The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intention

SUNDAY, July 30 – The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 A.M. Rose Schrantz
9:30 A.M. Patrick Williams
11:00 A.M. Maxine Gail Sullivan
12:30 P.M. Rino Del Carro
Ivan Vrankovic
Rosa Arnone

MONDAY, July 31— Saint Ignatius Loyola
9:00 A.M. Eileen Gallagher

TUESDAY, August 1– Saint Alphonsus Liguori
9:00 A.M. Bridge L. Tosiello

WEDNESDAY, August 2 – Saints Eusebius
9:00A.M. Charlie Portelli

THURSDAY, August 3– Weekday
9:00 A.M. Joyce Cosgrove

FRIDAY, August 4 – Saint John Vianney
9:00 A.M. Ans Zgaljic

SATURDAY, August 5– Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major
9:00 A.M. Purgatorial Society
Living & Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary
Anthony Mincone
Margaret McCarthy
John McCarthy

5:00P.M. Rina Brenkovich

SUNDAY, August 6- Transfiguration of the Lord
8:00 A.M. For the People of St. Francis
9:30 A.M. Carmela Vella
11:00 A.M. Gaudenzio Zorovich
12:30 P.M. Rino Del Carro

Today's Readings

The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12
Romans 8:28-30
Matthew 13:44-52

Readings for the Week

MONDAY: Exodus 32:15-24, 30-34
Matthew 13:31-34

TUESDAY: Exodus 33:7-11, 34:5b-9, 28
Matthew 13:36-43

WEDNESDAY Exodus 34:29-34
Matthew 13:44-46

THURSDAY: Exodus 40:16-21, 34-38
Matthew 13:47-53

FRIDAY: Leviticus 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37
Matthew 13:54-58

SATURDAY: Leviticus 25:1, 8-17
Matthew 14:1-12

The Transfiguration of the Lord

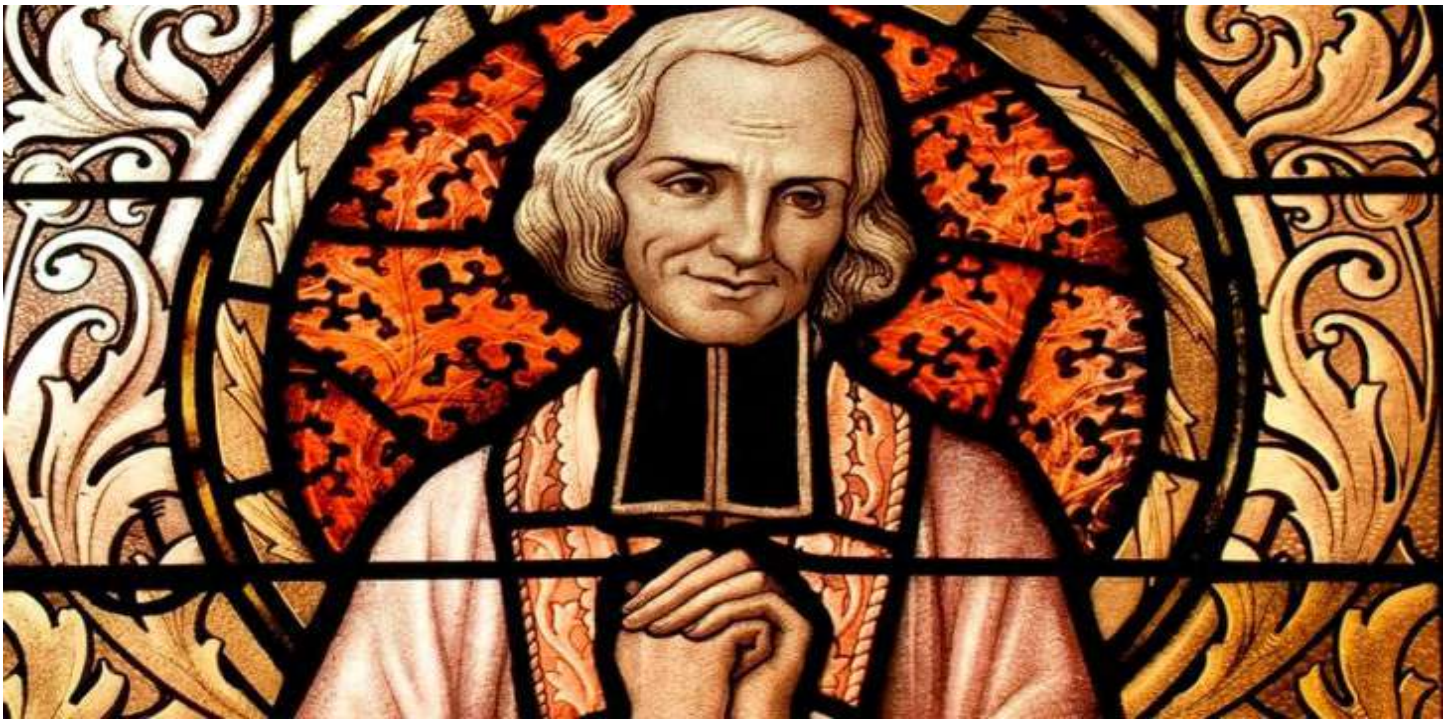
Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
2 Peter 1:16-19
Matthew 17:1-9

Monday, July 31, 2023
The Feast of
Saint Ignatius Loyola

The founder of the Jesuits was on his way to military fame and fortune when a cannon ball shattered his leg. Because there were no books of romance on hand during his convalescence, Ignatius whiled away the time reading a life of Christ and lives of the saints. His conscience was deeply touched, and a long, painful turning to Christ began. Having seen the Mother of God in a vision, he made a pilgrimage to her shrine at Montserrat near Barcelona. He remained for almost a year at nearby Manresa, sometimes with the Dominicans, sometimes in a pauper's hospice, often in a cave in the hills praying. After a period of great peace of mind, he went through a harrowing trial of scruples. There was no comfort in anything—prayer, fasting, sacraments, penance. At length, his peace of mind returned. It was during this year of conversion that Ignatius began to write down material that later became his greatest work, the *Spiritual Exercises*. He finally achieved his purpose of going to the Holy Land, but could not remain, as he planned, because of the hostility of the Turks. Ignatius spent the next 11 years in various European universities, studying with great difficulty, beginning almost as a child. Like many others, his orthodoxy was questioned; Ignatius was twice jailed for brief periods. In 1534, at the age of 43, he and six others—one of whom was Saint Francis Xavier—vowed to live in poverty and chastity and to go to the Holy Land. If this became impossible, they vowed to offer themselves to the apostolic service of the pope. The latter became the only choice. Four years later Ignatius made the association permanent. The new Society of Jesus was approved by Pope Paul III, and Ignatius was elected to serve as the first general. When companions were sent on various missions by the pope, Ignatius remained in Rome, consolidating the new venture, but still finding time to found homes for orphans, catechumens, and penitents. He founded the Roman College, intended to be the model of all other colleges of the Society.

Tuesday, August 1, 2023
The Feast of
Saint Alphonsus Ligouri

Moral theology, Vatican II said, should be more thoroughly nourished by Scripture, and show the nobility of the Christian vocation of the faithful and their obligation to bring forth fruit in charity for the life of the world. Alphonsus, declared patron of moral theologians by Pius XII in 1950, would rejoice in that statement. In his day, Alphonsus fought for the liberation of moral theology from the rigidity of Jansenism. His moral theology, which went through 60 editions in the century, concentrated on the practical and concrete problems of pastors and confessors. If a certain legalism and minimalism crept into moral theology, it should not be attributed to this model of moderation and gentleness. At the University of Naples, Alphonsus received a doctorate in both canon and civil law by acclamation, at the age of 16, but he soon gave up the practice of law for apostolic activity. He was ordained a priest, and concentrated his pastoral efforts on popular parish missions, hearing confessions, and forming Christian groups. He founded the Redemptorist congregation in 1732. It was an association of priests and brothers living a common life, dedicated to the imitation of Christ, and working mainly in popular missions for peasants in rural areas. Almost as an omen of what was to come later, he found himself deserted after a while by all his original companions except one lay brother. But the congregation managed to survive and was formally approved 17 years later, though its troubles were not over. Alphonsus' great pastoral reforms were in the pulpit and confessional—replacing the pompous oratory of the time with simplicity, and the rigorism of Jansenism with kindness. His great fame as a writer has somewhat eclipsed the fact that for 26 years he traveled up and down the Kingdom of Naples preaching popular missions. He was made bishop at age 66 after trying to reject the honor, and at once instituted a thorough reform of his diocese.



Friday, August 4, 2023
The Feast of
Saint John Vianney

A man with vision overcomes obstacles and performs deeds that seem impossible. John Vianney was a man with vision: He wanted to become a priest. But he had to overcome his meager formal schooling, which inadequately prepared him for seminary studies. His failure to comprehend Latin lectures forced him to discontinue. But his vision of being a priest urged him to seek private tutoring. After a lengthy battle with the books, John was ordained. Situations calling for "impossible" deeds followed him everywhere. As pastor of the parish at Ars, John encountered people who were indifferent and quite comfortable with their style of living. His vision led him through severe fasts and short nights of sleep. With Catherine Lassagne and Benedicta Lardet, he established La Providence, a home for girls. Only a man of vision could have such trust that God would provide for the spiritual and material needs of all those who came to make La Providence their home. His work as a confessor is John Vianney's most remarkable accomplishment. In the winter months he was to spend 11 to 12 hours daily reconciling people with God. In the summer months this time was increased to 16 hours. Unless a man was dedicated to his vision of a priestly vocation, he could not have endured this giving of self day after day. Many people look forward to retirement and taking it easy, doing the things they always wanted to do but never had the time. But John Vianney had no thoughts of retirement. As his fame spread, more hours were consumed in serving God's people. Even the few hours he would allow himself for sleep were disturbed frequently by the devil. Who, but a man with vision, could keep going with ever-increasing strength? In 1929, Pope Pius XI named him the patron of parish priests worldwide.

Prayer by Saint John Vianney

I love You, O my God, and my only desire is to love You until the last breath of my life.
I love You, O my infinitely lovable God, and I would rather die loving You, than live without loving You.
I love You, Lord and the only grace I ask is to love You eternally…

My God, if my tongue cannot say in every moment that I love You, I want my heart to repeat it to You as often as I draw breath.

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 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

July 30, 2023

"Give us this day our daily bread"

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

Saturday, August 5, 2023, the 9:00am Mass will be an anointing Mass. All those who wish to receive the Sacrament of the Sick are asked to participate in this Mass. All are invited to join us in prayer as we remember to pray for all those who are in need of God's healing power.

FOCUS:

God who loves us and entrusts us with His perpose, provides us with what we need to fulfill it.

Like the new king, Solomon, when God entrusts us with great opportunities and responsibilities, He gives us what we need to succeed. This relationship of trust with God is a treasure of love beyond price and compare; it is the kingdom of heaven.

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.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 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 **$3,611.00**

School parents must use church envelopes.

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 July 30th we have pledged **$36,447** and paid **$27,735.02** 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.

Next weekend, August 5th and 6th, the second collection will be for Maintenance & Repair.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

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Money goes back to your local parish

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Visit Us at svdpauto-brooklynqueens.org

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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Follow us on

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THIS WEEK

July 30 - August 5

Sunday, July 30
1:30PM—Baptisms

Monday, July 31

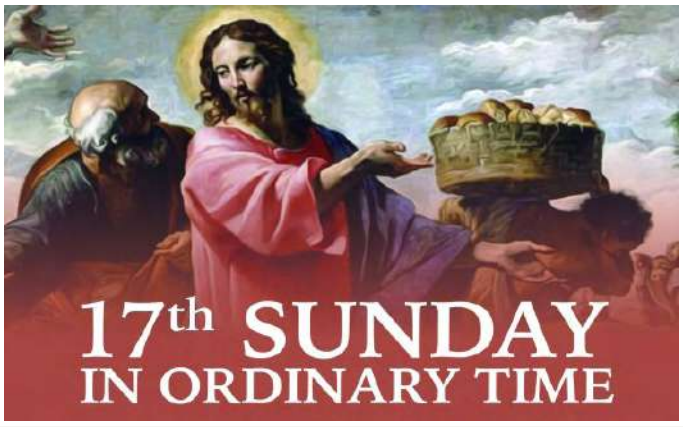
Tuesday, August 1
6:30PM—AA Meeting

Wednesday, August 2

Thursday, August 3
10-11:30AM-Legion of Mary—SFR

Friday, August 4

Saturday, August 5
9:00AM-Anointing Mass



NEXT WEEK

August 6 - August

Sunday, August 6
The Transfiguration of the Lord

Monday, August 7

Tuesday, August 8
6:30PM—AA Meeting

Wednesday, August 9

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

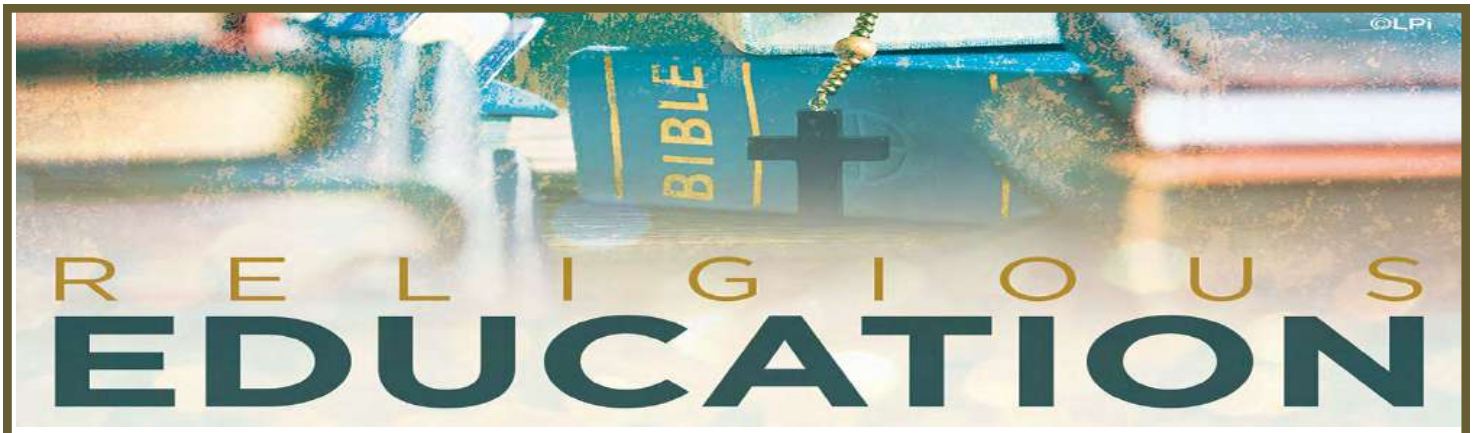
Friday, August 11

Saturday, August 12

AUGUST 2023
LECTOR ASSIGNMENTS

	THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD	THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	THE TWENTYETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	THE TWENTY-FIRST IN ORDINARY TIME
	AUGUST 5-6	AUGUST 12-13	AUGUST 19-20	AUGUST 26-27
Saturday 5:00 P.M.	*Debbi Skinner*	*Debbi Skinner*	*Dolores Ratkowski*	*Dolores Ratkowski*
Sunday 8:00 A.M.	*Robert Laucella*	*Andrew Soltesz*	*Andrew Soltesz*	*Robert Laucella*
Sunday 9:30 A.M.	*Josephine Corso*	*Patrick O'Toole*	*Maria Brooks*	*Marta O'Toole*
Sunday 11:00 A.M.	*Jane Di Donato*	*Jane Di Donato*	*Carol Hickey*	*Carol Hickey*
Sunday 12:30 P.M.	*Anna Maria Tenaglia*	*Marie Valentini*	*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



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEACHER NEEDED

St. Francis of Assisi Religious Education Program is in need of a 2nd Grade teacher.

Classes are on Sunday mornings following the 9:30am Mass. Class begins at 10:30am and concludes at 12 Noon. If you are interested in helping form our young people in our Catholic Faith, or have any questions, please call Msgr. Maresca at the rectory, 718-728-7801 or Sister Francesca at 718-278-0259.

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The *Role of a Religious Education Teacher* is to bring our young people closer to Jesus and grow in their faith as Catholics. Through their service the catechist nurtures and mentors the faith and spiritual growth of the children they teach so that they may form a firm commitment to follow Christ. A catechist must be at least 18 years old, a practicing catholic in good standing who attends weekly Mass regularly, has a love for children, the desire to grow in faith and share that journey with young people, the ability to relate well to others, and a willingness to be of service to the Church.

Please prayerfully consider this wonderful opportunity.

It is never too early to register or re-register for Religious Education.
Classes for all 1st through 8th Grade Public School students.
Call the Religious Education office for more information at (718) 278-0259
or email us at **dre@sfaacademy.org**.

The registration form can be found in the back of the church and in our weekly Bulletin.

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Classes begin on Sunday, September 17th for all grades.

Keep in mind that Diocesan guidelines require ***two years*** of instructions prior to the reception of a Sacrament.

St. Francis of Assisi Office of Faith Formation
REGISTRATION FORM – 2023-2024

Registration remains open all year. *If you have any financial questions or scheduling conflicts, please do not hesitate to call our office so we can discuss your situation and work together to find a solution.*

Tuition for the 2023-2024 year

Tuition for Grades 1-7: **1 child** $100 **2 children or more** $175

Additional Fees: First Communion Fee $150 Grade 8 Confirmation Fee $150

Family Last Name: _____

Father's Name: _____ Living/Deceased *(circle one)* Religion: _____

Mother's Name: _____ Living/Deceased *(circle one)* Religion: _____
Include maiden name

Student Address _____
Street Town State Zip

Home Phone: _____ Work: _____

Cell (Mother): _____ Cell (Father): _____

Email: _____ School: _____

Are you registering a NEW or Grade 1 student: Yes: _____ No: _____
If you are registering a new or Grade 1 student you must include a copy of the child's Certificate of Baptism.

	Student Name	Date of Birth	Grade in Sept 2023
1.			
2.			
3.			

EMERGENCY CONTACT: In case of emergency who should we contact other than Parent/s.

Name: _____ Relationship: _____ Contact Number: _____

Is there any additional information we should know? (family situations, medical conditions, allergies, special needs, etc.) If "NO" please write "NONE".

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Are you registered in the Parish? _____

☐ I am interested in volunteering as a catechist, hall monitor, office assistant, or class parent. Please contact me.

Office Use ONLY

Date: _____ Amount: _____ Form of Payment: _____

Office Notes: _____

SUMMER Schedule

Summer Rectory Office Hours - 2023

Summer Rectory office hours are listed below.
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, 2023, 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

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.

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Siete tutti invitati ad una

GIORNATA DI SPIRITUALITA'

SABATO 12 Agosto, 2023

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Sara' una giornata di preghiera
e di riflessione in preparazione
alla Festa dell'Assunta

PROGRAMMA

10:00 am - Rosario
11:00 am - Santa Messa
12:30 pm - Pranzo al sacco
1:30 pm - Adorazione Eucaristica
& Benedizione Finale

Shrine of Our Lady of the Island

258 Eastport Manor Road
Manorville, NY 11949
(631) 325-0661

Durante la celebrazione ci saranno sacerdoti a disposizione per le confessioni

**Maria e' stata assunta in cielo e intercede per noi,
si prende cura di noi, ci protegge, ci custodisce e ci ama.
Apriamo il nostro cuore e ascoltiamoLa.**