Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intention

SUNDAY, October 15 – Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 A.M. Katalin Skrapits
9:30 A.M. Myriam Rocconi (Living)
11:00 A.M. For the People of St. Francis
12:30 P.M. Tina Messina
Rino Del Carro
Paride Rondanelli

MONDAY, October 16-Saint Hedwig
9:00 A.M. Joseph Salamone

TUESDAY, October 17– Saint Ignatius of Antioch
9:00 A.M. Marie Salamone

WEDNESDAY, October 18– Saint Luke
9:00A.M. William Flynn

THURSDAY, October 19– Saints John Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues
9:00 A.M. Josip Vlakancic

FRIDAY, October 20 – Saint Paul of the Cross
9:00 A.M. Johnny Mendez

SATURDAY, October 21– Weekday
9:00 A.M. Purgatorial Society
Victoria Paneto
Marie Josephine Palazzolo
Rosetta Brucculeri

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

SUNDAY, October 15– Twenty-Nineth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 A.M. Ruth Niemand
9:30 A.M. Eric Saldarraga
11:00 A.M. Michelle Wierman (Living)
12:30 P.M. Filippo Caloge Mario
Rino Del Carro
Angela Cannavo

Today's Readings

The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 25:6-10a
Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20
Matthew 22:1-14

Readings for the Week

MONDAY: Romans 1:1-7
Luke 11:29-32

TUESDAY: Romans 1:16-25
Luke 11:37-41

WEDNESDAY 2 Timothy 4:10-17b
Luke 10:1-9

THURSDAY: Romans 3:21-30
Luke 11:47-54

FRIDAY: Romans 4:1-8
Luke 12:1-7

SATURDAY: Romans 4:13, 16-18
Luke 12:8-12

The Twenty-Nineth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6
1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b
Matthew 22:15-21

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My Dear Parishioners,

In today's first reading, Isaiah tells how "the Lord of hosts will destroy the veil that veils all peoples." Most often we think of this as the veil of death. Consider for a moment another kind of veil, the sense of separation that exists both in contemporary culture and in the Church. When we give up this sense of separateness, we realize that "the Lord of hosts will provide for all his peoples," no one is less, no one greater. Indeed, both in everyday life and in the Church, we have different roles, different responsibilities, but everyone's gift is equally valuable. In most societies the interdependence of the members is clearly evident if one takes the time to look. In the Church, whether a disciple is a lay person, a member of a religious community, or ordained clergy- all are needed. All are called to help manifest the kingdom of God. The veil of separation has been lifted.

St. Paul complements this reading by describing how he is at peace with whatever is before him. He recognizes that there are both good and bad times, but the kindness of his friends helps him through whatever life brings. For ourselves, who does not have the ability to be kind? Who is not enriched by receiving kindness? This again speaks of abilities that are available within each of us regardless of background or position. No matter what one's state in life, God is made manifest through kindness, and each of us has this gift to share.

The Gospel presents the familiar parable of the wedding feast, a story deeply nuanced with several levels of meaning. Most noteworthy for today's learning is the parable's rather troubling ending. After the first invited guests proved themselves unworthy of the privilege extended to them, the king's servants invite others to attend the feast. However, one man is not properly dressed and is literally tossed out the door.

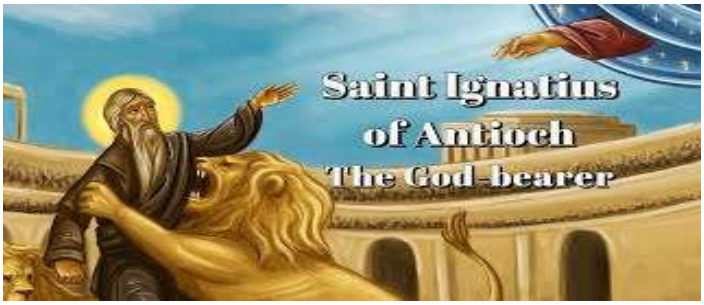
We can hear in this conclusion a warning. While all of us are given gifts and abilities by God, we must wear them, that is, share them for the good of others. To do so, we must first recognize and value our own abilities. Then, when we are asked to bring them forth for the benefit of the community, we must say "yes". Disciples, lay or clergy, are properly, spiritually attired, when we offer our gifts freely and willingly to build up God's kingdom and his grace will be on us and all the Church.

All God's Blessings,
Msgr. Maresca

Wednesday, October 18, 2023
The Feast of
Saint Luke, Evangelist

St. Luke is believed to be the author of the Gospel that bears his name as well as of the Acts of the Apostles. According to Eusebius, he was probably born in Antioch , Syria of a prosperous Greek family and was trained as a physician. His gospel is considered the most poetic and beautiful of all. He uses the best grammar and the-most eloquent and correct Greek of the New Testament. He shows Jesus not as the Jewish Messiah, but as the world's Savior and Lord. He was a man of prayer, for this gospel is pre-occupied with the power of prayer. He had a high regard for the dignity of women for they played an important part of his writings. He accompanied Paul on his second missionary journey and doubtless had the care of Paul's health. Luke was with Paul in his last days and final imprisonment in Rome .After writing those famous words to Timothy, "the time of my dissolution is at hand, I have fought a good fight; I have finished my course, I have kept the faith….Paul goes on to say, only Luke is with me.What happened to Luke after Paul's martyrdom, have no certain knowledge. But according to a fairly early and widespread tradition, he was unmarried and wrote his Gospel in Greece at Boeotia , where he died at age 84. Because the gospel which bears his name was believed to be an accurate account of the life of Christ and especially of Christ's birth, Luke was taken as one of the patrons of notaries. He is also the patron of the medical profession. He was reported to be a fine painter and is also patron of artists, painters, sculptors, craft workers and lacemakers. His symbol is the ox. This may account for his also being patron of butchers. In art, Luke is represented by a winged ox. This is especially appropriate because in the Gospel of St. Luke, the priestly and sacrificial work of Jesus is emphasized. The ox represents the sacrificial aspect of Jesus' ministry and the wings remind us that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is to travel throughout the world. Paul spoke of Luke as the beloved physician. Together they evange-lized Greece and Rome.

Luke wrote as a Gentile for Gentile Christians. His Gospel and Acts of the Apostles reveal his expertise in classic Greek style as well as his knowledge of Jewish sources. There is a warmth to Luke's writing that sets it apart from that of the other synoptic Gospels, and yet it beautifully complements those works. The treasure of the Scriptures is a true gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church.



Tuesday, October 17, 2023
The Feast of
Saint Ignatius of Antioch

Born in Syria, Ignatius converted to Christianity and eventually became bishop of Antioch. In the year 107, Emperor Trajan visited Antioch and forced the Christians there to choose between death and apostasy. Ignatius would not deny Christ and thus was condemned to be put to death in Rome. Ignatius is well known for the seven letters he wrote on the long journey from Antioch to Rome. Five of these letters are to churches in Asia Minor; they urge the Christians there to remain faithful to God and to obey their superiors. He warns them against heretical doctrines, providing them with the solid truths of the Christian faith. The sixth letter was to Polycarp, bishop of Smyrna, who was later martyred for the faith. The final letter begs the Christians in Rome not to try to stop his martyrdom. "The only thing I ask of you is to allow me to offer the libation of my blood to God. I am the wheat of the Lord; may I be ground by the teeth of the beasts to become the immaculate bread of Christ." Ignatius bravely met the lions in the Circus Maximus.

Ignatius' great concern was for the unity and order of the Church. Even greater was his willingness to suffer martyrdom rather than deny Christ. He did not draw attention to his own suffering, but to the love of God which strengthened him. He knew the price of commitment and would not deny Christ, even to save his own life.

PRAYER OF SAINT IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH

"Take, Lord, receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding, my whole will, all that I have and all that I possess. You gave it all to me, Lord; I give it all back to you. Do with it as you will, according to your good pleasure. Give me your love and your grace; for with this I have all that I need."

Thursday, October 19, 2023
The Feast of
Sts. John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues

John de Brebeuf was born in Normandy, France, in 1593 and entered the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) in 1617. He suffered so much from the effects of tuberculosis that he could neither study nor do the usual teaching. In 1625, he offered himself for the North American mission among the native peoples and was accepted. At first he made slow headway, but then found the work very rewarding from about 1633 until his death. He began to live among them, sometimes with a fellow Jesuit, preaching to them in their own language. The main obstacles he met were deep superstition, physical violence and even cannibalism. They set up schools and in one year baptized over 200 natives. On one occasion he was condemned to die, but spoke so eloquently about the afterlife that the execution was not carried out. In 1649, the Iroquois attacked the village where they were. The two Jesuits were captured, their bodies mutilated, tortured, burnt, and eventually eaten. It was 16 March, 1649.

Isaac Jogues was born in 1607 at Orleans in France, entered the Society of Jesus in 1624, and received his formation at La Fleche. In 1636 he was sent to New France. His mission to preach among the Mohawk tribes brought him as far east as Lake Superior. In 1642, Jogues set out from Quebec on a special mission of mercy to the Hurons, who were suffering from famine and disease. The expedition achieved its aim, but on the way back it was ambushed by the Iroquois. Jogues and his companion, were beaten with knotted sticks, their hair, beards, and nails were torn out and their fingers crushed. Jogues survived but was kept as a slave until he managed to escape and return to France. In 1644, he returned to the mission and worked near Montreal. He was sent on a peace mission to the Iroquois place where he had been formerly captured. Before returning to Montreal, he left a box of religious objects behind him. These objects were believed to be the cause of crop failure and sickness which followed soon after Jogues departed. They invited him back, but then killed him with tomahawks. His head was cut off and set up on a pole. This took place on 18 October, 1646.

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, Pat Gravino, 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, Alex Human, Carol Simonsem and Aubrey Madden

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.

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"Pray always and do not lose heart"

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

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.

FOCUS:

Let us always rejoice in the abundance the Lord provides.

As followers of Jesus, we cannot allow the challenges os everyday life to take our attention from the sumptuous abundance of our lives in God's family. Each day we return our focus to rejoicing, provided for by God *in accord with His glorious riches in Christ Jesus*

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 delighted to offer a new year of scripture study at SFA.

Join us on Thursday, October 19th, at 7:20 to 8:50pm in the St. Joseph Room in the Rectory. This week's study will be on **Luke 9:51—11:54.**

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 The Rectoryy at **(718) 728-7801.** Please be sure to leave your name and contact information.

Come Join US
Grow in Knowledge and Love of Scripture.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

2024 Mass Book

The Mass Book for 2024 is now open.

Please note the following:

- Weekday Mass (Monday through Saturday) 9:00AM.
- Saturday, the 9:00AM Mass is a multiple intention Mass. The first Saturday of the month is the Anointing Mass.
- Sunday, 12:30PM Mass (Italian Mass) is multiple intentions

Cannon Law only permits one name per Mass. We can accommodate you by listing the family name.

All Announced Masses are $15.00
Purgatorial Mass Cards are $30.00
Memorials (Altar Bread, Wine, Sanctuary Lamp and Altar Candles) are $75.00
Altar Flowers are $100.00

REMINDER

Just a reminder Church opens at 7:30AM on Saturday's and Sunday's. With the cold weather approaching, no one wants to be standing in the cold or rain waiting for the doors to open.

Thank you.

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.

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 10/8/23: **$3,453.00**

2nd Collection-Maintenance & Repair

$846.00

School parents must use church envelopes.

Next weekend, October 21st and 22nd, the second collection will be for the support of the World Missions.

Please be as generous as your means allow.

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 **$37,887** and paid **$31,858.70** 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.

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

Please bring any coats that are 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 coats must be dropped off at the Rectory office during business hours ***before November 15, 2023***.

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.

Do You Enjoy Singing?

Then use your voice to praise the Lord!
Join the St. Francis of Assisi Choir.
We meet every Monday evening at 7:00PM in the choir loft in church.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THIS WEEK

October 15—October 21

Sunday, October 15
9:30 Children's Liturgy
Parents' Penance Meeting After 9:30 Mass
10:40-12 noon CCD

Monday, October 16
12:00-3:30PM-Golden Age
3:00-3:45PM Children's Choir
7:00PM Adult Choir

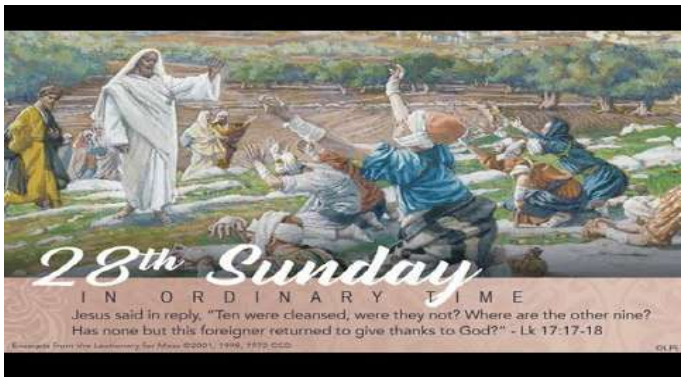
Tuesday, October 17
6:30PM—AA Meeting

Wednesday, October 18
3:00-4:30PM Drama Club

Thursday, October 19
10-11:30AM-Legion of Mary—SFR
6:00PM—I.A.C.A.
7:20PM Scripture Study

Friday, October 20

Saturday, October 21



NEXT WEEK

October 22—October 28

Sunday, October 22
NO Children's Liturgy
9:30 Pre-Communion Enrollment Mass
10:40-12 noon CCD

Monday, October 23
12:00-3:30PM-Golden Age
3:00-3:45PM Children's Choir
7:00PM Adult Choir

Tuesday, October 24
6:30PM—AA Meeting

Wednesday, October 25
3:00-4:30PM Drama Club

Thursday, October 26
10-11:30AM-Legion of Mary—SFR
6:00PM—I.A.C.A.
7:20PM Scripture Study

Friday, October 27
4:00-6:00PM Trunk or Treat—School Yard

Saturday, October 28

MASS ATTENDANCE

On Wednesday, September 27th, Bishop Brennan met with all the priest of the Diocese. His presentation dealt with a number of issues facing our parishes today as opposed to twenty years ago. He spoke about mass attendance, how it has declined throughout the Diocese. One of the requests was to begin printing the mass attendance in the bulletin each week to let parishioners see the situation. As you know we have been printing the average mass attendance for the month. That will be changing to show each week our mass attendance. The Bishop also spoke about publishing the weekly collection, again to let parishioners know what the finances are of the parish. We have been putting our collections in the bulletin weekly since I became your pastor. These two actions will give our parishioners a clearer picture of what is happening in our parish.

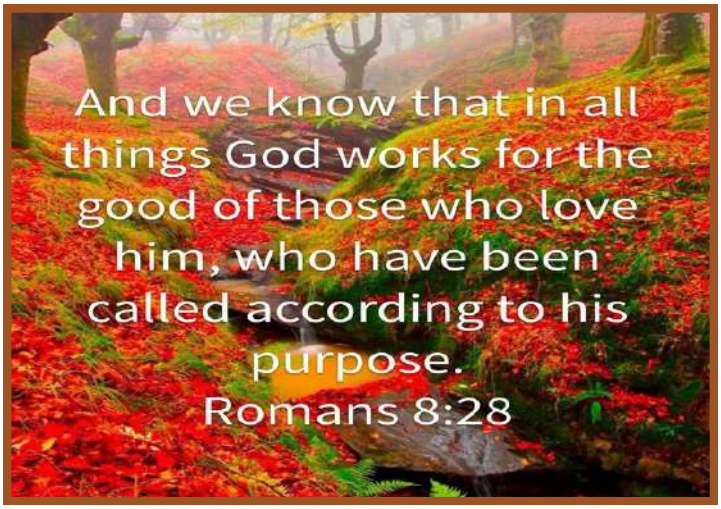
Weekend of October 7th and 8th 2023:

5:00pm	73
8:00am	48
9:30am	84
11:00am	105
12:30pm	54

Total in attendance: 364

ATTENTION!

Fr. Del is looking to buy a second hand car. If any parishioner knows someone who can help Fr. Del with this, please call the rectory. Please be sure the car has been well cared for and is in excellent condition.



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

World Mission Day

One Sunday for the whole world

Sunday, October 22, 2023

Pope Francis, in his message for World Mission Sunday 2023, reflects on the theme “Hearts on fire, feet on the move," based on the story of the disciples who encounter Jesus on their way to Emmaus (cf. Lk 24:13-35). He invites all of us to "set out once more, illumined by our encounter with the risen Lord and prompted by his Spirit. Let us set out again with burning hearts, with our eyes open and our feet in motion. Let us set out to make other hearts burn with the word of God, to open the eyes of others to Jesus in the Eucharist, and to invite everyone to walk together on the path of peace and salvation that God, in Christ, has bestowed upon all humanity."

On World Mission Sunday, we join our Holy Father in supporting his missions. As we pray and respond here at home, we share in those celebrations taking place in every parish and school throughout the world. Together, through our prayers and financial support, we bring the Lord’s mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope’s missions. In a world where so much divides us, World Mission Sunday rejoices in our unity as missionaries by our Baptism, as it offers each one of us an opportunity to support the life-giving presence of the Church among the poor and marginalized in more than 1,111 mission dioceses.

You can find the resources as part of this newly-launched microsite for World Mission Month: https://onefamilyinmission.org/

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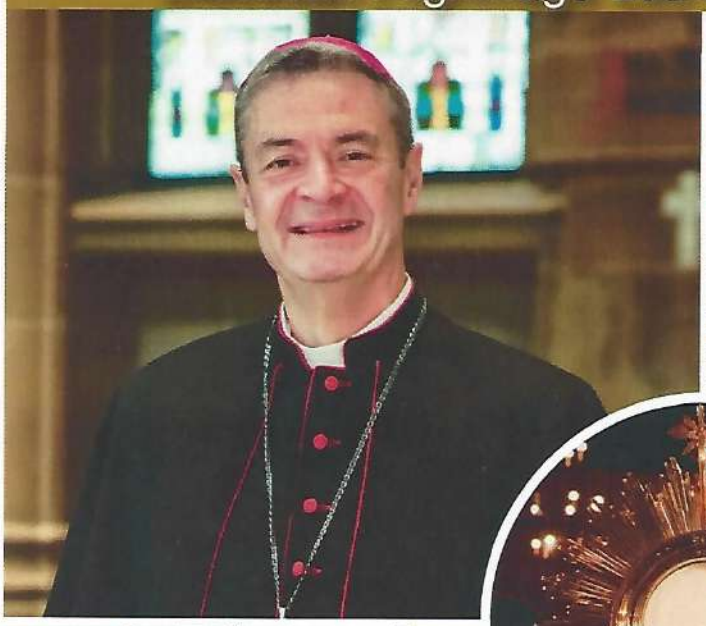
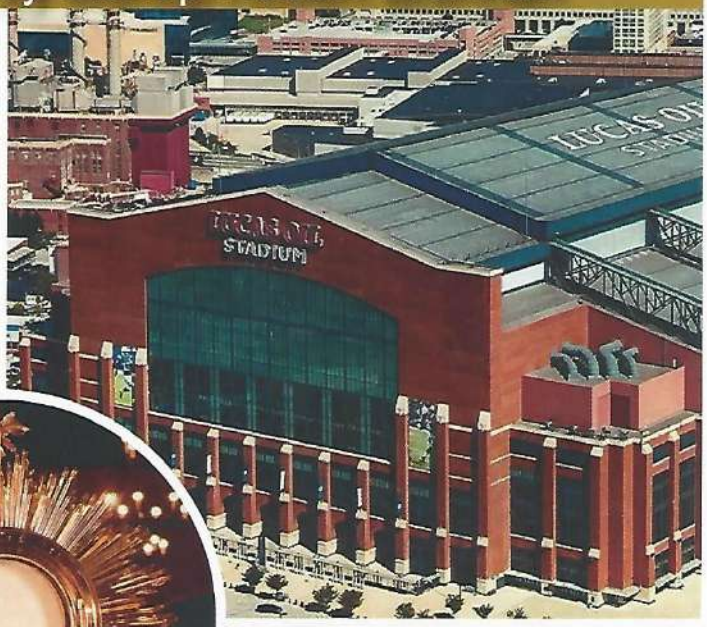
NATIONAL Eucharistic Congress

Join us in Indianapolis!

Diocesan Pilgrimage Led by Bishop Robert Brennan





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July 17–21, 2024

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Travel Package Inclusions

- Round-trip airline transportation from New York and airport transfers in Indianapolis for those who purchase the full package.
- Four (4) nights' accommodation at Crown Plaza Indianapolis Downtown Union Station.
- **NEC Registration:** The cost of Congress registration is included. The Congress Pass includes: Entrance to all main programming, a seat at main programming, evening concerts and entertainment, and access to conference resources.
- Gratuities for coach driver (transfers).
- Portfolio of travel documents for each participant.

Refer to Terms & Conditions for items or additional costs not included in the package price.

Day 1 Wednesday, July 17: Depart New York for Indianapolis

"Jesus drew near and walked with them." Luke 24:15
Flight departures from New York LaGuardia Airport to be advised.
Upon arrival in Indianapolis, a private coach will transfer us from the airport to the hotel.
10:00 am – 4:00 pm: Arrivals and check-in on site.
Break: Independent dinner.
5:45 pm: Eucharistic Procession into Lucas Oil Stadium to kickoff evening activities.
7:30 pm: General Session 1 – *From the Four Corners*
The opening session is a powerful family reunion as we welcome Catholics from all over the country and all different backgrounds united in one, holy, Catholic, and Apostolic faith in worship of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.
Overnight at Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Downtown Union Station.

Day 2 Thursday, July 18: National Eucharistic Congress

"Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them what referred to him in all the scriptures." Luke 24:26 - 27
During this first full day of the Congress, participants will receive a clear kerygmatic proclamation that invites them into intimate relationship with the person of Jesus Christ. Together, we will have the opportunity to respond to this call in the celebration of the Eucharist. Then we will uncover how the story of our lives can be truly understood within the context of salvation history—the greatest love story ever told.
Independent breakfast.
8:30 am: Catechetical sessions and daily Mass.
Break: Independent lunch.
2:00 pm: Breakout sessions and festival programming in the afternoon.
Break: Independent dinner.
6:30 pm: General Session 2 – *The Greatest Love Story*
We will remind ourselves of the saving Gospel message and have an opportunity to respond to Jesus' invitation to believe in him and become a disciple who is nourished and sustained by the Eucharist.
Overnight at Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Downtown Union Station.

Day 3 Friday, July 19: National Eucharistic Congress

"Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road?" Luke 24:31
Today, our eyes will be opened to the effects of sin and the healing that Our Lord wants to give us. On the individual level, there will be opportunities for the healing of the whole person, including physical healing, psychological wounds, and spiritual sin. On the corporate level, the Congress will recognize the areas where we've failed as a Church and the repentance and healing needed to unify the Body of Christ. As we are purified and restored, our hearts will burn with renewed zeal.
Independent breakfast.
8:30 am: Catechetical sessions and daily Mass.
Break: Independent lunch.
2:00 pm: Breakout sessions and festival programming in the afternoon.
Break: Independent dinner.
6:30 pm: General Session 3 – *Into Gethsemane*
During this impactful session, we will ask the Lord for physical healing, the healing of psychological wounds, and the forgiveness of our sins—both individually and as a Body of Christ.
Overnight at Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Downtown Union Station.

Day 4 Saturday, July 20: National Eucharistic Congress

"Stay with us." Luke 24:29
In the Acts of the Apostles, St. Luke recounts that the disciples "devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers" (Acts 2:42). Using the early Church as a model, this day will build up participants as disciples through Jesus Christ to live out the Gospel in their love of both God and neighbor.
Independent breakfast.
8:30 am: Catechetical sessions and daily Mass.
Break: Independent lunch.
2:00 pm: Breakout sessions and festival programming in the afternoon.
3:30 pm: City-wide Eucharistic Procession.
Break: Independent dinner.
8:00 pm: General Session 4 – *This is My Body*
Through Scriptural formation, the communion of the Body of Christ, reception of Sacramental Grace, and fervent prayer, we will be prepared and empowered to be Eucharistic missionaries.
Overnight at Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Downtown Union Station.

Day 5 Sunday, July 21: National Eucharistic Congress Closing

"They set out at once." Luke 24:33
Pope Francis said the Eucharist is "a summons to go forth, as missionaries, to bring the message of the Father's tenderness, forgiveness and mercy to every man, woman and child." Throughout the history of the Church, the Holy Spirit has empowered the Church to go to the ends of the earth to share the good news. On this last day of the Congress, we will be commissioned to go out into the world as missionary disciples as we enter the third year of the National Eucharistic Revival: the Year of Mission.
Independent breakfast.
8:30 am: General Session 5 – *To the Ends of the Earth*
This last day will commission us to go out into the world as missionary disciples to share the love of Christ in the Eucharist in our homes, schools, workplaces, parishes, and communities.
11:00 am: Closing Mass.
Depart from Indianapolis for New York (airport transfers organized by Peter's Way Tours).
Returning flight schedules to be advised.

Acceptance of these Terms & Conditions, with signature on enrollment form, is required for participation in this tour.

PAYMENT: All payments will be accepted in the form of check, money order, or debit/credit card. If a final payment is not received by the balance deadline, Peter's Way Tours (PWT) reserves the right to cancel your reservation. A $50.00 late fee and possible increase in package price may apply for late payments. Personal checks will not be accepted within 30 days of departure. If the bank returns a personal check, a $50.00 processing fee will apply and subsequent payments must be made in the form of money order, certified bank check, or debit/credit card. PWT collects funds on travelers' behalf and remits those funds to suppliers. PWT has no liability for suppliers' acts or omissions. By signing this enrollment form, you agree you will not initiate a chargeback against PWT for any supplier's failure to refund or provide credit due to a forced cancellation of services.

CANCELLATIONS/REFUNDS: The $300.00 tour deposit is non-refundable upon receipt. If you cancel from 99 days prior to departure up to the day of departure, all payments are non-refundable, including single supplement, deviation fees, travel insurance payments, or other costs. Travel insurance is recommended as protection for cancellations due to medical reasons (illness or injury). Travel insurance payments are non-refundable. Tour participation is non-transferable. Names cannot be changed on tour roster. All refund requests are subject to cancellation terms set forth above. Costs for tour services that are not utilized are non-refundable. We strongly recommend purchasing travel insurance in order to protect your tour package investment. Please read all details very carefully under TRAVEL INSURANCE.

LATE RESERVATIONS: Enrollments received after the deposit deadline are subject to confirmation. Late fees and a possible increase in package price may apply.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS: It is the traveler's responsibility to have a valid form of ID while traveling in the United States. It is solely the passenger's responsibility to ensure that all required documents are complete and current. Peter's Way Tours will not be held responsible for a passenger's lack of current and valid entry documents.

AIR TRANSPORTATION: This travel package includes round-trip estimated economy class airfare from New York. Rates will be confirmed 11 months prior to departure. Flight itinerary and carrier may be subject to change. Estimated departure taxes & fuel surcharges are subject to increase prior to ticketing. If you purchase independent connecting flights, PWT will not be held responsible for the cost(s) if you cancel participation for any reason. **It is important that you do not purchase airline tickets until the group has been confirmed for travel by PWT.**

AIRLINE SEATING: A group booking will be confirmed 11 months prior to departure. Under group contracts, seat selection is not permitted. Requests for seat preferences (window or aisle) may be made when you check in for the flight. There is no guarantee that requests will be honored. PWT cannot submit special seat requests on behalf of any passenger. Group reservations may not be accessed online for advance check-in/boarding passes/seat assignments. If seat selection is a condition that affects your decision to travel, it is suggested that you purchase the land only package in order to book your airline arrangements according to your specific needs.

BAGGAGE ALLOWANCE: Due to bus space, one carry-on bag and one checked bag, per person, are permitted. On domestic airlines, the first checked bag costs $30.00+ in each direction. Contact the airline directly before departure for current baggage prices and dimension/weight allowances. For luggage exceeding the allowed limits, oversized or overweight baggage fees will apply at check-in. Our final documents will contain current information applicable to your designated airline.

LAND ONLY PASSENGERS: The Land Only package price is $1,630.00 per person in a single room, $1,130.00 per person sharing a double room, $945.00 per person sharing a triple room, or $875.00 per person sharing a quad room. The Land Only package does not include any portion of the group airfare. It is the traveler's responsibility to book all segments independently. Any tour participant may change their status to "Land Only" by notifying PWT in writing, up to 100 days prior to departure. Passenger(s) opting for the Land Only package, or deviating from the group itinerary, are responsible for their own transfers to/from the hotel. **If you purchase your own airline transportation and the group does not materialize or you cancel for any reason, PWT will not be held responsible for the cost of your airfare.**

TRANSFERS: Round-trip airport transfers are included for passengers who purchase the all-inclusive package for the group tour dates.

ACCOMMODATIONS/SINGLE TRAVELERS: The package price is based on double occupancy (two queen beds). Married couples may request a king bed which is subject to availability. **Triple rooms may be requested for $1,470.00 per person. Quad rooms may be requested for $1,400.00 per person.** Single rooms may be requested at time of booking. Single rooms are limited, subject to confirmation, may be smaller, and located apart from the room block. **If a single room is confirmed, the full package price will be $2,150.00 per person.** We cannot guarantee roommate requests but will make every effort to pair you if multiple occupancy is requested. If a single room must be assigned due to lack of a traveler to pair you with, a roommate's cancellation, incompatibility, or any other reason (at the last moment or while on tour), you will be charged the single room rate.

MEALS: No meals are included in the package price.

GRATUITIES & SERVICE CHARGES: Gratuities for the coach driver(s) are included in your tour package. All service charges and local taxes as imposed by hotels are included in the program rate.

TRAVELER HEALTH ADVISORY: Passengers must be medically and physically fit for travel and ensure that such traveling will not endanger themselves or others. Tour buses are not equipped with wheelchair ramps. A traveler who requires special assistance must notify PWT and must be accompanied by a travel companion who will provide proper help. PWT shall not be held responsible if we are unable to accommodate passengers with special needs. PWT is not responsible for the denial of services to any passenger by any carrier, hotel, restaurant, or other independent suppliers.

PHOTO RELEASE: I grant PWT permission to use photos and/or video, taken on this tour, in which I appear. I understand such images may be used in print/online publications, presentations, websites, and social media platforms. I consent and waive all claims for compensation for use, or for damages.

DISCLAIMER OF RESPONSIBILITY: PWT is only acting as intermediary and agent for the suppliers identified on this, or any accompanying documents, in selling services, or in accepting reservations or bookings for services that are not directly supplied by PWT (such as hotel accommodations, ground transportation, etc.). PWT shall not be responsible for breach of contract, bankruptcy, or any intentional or careless actions or omissions on the part of such suppliers, which result in any loss, damage, delay, or injury to any traveler, travel companions, or group member. PWT shall not be held responsible for any changes made in the schedule of liturgies throughout the pilgrimage. Unless the term "guaranteed" is specifically written on the ticket, invoice, or reservation itinerary, PWT does not guarantee any supplier's rates, bookings, or reservations. PWT shall not be responsible for any injuries, damages, or losses caused to any traveler in connection with terrorist activities, social or labor unrest, airline strikes, mechanical or construction difficulties, diseases, pandemics, quarantines, local laws, climatic conditions, abnormal conditions or developments, or any other actions, omissions, or conditions outside of PWT control. By embarking on this trip, the traveler voluntarily assumes all risks involved with such travel, whether expected or unexpected. The traveler is hereby warned of such risks and is advised to obtain appropriate insurance coverage for them. PWT does not accept responsibility or liability for minors traveling on the tour.

TRAVEL INSURANCE: It is strongly recommended that all participants purchase insurance when they travel since the tour operator is not responsible for non-refundable payments, damaged luggage, or trip interruption. PWT offers an optional Passenger Travel Protection Plan. These benefits and services help ensure the well-being of the passenger while traveling worldwide. The insurance premium is based on total package price, including taxes, single supplements, deviation fees, late charges, etc (see chart below). **If the insurance premium is included with your deposit, the passenger will be covered for pre-existing conditions.** The insurance plan can be purchased at any time thereafter, excluding coverage for pre-existing conditions, until final payment has been made. **Plan payments will not be accepted after final payment has been made. All plan payments are non-refundable.** If you choose to extend your stay or embark on a pre-tour program, travel insurance can be purchased for an additional $4.00 per day. Additional coverage needs to be requested. The insurance plan will not automatically be extended. **The insurance plan will only cover pre-paid arrangements made through PWT.** Passengers who book their own airfare (Land Only passengers or those booking independent connecting flights) are advised to purchase travel insurance covering their flights directly from the airline or from another travel insurance supplier. The Passenger Travel Protection Plan includes coverage for the following: trip cancellation/interruption/delay, accident/sickness medical expense, emergency medical evacuation /repatriation, lost baggage/personal effects, accidental death & dismemberment, and 24-hour Emergency Travel Assistance Services. Benefits and services are provided by Travel Insured International. Upon claim approval, reimbursement is up to 100% of the non-refundable payments for your trip. Once you begin your trip, coverage under the plan will end as soon as you go back to your return destination. This means that if you return home early, your coverage will terminate early as well. Losses incurred after your coverage ends cannot be reimbursed. Be sure to review the policy coverage on the link below, or when you receive a copy of the policy upon enrollment. If you need further information, please call Travel Insured International at 1-866-684-0218. This travel insurance is underwritten by United States Fire Insurance Company, Eatontown, NJ under policy number T-2508.

ASSIGNMENT OF BENEFITS: In the event that PWT pays for any service that is later reimbursed by the travel protection plan (e.g. hotel or buses for trip interruptions or delays), by signing the enrollment form I agree to assign any of those payable benefits to PWT up to the individual allocated amount of the payment made by Peter's Way.

Peter's Way Tours Passenger Travel Protection Rates*

Trip Cost	Plan Cost
$501 to $1,000	$ 128
$1,001 to $1,500	$ 153
$1,501 to $2,000	$ 178
$2,001 to $2,500	$ 203

*Rates are as of 5/1/22 and are subject to change.

TO VIEW YOUR PLAN TERMS, CONDITIONS, AND EXCLUSIONS, VISIT:
Passenger Protection Plan https://www.petersway.com/docs/PetersWayProtection-Plan.pdf

"Let us never forget that an age prospers or dwindles in proportion to its devotion to the Holy Eucharist. This is the measure of its spiritual life and its faith, of its charity and its virtue." - St. Peter Julian Eymard

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NATIONAL **Eucharistic Congress**

Enrollment Deadline: September 1, 2023
($300 non-refundable deposit due)

Final Payment Deadline: May 1, 2024
(Non-refundable balance due)

Participant Information
(See Traveler Health Advisory section under Terms and Conditions to determine if your health status will affect your ability to participate in this tour.)

Please print your name exactly as it appears on your government-issued ID. Title: ❑ Mr. ❑ Ms. ❑ Mrs. ❑ Rev. ❑ Bro. ❑ Sr. ❑ Deacon ❑ Other ____

First_____ Middle_____ Last _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Mobile/Cell _____ Email_____

Country of Citizenship (if other than USA) _____ Date of Birth _____ M / F

Tour Costs and Room Assignments
(Hotel rooms provide one king bed or two queen beds. Please select one option and provide names of all roommates.)

Estimated Full Package Pricing* (Includes round-trip from airfare from New York and airport transfers in Indianapolis)

❑ I am requesting double occupancy with **one king bed** for **$1,655.00*** per person. I would like to room with: _____

❑ I am requesting double occupancy with **two queen beds** for **$1,655.00*** per person. I would like to room with: _____

❑ I would like to request a roommate. I understand that a single room may be assigned for additional cost if a roommate is not available.

❑ I am requesting triple occupancy with **two queen beds** for **$1,470.00*** per person. I would like to room with: _____, _____

❑ I am requesting quad occupancy with **two queen beds** for **$1,400.00*** per person. I would like to room with: _____, _____, _____

❑ I am requesting single occupancy with **one king bed** for **$2,150.00*** per person. ***Single rooms are limited and cannot be guaranteed.***

Hotel Only Package Pricing (Does not include transportation from New York)

❑ I am requesting double occupancy with **one king bed** for **$1,130.00** per person. I would like to room with: _____

❑ I am requesting double occupancy with **two queen beds** for **$1,130.00** per person. I would like to room with: _____

❑ I would like to request a roommate. I understand that a single room may be assigned for additional cost if a roommate is not available.

❑ I am requesting triple occupancy with **two queen beds** for **$945.00** per person. I would like to room with: _____, _____

❑ I am requesting quad occupancy with **two queen beds** for **$875.00** per person. I would like to room with: _____, _____, _____

❑ I am requesting single occupancy with **one king bed** for **$1,630.00** per person. ***Single rooms are limited and cannot be guaranteed.***

Package pricing is estimated and subject to confirmation until we have confirmed airline arrangements by August 30, 2023.

Deposit and Optional Travel Insurance
(Please select one. See Terms & Conditions for Peter's Way Tours' cancellation policy and travel insurance details.)

All tour deposits and insurance payments are non-refundable. Insurance may be purchased up until the final payment deadline. However, pre-existing conditions are covered ONLY when the insurance premium is paid with the tour deposit. The "Cancel For Any Reason" upgrade may only be purchased at the time of enrollment with your deposit.

❑ **Enclosed is my $300 non-refundable deposit**. I am declining optional travel protection.

❑ **Enclosed is $478** (**$300 deposit + $178 travel protection premium**) I am purchasing travel protection. View the plan terms and conditions by visiting: https://www.petersway.com/docs/PetersWayProtectionPlan.pdf

**Insurance premiums are based on your total tour costs (see Terms & Conditions). Premium adjustments may appear on your final invoice.*

Credit/Debit Card Authorization
(Please select one.) ❑VISA ❑MasterCard ❑American Express ❑Discover

By completing this credit card authorization section, you authorize Peter's Way Tours to initially charge the tour deposit (or full balance if you are enrolling past the final payment deadline) plus the total insurance cost to your credit/debit card.

Name on card:_____ Card Number:_____ Exp. Date:_____ Sec Code:____

Billing Address:_____ City:_____ State:_____ Zip:_____

Participant Name(s): _____, _____, _____

If the amount to be charged applies to more than one participant, please specify additional names.

I have read and accept all Terms & Conditions as outlined on this brochure.

Signature_____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian signature is required for minors under 18 years of age.

Please sign and submit one completed enrollment form per person (with your deposit plus optional travel protection costs).
Mail: Peter's Way Tours • 425 Broadhollow Road, Suite 204 • Melville NY 11747 I Fax: 516-605-1555 I Email: peter@petersway.com

All package pricing is based on a minimum of 40 paying participants per bus. If the group does not reach this number, price or programming may be adjusted. Your group leader is solely responsible for any adjustments to package pricing, itinerary, and inclusions. They act on behalf of the group to modify travel plans as needed.

Please come and join the Italian American Catholic Action at

Hunterdon Hills Playhouse

88 Route 173 West, Hampton New Jersey 08827

Holiday Christmas show on:

December 2, 2023

The event will include the Christmas Show, Buffet Dessert Table, Lunch Special, and Roundtrip Transportation

The ticket price is $150 per person

The bus will pick up at 8:45 AM

Pick up location:

St. Francis of Assisi Church

21-17 45th Street in Astoria, New York 11105

<u>If you wish to attend, payment must be received no later than November 16, 2023</u>

(No refund will be issued when the reservation is confirmed)

Please contact Administration:

Mrs. Maria Bruno 1-917-943-7156

Mrs. Josephine Sferrazza 1-718-808-2097

Silvia DiMaggio 1-929-253-4945