Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intention

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. The Carmela Smigliani Family
The Ricardo Ciceonetti Family
The Adelina Sarchese Family
The Nicola Zulli Family
Rino Del Carrol
The Antonio DiBenedetto Family

MONDAY, November 6—Weekday
9:00 A.M. Joseph Salamone

TUESDAY, November 7– Weekday
9:00 A.M. Marie Salamone

WEDNESDAY, November 8– Weekday
9:00A.M. Gerard McNamee

THURSDAY, November 9– The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
9:00 A.M. Evelyn Singura

FRIDAY, November 10 – Saint Leo the Great
9:00 A.M. The Martin Nikolic Family

SATURDAY, November 11– Saint Martin of Tours
9:00 A.M. Purgatorial Society
Sir Emmanuel Okeke
Evelyn Singura
Frank Farrugia
Mary Vacarella Dugan
John Philip Dugan Jr.

5:00P.M. Denis Sweeney

SUNDAY, November 12– Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 A.M. Holy Name
9:30 A.M. Saverio Giordano
11:00 A.M. For the People of St. Francis
12:30 P.M. Rino Del Carro
Flavia Contratti
Andrea Gambino

Today's Readings

The Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Readings for the Week

MONDAY: Romans 11:29-36
Luke 14:12-14

TUESDAY: Romans 12:5-16b5
Luke 14:15-24

WEDNESDAY Romans 13:8-10
Luke 14:25-33

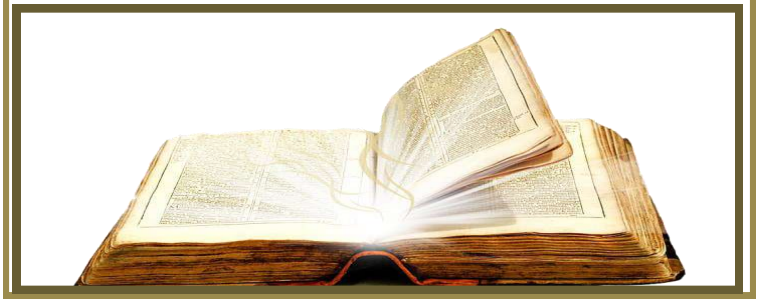
THURSDAY: Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12
1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17
John 2:13-22

FRIDAY: Romans 15:14-21
Luke 16:1-8

SATURDAY: Romans 16:3-9, 16, 22-27
Luke 16:9-15

The Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 6:12-16
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My Dear Parishioners,

As we listened to the readings chosen for today, we heard about the Spirit of God at work within us. The Prophet Malachi tells us that as we hear God's word we need to place it in our hearts and live our lives in such a way that our words and actions give praise and glory to God. If we do not, our blessings may become our curse. Malachi reminds us that we have but one God who has created us, so why shouldn't we strive to live in such a way so as to give glory and praise to God, by being examples of faith, love, and support to one another?

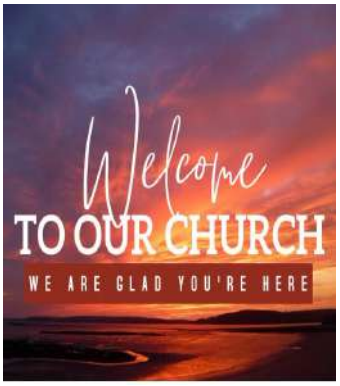
Paul praised the Thessalonians for their faith in the one true God. They had heard and they believed, that the message he spoke was from God and not the word of any mere mortal. Paul not only shared God's word with them, he even shared his very life, working for his own keep so as not to impose on their hospitality. He was so convinced of the Good News of God that he described the Gospel to the Thessalonians as "God's good tidings" which will always be at work in the hearts of those who believe.

After contemplating these two readings, we come to understand that one of the greatest truths we can ever learn is that we have a Father in heaven who desires to be intimately involved with our lives. Jesus affirmed this truth when he said to the crowds and his disciples that there is one Father, the One in heaven. They were to avoid being called rabbi and were not to be called teachers because there is only one teacher, the Messiah. Why would you look for wisdom, strength or help anywhere else? The promise of Christianity is that through Christ, we can know God, our Father, who loves each of us so deeply that he sent his only Son to redeem us. God does not expect us to carry on alone. In the Church, the body of Christ, we have sisters and brothers who are reflections of the Father's love for us, just as we are to be reflections of God's love for them.

What a truly great blessing it would be if this attitude of love and service was adopted in every family, including our parish family. We are called to imitate Christ who was the servant of all. We are to be like Christ, and can be, if we allow ourselves to be transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit into his likeness. If we live as true followers of Christ, we can ask the Spirit to give us a servant's heart, willingly and humbly fulfilling our role in God's plan for us. Jesus said, "The greatest among you must be your servant." May the Spirit of God teach us to be willing and humble in our service to each other.

All God's Blessings,
Msgr. Maresca

Welcome New Parishioners



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

Andrew Iocco
Megnan Kalousdian
Natalie Vena
Diana Serpagli
Constance & Matthew Mullen
Kara Clauss

Baptisms

We welcome those who were Baptized in our parish during the month of October 2023.

Hailey Theresa Ciofalo
James Nicholas Sophie
Charles Arthur Brancifort
Carter Patrick Bandy
Gabriel Franeta
Amelie Maria Franeta

Purgatorials

The following names have been enrolled in our Purgatorial Society for the month of October 2023. Please remember to continue to pray for their families.

Marie Guerriero

Recently Deceased

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

Marie Guerriero
Laura Maffei
Ronald Fazah

We ask for your mercy and grace for them, and for all the faithful departed. May they rest in peace and enjoy the fullness of your love and presence.

Friday, November 10, 2023
The Feast of
Saint Leo the Great

With apparent strong conviction of the importance of the Bishop of Rome in the Church, and of the Church as the ongoing sign of Christ's presence in the world, Leo the Great displayed endless dedication as pope. Elected in 440, he worked tirelessly as "Peter's successor," guiding his fellow bishops as "equals in the episcopacy and infirmities."Leo is known as one of the best administrative popes of the ancient Church. His work branched into four main areas, indicative of his notion of the pope's total responsibility for the flock of Christ. He worked at length to control the heresies of Pelagianism—overemphasizing human freedom—Manichaeism—seeing everthing material as evil—and others, placing demands on their followers so as to secure true Christian beliefs. A second major area of his concern was doctrinal controversy in the Church in the East, to which he responded with a classic letter setting down the Church's teaching on the two natures of Christ. With strong faith, he also led the defense of Rome against barbarian attack, taking the role of peacemaker. In these three areas, Leo's work has been highly regarded. His growth to sainthood has its basis in the spiritual depth with which he approached the pastoral care of his people, which was the fourth focus of his work. He is known for his spiritually profound sermons. An instrument of the call to holiness, well-versed in Scripture and ecclesiastical awareness, Leo had the ability to reach the everyday needs and interests of his people. One of his sermons is used in the Office of Readings on Christmas. It is said of Leo that his true significance rests in his doctrinal insistence on the mysteries of Christ and the Church and in the supernatural charisms of the spiritual life given to humanity in Christ and in his Body, the Church. Thus Leo held firmly that everything he did and said as pope for the administration of the Church represented Christ, the head of the Mystical Body, and Saint Peter, in whose place Leo acted.

Saturday, November 11, 2023
The Feast of
Saint Martin of Tours

A conscientious objector who wanted to be a monk; a monk who was maneuvered into being a bishop; a bishop who fought paganism as well as pleaded for mercy to heretics—such was Martin of Tours, one of the most popular of saints and one of the first not to be a martyr. Born of pagan parents in what is now Hungary, and raised in Italy, this son of a veteran was forced at the age of 15 to serve in the army. Martin became a Christian catechumen and was baptized when he was 18. At 23, he refused a war bonus and told his commander: "I have served you as a soldier; now let me serve Christ. Give the bounty to those who are going to fight.." After difficulties, he was discharged and went to be a disciple of Hilary of Poitiers. He was ordained an exorcist and worked with great zeal against the Arians. Martin became a monk, living first at Milan and later on a small island. When Hilary was restored to his see following his exile, Martin returned to France and established what may have been the first French monastery near Poitiers. He lived there for 10 years preaching throughout the countryside. The people of Tours demanded that he become their bishop. Martin was drawn to that city by a ruse and was brought to the church, where he reluctantly allowed himself to be consecrated bishop. Some of the consecrating bishops thought his rumpled appearance and unkempt hair indicated that he was not dignified enough for the office. Along with Saint Ambrose, Martin rejected Bishop Ithacius's principle of putting heretics to death—as well as the intrusion of the emperor into such matters. He prevailed upon the emperor to spare the life of the heretic Priscillian. For his efforts, Martin was accused of the same heresy, and Priscillian was executed after all. Martin then pleaded for a cessation of the persecution of Priscillian's followers in Spain. He still felt he could cooperate with Ithacius in other areas, but afterwards his conscience troubled him about this decision. As death approached, Martin's followers begged him not to leave them. He prayed, "Lord, if your people still need me, I do not refuse the work. Your will be done."

Remember in your prayers all those in our parish who are sick, that they may find health and comfort:

Jack Orlando, 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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November 5, 2023

"May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God"

Consider a vocation as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life.

Contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email:vocations@diobrook.org

Memorials for the Week of November 5, 2023

ALTAR CANDLES

In Loving Memory of
Evelyn Singura

Requested by:
Golden Age

FOCUS:

Whoever humbles himself will be exalted.

At the heart of today's Gospel is the truth: *The greatest among you must be your servant*. Jseus' scorn for the scribes and Pharisees wasw based on their inability to understand this. Jesus took on the role of servant, giving His very life on behalf of the world

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI SCRIPTURE STUDY

"The Words I have spoken to you are spirit and life."
John 6:64

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE

Dear SFA Friends and Family

Join us on Thursday, November 9th, at 7:20-8:50PM in the St. Joseph room of the Rectory. The 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 Invited ...

ALL ARE WELCOME!

PARISH
MASS
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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.

Holy Name Society

On Sunday, November 12th, the 8:00am Mass is the Holy Name Mass. The Holy Name Society will meet afterwards in the school basement with a continental breakfast. The guest speaker will be fellow Holy Name Society member and owner of F Devito Corp. He will discuss "Safety and Maintenance of Heating Systems for Homeowners."

All parishioners are invited to join us in the celebration of Mass and the meeting following the Mass.

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.

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.

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 10/29/23: **$3,669.00**

School parents must use church envelopes.

Mass Attendance for the Weekend of October 28th and 29th 2023:

5:00pm	65
8:00am	51
9:30am	210
11:00am	87
12:30pm	40

Total in attendance: 453

Annual Catholic Appeal 2023
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

THANK YOU to all who have contributed to the Annual Catholic Appeal for 2023. I appreciate your support in helping us reach our goal of **$41,679**. If you have not contributed to the Appeal, please prayerfully consider what you are able to give to support the Appeal. As of October 30th we have pledged **$39,117** and paid **$35,371.38**.

Help us reach our goal! We are so close!

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

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

NEXT WEEK

November 12—November 18

Sunday, November 12
8:00AM Holy Name Mass
9:30 Children's Liturgy
10:40-12 noon CCD

Monday, November 13
12:00-3:30PM-Golden Age
3:00-3:45PM Children's Choir
7:00PM Adult Choir

Tuesday, November 14
6:30PM—AA Meeting
8:00PM-Knights of Columbus Meeting

Wednesday, November 15

Thursday, November 16
10-11:30AM-Legion of Mary—SFR
6:00PM IACA
7:20PM-Scripture Study

Friday, November 17
6:00PM Grocery Bingo

Saturday, November 18

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November 2023

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

One Minute Meditations

St. Margaret of Scotland

A Hungarian princess, St. Margaret grew up in luxury and privilege, but she never lost sight of those in need and her duty to serve them. After the Battle of Hastings, her family fled to Scotland where King Malcom III sheltered them and eventually married Margaret. Although a queen, her private life was austere, dedicated to prayer and serving the poor—even washing beggars' feet. She is remembered for her life of piety, kindness, and generosity.

Christ the King

What does it mean to say Christ is King? Do we give Him our Sundays only, or the whole week? Set aside ten minutes for God. Offer Him the events of your day and say, "Your will be done."

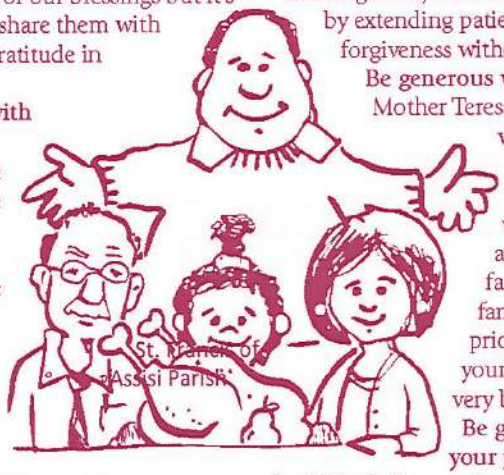
"No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and [the world]" (Luke 16:13).

Thanksgiving can inspire gratitude in action

St. Mother Teresa said, "It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving." At Thanksgiving, we bask in the glow of our blessings but it's also a chance to share them with others. This is "gratitude in action:"

Be generous with your time. God can't be outdone in generosity. He gives life in His image and likeness. He gave the gift of Himself in Christ's offering on the Cross. In that spirit, how can you give of yourself? Prayerfully consider where and to whom you can give your time and attention.

Be generous with your patience. Ours is the God of second chances, generous with His mercy. Decide to generously give others the benefit of the doubt, allow room for good intentions, and forgive injuries. Love as God loves by extending patience and forgiveness without limit.



Be generous with your family. Mother Teresa said, "If you want to bring happiness to the whole world, go home and love your family." Make your family your top priority and give your loved ones the very best of yourself.

Be generous with your joy. Holidays can be difficult for people without connections. Look for someone at church, at work, or in the neighborhood who might need a place to celebrate the holiday. Share holiday love and joy.

Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics pray for the dead?

The practice of praying for the dead is an Act of Mercy and has Scriptural roots: *"Thus he made atonement for the dead that they might be absolved from their sin"* (2 Maccabees 12:45-46). Someone who dies in God's friendship with sin on his soul must be purified before entering heaven. We can literally help souls get to heaven. Rest assured: if the person we've prayed for reaches heaven, the graces of those prayers are used to help other souls.

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Dealing with loss and those left behind

Christians know that death leads to marvelous new life, but it is still difficult to lose someone we love. We take comfort knowing that we remain connected in the Communion of Saints, the spiritual solidarity binding the faithful on Earth, the souls in Purgatory, and the saints in Heaven. Still, finding or offering comfort after a death can be challenging:

Pray. Pray that the souls who have died may find their place in Heaven. Perhaps arrange to have that prayer included in the intentions during Mass in your parish. Including them in your daily prayers also helps to keep their intentions alive.

Be present. Attend the visitation or funeral. Such customs are part of honoring and praying for the deceased person and showing compassion to the living.

Offer material support. Bring a meal to the family. Mass cards, notes and phone calls can also offer comfort.

Contribute. Consider making a donation of time or money to organizations such as a local Hospice that provide grace and dignity to those dying.

from Scripture

Matthew 25:31-46, Showing mercy to the "least"

In this Gospel reading, Jesus describes the coming of the Son of Man, that is, of His glorious return on the last day. Jesus will appear at the end of time as the King of the nations and the Judge of history. Everyone who has ever lived, from the first to the last, from the greatest to the least, will stand before Christ. All of us will be judged on how we loved, especially how we treated "the least" who are suffering among us.

The specific criterion for judgment is the basis for the Corporal Works of Mercy, which are: feed the hungry and give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked and welcome the stranger, care for the sick and imprisoned, and bury the dead. In the end, we will be judged on our response to the suffering of others. Do we, like the "blessed," respond with compassion and mercy, or do we, like the others, turn a blind eye and do nothing? The goal is to see Christ in others and to minister to their needs accordingly.

Feasts & Celebrations

November 1 – All Saints Day (Holy Day of Obligation). In the early Church, there was a great desire to celebrate each of the martyrs. Because there were more martyrs than days of the year, Pope Gregory IV designated November 1 as All Saints Day. Celebrate the Saints by attending Mass.

November 10 – Pope St. Leo the Great (461). A native of Rome, St. Leo was elected pope while on a mission in Gaul. As pope, he defended the faith from heresy and promoted ecclesiastical unity.

November 18 – St. Rose Philippine Duchesne (1852). Born in Grenoble, France, she joined the Society of the Sacred Heart and came to America as a missionary. She opened the first free school for girls west of the Mississippi river, and the first Catholic school for Native Americans.

November 26 – Solemnity of Christ the King. God promised His people a king who would triumph over their enemies. Jesus is our King. In Baptism and Confirmation, we are brought under His kingship.

Q & A How does the Church decide who is a saint?

There are many people in Heaven who are saints but whose names we may never know. They are uncanonized saints. Canonization is the formal process by which the Church identifies and determines whether someone has become a saint.

In its simplest form, official Church procedures detail three steps to recognizing a saint. First, the bishop of the diocese where the person died begins an extensive investigation. The results are passed to the Congregation for the Causes of Saints. If the Congregation approves, the prefect presents the cause to the pope. With the pope's approval, the petitioner becomes "venerable" and is called "Servant of God."

Next, "beatification," may come after further investigation and a miracle has proven to be attributed to the Servant of God's intercession after his or her death. Then the person can be called "Blessed."

Finally, canonization may follow additional investigation and a second miracle also proven to have occurred after the beatification and as a result of the candidate's intercession. After canonization, the "Blessed" is called "Saint."

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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

Project Andrew is an opportunity for young men (high school age and older) to learn more about the priesthood. Join bishops, priests, and seminarians from the Diocese of Brooklyn with Vocation Director, Fr. Chris Bethge, for an evening of prayer, dinner, and conversation.

"If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts." Psalm 95:8

Join us for Project Andrew

Evening of Discernment

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Nov. 19, 2023, 4 - 6 p.m.

2325 Newtown Ave, Astoria Ph: 718-278-1834

"For I know well the plans I have in mind for you, plans for your welfare and not for woe, plans to give you a future full of hope." Jeremiah 29:11

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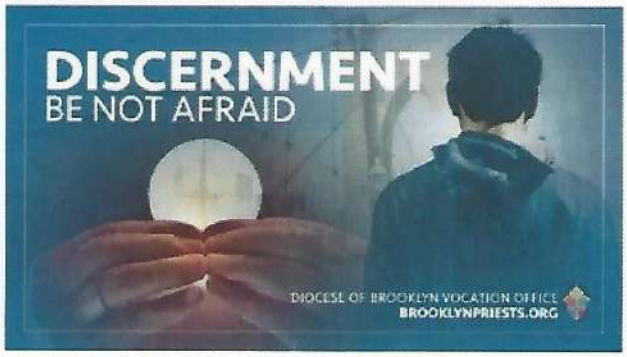

"Thank you, woman,
for the fact that you are a woman!
With the perception
that is proper to your feminity,
you enrich the understanding of the world
and contribute
to the full truth of human relationships"

Saint John Paul II

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

Russo's On the Bay
162-45 Cross Bay Boulevard
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R.S.V.P. by October 20, 2023
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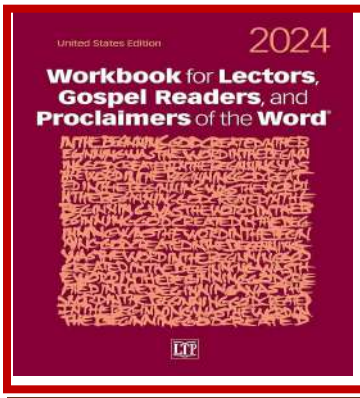

All Active Lectors

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.

The Rectory office will be closed all day Friday, November 10th, in observance of Veterans Day.

The office will open on Saturday, November 11th at 9:00AM.

50/50 October 2023 Winners

First Prize
Mr. & Mrs. Alexandr Brancifort

Second Prize
Mrs. Eric Saldarriaga

Third Prize
Mrs. Marie Purich

Congratulations!

Associated Vincentian Charities of Brooklyn

For each car, truck or van, running or not, The Associated Vincentian Charities of Brooklyn will give back to St. Francis of Assisi $50/100 per vehicle. Maybe you don't have a vehicle, but a family member, friend or neighbor has an old or neglected vehicle in their driveway that they would like to donate.

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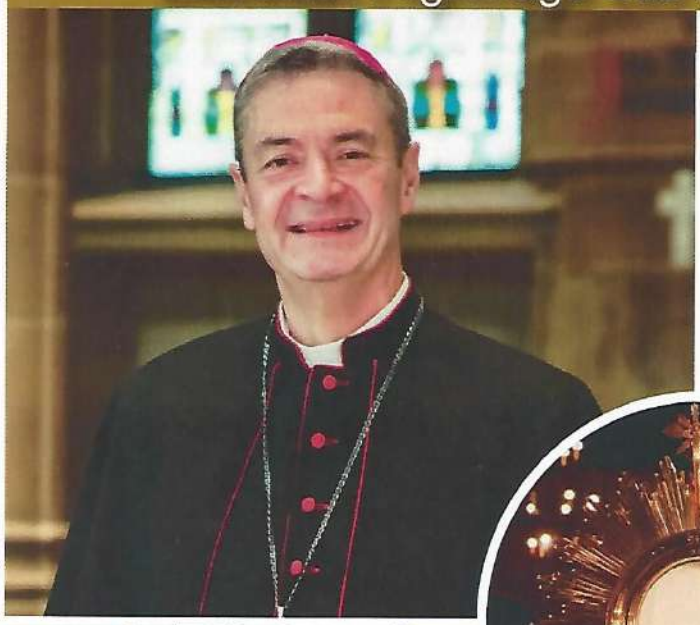

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DOORS OPEN 6:00PM
BINGO STARTS 7:30PM

ADVANCE TICKET SALES ONLY

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Hunterdon Hills Playhouse

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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:

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