material assistance, and even provide daycare. Find one in your area and volunteer your time, talents, or treasure in support.

Speak up. When you hear or read about a story in the news in which the value of life is demeaned, write a letter to the editor and to government leaders supporting life-affirming and non-violent solutions.

Consider becoming a foster parent. Many local social service agencies are overwhelmed by the number of children whose families cannot care for them. Contact your local social services department to inquire about the necessary training and certifications you'll need to take in a child who needs a temporary shelter.

Visit local nursing homes and offer residents the gift of companionship. Many older people feel lost and forgotten and would welcome the attention.

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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.

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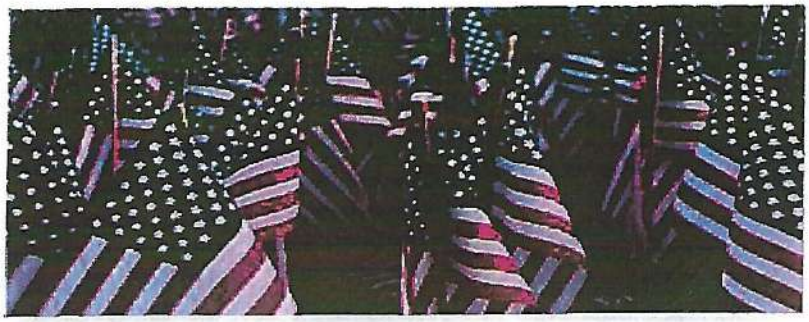

To recognize and celebrate all of those who have or are serving, we will be displaying American Flags along the gate in front of our school starting on Memorial Day, May 29th through July 4th.

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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Number of Flags _____ x $10 = _____ Enclosed

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