The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intention

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. Rino Del Carro
Benedetto Iccari
Nancy Manganaro

MONDAY, January 22– A Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
9:00 A.M. The Stapleton Family

TUESDAY, January –23 Saiant Vincent
9:00 A.M. Elizabeth O'Donnel

WEDNESDAY, January 24– Saint Francis de Sales
9:00A.M. Rita McHale

THURSDAY, January 25– The Conversion of Saint Paul, the Apostle
9:00 A.M. Paola Souleotis

FRIDAY, January 26 – Saints Timothy & Titus
9:00 A.M. Samuel Rocconi-Smith (Living)

SATURDAY, January 27– Saint Angela Merci
9:00 A.M. Purgatorial Society
Dr. Arthur Gualtieri

5:00P.M. Rose Granelli

SUNDAY, January 28– The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 A.M. Carol McNabb
9:30 A.M. Marie Sylvester Guerriero
11:00 A.M. For the People of St. Francis
12:30 P.M. Nancy Manganaro
Guiseppe Carlino
Rino Del Carro
Maria N. Scarlatto

Today's Readings

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

Readings for the Week

MONDAY: 2 Samuel 5:1-7, 10
Mark 3:22-30

TUESDAY: 2 Samuel 6:12b-15, 17-19
Mark 3:31-35

WEDNESDAY 2 Samuel 7:4-17
Mark 4:1-20

THURSDAY: Acts 22:3-16
Mark 16:15-18

FRIDAY: 2 Timothy 1:1-8
Mark 4:26-34

SATURDAY: 2 Samuel 12:1-7a, 10-17
Mark 4:35-41

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Deuteronomy 18:15-20
1 Corinthians 7:32-35
Mark 1:21-28

My Dear Parishioners,

In our world today, God places an array of opportunities before his people; opportunities to choose life. God not only gave us life, he redeemed our lives and showed us the path to everlasting life. He also keeps calling us to choose the path of life. So many opportunities have been laid before God's people throughout the ages to respond to him. God sent numerous prophets. He gave his laws and teachings. He continues to work great signs and wonders before us. He offers us forgiveness of sins and blesses us with his choicest blessings. Some seize these moments and choose the path of life, while others turn further away from the Lord.

Our Scripture readings today give us examples of people who seized the moment in choosing the path of life. The account of Jonah and the Ninevites clearly shows the opportunity that God laid before Nineveh through the prophet Jonah. The city and all its inhabitants would be destroyed unless they repented. The people of Nineveh seized the moment. The great and the small repented of their sins and they lived. The story makes it clear that there would be no second chance. Only a prompt response would put them on the path of life, and they responded.

The call of the Apostles to follow Jesus was another blessed opportunity from God. We hear in the Gospel how Jesus laid this opportunity before Peter, Andrew, James and John. Despite any apprehensions they might have felt due to family or work, they seized the moment. They abandoned their former way of life and followed Jesus. There was little time to think about it. Their prompt response places them in the path of life, alongside the Lord.

Each of us was given new life in Christ in the sacrament of baptism. Since then, God has placed, and continues to place, opportunities before us to choose the path of life again and again. We are called to seize the moment; to use today to grow in faith. Today is the day to love your spouse in the same way that Christ does; to form your children in faith; to show kindness to family and friends; to visit a sick friend or someone who is grieving. These are the opportunities in daily life through which God calls us to live out our faith. A prompt response to his call can help keep us on the path of life and bring joy. A missed opportunity can leave us looking back with regret and disappointment in our Christian life.

As we look at the various opportunities God places before us each day, the words of today's second reading remind us that *the time is running out…the world in its present form is passing away.* We are to seize every opportunity to repent, every opportunity to follow Christ and every opportunity to chose the path of life.

All God's Blessings,
Msgr. Maresca

A Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection Of Unborn Children

January 22, 2024

Thursday, January 25, 2024
The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle

Paul was born a Jew in the Roman city of Tarsus, in modern-day Turkey. On the eighth day, he was circumcised and received the Hebrew name Saul. At a young age, Saul began to study the Law of Moses. When Saul was in his early twenties, Jesus began His public ministry during which He challenged the rigid interpretations that the Pharisees taught about the Law of Moses. Jesus was crucified three years later when Saul was about twenty-five. Now a Pharisee himself, Saul was diametrically opposed to Jesus' teachings, believing that they were in opposition to the Law of Moses After Jesus' crucifixion, Saul zealously devoted himself to persecuting those who were Jesus' followers. Even when his own teacher recommended the followers of Jesus be ignored, Saul could not hold himself back. The earliest documented martyrdom in the Church after Jesus' death took place with Saul's consent, when those who stoned St. Stephen laid their cloaks at Saul's feet as Saul looked on. After that, Saul received a letter of permission from the high priest in Jerusalem to go beyond the city, searching from house to house to arrest those who followed Jesus, bringing them back in chains to stand trial. As he took this letter of permission with him on a journey to Damascus, Saul had an experience that would not only change his life forever but also change the entire world. "On his journey, as he was nearing Damascus, a light from the sky suddenly flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?' He said, 'Who are you, sir?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting'" (Acts 9:3–5). With that, Saul was blinded and had to be led into the city of Damascus, where he stayed for three days, fasting, praying, and pondering this encounter. In that city was a disciple of Jesus named Ananias. Ananias knew about Saul's persecution of the Church and feared him greatly. But Jesus appeared to Ananias and told him to go to Saul, lay his hands on him, heal him, and baptize him. Jesus explained that "this man is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before Gentiles, kings, and Israelites, and I will show him what he will have to suffer for my name" (Acts 9:15–16). Ananias did as he was instructed, and Saul listened, converted, was baptized, and began a new life as an apostle of the Lord Jesus. Eventually Saul began to use his Roman name "Paul" rather than his Hebrew name. Our feast today not only celebrates Saint Paul, it specifically celebrates his conversion. Think about that glorious conversion. Those three days that Saul spent in Damascus after encountering Jesus on the road changed his life. During those three days, he pondered Jesus' words, fasted, prayed, listened, thought, and changed. Facing the truth within his soul might not have been easy, but he did it. From that time on, the zeal that he had poured into persecution became zeal for the spreading of the Gospel. He traveled far and wide, proclaiming Jesus as the Christ. Over the approximately twenty-seven years that followed, Paul became the greatest evangelist I n the history of the world. At least thirteen of the twenty-seven New Testament books are attributed to Paul, providing us with much of what we know about Jesus. His letters are rich in theology, providing the most sturdy foundation for all that we believe as Christians today. Paul personally founded more than a dozen Christian communities during his missionary travels. Paul was tireless in his efforts, despite enduring much suffering.

Wednesday, January 24, 2024
The Feast of
Saint Francis de Sales

Francis was destined by his father to be a lawyer so that the young man could eventually take his elder's place as a senator from the province of Savoy in France. For this reason Francis was sent to Padua to study law. After receiving his doctorate, he returned home and, in due time, told his parents he wished to enter the priesthood. His father strongly opposed Francis in this, and only after much patient persuasiveness on the part of the gentle Francis did his father finally consent. Francis was ordained and elected provost of the Diocese of Genevas. At 35, he became bishop of Geneva. While administering his diocese he continued to preach, hear confessions, and catechize the children. His gentle character was a great asset in winning souls. He practiced his own axiom, "A spoonful of honey attracts more flies than a barrelful of vinegar." Besides his two well-known books, the *Introduction to the Devout Life* and *A Treatise on the Love of God*, he wrote many pamphlets and carried on a vast correspondence. For his writings, he has been named patron of the Catholic Press. His writings, filled with his characteristic gentle spirit, are addressed to lay people. He wants to make them understand that they too are called to be saints. As he wrote in *The Introduction to the Devout Life*: "It is an error, or rather a heresy, to say devotion is incompatible with the life of a soldier, a tradesman, a prince, or a married woman…. It has happened that many have lost perfection in the desert who had preserved it in the world."

In spite of his busy and comparatively short life, he had time to collaborate with another saint, Jane Frances de Chantal, in the work of establishing the Sisters of the Visitation. These women were to practice the virtues exemplified in Mary's visit to Elizabeth: humility, piety, and mutual charity. They at first engaged to a limited degree in works of mercy for the poor and the sick. Today, while some communities conduct schools, others live a strictly contemplative life.

Friday, January 26, 2024
The Feast of
Saints Timothy and Titus

Timothy had the honor of being a fellow apostle with Paul, both sharing the privilege of preaching the gospel and suffering for it. Timothy had a Greek father and a Jewish mother named Eunice. Being the product of a "mixed" marriage, he was considered illegitimate by the Jews. It was his grandmother who first became Christian. Timothy was a convert of Paul around the year 47 and later joined him in his apostolic work. He was with Paul at the founding of the Church in Corinth. During the 15 years he worked with Paul, he became one of his most faithful and trusted friends. He was sent on difficult missions by Paul often in the face of great disturbance in local churches which Paul had founded. Timothy was with Paul in Rome during the latter's house arrest. At some period Timothy himself was in prison. Paul installed him as his representative at the Church of Ephesus. Timothy was comparatively young for the work he was doing. Several references seem to indicate that he was timid. And one of Paul's most frequently quoted lines was addressed to him: "Stop drinking only water, but have a little wine for the sake of your stomach and your frequent illnesses" (1 Timothy 5:23). Titus has the distinction of being a close friend and disciple of Paul as well as a fellow missionary. He was Greek, apparently from Antioch. Titus is seen as a peacemaker, administrator, great friend. Paul's second letter to Corinth affords an insight into the depth of his friendship with Titus, and the great fellowship they had in preaching the gospel. When Paul was having trouble with the community at Corinth, Titus was the bearer of Paul's severe letter and was successful in smoothing things out. Paul writes he was strengthened not only by the arrival of Titus but also "by the encouragement with which he was encouraged in regard to you, as he told us of your yearning, your lament, your zeal for me, so that I rejoiced even more…. And his heart goes out to you all the more, as he remembers the obedience of all of you, when you received him with fear and trembling" (2 Corinthians 7:7a, 15).

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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"Come after me and I will make you fishers of men."

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

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.

FOCUS:

Jesus is calling us today.

Jesus is calling *us* today. Maybe He is calling us to drop something we have been clinging to. Maybe He is calling us to lay down our weeping or rejoicing, to move into something new. Maybe He is calling us to listen. In the precious time we give to Him, he will give us all we need to answer His call, big or small.

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.

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Collect of the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

God our Creator,
we give thanks to you,
who alone have
the power to impart
the breath of life
as you form each of us
in our mother's womb;
grant, we pray, that we whom you have
made stewards of creation,
may remain faithful to this sacred trust
and constant in safeguarding
the dignity of every human life.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ,
your Son, who lives
and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Pray for the Unborn

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. This week's study is on Chapter 1 of St. Paul's Letters to the Romans and to the Galatians.
Join us as we **Grow in Knowledge and Love of Scripture**.

"… the Gospel preached by me is not of human origin. For I dd not receive if from a human being, nor was I taught it, bur it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ." **(Galatians 1:11-12)**

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!

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

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.

Sunday1/13-14/24: **$3,434.00**

School parents must use church envelopes.

Mass Attendance for the Weekend of January 13 - 14, 2023:

5:00pm	93
8:00am	55
9:30am	86
11:00am	94
12:30pm	48

Total in Attendance: **376**

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Academy

Catholic Schools
United in Faith and Community

WE ARE A PROUD CATHOLIC SCHOOL
Share why you love Catholic Schools on social media using #CSW2024

Our annual celebration of Catholic Schools Week begins next Sunday, January 28th, at the 11:00am Mass. The second collection at all the masses will be used to purchase items necessary to introduce our new Robotics Program and enhance our Science Lab.

The envelope for Churches in need can be placed in the first collection.

Please be as generous as your means allow.

Annual Catholic Appeal 2023
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

THANK YOU to all who supported the Annual Catholic Appeal. I am so grateful for your sacrifices in helping us reach our goal. As of January 16th, we have pledged $44,317 and paid $43, 002 towards our goal of $41, 679. We have surpassed our goal and so the monies over goal will come back to the parish and will be deposited in the operation account of our parish.
The appeal was supported by 108 families of our parish which is 22.78% of our parish.
Please know each of you will be remembered in prayer.

Msgr. Maresca

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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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THIS 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

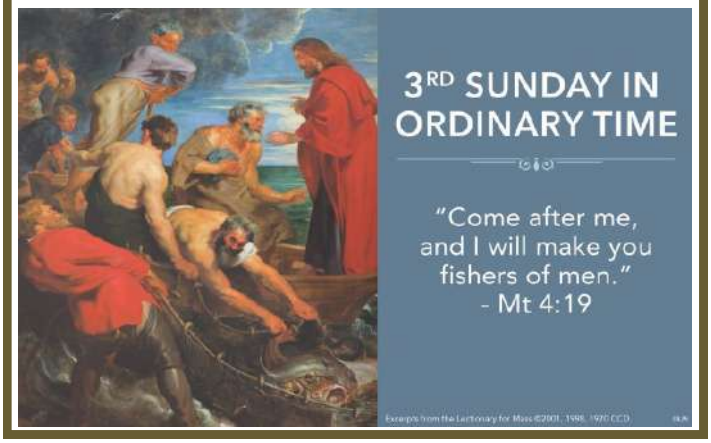
Tuesday, January 23
6:30PM AA Meeting

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

Thursday, January 25
10:00-11:30AM-Legion of Mary
3:30-4:30PM Jiu Jitsu-MCH
6:00PM-I.A.C.A.
7:20PM Scripture Study

Friday, January 26

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



NEXT WEEK

January 28—February 3

Sunday, January 28
11:00AM-Catholic Schools Week Opening Mass
1:30 Baptisms

Monday, January 29
No Golden Age Meeting
3:00-3:45PM Children's Choir-Church
7:00PM Adult Choir-Church

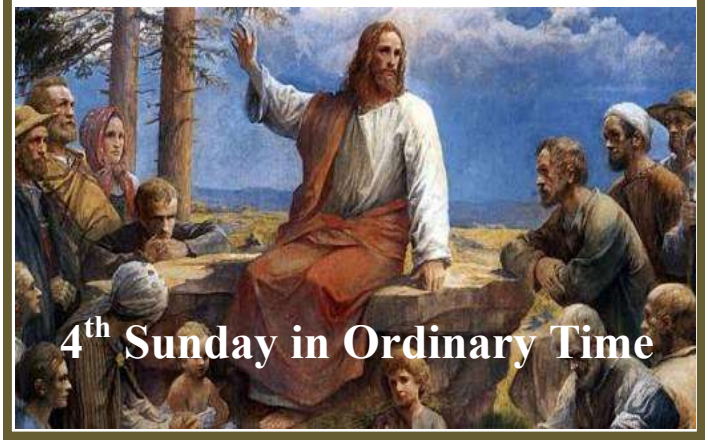
Tuesday, January 30
6:30PM AA Meeting

Wednesday, January 31
3:00-4:30PM—Drama Club—MCH

Thursday, February 1
10:00-11:30AM-Legion of Mary
3:30-4:30PM Jiu Jitsu-MCH
6:00PM-I.A.C.A.
7:20PM Scripture Study

Friday, February 2
11:00AM-Catholic Schools Week Closing Mass

Saturday, February 3
9:00AM—Anointing Mass



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Catholic Schools
United in Faith and Community

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Academy Celebrates Catholic Schools Week
January 28th – February 2nd 2024

Our national theme for Catholic Schools Week is "Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community." Catholic schools have an irreplaceable role in the Church's evangelizing mission. Building on the central goal of Catholic schools to form saints, Catholic schools teach and embrace the whole person, body, mind and spirit. The fact that all members of a Catholic school community share the Christian vision of faith that Christ is the foundation of Catholic education is what unites the school as a faith-filled community.

While faith is the binding element in Catholic schools, the Church reiterates that parents are the first teachers of their children. Holding this tenet, Catholic school communities expand beyond the walls of school buildings to envelop the family as an integral part of the school community. Together teachers, administrators, staff, students and parents fuel the light of faith by integrating culture with faith and faith with living. The CSW logo symbolizes the united community of Catholic schools – not a building or an institution, but people of faith serving God and others. Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community is a theme on which to build a spirit of the gospel to benefit the human family.

Our own SFACA theme for Catholic Schools Week is ***Color Our World***. Each class has adopted a specific life enhancing attribute that makes the world a more peace filled and colorful place. Plan on visiting us at one of our Open Houses and see all the wonderful things our students are involved in. We look forward to celebrating and sharing our school and students with you.

Sunday, January 28

We begin Catholic Schools Week with Sunday Mass bringing together members of the parish and school communities. SFACA benefits all year long from the religious guidance, prayers, and support our parish provides. **Please attend our CSW Opening Liturgy at 11:00 a.m. as we honor this year's Distinguished Graduate, Ms. Kristina Soltesz, Class of 2010.** The funds received from the second collection today will be used to introduce our new Robotics Program and enhance our Science Lab. Please be as generous as your means allow. Students who join us today at Mass, in their school uniform, will enjoy a special dress down day just for them. **Immediately following the 11:00 a.m. Mass, please join us at our school's Open House from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. Enjoy some light refreshments and visit the *Color Our World* display in Msgr. Maresca Center which focuses on specific life enhancing attributes chosen by each class. Also, immediately following Mass, new families can meet the principal, Ms. Reilly, in Msgr. Campbell Hall for brief informational session and tour the school with a Home and Academy Representative.**

Monday, January 29

A central aspect of Catholic Education is learning the importance of service to others. When students take part in service activities – both local and beyond – they demonstrate the values and faith they gain through their Catholic education and learn how to make the world a better place.
For our service project this year, SFACA will collect **used** crayons which will be shipped to ***The Crayon Initiative***. This noteworthy cause takes the used donated crayons, recycles them and ships them to children's hospitals across the United States. If you choose you may also make a monetary donation. Please support this noteworthy cause which will continue for the entire week. See specific details on our Crayon Initiative flyer. **Today, current families may join us for an Open House for all grades from 9:05 - 9:35am to visit their child's classroom for next year.**

Tuesday, January 30

Today is National Appreciation Day for Catholic Schools. We pray for the continued success of Catholic Schools across our nation. In a special way, we pray for our own Catholic School as we strive to prepare students to appreciate the value of service to others. Please support our fund raising efforts this week as we continue to accept donations in support of *The Crayon Initiative*. Also today, come and see our Middle School students shine! **Grades 6, 7, and 8 will share their Living Wax Museum creations in Msgr. Campbell Hall. Friends and families can view the exhibit from 1:45 – 2:20pm.** We also welcome Sr. Maryann Lopiccolo, Episcopal Delegate for Religious in the Diocese of Brooklyn, to tour our school and visit our Wax Museum.

Wednesday, January 31

Today, Student Appreciation Day, Catholic schools prepare children to succeed by using their God-given talents to the fullest extent throughout their lives. CSW offers an opportunity for students to explore the many life paths that enable them to use their talents well.
To encourage our students to dream big and reach their full potential, we will be hosting a visit from the NYPD and other first responders. Students will have the opportunity to meet and ask questions of our own NYC heros. Students will also be treated to a Rainbow Bagel lunch and may dress down in their grade specific color in support of The Crayon Initiative. Please remember to send in your donation. In celebration of Student Appreciation Day students in all grades enjoy a day of No Homework!

Thursday, February 1

Today, we encourage our students to shine by participating in meaningful activities planned by their teachers. **Please join us in Msgr. Campbell Hall at 10:00 a.m. for our Poetry Presentation. Grades 1-5 will be presenting poems based the attributes that *Color Our World*. All are invited to attend. We also invite NEW FAMILIES, grades K-8, to come and Meet the Principal, Ms. Reilly, and tour our school. For your convenience, there are 2 sessions available. The morning session is 8:30-9:30 and the same information will be shared in the afternoon from 1:30-2:30. Please call the school to reserve your spot.**

Friday, February 2

Today, we celebrate our teachers and assistants who are the backbone of Catholic Schools. On this day, schools honor teachers, as well as staff, who support the school in its all important work. We thank God for our talented and dedicated faculty and staff. **Please join us today at the 11:00 a.m. Mass as we pray for our faculty and staff, and the growth and prosperity of our school. We also pray, in a special way, for Msgr. Maresca as he celebrates 46 years of priesthood. Dismissal, for grades K-8, will be at 12:30 p.m and dismissal for 3K and PreK will be at 1:00.** We thank the many parents, grandparents, alumni, parishioners, and Academy Board Members who provide volunteer service. We are all so grateful for each one of you.

New student registration for the 2023 - 24 school year is
Tuesday, February 6th and Thursday, February 8th 10:00 - 11:00am and 1:00 - 2:00pm
or call the office for an appointment

REGISTRATION DOCUMENTS REQUIRED

Necessary documents include: Birth Certificate, Baptismal Certificate, and current Immunization Record. A copy of the student's current report card, June 2023 report card, and most recent NYS Test scores and standardized test scores, IEP or IESP are also required, if applicable.

REGISTRATION FEE REQUIRED

$275.00 non-refundable registration fee for the first child and $125.00 for each additional child.
This fee includes application processing, Home Academy dues, and student insurance.
This fee is payable by check or money order to St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Academy.
Cash cannot be accepted.

Registration for St. Francis of Assisi Free 3K For All Full Day Program
Children must be born in 2021 and turn 3 years old by 12/31/2024
Kindly create an account now on
NYC DOE WEBSITE: MySchools.nyc.
The portal is currently open for registration.

Registration for St. Francis of Assisi Free Pre-K For All Full Day Program
Children must be born in 2020 and turn 4 years old by 12/31/2024
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NYC DOE WEBSITE: MySchools.nyc.
The portal is currently open for registration.

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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
Lanzara, Albert & Lillian
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

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Poggio, Antonietta
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

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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.

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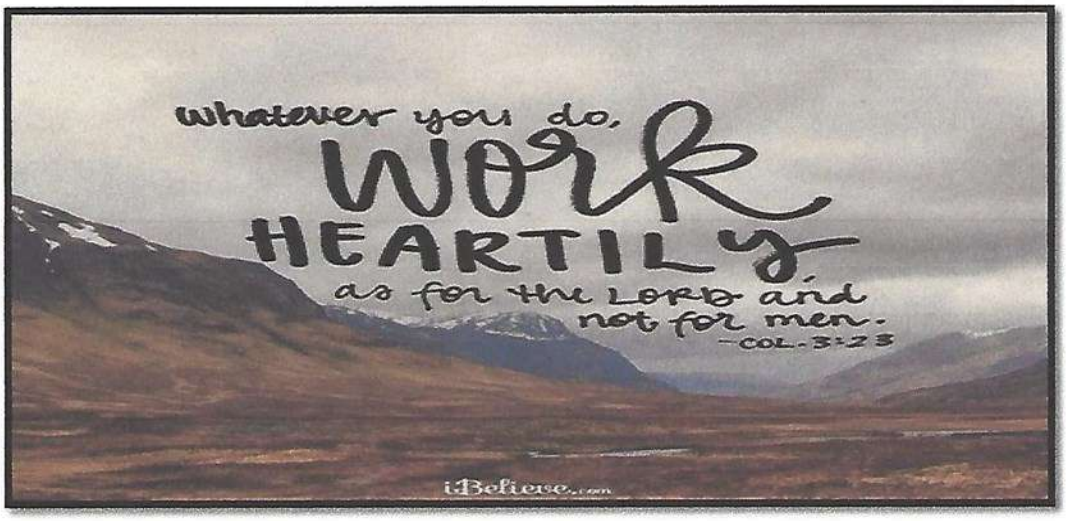
ENVELOPE # _____



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