The First Sunday of Lent

Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, February 18 – First Sunday of Lent
8:00 A.M. For the People of St. Francis
9:30 A.M. Micheal Cilia
11:00 A.M. Harold Elmendorf
12:30 P.M. Tulia Caterina Mezzatesta
Rino Del Carro
Maria N. Scarlatto
Joseph Iccari

MONDAY, February 19-Lenten Weekday
9:00 A.M. Charlie Bordenca

TUESDAY, February 20-Lenten Weekday
9:00 A.M. Carmela Messina

WEDNESDAY, February 21– Lenten Weekday
9:00A.M. Richard Conlon

THURSDAY, February 22-The Chair of Saint Peter
9:00 A.M. Paul Mislov

FRIDAY, February 23-Lenten Weekday
9:00 A.M. Elmira Martucci

SATURDAY, February 24—Lenten Weekday
9:00 A.M. Purgatorial Society
Joseph A. McCann
James P. Dugan
Tony Varriano

5:00P.M. Joseph Colombo

SUNDAY, February 25– Second Sunday of Lent
8:00 A.M. The Cseri Family
9:30 A.M. For the People of St. Francis
11:00 A.M. Steve Fulop
12:30 P.M. Laura Maffei
Rino Del Carro
Maria N. Scarlatto
Joseph Iccari
Nancy Manganaro

Today's Readings

The First Sunday of Lent

Genesis 9:8-15
1 Peter 3:18-22
Mark 1:12-15

Readings for the Week

MONDAY: Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18
Matthew 25:31-46

TUESDAY: Isaiah 55:10-11
Matthew 6:7-15

WEDNESDAY Jonah 3:1-10
Luke 11:29-32

THURSDAY: 1 Peter 5:1-4
Matthew 16:13-19

FRIDAY: Ezekiel 18:21-28
Matthew 5:20-26

SATURDAY: Deuteronomy 26:16-19
Matthew 5:43-48

The Second Sunday of Lent

Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18
Romans 8:31b-34
Mark 9:2-10

My Dear Parishioners,

Since the earliest days of the Church, the Lenten season has been understood as a time of repentance and spiritual preparation for the celebration of Easter. While the focus and purpose of Lent has remained unchanged over the years, many today have come to consider it an annual retreat of forty days, not a bad thought in our busy, fast-paced world.

As we begin the Lenten season, we do not do so alone. Rather, we journey with Jesus, who spent forty days and forty nights in the wildness immediately following His baptism by John. And, remembering that Jesus was tempted by Satan, we are invited during the Lenten season to confront the reality of our own humanity and vulnerability. To help us do this, we need the three Lenten disciplines of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

As we pray, fast, and give alms, we uncover another way of considering the Lenten season, as a time for our Annual Attitude Adjustment. Our efforts at prayer challenge the conventional attitude that we can do everything on our own, and that we do not need God in our lives. Our practice of fasting challenges the attitude that we can find true happiness in anything other than God. And our acts of almsgiving challenge the attitude that we do not need to take responsibility for the well-being of others. Because our attitudes are often so self-centered and so deep-seated, we need to work on them year after year, Lent after Lent. When we do this, we can slowly, but steadily, grow in our faith and holiness. We also can grow in our fidelity to living out our baptismal calling.

As our readings today remind us, God has initiated a covenant with us, His people. The waters of Baptism are a symbol of that covenant and the salvation it offers us. The water of Baptism will serve as a sign of our having died to sin and risen to new life in Christ. This points to another important purpose of the Lenten season. It is a final time of preparation for numerous faith-seekers around the world, as they ask to be baptized and initiated into the Catholic Church. It is also a time for those already baptized to prepare to renew their baptismal commitment at Easter.

And what is that commitment? It is to reject that which is evil, in favor of embracing that which is good and holy. It means living for Christ, living like Christ, and loving like Christ! And that, in turn, is the purpose and foundation of our lives as Catholic Christians. It is our conscious decision to live as followers of Jesus in everything we do, not just during the Lenten season, but each and every day of our lives.

Lent is God's gift to us. It is a forty-day period of grace, during which we are invited to know God more clearly, follow Him more nearly, love Him more dearly. How will you make use of these forty days? How will you deepen your relationship with the Lord? What attitudes within you need to be adjusted so that you can more faithfully live out the call of your Baptism?

All God's Blessings,
Msgr. Maresca

In Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome, visitors are immediately struck by the large window on the back wall of the apse that depicts the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove. Below the window is an ancient wooden chair, believed to have been used by Saint Peter. In the seventeenth century, that ancient chair was encased in bronze and placed above the altar in the apse. Surrounding the chair are statues of four early Doctors of the Church. Two of them represent the Eastern Church: Saint John Chrysostom and St. Athanasius. Two of them represent the Western Church: Saint Ambrose and Saint Augustine. These great saints represent the universality of the Church, both East and West, as well as the unity of their theological teaching with the authority of the Bishop of Rome. Above the chair are two angels jointly holding the triple crown tiara used by the Bishop of Rome, symbolizing that he is the father of kings, governor of the world, and Vicar of Christ. In their other hands, each angel holds a key, symbolizing the authority of the Bishop of Rome in matters of faith and morals. Today's feast celebrates not only that chair as a precious relic from the time of Saint Peter, it also celebrates all that this chair represents. This feast was formally celebrated in Rome as early as the fourth century, but honor for the supremacy of Saint Peter and his successors was celebrated from the moment Jesus entrusted Peter with his mission. In the Gospel of Matthew 16:13–20, we have the discourse between Jesus and His disciples, which is the basis of today's feast and our belief in the unique and universal authority of Saint Peter and his successors. Jesus asked the disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" Simon responded, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." With that profession of faith, Jesus changed Simon's name to Peter, saying to him, "And I tell you, you are Peter (*Petros*), and on this rock (*petra*) I will build my church." "Peter" in Greek is *Petros*, meaning a single movable stone. Jesus chose to transform Peter from a single stone into a solid, fixed, and immovable foundation of rock on which the Church would be built and endure until the end of time. Jesus went on to tell Peter that He would give him the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven and that whatever he bound and loosed on earth would be bound and loosed in Heaven. It's interesting to note that immediately after this discourse between Jesus and Peter, Jesus rebukes Peter for giving into fear after Jesus spoke about His impending death. While in the Garden of Gethsemane, on the eve of Jesus' saving Passion, Peter chooses to sleep rather than stay awake and pray with Jesus. Then, after Jesus is arrested, Peter denies three times that he even knows Jesus. God chose a man of weakness and fear to become the rock foundation for the Church. This shows that God's power is not limited by the instruments to whom He entrusts His power. After Jesus' ascension into Heaven, Peter and the others are filled with the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. After this gift, Peter is more prepared for his mission. He is the first one to go forth courageously to preach the Word of God to the people in Jerusalem. He resolved conflicts within the Church when they arose. He became the first bishop of the newly evangelized city of Antioch and then chose to go to Rome, becoming the first bishop of Rome, where he would die a martyr. However, the death of Saint Peter was not the death of his authority and singular mission. Saint Linus followed him as the second bishop of Rome, and then Saint Cletus, Saint Clement, and so forth until today. Of the pope's authority, Vatican Councils I and II affirmed that when the pope speaks *Ex Cathedra*, meaning, "From the Chair," he speaks with the authority of Saint Peter who was entrusted with full, supreme, and universal authority to teach and govern. His teaching extends to all matters of faith and morals, and his governance encompasses the entire world. It is the power of Christ and His divine love that makes it possible for these men to shepherd the Church, providing stability, longevity, certitude, and hope.

What are you doing for Lent?

To help us during our Lenten journey, the following opportunities will be taking place in our parish.

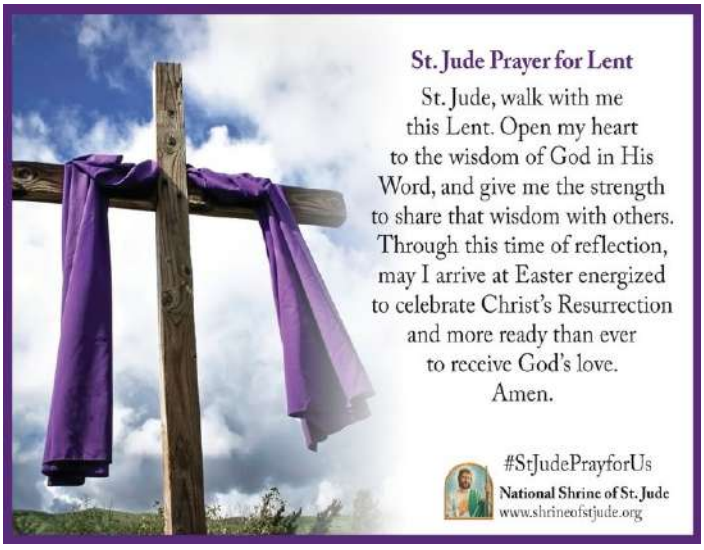
1. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place each morning at 8:00AM Monday through Saturday.
2. Mass is celebrated each morning at 9:00AM Monday through Saturday.
3. Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday during Lent at 7:30PM and will conclude with Benediction.
4. Confessions are heard every Saturday from 4:00 to 4:30PM.
5. Reconciliation Monday is ***March 25th***. Every Church in our Diocese, the Archdiocese of New York and the Diocese of Rockville Centre will be hearing confessions. We will be hearing confessions from ***3:00 to 5:00PM and 7:00 to 9:00PM***. What a wonderful experience to receive the mercy of Christ in this great sacrament.
6. The Saint Francis of Assisi Parish Council will be hosting our Lenten Supper & Stations on Friday March 1st and Friday March 15th. Supper will be at 6:00PM in Msgr. Campbell Hall followed by the Stations of the Cross at 7:30PM in Church. Free will donation.
7. All are welcome to join the St. Francis of Assisi Scripture Study Group on Thursday nights at 7:20PM. The group is for anyone who would like to deepen their understanding of the Bible.
8. Our Parish Lenten Mission will take place from Monday, March 4th, to Thursday, March 7th. The Mission will take place at the 9:00AM Mass in the morning and again at 7:30PM. Fr. Lee Havey will be giving the Mission. All are invited.

Parish Lenten Mission

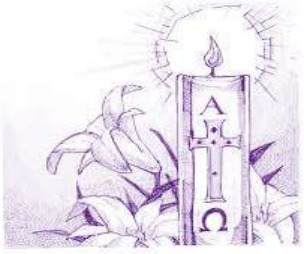
Please mark your calendars for our
Parish Lenten Mission
which takes place beginning Monday, March 4th, to Thursday, March 7th.

The mission will take place at the 9:00AM Mass in the morning and again at 7:30PM. Fr. Lee Havey will be giving the mission.

All are invited to join us.



Easter Candle



If anyone would like to make a donation or memorialize the ***Pascal Candle,*** please stop by the rectory and speak with Marybeth. As you know, the Pascal Candle is blessed and lighted at the Easter Vigil and remains in the sanctuary until the feast of Pentecost. It is then used for all our funerals during the year.

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

The First Sunday of Lent

February 18, 2024

"Do everything of the glory 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

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:

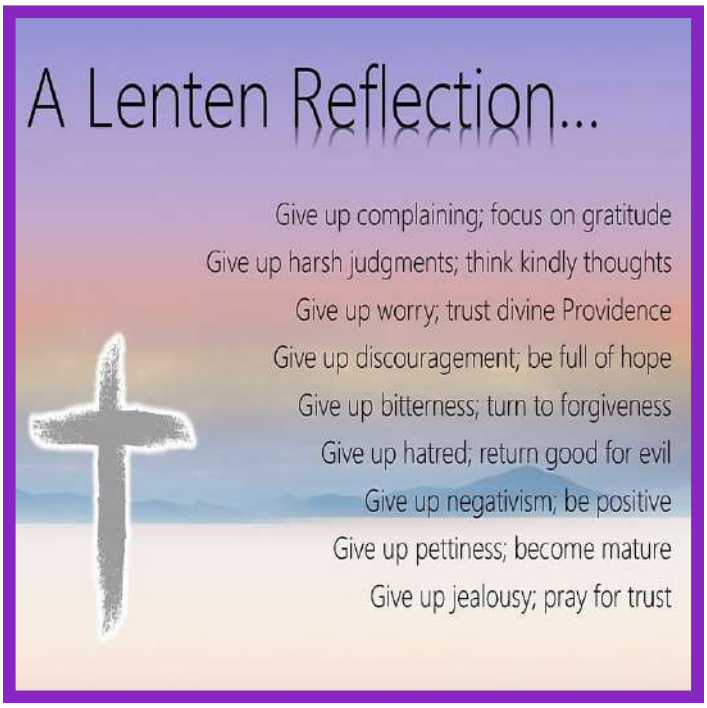
Do everything for the glory of God.

Do everything for the glory of God. Paul's words are both commanding and encouraging. As Christians, whatever we do ought to reflect who we are: Children of the Most High God, adopted sons and daughters of the Lord. We are sisters and brothers of Christ, and our very identity should permeate all we say and do. We are encouraged in this endeavor, and aided by grace, so that we can glorify God for His sake, and for the sake of the world's salvation..

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.



Mass Attendance for the Weekend of February 10 - 11, 2024:

5:00pm	99
8:00am	61
9:30am	124
11:00am	113
12:30pm	50

Total in Attendance: **447**

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

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 be on winter recess until February 28 at which time we will begin our study on Paul's Letter to the Romans. Join u s as we **Grow in Knowledge and Love of Scripture**.

"Through him we have received the grace of apostleship, to bring obout the obedience of faith, for the sake of his name, among the Gentiles, among whom are you also, who are called to belong to Jesus Christ." (Romans 1:5-6)

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!

Important Reminder

Please do NOT leave your old religious magazines, mass cards and other materials on the radiators in Church. We do not collect them and no one is taking them. You can check to see if any religious organizations collect them and you can send them to that organization.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter

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 2/10-1124: **$4,990.00**
2nd Collection-The Tablet ***$416.00***

School parents must use church envelopes.

The Rectory office will be closed all day Monday, February 19, 2024 in observance of President's Day
The office will reopen on Tuesday, February 20th, at 9:00AM.

Next weekend, February 24th and 25th, the second collection will be for fuel.

Please be as generous as your means allow.

Thank you for your continued support.

The Rectory office will close at 5:00PM during the mid-winter break. (February20th to February 23rd)

NO evening office hours.

ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY

St. John's University Speech and Hearing Center will be offering **"Hearing Aid Help"** from January 29, 2024 through April 25, 2024.

This is a free service and is available for anyone who has a hearing aid and may be experiencing some difficulty caring for it or using it.

Please call the Center at (718) 990-6480 to schedule an appointment. The Speech and Hearing Center is located at 152-11 Union Turnpike Flushing, NY.

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Help Spread the Word to help Those in Need!

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THIS WEEK

February 18—February 24

Sunday, February 18

Monday, February 19
PRESIDENT'S DAY
Rectory Office Closed

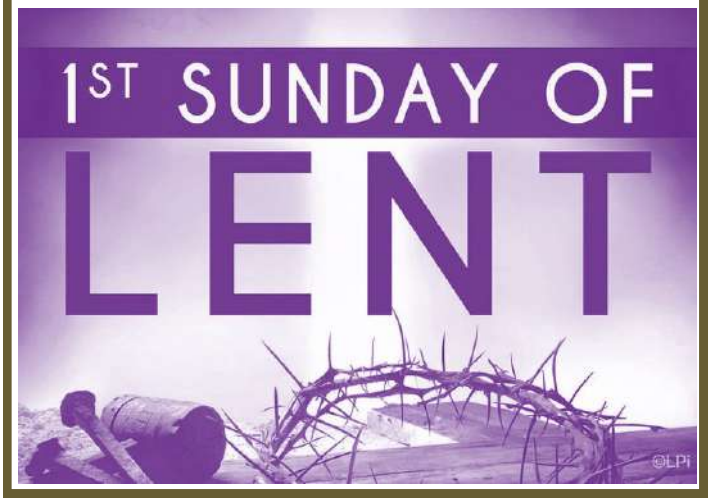
Tuesday, February 20
Rectory Office will close at 5:00PM

Wednesday, February 21
Rectory Office will close at 5:00PM

Thursday, February 22
Rectory Office will close at 5:00PM
10:00-11:30AM-Legion of Mary

Friday, February 23
7:30pm-Stations of the Cross

Saturday, February 24



NEXT WEEK

February 25—March 2

Sunday, February 25
1:30PM Baptism

Monday, February 26
12:00-3:30PM Golden Age-MCH
3:00-3:45PM Children's Choir
7:00PM Adult Choir

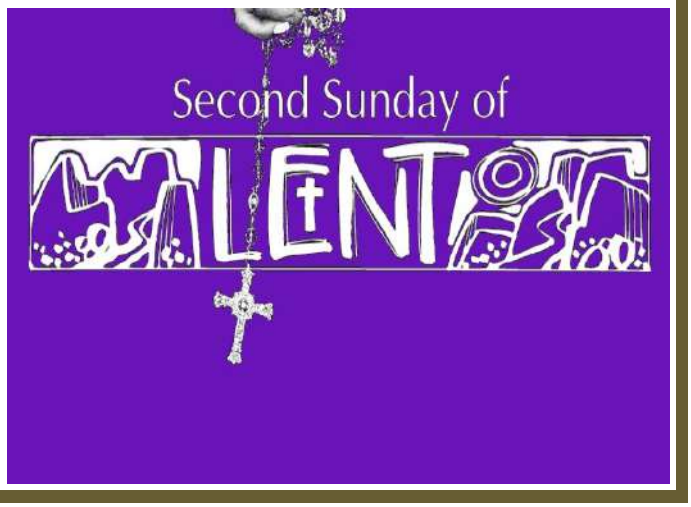
Tuesday, February 27
6:30PM AA Meeting

Wednesday, February 28

Thursday, February 29
10:00-11:30AM-Legion of Mary
6:00PM I.A.C.A.-SFR
7:20PM Scripture Study-StJoR

Friday, March 1
6:00PM Supper & Stations-MCH
7:30PM-Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 2
9:00AM Anointing Mass



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

LENT 2024

= a day of fasting and abstinence from meat

= a day of abstinence from meat

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
"Lent is the liturgical season of forty days which begins with Ash Wednesday and ends with the celebration of the Paschal Mystery (Easter Triduum). Lent is the primary penitential season in the Church's liturgical year, reflecting the forty days Jesus spent in the desert in fasting and prayer" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*). **February**			14 *Ash Wednesday* Attend Mass and receive ashes. Prayerfully choose Lenten offerings of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.	15 Set aside an empty jar for loose change. When it's full, donate it to the poor box at church.	16 Offer up every time you're tempted to have meat for those who can't afford to have meat regularly.	17 Adopt a seminarian or consecrated religious to pray for this Lent. Check your diocesan website to see who is in discernment.
18 Scroll through your phone contacts and offer your Communion for whichever person you land on.	19 Keep custody of the thoughts: give up complaining, rash judgement, and negative self-talk. See holiness -- and productivity! -- increase.	20 Pick a saint to accompany you during Lent. Learn more about them and ask them to pray for you.	21 Find a pro-life pregnancy center near you and ask how you can help them support the women and their babies.	22 Put out an empty box. Throughout Lent, fill it with gently used items in good condition that you no longer use.	23 Observe a screen fast (from recreational use) from noon to 3, recalling the 3 hours Jesus hung on the Cross.	24 Make up bags of socks, oranges, and bottled water to offer people who are homeless.
25 Stay after Mass and pray for the intentions of the pope.	26 Ask God to remind you of His love for you today -- it's a prayer He loves to answer. Thank Him tonight before bed.	27 Make a small sacrifice today for souls, e.g., no cream in your coffee, no snacks before dinner.	28 Give up worry. Write down what worries you and leave it before an image of Jesus, surrendering it to His care.	29 Stop by the parish office and ask what upcoming events you can volunteer with (e.g. setting up St. Joseph's Table).	1 **March** Attend Daily Mass and/or spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament in honor of Jesus' Sacred Heart.	2 Our Lady urged praying the Rosary to bring peace. Pray a Rosary in honor of Mary's Immaculate Heart.
3 Meditate on today's Gospel (John 2:13-25). Where can you "clean the temple" of your heart to make more room for God?	4 Learn something new about your Faith: skim the glossary of the Catechism for an unfamiliar term and learn more about it.	5 Check out Catholic Relief Services at www.crs.org to see how you can help support any of their projects.	6 Meditate on Scripture on-the-go. Copy down a favorite Bible verse and carry it with you all day. Pray with it whenever you have to wait.	7 Catch up with a friend you haven't heard from in a while.	8 Attend a Stations of the Cross service or pray them on your own. Find them here: www.usccb.org.	9 Give others the gift of your presence: ask about their work, interests, or family, and listen attentively while they speak.
10 *Laetare Sunday* Rejoice! Have some holy fun after Mass today.	11 This whole week, give up recreational screen time after 9PM and give that time to God.	12 Renew your commitment to your Lenten promises.	13 Do a thorough Examination of Conscience, then go to Confession to be freed of your sins and experience God's mercy.	14 Today, choose kindness. Resolve to smile at everyone you meet.	15 Make an additional, small sacrifice of your choosing and pray for the unborn children and their mothers.	16 Volunteer at a retirement community. Call ahead and ask how you can serve (e.g., reading to the residents, donating needed items).
17 Consider offering your Communion at Mass for missionaries, teachers, and catechists -- anyone who passes on the Faith.	18 Until the end of Lent, only buy essentials, like food, medicine, etc.	19 *St. Joseph's Day* Happy Solemnity! Enjoy pastries today to celebrate. Prayerfully entrust husbands and fathers to St. Joseph's protection.	20 Drop off the box of clothes at its destination.	21 Find time today to visit the Blessed Sacrament, even if briefly. Pray that everyone has a safe and spiritually fruitful Holy Week.	22 The King is coming! Clean the house in preparation for Palm Sunday.	23 Praying for the dead is a work of mercy. Visit a cemetery and pray for the souls there.
24 *Palm Sunday* During the Gospel readings at Mass, imagine you're in the scene. How would you respond?	25 Offer extra prayers today for those coming into the Church at Easter.	26 Evaluate your Lent. Where did you see spiritual growth? What would you do differently next year?	27 Today recalls Judas' betrayal of Christ. Ask forgiveness from those you have hurt. Forgive those who have hurt you.	28 *Holy Thursday* Today, Christ instituted the Holy Eucharist and the Priesthood. Send a priest a thank-you card for all the ways he's served you.	29 *Good Friday* Read Mark 15 and reflect on Jesus' love for you. Name one way you'll return His love.	30 *Holy Saturday* Light a candle and renew your baptismal vows to remain faithful to God this coming year.

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Lent

As the start of Lent draws near on Ash Wednesday (February 14), in the hope of assisting the faithful of the Diocese of Brooklyn to celebrate this season of preparation for Easter in a fruitful manner, Bishop Robert Brennan wishes to call attention to the following:

ABSTINENCE: All the faithful who have reached 14 years of age are required to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday (February 14) and on all the Fridays of the Lenten Season.

FASTING: All the faithful between the ages of 18 and 59 (inclusive) are bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday (March 29) by limiting oneself to one full meal and avoiding food between meals. Light sustenance may be taken on two other occasions during the day.

EASTER DUTY: After having been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, the faithful are obligated to receive holy Communion at least once a year, this precept to be fulfilled during the Easter Season, unless it is fulfilled at some other time for a good reason. In the United States, the period for fulfilling this precept is extended from the First Sunday of Lent (February 18) until Pentecost Sunday (May 19).

THE SOLEMNITIES OF SAINT JOSEPH AND THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD: The liturgical solemnities of Saint Joseph (March 19) and the Annunciation of the Lord (March 25) are to be celebrated with due solemnity even though they fall within the Season of Lent.

RECONCILIATION MONDAY: Reconciliation Monday is observed in the Diocese on the Monday of Holy Week (March 25). Observance of this day allows the faithful to experience the grace of forgiveness and mercy in the Sacrament of Penance. Those conscious of grave (mortal) sin are obligated to confess before receiving holy Communion.

TIME OF CELEBRATION OF THE EASTER VIGIL: Sunset in Brooklyn on Holy Saturday, March 30, is at 7:19 pm. Therefore, the celebration of the Liturgy for the Easter Vigil should begin after that, realistically at 8 p.m. or later, and must end before dawn on Easter Sunday.

Please take note of the following, as well:

MUSIC: During Lent, the "Alleluia" is not sung or said. Musical instruments are to be used at liturgical celebrations only to give support to the singing.

CHURCH DECORATIONS: The church should not be decorated with flowers during Lent.

HOLY WATER: Holy Water is not removed from the fonts during Lent. It is only removed immediately before the Celebration of the Lord's Supper and replaced at the Easter Vigil with water blessed at that celebration.

FUNERALS: Funeral masses are not permitted during the Paschal Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday). The rite to be used at funerals during those days is the rite for Funerals Outside Mass.

SFA YOUTH GROUP

Grades 5-8, Please join the SFA Youth Group for Supper and Stations!

Date: Friday, March 1, 2024
Time: 6pm-8:15pm
6pm Pizza Supper in Monsignor Campbell Hall (Church basement)
followed by Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm in Church

Pizza and water to be provided. Hope to see you there!

Parents, please RSVP for your child by Monday, February 26th via email to: sfayouthgroupastoria@gmail.com

Please provide your child's name, grade,
any food allergies,
Parent phone number in case of emergency,
and how your child is to be picked up at 8:15pm
(by a parent, friend, or if they can walk home independently).

THANK YOU!!

Atonement

Why did Jesus have to die for our sins?

Lenten Day of Recollection

March 9, 2024

Immaculate Conception Astoria

Lower Church

Speaker: Margaret Turek
Academic Dean and Dogmatic Professor
St. Patrick's Seminary and University
Menlo Park, California
Author of *"Atonement"*
(copies will be available for purchase)

10:30 AM **First Talk: "What We Get Wrong About the Doctrine of Atonement"**

12 Noon **Lunch**

1:30 PM **Second Talk: "The Transforming Power of Suffering Love"**

2:30 PM **Break**

3:00 PM **Third Talk: "Be Imitators of God: Called To Be Co-Atoners In Christ"**

$50.00 (includes Lunch)
$40.00 Early Registration by **March 1**
Scholarships available for those with financial need
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2024 Diocesan Lenten Pilgrimage

February 14 to March 27

Visit 39 churches throughout Brooklyn and Queens for a celebration of the gift of the Holy Eucharist.

The pilgrimage invites people to visit a different parish each day, except Sundays, during Lent. This year, thirty-nine parishes are designated for specific days on the itinerary where people can visit different parishes to experience the church's beauty and the community's beauty.

At each stop, pilgrims can join local parishioners at Mass, or in Eucharistic Adoration, prayer, and reflection.

Visit 20 or more of the Station Churches during the pilgrimage and qualify for a certificate and special recognition.

Please register online at https://lent.dioceseofbrooklyn.org to receive important updates and resources to help you with your pilgrimage.

Saint Luke will host the Lenten Pilgrimage February 26, 2024 with the following schedule

12:00 PM	Angelus Prayer
12:05PM	Mass followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
1:00 PM	Recitation of the Rosary—Joyful Mysteries
3:00 PM	Divine Mercy Chaplet
5:00 PM	Evening Prayer
6:30 PM	Holy Hour with Scripture, hymns and prayers
7:30 PM	Benediction & Reposition