Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intention

SUNDAY, October 29 – Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 A.M. For the People of St. Francis
9:30 A.M. Kreg Smith (Living)
11:00 A.M. Robert Gavila (Living)
12:30 P.M. Albino Mario Andreani
Rino Del Carro
Carmine Pennella

MONDAY, October 30-Weekday
9:00 A.M. Matthew Rerecich Family

TUESDAY, October 31– Weekday
9:00 A.M. John Kos

WEDNESDAY, November 1– All Saints Day
9:00A.M. Juan Betancourt
11:00A.M. Victor Barrientos
7:30P.M. The Marylin Albani Family

THURSDAY, November 2– All Souls Day
9:00 A.M. Dr. Arthur Gualtieri
7:30P.M. All Souls Mass

FRIDAY, November 3 – Saint Martin de Porres
9:00 A.M. Eileen McGuire

SATURDAY, November 4– Saint Charles Borromeo
9:00 A.M. Purgatorial Society
The Living and Deceased Members of The Legion of Mary
John McCarthy
Margaret McCarthy
James Dugan
Helen Dugan

5:00P.M. Ralph Borgia

SUNDAY, November 5– Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 A.M. Lucia Schumacher
9:30 A.M. For the People of St. Francis
11:00 A.M. Steve Fulop
12:30 P.M. Rino Del Carro
The Carmela Simigliani Family
The Ricardo Ciceonetti Family
The Adelina Sarchese Family
The Nicola Zulli Family
The Antonio DiBenedetto Family

Today's Readings

The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 22:20-26
1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10
Matthew 22:34-40

Readings for the Week

MONDAY: Romans 8:12-17
Luke 13:10-17

TUESDAY: Romans 8:18-25
Luke 13:18-21

WEDNESDAY Revelation 7:2-4, 9-13
1 John 3:1-3
Matthew 5:1-12a

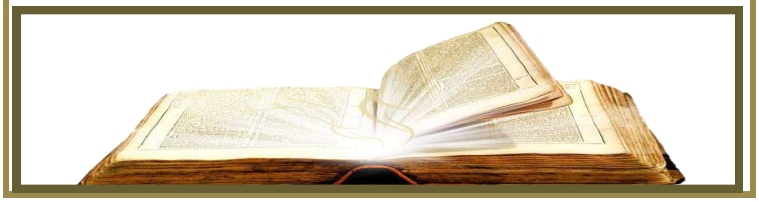
THURSDAY: Wisdom 3:1-9
Romans 6:3-9
John 6:37-40

FRIDAY: Romans 9:1-5
Luke 14:1-6

SATURDAY: Romans 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29
Luke 14:1, 7-11

The Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Malachi 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10
1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13
Matthew 23:1-12



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My Dear Parishioners,

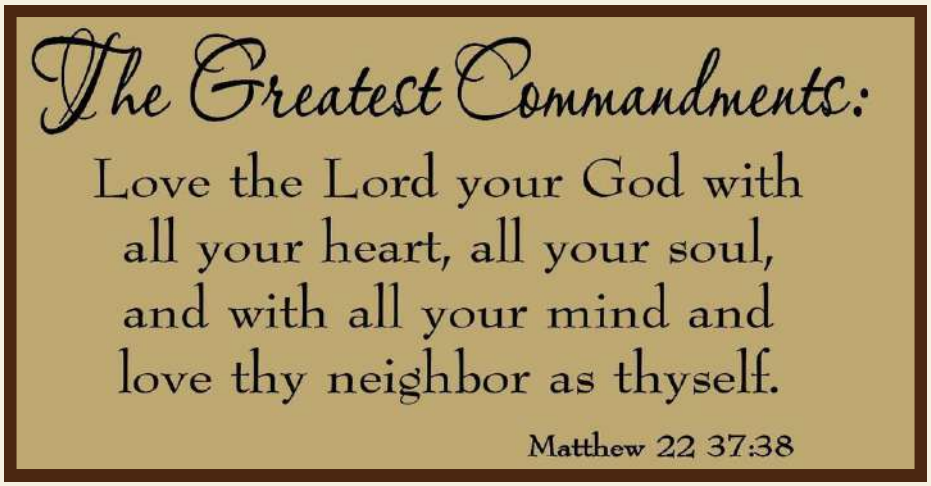
There is a profound sense of equality and justice in today's reading from Exodus. We often call such prophetic texts, along with today's reading from Matthew, the social gospel. These passages speak profoundly about God's sense of justice, especially for the poor, the weak, the sick, and the alienated. God takes care of those who cannot take care of themselves. Basically, God says to us you have been through it, or this could happen to you; thus, treat other people as you would like to be treated. This basic ideology has come to be known as the *Golden Rule.*

This rule is one of the basics that Christian parents should use in raising their children: treat others as you would like to be treated. Initially, children internalize this well, but as adults too many people tend to ignore it. If we all kept it in our hearts, the world would be a lot different than it is. Instead, when we begin to think about what is in a particular situation for us, or how much we can get out of something, then we become self-centered instead of God-centered.

When questioned by the Pharisees about the greatest commandment, Jesus gave a dual lesson: Love God with your whole heart, mind and soul, and love your neighbor as yourself. In these direct statements are summed up all of God's teachings. In some ways, they seem simplistic, but in the simple, one often finds the profound. If we really love God with all the energy that is in us, we would not go against God's commandments. If we really loved others as ourselves, we would never intentionally hurt anyone. What a world it could be!

Although Paul sometimes chastises the Thessalonians for not living their faith to the fullest, in today's second reading, he gives them a huge compliment. He states that they have received with joy the Good News of Jesus and have become a model to other Christian communities, giving testimony to the Gospel by their lives. Would it not be worthy of all of us to do the same?

All God's Blessings,
Msgr. Maresca



ALL SAINTS DAY

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION – ATTENDANCE AT MASS IS MANDATORY!

Wednesday, November 1, 2023

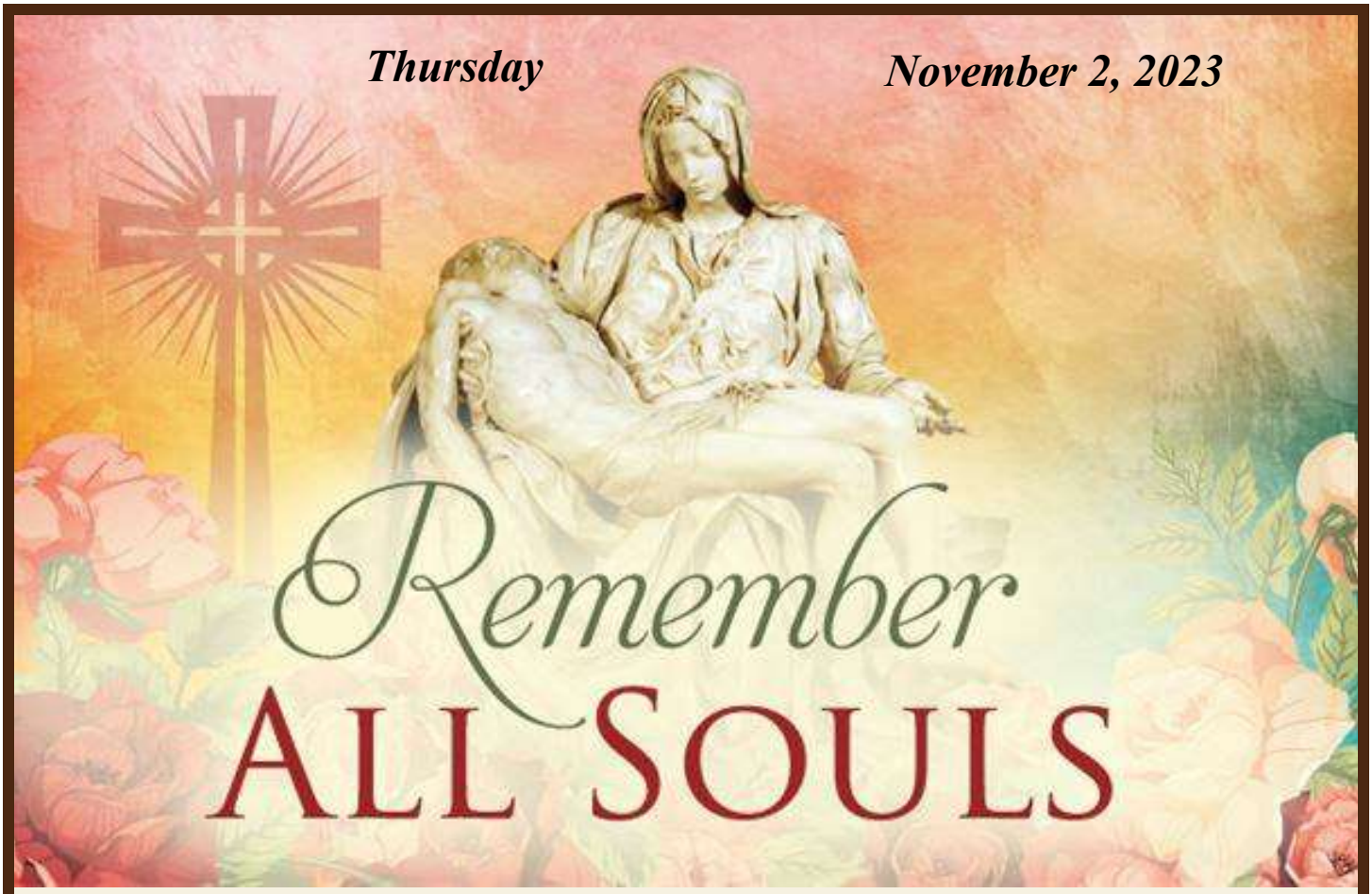
The Solemnity of All Saints celebrates all those who are in Heaven, in the light of God's face-both those recognized by the Church as saints and those known only to the Lord. We ask for their intercession and we strive to follow their example, so that we too can fulfill our vocation to be saints.

Mass will be offered here at St. Francis of Assisi as follows:

9:00AM
11:00AM
7:30PM

All are welcome to join us in this very special celebration.

Thursday ***November 2, 2023***



On Thursday evening, November 2, 2023 at 7:30PM, we will celebrate a Mass for all our deceased family members who passed away during the year. Each name will be called out during a ceremony in which we would like a family member to come forward and receive a lighted candle from the Paschal Candle representing the light of Christ.

Please be assured that we at St. Francis of Assisi hold all of our parishioners, friends, relatives and benefactors both living and deceased in prayerful remembrance.

I hope you and your family will be able to join us in this prayerful remembrance of all our deceased loved ones.

Prayer for the Souls in Purgatory

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of They Divine Son, Jesus,
In union with the Masses said throughout the world today.
For all the holy souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal Church, those in my own home and within my family.
Amen

Our Lord promised St. Gertrude that 1,000 souls would be released from purgatory each time the prayer is said devotedly.

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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October 29, 2023

"The Son of Man came to seek out and save the lost "

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 October 29, 2023

SANCTUARY LAMP

In Loving Memory of
Anne & William Thompson

Requested by:
The Thompson Family

FOCUS:

God gives us all we need to answer His call to love others.

If we are to do any good for others, if we are to discern where God is calling us to serve, if we are to have the resources necessary to fulfill such a call, we must bein by seeking God and God's help first. We must start at the source of al generous love. We must be filled from the eternal font if we are to pour out to others.

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 26th, at 7:20 to 8:50pm in the St. Joseph Room in the Rectory. This week's study will be on **Luke 14-16.**

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 Rectory 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!

PARISH
MASS
BOOK

2024 Mass Book

The Mass Book for 2024 is now open.

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

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.

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.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Saturday, November 4, 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.

Please remember to put your All Souls Mass Remembrance envelopes in any collection before November 2nd. The envelopes will be placed on the altar throughout the month of November.

Envelopes are available at the doors of the church.

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 10/22/23: **$3,669.00**

2nd Collection-World Mission Sunday ***$722.00***

School parents must use church envelopes.

Mass Attendance for the Weekend of October 21st and 22nd 2023:

5:00pm	100
8:00am	47
9:30am	211
11:00am	97
12:30pm	36

Total in attendance: 491

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.

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.

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 29—November 4

Sunday, October 29
9:30 Children's Liturgy
Parents Confirmation Meeting After 9:30 Mass
10:40-12 noon CCD
1:30pm—Baptisms

Monday, October 30
12:00-3:30PM-Golden Age
3:00-3:45PM Children's Choir
4:00-6:00pm Halloween Dance
7:00PM Adult Choir

Tuesday, October 31
Happy Halloween
6:30PM—AA Meeting

Wednesday, November 1
All Saints Day Masses
9:00AM
11:00AM
7:30PM
3:00-4:30PM Drama Club

Thursday, November 2
All Souls Day
10-11:30AM-Legion of Mary—SFR
7:30PM—All Souls Mass

Friday, November 3
FIRST FRIDAY
9:00AM Ring Day Mass & Breakfast
5:00PM Grocery Bingo Ticket Sales—MCH
Girl Scout Mother/Daughter Dance

Saturday, November 4
9:00AM Anointing Mass
6:00PM-Youth Group Meeting

NEXT WEEK

November 5—November 11

Sunday, November 5
9:30 Children's Liturgy
9:30 Confirmation Enrollment Mass
10:40-12 noon CCD

Monday, November 6
12:00-3:30PM-Golden Age
3:00-3:45PM Children's Choir
7:00PM Adult Choir

Tuesday, November 7
6:30PM—AA Meeting

Wednesday, November 8
3:00-4:30PM Drama Club
7:00PM Baptism Class

Thursday, November 9
8:00AM-Veterans Day Ceremony
10-11:30AM-Legion of Mary—SFR
6:00PM IACA
7:20PM-Scripture Study

Friday, November 10
Veterans Day-School & Rectory Office Closed

Saturday, November 11

NOVEMBER 2023
LECTOR ASSIGNMENTS

	THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE
	NOVEMBER 4 - 5	NOVEMBER 11 - 12	NOVEMBER 18 - 19	NOVEMBER 25 - 26
Saturday 5:00 P.M.	Debbie Skinner	Dolores Ratkowski	Debbie Skinner	Edward Kubina
Sunday 8:00 A.M.	Rob Laucella	Andrew Soltesz	Andrew Soltesz	Rob Laucella
Sunday 9:30 A.M.	Sharon Costanza	Martha O'Toole	Sharon Costanza	Patrick O'Toole
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	Concetta D'Angelo

***** REMINDER *****
Once you are scheduled, if you cannot fulfill your assignment, please make every effort to call and get a replacement. Thank you

"Thank you, woman,
for the fact that you are a woman!
With the perception
that is proper to your feminity,
you enrich the understanding of the world
and contribute
to the full truth of human relationships"

Saint John Paul II

Friends of Radio Maria New York, Inc.
is pleased to invite you to their Celebration the

ANNUAL FUNDRAISING
Gala Dinner
Honoring:

Msgr. Ralph J. Maresca, V.F.
Pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Astoria, N.Y.

Deacon John L'Heyer II
Pastoral Associate Sacred Hearts-St. Stephen Parish, Director of Stewardship, Catholic Foundation for Bklyn and Queens

Mrs. Rosa Loconsole
Church Volunteer Regina Pacis Basilica, Bklyn
Business Owner

Dr. Annalisa Sacca'
Professor of Italian Language and Literature
St. John's University, Queens, New York

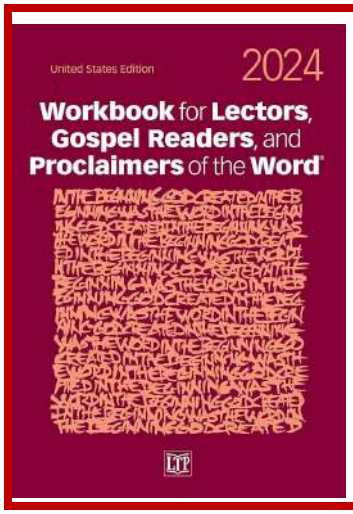
Mr. Joseph Sciortino
Chief of Staff - FEMA Region2-NY, NJ, PR, USVI

Mrs. Anna Dagri
"Vessel of Love" "Cor Jesu et Cor Marie Award"

Sunday November 12, 2023
12:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Russo's On the Bay
162-45 Cross Bay Boulevard
Howard Beach, N.Y. 11414
(718) 843-5055

R.S.V.P. by October 20, 2023
(718) 417-0550



All Active Lectors

The 2024 workbook for Lectors is available.

You can pick up your copy in the Sacristy.

Thank you all for your dedication to St. Francis of Assisi.

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Money goes back to your local parish

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

K of C **Knights of Columbus®**

Next weekend, the Knights of Columbus will be selling raffle tickets after each Mass.

Your generously is greatly appreciated.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC ACADEMY

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2023

DOORS OPEN 6:00PM
BINGO STARTS 7:30PM

ADVANCE TICKET SALES ONLY

TICKETS $40

WED. NOV 1 - 6:30 - 8:30PM
SUN. NOV 5 - 10:30A - 12:30PM
@SFACA MSGR. MARESCA CENTER

290 SEAT CAPACITY

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI LOWER CHURCH - MSGR. THOMAS P. CAMPBELL HALL
21ST AVENUE & 46TH STREET - ASTORIA - 718-726-9405

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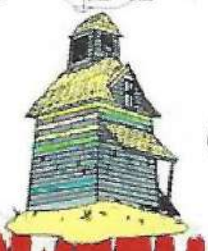
UNITED COMMUNITY CIVIC ASSOCIATION



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Annual

CHILDRENS HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARTY

Tuesday, October 31, 2023

The Fun Starts at **5:30 pm to 8:30 pm**

CODE

20-30 Steinway Street, Astoria

Ghouls, Goblin's & Grown-Ups too!

But...

Please "Be in Costume!"

FREE! Hot Dogs Soda PopCorn Goodies Swing & Sing Prizes

Party is limited to children younger than 12years of age. Child or Children must be accompanied by an Adult for Admittance.

Information: 917-742-6975 (UCCA)

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