Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intention

SUNDAY, September 10 – Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 A.M. Holy Name
9:30 A.M. For the People of St. Francis
11:00 A.M. Vincenzo Imperatrice
12:30 P.M. Stefano Inzalaco
Josephine Carrino
Rino Del Carro
Giuseppe Saracini
Concetta Saracini

MONDAY, September 11— Weekday
9:00 A.M. William Guenther

TUESDAY, September 12– The Most Holy Name of Mary
9:00 A.M. Maria Ferrara

WEDNESDAY, September 13 – St. John Chrysostom
9:00A.M. Antonette Lavelli

THURSDAY, September 14– The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
9:00 A.M. Mary Cancian

FRIDAY, September 15 – Our Lady of Sorrows
9:00 A.M. Carmen Bedmar

SATURDAY, September 16– Saints Cornelius and Cyprian
9:00 A.M. Purgatorial Society
John Peralo
Charles Peralo
Carol Peralo

5:00P.M. The Gravino Family

SUNDAY, September 17– Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 A.M. Msgr. Stefan Geosits
9:30 A.M. Teresa Leonard
11:00 A.M. For the People of St. Francis
12:30 P.M. Mariano Grana
Rino Del Carro
Rocco DeGrandis

Today's Readings

The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ezekiel 33:7-9
Romans 13:8-10
Matthew 18:15-20

Readings for the Week

MONDAY: Colossians 1:24-2:3
Luke 4:16-30

TUESDAY: Colossians 2:6-15
Luke 6:12-19

WEDNESDAY Colossians 3:1-11
Luke 6:20-26

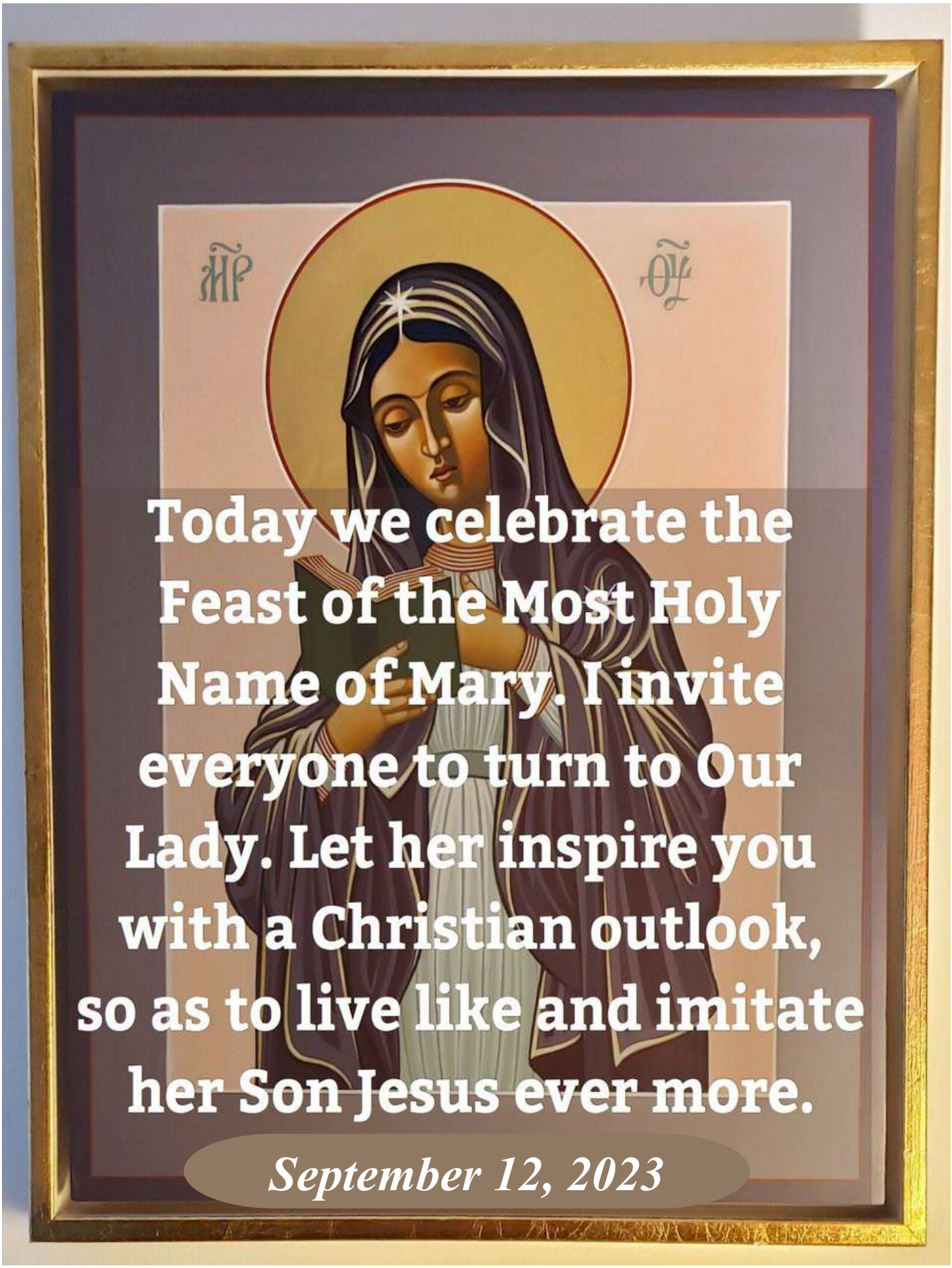
THURSDAY: Numbers 21:4b-9
Philippians 2:6-11
John 3:13-17

FRIDAY: 1 Timothy 1:1-2, 12-14
John 19:25-27

SATURDAY: 1 Timothy 1:15-17
Luke 6:43-49

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 27:30-28:7
Romans 14:7-9
Matthew 18:21-35

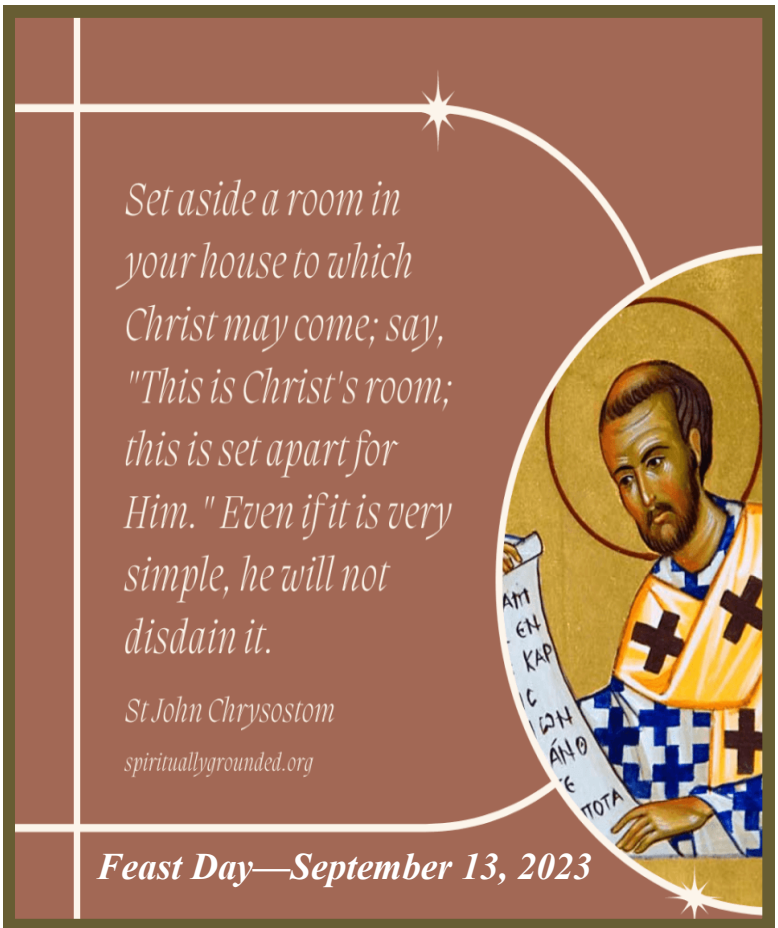

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Most Holy Name of Mary. I invite everyone to turn to Our Lady. Let her inspire you with a Christian outlook, so as to live like and imitate her Son Jesus ever more.
September 12, 2023

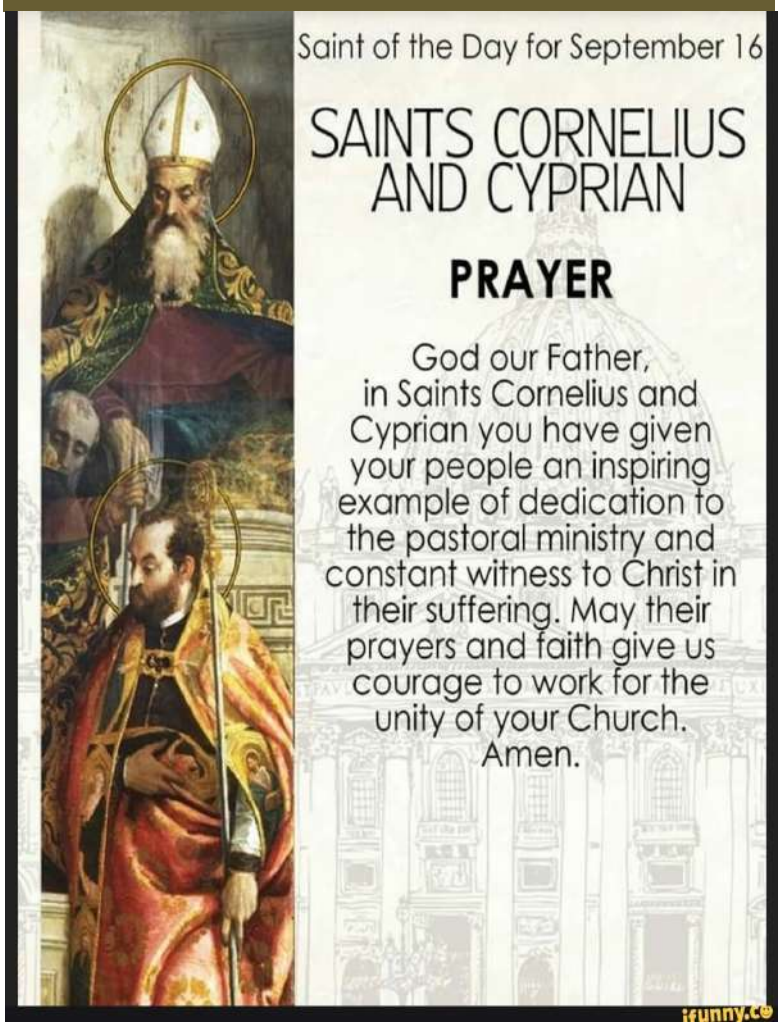
Prayers Before a Crucifix

Behold, O kind and gentle Jesus, I kneel before You and pray that You would impress upon my heart the virtues of faith, hope, and charity, with true repentance for my sins and a firm purpose of amendment. At the same time, with sorrow I meditate on Your five precious wounds, having in mind the words which David spoke in prophecy: "They have pierced my hands and my feet. I can count all my bones."

We adore you O Christ and we bless you, because by Your Holy Cross You have redeemed the world.

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
14 September





As Mary stood at the foot of the Cross on which Jesus hung, the sword of sorrow Simeon had foretold pierced her soul.

BELOW ARE THE SEVEN SORROWS OF MARY

1. The prophecy of Simeon (Luke 2:25-35)

2. The flight into Egypt (Matthew 2:13-15)

3. Loss of the Child Jesus for three days (uke 2:41-50)

4. Mary meets Jesus on his way to Calvary (Luke 23:27-31; John 19:17)

5. Crucifixion and Death of Jesus (John 19:25-30)

6. The body of Jesus being taken from the Cross (Psalm 130; Luke 23:50-54; John 19:31-37)

7. The burial of Jesus (Isaiah 53:8; Luke 23:50-56; John 19:38-42; Mark

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

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September 10, 2023

"None of you can become my disciples if you do not give up all your possessions"

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

Memorials for the Week of September 10, 2023

ALTAR CANDLES

In Loving Memory of
Fr. Emilio J. Salerno

Requested by:
The Golden Age

FOCUS:

Jesus is present when we gather together and love one another.

The liturgical gathering makes Christ present in numerous ways, such as through the proclamation of the word of God and in the Eucharist. Perhaps the most overlooked reality of Christ's presence comes through the physical gathering of God's people, who are instructed to owe nothing to anyone except love. The love between us makes God visible on earth.

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.

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.

COLLECTIONS WILL BE UPDATED IN THE 9/17/23 BULLETIN.

School parents must use church 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.

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 August 20th we have pledged **$37,047** and paid **$30,093.36** 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.

GROWING CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Next weekend, September 16th and 17th, the second collection will be for Catholic Education.

Thank you for your continued support.

THE GOLDEN AGE

Golden Age Meetings resume on Monday, September 11, at 12:00 noon to 3:30pm. We meet in Msgr. Campbell Hall which is located in the basement of the church. Use the entrance on the 45th side.

Anyone 60 years or older are welcome to join us. Members pray together, play cards and Bingo. Each week refreshments are served.

Why not join us and bring a friend.

BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER

Holy Spirit, be with our children as they begin a new school year. Bless them, their teachers and all who work at their Catholic school. Give strength and grace to their growth, wisdom and understanding to their search for knowledge, and peace and zeal to their spirits.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Cook Position

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

Sister Anne Marie Beine from Marguerite's Pantry, operating out of Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Elmhurst, is in need of used clothing in good condition for the migrant children that have moved into our area.

Please bring any clothing that is in good condition to the St. Francis of Assisi Rectory office. Do **NOT** leave any bags or boxes of clothing at the Church doors, the academy or on the steps of the Rectory. All clothes must be dropped off at the Rectory office during business hours.

Marguerite's Pantry services approximately 500 families each month and with the recent influx of migrants to our area, the number keeps growing.

All donations are greatly appreciated.

PARKING LOT

As you can see the parking lot has been resealed and new lines have been painted. Please park <u>in between</u> the lines.

Your cooperation if greatly appreciated.

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

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE

Dear SFA Friends and Family

We are looking forward to beginning a new year of scripture study at SFA.

Join us on Thursday, September 14th, at 7:20 to 8:50pm in the St. Joseph Room in the Rectory. This week's study will be on **The Prologue (Luke 1:1-4) and the Infancy Narrative (Luke 1:5-2:52).**

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 sfascriptuetudy@gmail.com or call the Rectory at **(718) 728-7801.** Please be sure to leave your name and contact information.

Come join us-All are Welcome!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THIS WEEK

September 10 - September 16

Sunday, September 10
8:00AM Holy Name Mass
Religious Ed. Registration after each Mass

Monday, September 11
8:00AM - 9/11 Prayer Service in the School Yard
12:00-3:30PM Golden Age—MCH
7:00PM Adult Choir
7:00PM—Festival Meeting

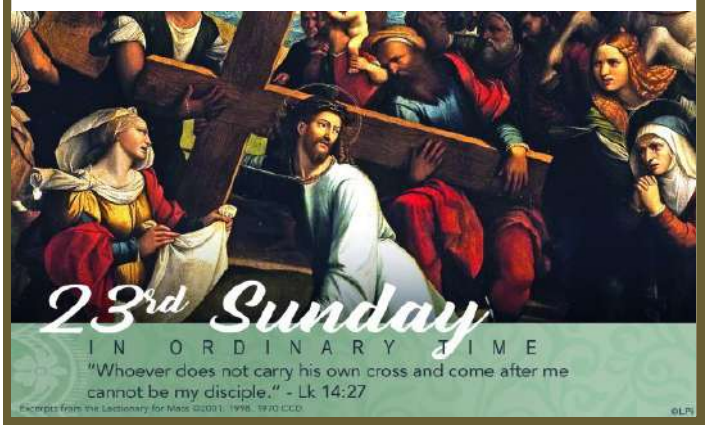
Tuesday, September 12
6:30PM—AA Meeting
8:00PM-Kinghts of Columbus Meeting

Wednesday, September 13
6:30PM-Parent Orientation Meeting—MCH
7:00PM Baptism Class-Rectory

Thursday, September 14
10-11:30AM-Legion of Mary—SFR
6:00PM—I.A.C.A.
7:20PM Scripture Study

Friday, September 15
9:00AM Opening School Mass
5:00PM Ice Cream Social—MCH

Saturday, September 16



NEXT WEEK

September 17 - September 23

Sunday, September 17
Catechetical Sunday
10:40-12:00 Noon—CCD First Day of Class

Monday, September 18
12:00-3:30PM Golden Age—MCH
7:00PM Adult Choir

Tuesday, September 19
6:30PM—AA Meeting

Wednesday, September 20

Thursday, September 21
10-11:30AM-Legion of Mary—SFR
6:00PM—I.A.C.A.
7:20PM Scripture Study

Friday, September 22

Saturday, September 23

St. Francis of Assisi
Scripture Study

"I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD," JESUS SAID. "WHOEVER FOLLOWS ME WILL HAVE THE LIGHT OF LIFE AND WILL NEVER WALK IN DARKNESS."

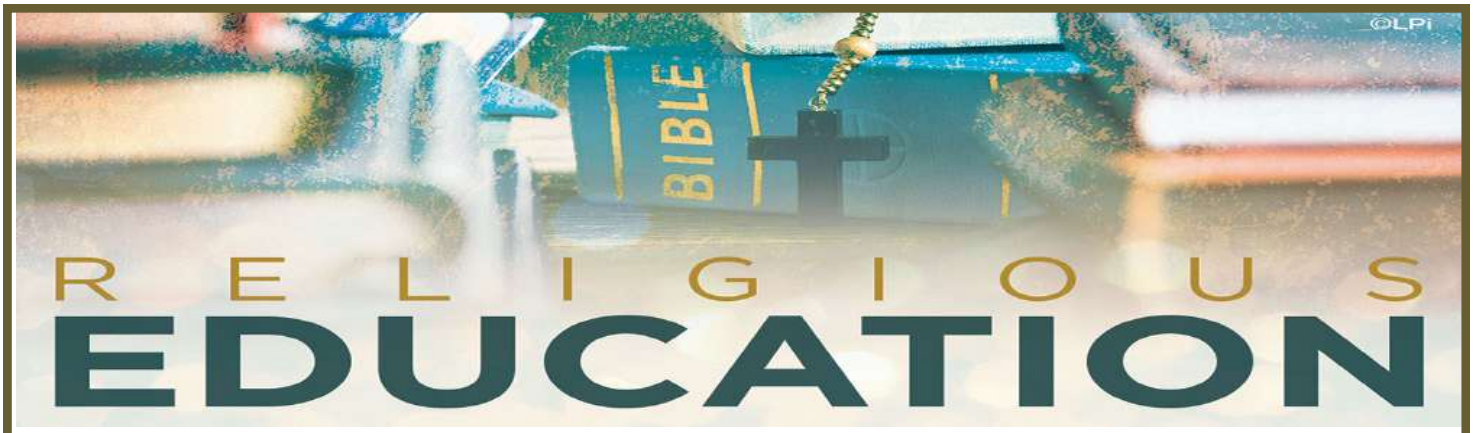
Our Creator, the Father, is good to us because he loves us, even if we do not deserve it, and because of evil in the world, he gave us his own son to rescue us. The mission of jesus was to educate us in the will of the Father for us. This guiding light is in the 'Gospels' a word that means: "good news" because Jesus came to bring forgiveness and to teach us the way to a true new good life for us. The price he paid was with his own death and resurrection.

By learning more about our Lord and his message in Holy Scriptures we grow in our personal and spiritual life to build strong families and communities with the rich tradition of our faith, with leadership and a heart felt purpose to protect each other as well as all of God's Creation.

Scripture Study is for anyone who would like to deepen their understanding about the Bible, about life. It follows the Little Rock Scripture Study system, which is a clear and simple system, as in the times of Jesus. Step by step, it reaches everyone, from the beginner to the most advanced. This ongoing group gathers each week. It has an organized itinerary of personal reading. Prayer is followed by sharing a period of question and answers, and a video summary presentation that expands the understanding of the lesson of the day. It is a casual environment that is welcoming to all.

Starting: Thursday, September 7, 2023. We begin a new lesson with the Third Gospel of the Bible, according to St. Luke
When: Every Thursday night: 7:20 PM to 8:50 PM
Where: St. Francis of Assisi Rectory (Basement) - St. Joseph Room

For any question: Please call the SFA Rectory at: (718) 728 7801



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: _____

WE WILL NEVER FORGET

9/11/2001

In Honor and Remembrance

Saint Francis of Assisi Parish

**The next Festival Meeting is Monday,
September 11, 2023, at 7:00pm in the Rectory basement.**

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US!

Save the Date
Saturday, September 30, 2023