The Fifth Sunday of Lent

Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, March 17 – Fifth Sunday of Lent
8:00 A.M. Dan Lombardi
9:30 A.M. Frank Mancusco
11:00 A.M. The Masluk Family
12:30 P.M. Rino Del Carro
Maria N. Scarlatto
Rosa Angelo Sferrazza
Eugenia Madonna
Angelo LoBrutto

MONDAY, March 18-St. Cyril of Jerusalem
9:00 A.M. Joseph Santagato Sr.

TUESDAY, March 19-St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
9:00 A.M. Joseph Pepe

WEDNESDAY, March 20– Lenten Weekday
9:00A.M. Maria N. Scarlatto

THURSDAY, March 21-Lenten Weekday
9:00 A.M. John Hoffman

FRIDAY, March 22-Lenten Weekday
9:00 A.M. Antonio Jose Arrendondo

SATURDAY, March 23—St. Turibius of Mogrovejo
9:00 A.M. Purgatorial Society
Al Hovanec
Nancy Hovanec

5:00P.M. Raymond Loud

SUNDAY, March 24– PALM SUNDAY
8:00 A.M. For the People of St. Francis
9:30 A.M. Deceased Members of the Silletti Family
11:00 A.M. Scott Hall
12:30 P.M. Maria N. Scarlatto
Rino Del Carro
Giuseppe Carlino
Concetta DiPompo
Iolanda Babore
Antonio Bruno
Etta Bassi
Rosa & Gennaro Benedetto
Anna Taibi
The Macchia Family

Today's Readings

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

Jeremiah 31:31-34
Hebrews 5:7-9
John 12:20-33

Readings for the Week

MONDAY: Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62
John 8:1-11

TUESDAY: 2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16
Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22
Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a

WEDNESDAY Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95
John 8:31-42

THURSDAY: Genesis 17:3-9
John 8:51-59

FRIDAY: Jeremiah 20:10-13
John 10:31-42

SATURDAY: Ezekiel 37:21-28
John 11:45-56

PALM SUNDAY

Mark :31-34
Hebrews 5:7-9
John 12:20-33

My Dear Parishioners,

For centuries, the season of Lent has been seen as a time of retreat for the members of the Church. It is a time when we are especially called to reflect on God, our lives, and our role in the world as Catholics. It is a time to grow closer to the Lord Jesus. Our primary disciplines helping us do these things are prayer, fasting, almsgiving.

As we draw closer to the end of Lent, we can join with the Greeks, spoken of in today's Gospel, and ask, *Sir, we would like to see Jesus.* We want to see Him more clearly in our own lives and in those around us. Many of us have been working throughout this penitential season to deepen our understanding of who Jesus is and how our lives should be different as a result of seeing Him. Perhaps we have made every effort to obey His teachings and stay away from sin, but, also we have fallen, yet again.

As we come to know Jesus better, however, we also come to recognize that it is not too late to go to Him again and start anew. We heard from the Letter to the Hebrews today that Jesus *became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey Him.* So, we are to strive to obey Jesus, following His example and living according to His teachings. In our daily lives, and especially during Lent, we are to open ourselves more fully to His guidance and His love.

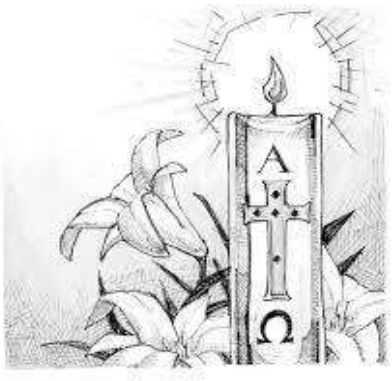
The request of the Greek believers seems to have moved Jesus to speak again about His coming death and Resurrection, and the sacrifices that will be required of His followers. He challenges them, saying, *Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life.* We are commanded by Jesus to *hate* our lives. Certainly, this is not meant in s self-destructive sense, but in the sense of putting things in perspective, accepting the mission of Jesus, and letting our own lives show the world how to live as Jesus taught! Jesus clearly desires everyone to do this. He continues to invite all people to reject sin and be faithful to the Gospel, but it is up to each one of us.

My friends in Christ, this Lenten season is meant to help us do exactly that: follow Jesus more fully and commit our hearts and spirits more deeply to walking the path of life. We have Jesus leading the way, inviting us to be one with Him.

So, while we are in this penitential season of Lent, let us continue to seek forgiveness of our sins and focus on our journey to eternal life. We will have a wonderful opportunity to go to confession and receive God's mercy and forgiveness on Monday, March 25th. Confessions will be heard here in St. Francis of Assisi from 3pm to 5pm and 7pm to 9pm. Let us make use of this Sacrament that forgives our sins and gives us the grace to continue our faith journey and be faithful disciples of Jesus.

All God's Blessings,
Msgr. Maresca

The Easter Candle Will Burn in Memory of:



Rose & Denis Sweeney
Lucia, Ralph & Domenick Borgia
John Purich
Ralph & Rita Maresca
William LeDone
All Souls in Purgatory
Marie & Sylvester Guerriero
Harold Elmendorf
Christina & Pasquale Iorio
Lucia & Raffaele Guerriero
Louise & Frank Esposito
Josephine & Walter Tanalski
Vincent Iorio
Giustina & Antonio DiBenedetto
Concetta & Giuseppe Saraceni

Jorge & Mauricio Mesa
Antonina & John Kos
Yolanda & Natale Palazzolo
Lena & Antonino Galioto
Marie Scaglione
Elsa Armenti
Marija Kuljanic

FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH

PATRON OF THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH

March 19, 2024

MOST CHASTE HEART OF ST. JOSEPH

My glorious St. Joseph, by the graces of Thy Most Chaste Heart, save the Holy Church against the attacks of Satan and defend with thy intercession and power, devotion to the Hearts of Jesus and Mary, for God hath granted you power and glory! I want to be Thy servant for love of Jesus and Mary, for life.

AMEN.

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

Awyn Profit, Jack Orlando, Steven Joyce, Judy Hanley-Brickner, John Wrenn, Augustin Cisneros, James Nunez, Vincent Wytak, John & Carol Ross, Jeffrey Hyans, Marie LoVolpe, Jessica St. Preux, Al Ciani, Alesha Moses, Nancy McCaffrey, 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 Humen, 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 Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 17, 2024

"The Father will honor whoever serves me."

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:

Choose the path of surrender in service to the Lord.

We want to serve and honor the Lord, but we also want to enjoy our lives and ensure that our children and grandchildren have a good life. In today's Gospel, Jesus challenges us to choose the Lord first, and the Father will honor whoever serves Him. Choosing the path of surrender n service to Him glorigies God and allows us to produce much fruit, including care for our own families.

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.

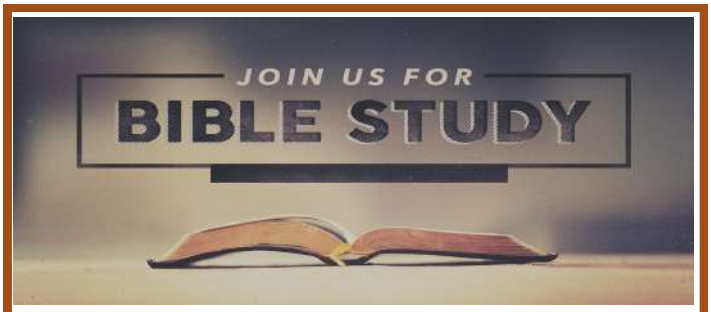
What are you doing for Lent?

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. 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.

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 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, March 21 from 7:20-8:50 in the St. Joseph's room in the rectory with Paul's Letter to the Romans (Romans 3:21-4:25) . Join us as we **Grow in Knowledge and Love of Scripture**.

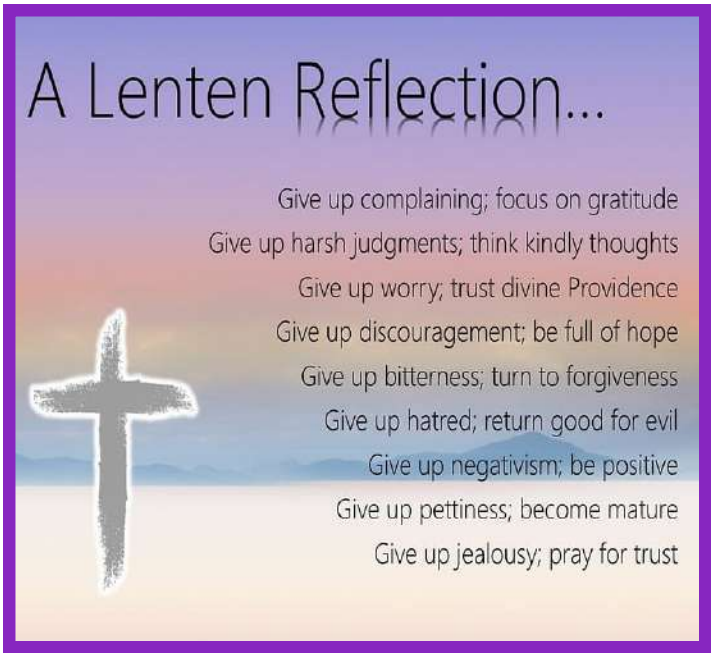
HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

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!



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.

Sunday3/9-10/24: **$5,252.00**
2nd Collection-Missions ***$709.00***

School parents must use church envelopes.

Mass Attendance for the Weekend of March 9-10, 2024:

5:00pm	81
8:00am	60
9:30am	266
11:00am	112
12:30pm	41

Total in Attendance: **560**

Easter Flower envelopes can be returned in any collection. Please **clearly** print the names as they will be published in our Bulletin.

Easter Mass Remembrance envelopes can be returned in any collection before Easter. The names of our loved ones, living or deceased, will be remembered at the Easter Novena of Masses celebrated Easter week.

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THIS WEEK

March 17—March 23

Sunday, March 17
9:30 Children's Liturgy
10:40 CCD
3:00PM Confirmation

Monday, March 18
12:00-3:30PM Golden Age-MCH
3:00-3:45 Children's Choir
7:00PM Adult Choir

Tuesday, March 19
6:30PM AA Meeting

Wednesday, March 20

Thursday, March 21
10:00-11:30AM-Legion of Mary
6:00PM I.A.C.A.-SFR
7:20PM Scripture Study-StJoR

Friday, March 22
7:30PM-Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 23
Girl Scout Cookie Sale
6:00PM Youth Group Meeting

NEXT WEEK

March 24—March 30

Sunday, March 24
PALM SUNDAY
Girl Scout Cookie Sale
9:30 Children's Liturgy
10:40 CCD

Monday, March 25
RECONCILIATION MONDAY
Confessions
3:00-5:00pm
7:00-9:00pm

Tuesday, March 26
6:30PM AA Meeting

Wednesday, March 27
9:00AM-School Easter Mass

Thursday, March 28
HOLY THURSDAY
9:00AM Morning Prayer
7:30PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, March 29
9:00AM Morning Prayer
2:30PM-Stations of the Cross
3:00PM Service
7:30PM Service

Saturday, March 30
9:00AM Morning Prayer
7:30PM Easter Vigil

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

LENT 2024

= a day of fasting and abstinence from meat

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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.

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St. Francis of Assisi
Girl Scouts

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PALM SUNDAY WEEKEND

SATURDAY, MARCH 23RD & SUNDAY, MARCH 24TH
OUTSIDE OF CHURCH AFTER ALL MASSES

Sat 5pm - Sun 8am-9:30am-11am-12:30pm

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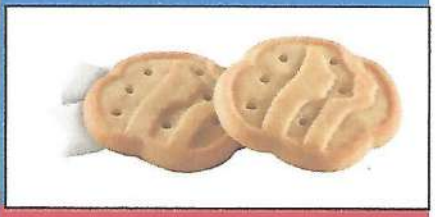

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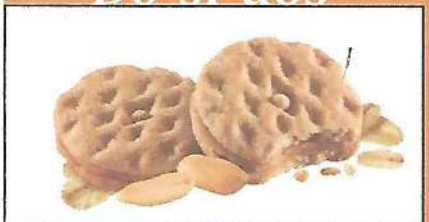

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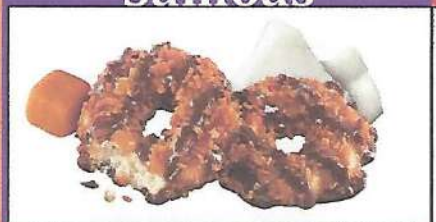

Tagalongs

Thin Mints

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Toffee-tastic

On Sunday, March 10, 2024, Girl Scout Daisies, Brownies, Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors celebrated together all around the country. It is a day set aside for us to serve God, which is part of the Girl Scout promise. Girl Scout Sunday is an annual event celebrated during Girl Scout Week, which honors the founding of Girl Scouts by Juliette Gordon Low on March 12, 1912.We, the St. Francis of Assisi Girl Scouts, thank Msgr. Maresca and the parishioners of our parish for sharing this special day with us.

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2 EVENTS-SAME DAY

2024
INTERNATIONAL GIFT OF LIFE WALK-NYC
GRAND MARSHAL BISHOP JOSEPH L. COFFEY

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Neonatologist

2024 INTERNATIONAL GIFT OF LIFE WALK-NYC

This year will be the 8th Annual pro-life walk in NYC. Our Grand Marshal for this year will be Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of Military Services. Every year we honor the vision of St. John Paul II when he designated March 25, as the International Day of the Pre-born Child. The mission of this Walk is to claim the Personhood of all humans at the moment of conception. With that carries the recognition of the worth and dignity of every human being, from conception to natural, true death.

BISHOP COFFEY'S STATEMENT:
"Now that the overturning of Roe V Wade has determined there is no Constitutional right to abortion, it is imperative that all New Yorkers of good will to stand up and demand the recognition that, from the moment of conception, all pre-born children are persons. As persons they are fully invested with all Rights of the Equal Protection under the laws of this State and this Great Nation. The International Gift of Life Walk in NYC is a perfect place to start this movement. I applaud and endorse the WALK for the protection of the defenseless in the womb and the rallying cry it proclaims for the recognition of PERSONHOOD."

RALLY & WALK LOCATION:
11AM RALLY
FOLEY SQUARE
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St. Francis of Assisi Parish 21-17 45TH Street Astoria, NY 11105

45th Anniversary Celebration

Sunday April 28, 2024

Mass of Thanksgiving at 12:30 PM

Lunch to Follow

Msgr. Campbell Hall (lower church)

Honoring

The Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano

Bishop - Diocese of Bridgeport

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Donation: $85.00 per person Limited seats R.S.V.P . by April 15, 2024

Make checks payable to:

Italian American Catholic Action

For Information, call

Mrs. Maria Eterna Bruno 917 943-7156 or Mrs. Josephine Sferrazza 718 808-2097

Astoria Homeowners, Tenants & Business Civic Association

21-20 49th St. Astoria, NY 11105 (718) 721-3690

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Please attend our next community meeting:

Discussing the successful removal of campers in the Steinway Industrial Business Zone

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

7:30 p.m.

Pistilli Grand Manor

45-02 Ditmars Blvd., Astoria, NY

**** Please enter on 45th Street side entrance, right before the parking garage ****

CONFIRMED GUEST SPEAKERS:

Timothy Chubinidze

Director of Civic Engagement, Office of Queens Borough President Donovan Richards Jr.

Deputy Inspector Kenneth Gorman

Commanding Officer, NYPD – 114th Precinct

Other City Agency speakers to be confirmed soon.

Join us, and tell all your neighbors and friends. All are welcome!

Feel free to share throughout your social media … Facebook, Instagram, Twitter/X

Defensive Driving Course: Saturday, April 13, 2024, 9:00am-3:00pm at Pistilli Grand Manor.

For anyone who is interested, we are offering a New York State approved defensive driving course. You will receive a certificate that is good for 3 years which offers a 10% discount on your insurance premium or eliminate some points. The fee is $30 and includes pizza lunch and water. Space is limited.

Please call Rudy at (917) 992-4085 or email us at betterastoria@gmail.com to reserve your spot.