The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intention

SUNDAY, January 14 –The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 A.M. Holy Name
9:30 A.M. Joseph A. Otero
11:00 A.M. Mrs. Grace Fulop
12:30 P.M. Rino Del Carro
Alfonso Calogero Annibale
Yolanda Palazzolo
Mario Andreani
Alfonso Calogero Annibale

MONDAY, January 15– Weekday
9:00 A.M. Frank Meditz

TUESDAY, January -16 Weekday
9:00 A.M. Gil Jibaja

WEDNESDAY, January 17– Saint Anthony, Abbot
9:00A.M. Alfonso Carolini

THURSDAY, January 18– Weekday
9:00 A.M. Maureen McDermett

FRIDAY, January 19 – Weekday
9:00 A.M. Ana Balint

SATURDAY, January 20– St. Fabian & St.Sebastian
9:00 A.M. Purgatorial Society
Killick Pierrilus

5:00P.M. Susan Camenzuli

SUNDAY, January 21– The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 A.M. Lily J. Caruso
9:30 A.M. For the People of St. Francis
11:00 A.M. Grace Dunham
12:30 P.M. Nancy Manganaro
Benedetto Iccari
Rino Del Carro

Today's Readings

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1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19
1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20
John 1:35-42

Readings for the Week

MONDAY: 1 Samuel 15:16-23
Mark 2:18-22

TUESDAY: 1 Samuel 16:1-13
Mark 2:23-28

WEDNESDAY 1 Samuel 17:32, 33, 37, 40-51
Mark 3:1-6

THURSDAY: 1 Samuel 18:6-9; 19:1-7
Mark 3:7-12

FRIDAY: 1 Samuel 24:3-21
Mark 3:13-19

SATURDAY: 2 Samuel 2:1-4, 11-12,19,23-27
Mark 3:20-21

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Jonah 3:1-5, 10
1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Mark 1:14-20

My Dear Parishioners,

In our first reading today, the phrase *Here I am, Lord* is repeated throughout and also in our psalm response. And in the second reading and again in the Gospel, we see examples of what life should look like for us as Catholics when we understand our faith as an invitation to place ourselves at God's disposal to use as he sees fit. We are to commit our entire life to the Lord's service, and we follow the example of the first disciples in leaving everything behind to walk closely with Jesus.

But the phrase *Here I am, Lord* isn't just another command to recite. It's our mission statement as Catholics who, by virtue of our baptism, are incorporated into the Body of Christ as members of the Church. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, we are a community of believers that is, "sent out into the whole world. All members of the Church share in this mission, though in various ways." (CCC 863).

So how do we live our faith and put it into practice? Three important lessons can be extracted directly from the phrase *Here I am, Lord.* First, consider that the phrase begins with the word *Here.* This is a reminder that God calls us to live, to love, and to serve others right where we are. One need not travel great distances to look for opportunities to recognize God's presence because wherever we are, wherever we go, that's where we'll find Christ present in the people right in front of us**.**

Second, the phrase contains the word *I.* This is a reminder that the call to give witness to our faith in our daily lives isn't just something for others to be concerned about, but it's our call as well. No matter who we are, where we're from and what we've done, God equips each and every one of us with unique gifts and talents that we can offer in the service of building up his kingdom here on earth.

Finally, the phrase concludes with the words, *I am.* This implies that the call to live out our baptism and put our faith into practice isn't just something we should have done yesterday, or a task we can put off until tomorrow. No, we have only now, today, this moment as a gift from God and a gift we can offer back to God. So, let's not wait until we think we have our lives all figured out or think we have it all together. Let's begin today to let God work in, on, with and through us to accomplish his will for us as individuals as well as for our world.

As we continue our celebration of the Eucharist, and as we are invited forward to receive the Body and Blood of Christ, may we respond with all our hearts, "*Here I am, Lord!"* And may we be nourished and strengthened by this sacred meal to go forth and do God's will as the disciples Christ desires today.

All God's Blessings,
Msgr. Maresca

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

Jack Orlando, Steven Joyce, Judy Hanley-Brickner, John Wrenn, Augustin Cisneros, Thomas Leiter, James Nunez, Vincent Wytak, John & 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, 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.

Pray for Vocations

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"My sheep hear my voice says the Lord"

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 January 14, 2024

SANCTUARY LAMP

In Loving Memory of *Anne & William Thompson*

Requested By: ***The Thompson Family***

FOCUS:

With Christ's help we can be His light for others.

We are not the source of the light that a world in darkness needs desperately. Instead, we must *receive* Jesus, the Light of the World, so that we can in turn share it. And as we heard in the first reading: *Then you shall be radiant … your heart shall throb and overflow.* Jesus has come to give all the love we need, all the wisdom called for, all the virtue necessary to be the light to others.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place before the 9:00AM Mass. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed at 8:00AM each morning, Monday through Saturday, giving parishioners an opportunity for private prayer before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. At 8:30AM the rosary will be prayed by parishioners before the Blessed Sacrament. At 8:50AM the Blessed Sacrament will be reposed. Jesus calls us to perseverance in prayer. "Pray without ceasing." "Watch and pray." Eucharistic adoration helps us discover the Real Presence of Christ.

What a wonderful way to begin our day praying before the Blessed Sacrament in silence or praying the Holy Rosary.

Please make every effort to take advantage of this time with the Lord. We are living in challenging times and we all need the Lord to strengthen our faith and give us the courage to live each day.

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Weekly Offering

Thank you for your continued generosity of giving each week. Your weekly offering helps us pay our monthly bills.

Sunday 1/6-7/24: **$5,387.00**
2nd Collection-Diocesan Mission ***$608.00***

School parents must use church envelopes.

Mass Attendance for the Weekend of January 6th - 7th, 2023:

5:00pm	112
8:00am	38
9:30am	132
11:00am	93
12:30pm	58

Total in Attendance: **433**

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

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI SCRIPTURE STUDY

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

Dear SFA Friends and Family

The Scripture Study group will meet on Thursday, January 18th from 7:20-8:50pm in the St. Joseph Room of the Rectory. We will begin Chapter 1 of Paul's Letters to the Romans and to the Galatians. Join us as we **Grow in Knowledge and Love of Scripture**.

"… Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ." **(Romans 1:7)**

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.

Grow in Knowledge and Love of Scripture.

All are Invited … ALL ARE WELCOME!

Next weekend, January 21st & 22nd, the second collection will be for fuel.

Thank you for your continued generosity

Thank you to all who gave to this years Annual Catholic Appeal. Our goal was $41,679 and as of Monday, December 18th, we have pledges amounting to $42,467. Paid is $40,356.72. This amount is from 106 families in our parish.
I realize everyone has financial responsibilities, but your generosity to support this appeal is truly a sign of your love for our parish.
Also, all monies received over goal will come back to our parish and placed in the operating account of the parish.
Please know you are remembered each day in prayer.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THIS WEEK

January 14—January 20

Sunday, January 14
8:00AM Holy Name Mass

Monday, January 15
Martin Luther King Day
Rectory Office & School Closed

Tuesday, January 16
6:30PM AA Meeting

Wednesday, January 17
1:00-3:00PM SFACA Spelling Bee
3:00-4:30PM—Drama Club—MCH

Thursday, January 18
10:00-11:30AM-Legion of Mary
6:00PM-I.A.C.A.
7:20PM Scripture Study

Friday, January 19

Saturday, January 20

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 down-load the census card on line. Just check our website at:
stfrancisofassisiastoria.org
You will then begin to receive weekly

NEXT WEEK

January 21—January 27

Sunday, January 21
9:30AM Pre-Confirmation Service Mass
9:30AM-Children's Liturgy
10:40AM-12:00 Noon—CCD

Monday, January 22
12:00-3:30PM-Golden Age-MCH
3:00-3:45PM Children's Choir-Church
7:00PM Adult Choir-Church

Tuesday, January 23
6:30PM AA Meeting

Wednesday, January 24
3:00-4:30PM—Drama Club—MCH

Thursday, January 25
10:00-11:30AM-Legion of Mary
6:00PM-I.A.C.A.
7:20PM Scripture Study

Friday, January 26

Saturday, January 27
Catholic Schools Week Set Up—MCH
All 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.

2024 CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

A

Abela, Raphaela (Phyllis)
All Deceasd Souls
Anderson, Dean
Anderson, Walter
Annunziata, Dawn
Aquista, calogero & Grazia
Arcicovich, Melita
Argiropoulos, John
Armenti, Elsa
Attard, Valerie & Peter
Autuoro, Mary & Gaetano

B

Baffuto, Domenica
Barrett, David & Dana
Battaglia, Mary
Battista, Clara & Leo
Benedetto Family
Bernheine, Otto (Chip)
Berradine, Yolanda
Berries, Debbie
Berries, Peter
Biancospino, Luigi & Giuseppina
Biancospino, Paul
Biancospino, Vito & Liliana
Bieganski, Teresa Bogustou
Boyston, Lori
Bradley, Nancy
Bratti, Mr. & Mrs. R
Brodsky, Estelle
Bromley Family
Bruno, Antonio
Buccholz, Awilda
Buttner, John G.

C

Callahan, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas
Calvo, Antonio
Calvo, Erundina
Camastra, Michael
Candele, Carmine
Carbone, Sarina
Carbone, Sarina Marie
Carlino Family
Carone, Angela
Carpanini, Gino
Carrol, Lawrence & Carol
Cassana, Anna
Cassana, Larry
Castellisi, Giuseppe
Cervegnano Family
Cesareo, Mario & Jocelyn
Charlton, Walter, Frances & Walter Jr
Chiappisi Family
Christenson, Mary Ellen
Christenson, Paul A.
Christmas, Charles, Theresa, & Victoria
Ciancio, Giacinta & Antonio
Ciangiola, Mildred
Ciangiola, William
Cinquemani, Anna
Cisneros, Cristina
Clayton, Jack & Rose
Colombo, Joseph & Julia
Commodore, Helen & Lester
Conlon Family
Conlon, Richard
Connor, Marie
Corvinelli, Antonetta
Cucciniello, Edith
Custodi, Mary Helen

D

DaCorta, Grace
DaCorta, Steve
Decresenzo, Vincent
D'Ercole, Mr. & Mrs. Sal
DeGrandis, Rocco
DelCarro, Rino
DelCarro, Santina & Pasquale
Del Greco, Mario
Dell, Camilla
Della Vecchia, Anthony
DeLuise, Ben & Natalie
Despojo, Fidela
Despojo, Ricardo
Devane, Michael & Kathleen
DiDonato, Frank
DiDonato, Rose
DiGiacomo, Margaret & Joseph
DiGiorgio, Albert
DiGiorgio Family
DiGravino, Domenick, Maria & Florrie
DiPiazza, Daniel
Dominguez, Maria
Donato, Jane
Donato, Matthew
Douvelis, Gregory
Duran, Maria Teresa
Dustan, Norman

E

Eiaw, Esperanza
Eiaw, Joie
Eiaw, Paul
Elmendorf, Harold
Emanuelson, George, Joan & Mark
Enukidze, Vazhe
Esposito, Louise

F

Famigli, Euggnia
Fariello Family
Ferguson, Edward & Jean
Ferguson, Mr. & Mrs. Earl
Ferguson, Helen
Florama, Francisco
Floramo, Mariano
Fortunato, Frank
Frank, Henry
Frias, Fr. Ramon C.
Fulop, Mr. & Mrs. Istvan
Fulop, Mr. & Mrs. Steve
Fulop, Mrs. Grace
Furey, Fabia
Furey, Patricia

G

Gabriellini, Charles
Gandolfo, Andrew & Concetta
Gangi, Rose & John
Gangi, Vincent
Garcia Family
Garcia, Francis
Gauci, Francis
Gaviglia, Inga
Gaviglia, Joseph

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Gavila, Frank
Gentile, Mr. & Mrs. Vincent
Giacome, Salvatore
Giordano, Francesco & Maria
Golodner, Ben, Lina & Susan
Gordon, Charles
Grech, Wendy
Grifunetti, Giuseppe
Grioli, Giacomo
Gualtieri Family
Gualtieri, Dr. Arthur
Gualtieri, Dr. Rosario & Mrs. Stella
Guerriero, Marie
Guerriero, Sylvester V.
Gurnick Family

H

Hanson, Julia
Hanson, Robert M.
Hanson, Robert P.
Hartley, Veronica
Heng, Dee Bun
Hengl Family
Hernandez, Ernesta & Juan
Heerwagen, Margaret
Hickey Family
Higgins, Daniel Sr.
Honesty, Trammel
Hooper, Mr. & Mrs.
Hosey, Michael
Hosey, Patrick
Hoyt, Marie & William
Hubert Family
Hughes Family

I

Iadovito, Antonio
Ianora, Gloria & Armand
Iazzio, Sue
Idarraga, Mr. & Mrs. Rodrigo
Iorio, Pasquale

J

Jacoby, Sophie
Jambor Family

K

Kean, John
Kelly Family (Deceased Members)
Kelly, Maureen
Kelly, Robert
Kelly, William
Kenny, Marie
Kiernan, Michael
Koira, Lazer
Kuhnle, Glenn
Kurth, Thomas

L

Labarba-Detitta Family
LaRosa, Mr. & Mrs. Alfred
Lazarowitz, Shirley & Jacob
Leto, Francesco
Lian, Chua
Lian, Piak
Lilli Family
Lombardi, Anna & Berardino
Lopez, Beatrice
Lopez, Earnest
Lorenzo, Larry
Loud, Raymond
Lusardi, Maria & Ernesto
Lynch, Thomas

M

Macchia Family
Machado, Carmela
Mahoney, Brian E.
Mancuso Family
Manocchio, Eleonoka
Manocchio, Liberato
Manzo, Michael & Joanna
Marchassalla, John
Marchassalla, Michael
Marchesella Family
Marchesi, Ennio & Rose
Marchiani, Cesare & Emma
Marchisella, Florence & Rocco
Marino Family
Martello, Ralph
Martin Family
Martucci, Elvira
Massimo, Theresa
Massimo, Thomas
McCann, Joseph Anthony
McCann, Mary Ethel
McConnell, Josephine
McLernon, William & Jeanne
McNamara, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas
McNamee, Gerard
McNulty, Agnes
Mecca, Daniel & Anna
Melnick, George
Melnick, William
Mesa, Jorge & Mauricio
Messina, Carmela
Messina, Giovanni & Michelina
Mincone Anthony
Mincone Mr. & Mrs. Filippo
Mirabella, Amato
Mohr, Richard

N

Nunez Filion, Maria
Nunez Filon Family
Nunez, Mario Jose

O

O'Connor, Mary
O'Connor, Patrick
O'Donnell, Mr. & Mrs. Charles
Olveira, Inocencia
O'Neill Family
Otero, Joseph A.
O'Toole, Bernice

P

Paleologos, Nick
Papa Family
Papagno, Elizabeth
Papanicolaou, Kyriacos & Mary
Pellerzi, John C.
Pequeno, Manuel
Perina, Arthur
Perrino, Miike
Pesaro, Maria
Petosa, Antonio & Carmela
Pettorrezzo, Philomena
Poggio, Antonietta

2024 CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Poggio, Irene
Poggio, Joseph
Polizio, Theresa
Power, James
Powers, Margaret
Preidente, Palmina
Prete, Fernando
Prete, Cristina
Profeta, Eda
PurichFamily

Q

Quaresimo, Mr. & Mrs. Rob
Quinn, Raymond & Eileen
Quintanar, Mr. & Mrs. Roberto

R

Ratkowski, Dolores
Rallis, Mary
Restivo Family
Richter, Lynn
Riviello, Domenico

Riviello, Gnocensio
Riviello, Maria
Riviello, Salvatore
Rogers, Mrs. Irma
Ruffini, Giuseppe & Family
Ryan, Thomas

S

Saavedra, Dann
Salamone, Joseph
Salamone, Marie
Salamone, Victor
Saldarriaga, Eric
Salerno, Anthony
Salerno, Michael
Salerno Family
Sandor, Robert
Sangirardi Family
Santagato Family
Santerciera, Gemma & Joey
Sawka, Joseph
Scaaone Famly (Deceased)
Scarlatto, Tommaso
Seaglione, Marie
Sferlazza Family
Sferrazza Family
Sgouros, Mr. & Mrs. Stephanos
Silone, Louis
Singura, Evelyn
Simeone Family
Skinner Family-(Deceased)
Slavish, Peter
Spiteri, Joseph
Spitieri, Mr. & Mrs. Charlie
Spiteri, Savior
Spuler, Joseph
Squillante, Giovanni
Starrall, George
Steeneck, Gilda
Sucich Family-Deceased Members
Supon, Josie & Paul

T

Tadeuz
Tete, Stefano
Thompson, Andrew & Marie
Thompson, Anne & William
Thompson, Mary H. & William R.
Tierney Family
Tomasulo, Ann
Toto, Louis
Toto, Mary
Travan

U

Umberto Maria Teresa Agusto

V

Veronica
Vigano, Ambrose & Ines
Viscovich, Maria & Domenico
Vlakancic, Dumica
Vlakancic, Josip
Vollaro, Anthony
Vollaro, Helen
Volpe, Delia

W

Walsh Family (Deceased Members)
Walsh, Mr. & Mrs. J.F.
Ward, Michael & Hannah
Warner Family
Wood, Christopher
Wright, Arthur
Wytak, Stanley & Frances

X

Xaoka, Na & Raymunda
Xuereb, Mr. & Mrs. Paul

Y

Yepez, Fabuzio

Z

Zilinski, Maureen
Zorovich, Nori
Zoppo, Ida
Zuliani, Linda
Zuliani, Mr. & Mrs. J.
Zuliani, Pietro
Zuliani, Rosemarie

PLEASE NOTE:

EVERY EFFORT HAS BEEN MADE TO HAVE THE NAMES LISTED ACCURATELY. HOWEVER, SOME HANDWRITING IS ILLEGIBLE AND SOME NAMES MAY BE INACCURATE. WE APOLOGIZE FOR ANY MISSPELLING

2023 TAX CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT

All Parishioners who wish to receive a copy of their 2023 Tax Contribution statement must complete the attached form.

The forms can be returned by dropping them in the contribution basket during Mass or they can be dropped in the box on the front door of the rectory. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

NAME: _____

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ENVELOPE # _____

Our Kindergarten class is getting ready for some winter fun with Snowman Addition.