The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, June 2 – The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)
8:00 A.M. For the People of St. Francis
9:30 A.M. Darrin T. O'Connor (Hili)
11:00 A.M. Jeanmarie Wile
12:30 P.M. Rocco & Nicoletta Scenna
Rino Del Carro
Ermelinda Finizio Zulli
Joseph Padovan

MONDAY, June 3– Saint. Charles Lwanga
9:00 A.M. Mamie Germand

TUESDAY, June 4-Weekday
9:00 A.M. Dr. Arthur Gualtieri

WEDNESDAY, June 5-Saint Boniface
9:00A.M. Raffaele DiGioia

THURSDAY, June 6-Saint Norbert
9:00 A.M. Peter J. Spinosa

FRIDAY, June 7-The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
9:00 A.M. Lena Busuttil

SATURDAY, June 8—The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary
9:00 A.M. Purgatorial Society

5:00P.M. Nicole Morris Rita

SUNDAY, June 9– Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 A.M. Holy Name
9:30 A.M. For the People of St. Francis
11:00 A.M. Deirdre Daniels
12:30 P.M. Cioli Calogero Annibale
Amato Gioina
Rino Del Carro

Today's Readings

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

Exodus 24:2-8
Hebrews 9:11-15
Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

*On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, when it was customary to sacrifice the Passover lamb, Jesus' disciples asked him, "Where do you want us to go and make preparations for you to eat the Passover?" So he sent two of his disciples, telling them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him. Say to the owner of the house he enters, 'The Teacher asks: Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there." The disciples left, went into the city and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover. (***Mark 14:12-16)**

Readings for the Week

MONDAY: 2 Peter 1:2-7
Mark 12:1-12

TUESDAY: 2 Peter 3:12-15a, 17-18
Mark 12:13-17

WEDNESDAY 2 Timothy 1:1-3, 6-12
Mark 12:18-27

THURSDAY: 2 Timothy 2:8-15
Mark 12:28-34

FRIDAY: Hosea 1:1, 3-4, 8c-9
Ephesians 3:8-12, 14-19
John 19:31-37

SATURDAY: 2 Timothy 4:1-8
Luke 2:41-51

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Genesis 3:9-15
2 Corinthians:4:13-5:1
Mark 3:20-35

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My Dear Parishioners,

The Last supper of the Lord became the "Lasting Supper" for us. Jesus carefully prepared his disciples for what was to be an everlasting sign. It was the sign of the New Covenant. Before Jesus' sacrifice on Calvary, he shared this last meal with his disciples. According to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church,* Jesus focused the attention of the disciples toward heaven at the Last Supper (cf: 1403). In other words, this earthly Passover was to be fulfilled for us in the kingdom.

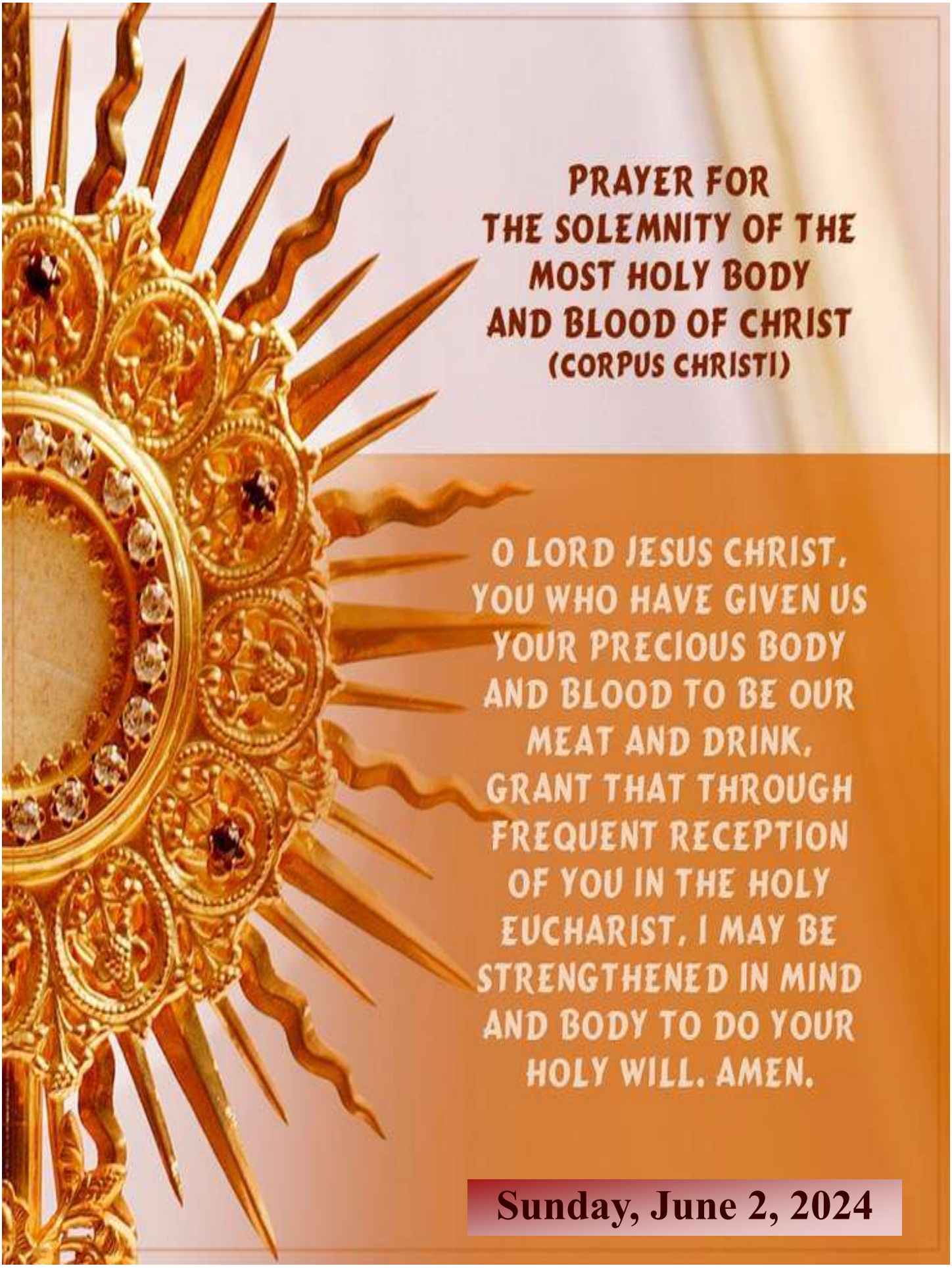
Today, we still commemorate that Passover feast with the Lord. We recall it every time we gather for the Eucharist in our faith community. As the Mass is celebrated, the presider proclaims almost the same words Jesus used in the Last Supper. Likewise, as we heard in the first reading from Exodus, Moses proclaimed their covenant with the Lord. The people of that time were eager to do all that the Lord commanded of them. They wished to connect with God in such a way that they could feel his presence.

It is the same for us today. We want a strong, life-giving, connection with God. The disciples cherished their connection with Jesus, which is why they did not want Jesus to leave their side. Recall what happened when Peter attempted to stop Jesus from suffering, as the Lord had said he had to do- Jesus called Peter "Satan" and said, *get behind me* (Mt 16:23) In other words, the Passover of the Lord Jesus Christ was to happen in a way that was pre-ordained by his heavenly Father. For us, the celebration of the Mass is a reminder of the promise of the lord Jesus Christ, who said, in Matthew 28: *I am with you always.*

Jesus is present to us always in the Eucharist. The Eucharist is "an action of thanksgiving to God" (CCC 1328). We must thank God every day for the New Covenant that was established by His Son, Jesus. The Lord instituted the Eucharist, and through his salvific death, Jesus opened the gates of heaven for us. Sin and death were defeated, and we now have the hope of everlasting life. Jesus is the mediator of this New Covenant.

Salvation history is replete with many stories. Yet, in today's feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, we hear the story that is most precious to us- the establishment of the Holy Eucharist. As Catholics, the Liturgy is the summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed, and the source from which all its power flows. The Liturgy is a reminder of the New Covenant of which Jesus spoke during the Last Supper, and is representative of the words of the Psalm response: We call on the Lord, and in doing so*, we will take the cup of salvation. This* salvation was purchased for us by the blood of the Lamb, the Son of God.

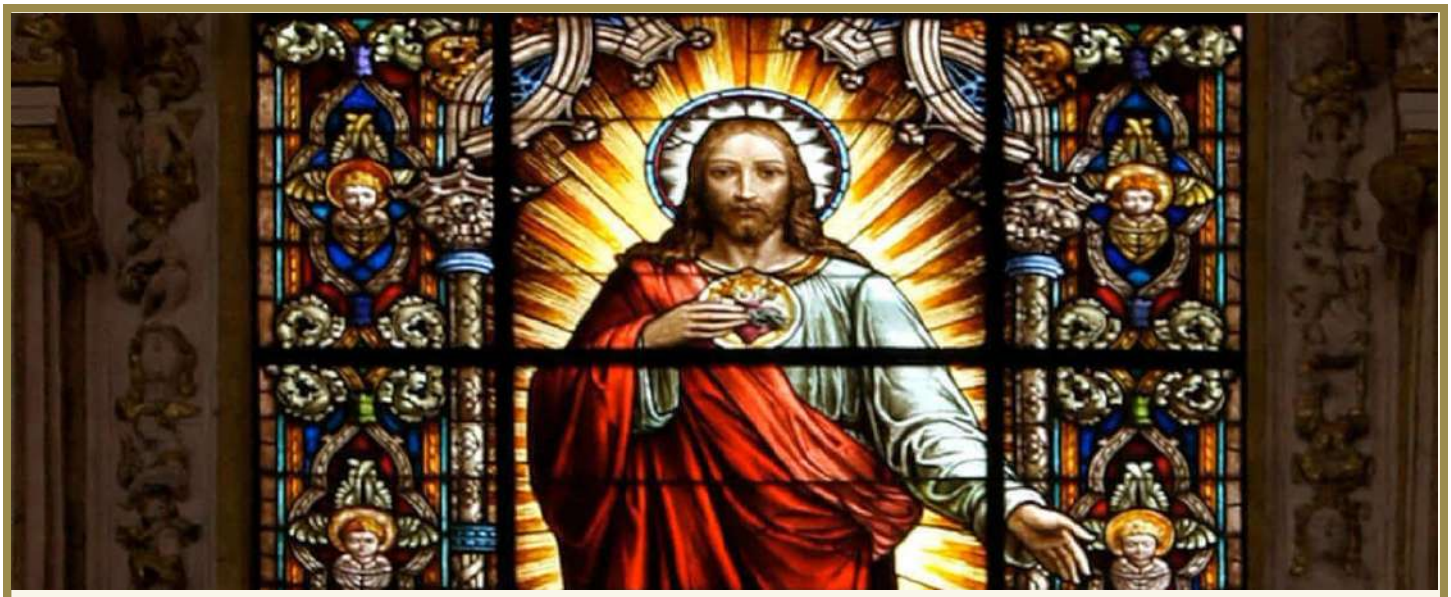
All God's Blessings,
Msgr. Maresca



PRAYER FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, YOU WHO HAVE GIVEN US YOUR PRECIOUS BODY AND BLOOD TO BE OUR MEAT AND DRINK, GRANT THAT THROUGH FREQUENT RECEPTION OF YOU IN THE HOLY EUCHARIST, I MAY BE STRENGTHENED IN MIND AND BODY TO DO YOUR HOLY WILL. AMEN.

Sunday, June 2, 2024



Friday, June 7, 2024
The Feast of
The Sacred Heart of Jesus

Jesus Made Twelve Promises to Those Who Hold a True Devotion to His Sacred Heart:

1. I will give them all the graces necessary in their state of life.

2. I will give peace in their families and will unite families that are divided.

3. I will console them in all their troubles.

4. I will be their refuge during life and above all in death.

5. I will bestow the blessings of Heaven on all their enterprises.

6. Sinners shall find in my Heart the source and infinite ocean of mercy.

7. Tepid souls shall become fervent.

8. Fervent souls shall rise quickly to great perfection.

9. I will bless those places wherein the image of My Heart shall be exposed and honored and will imprint My love on the hearts of those who would wear this image on their person. I will also destroy in them all disordered movements.

10. I will give to priests who are animated by a tender devotion to my Divine Heart the gift of touching the most hardened hearts.

11. Those who promote this devotion shall have their names written in my Heart, never to be effaced.

12. THE GREATEST PROMISE - I promise you in the excessive mercy of my Heart that my all-powerful love will grant to all those who communicate (Receive Holy Communion) on the First Friday in nine consecutive months, the grace of final penitence: they will not die in my disgrace, nor without receiving their Sacraments. My Divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in this last moment.

Saturday, June 8, 2024
The Feast of The Immaculate Heart of The Blessed Virgin Mary

The Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary is a devotional name used to refer to the interior life of the Blessed Virgin Mary, her joys and sorrows, her virtues and hidden perfections, and above all, her virginal love for God the Father, her maternal love for her son Jesus, and her compassionate love for all persons. Two elements are essential to the devotion, Mary's interior life and the beauties of her soul, and Mary's virginal body. According to Roman Catholic theology, soul and body are necessary to the constitution of man. It was in 1855, that the Mass of the Most Pure Heart of Mary formally became a part of the Catholic practice. Traditionally, the heart of Mary in artwork is depicted with seven wounds or swords, in homage to the seven sorrows of Mary. Also, roses or another type of flower may be wrapped around the heart.

Veneration of the Immaculate Heart of Mary generally coincides with the worship of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. However, there is a difference that explains the Roman Catholic devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is especially directed to the "Divine Heart", as overflowing with love for humanity. In the devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, on the other hand, the attraction is the love of her Immaculate Heart for Jesus and for God.

A second difference is the nature of the devotion itself. In devotion to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Roman Catholic venerates in a sense of love, responding to love. In devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, love is formed from study and imitation of Mary's yes to God as the mother of Jesus. In this devotion, love is more the result, than the "object" of the devotion; the object being rather to love God and Jesus by uniting one's self to Mary for this purpose and by imitating her virtues, to help one achieve this.

History of the devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary is connected in many ways to that of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Christians were drawn to the love and virtues of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and this paved the devotion from the beginning. Early Christians had compassion for the Virgin Mary, and the Gospels recount prophecy delivered to her at Jesus' presentation in the temple, and that her heart would be pierced with a sword. The image of the Immaculate Heart of Mary with the pierced heart is the most popular representation. St. John's Gospel further invites us to the attention of Mary's heart with its depiction of Mary at the foot of the cross at Jesus' crucifixion. St. Augustine tells us that Mary was more blessed in having born Christ in her heart, than in having conceived him in the flesh.

Welcome New Parishioners

We welcome those who registered in our parish during the month of May 2024.

Mariana Gianaris

Baptisms

We welcome those who were Baptized in our parish during the month of May 2024.

Kaia Winter Blockey

Weddings

Congratulations to those who were married in our Parish in the month of May 2024.

Robert Joseph Baghai and Nicole Marie Biscaglia

Recently Deceased

The following have passed away during the month of May 2024.
We continue to pray for the recently deceased members of our parish.

Yolanda Paolini
Gertrude DeSabato
Frank S. Orso Jr.
Rosa Santa Gambino
Matthew M. Karcic

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

Prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

O most holy heart of Jesus, fountain of every blessing, I adore you, I love you, and with lively sorrow for my sins I offer you this poor heart of mine. Make me humble, patient, pure and wholly obedient to your will. Grant, Good Jesus, that I may live in you and for you. Protect me in the midst of danger. Comfort me in my afflictions. Give me health of body, assistance in my temporal needs, your blessing on all that I do, and the grace of a holy death. 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, Rick Simonsen, Aubrey Madden and Madison Millett.

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.

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
June 2, 2024

"Christ came as high priest."

Pray for Vocations

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' sacrifice seals our covenant with God forever.

As we celebrate the solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, we give thanks in a particular way for Christ's perfect offering of himself as the eternal sacrifice. In ancient times, sacrifices of animals, material goods or even humans were offered to divine entities. These were ritual ceremonies forced upon the people as an act of worship or placation. Jesus, in revealing to all the one, true God, offers his own body and blood for our salvation. This perfect sacrifice has united us to the Father once more, and is the source and summit of our life in Christ.

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. 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.

VOCATION PRAYER

In this Year of Prayer, the Parish Council has suggested that we as a parish pray the prayer for Vocations found on the back cover of the missalette.
We will pray the prayer every Sunday before the final blessing of Mass.
Vocations to the priesthood are needed throughout the country. Here in our own Diocese of Brooklyn, vocations are vital for the continuation of the Eucharist which is central to our lives as Catholics.

Let us pray to the Lord that men will respond to the call of the Lord to give their life in service to the Church as a priest.

Holy Name Society

On Sunday, June 9th, the 8:00am Mass is the Holy Name Mass. The mission of the Holy Name Society is to promote devotion and reverence for the Holy Name of God and Jesus. What better way than to participate in the Holy Name Monthly Mass. All are invited to join in this celebration.

PLEASE NOTE

BAPTISMS FOR JULY WILL BE SUNDAY, JULY 28TH AT 1:00PM.

BAPTISMS FOR AUGUST WILL BE SUNDAY, AUGUST 25TH AT 1:00PM.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI SCRIPTURE STUDY

Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us; make our hearts burn while You speak to us. (Luke 24:32)

Dear SFA Friends and Family,

The Scripture Study Group has completed a productive study year ending with our study of Paul's Letters to the Galatians and to the Romans. We are delighted to report that several new members joined us, who shared their enthusiasm and love of scripture to the group.

We look forward to having you join us in **September** as we begin a new study with the **Gospel According to John**.

May God bless your summer days with rest, relaxation and His peace.
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 download the census card on line. Just check our website at: ***stfrancisofassisiastoria.org***
You will then begin to receive weekly offering envelopes.

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Weekly Offering

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

Sunday 5/25-26: **$3,428.00**

School parents must use church envelopes.

Mass Attendance for the May 25/26, 2024:

5:00PM	92
8:00AM	50
9:30AM	64
11:00AM	98
12:30PM	42

Total in Attendance: 346

Father's Day envelopes are available at the doors of the church. Please enroll your father, living or deceased, in the Novena of Mass that will begin on Father's Day and continue each day through the week. The envelopes can be returned in any collection.

Annual Catholic Appeal 2024

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As you are aware the Annual Catholic Appeal for 2024 is underway. Our goal remained the same from last year $41,679. I am very grateful to all those who supported the appeal last year. Because of your support and generosity we went over goal by about $3,000.

This year we are off to a good start. As of Monday, April 8th we have pledged $24,547 towards our goal. If you have not contributed to the appeal, please prayerfully consider what you are able to contribute to help us reach our goal.

THANK YOU for all the sacrifices you make to support this appeal.

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

Summer Schedule of Masses
for
July and August 2024
Saturday - 5pm
Sunday - 8am, 10am, 12pm
All Masses will be in English.
The schedule will begin the weekend of
July 6th - 7th.
The regular schedule of Masses will resume
the weekend of September 7th - 8th

St. FRANCIS of ASSISI
SUMMER SCHEDULE

Beginning June 24th until September 3rd

Adoration

There will be No Adoration beginning June 24th.
Adoration will resume on September 4, 2024

Church Hours

Monday thru Saturday—8:00am
Sunday—7:30am

Mass Schedule

Monday thru Friday—9:00am
Saturday—9:00am & 5:00pm
Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am & 12:00noon
(NO Italian Mass During July & August)

Rectory Hours

Monday thru Thursday—9:00am—12:00pm
1:00pm—5:00pm
Friday 9:00am –12:00pm * 1:00pm—3:00pm
NO EVENING OFFICE HOURS

CLOSED SUNDAY

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THIS WEEK

June 2-June 8

Sunday, June 2
Corpus Christi
2:30PM-Adoration

Monday, June 3
12:00-3:30PM-Golden Age

Tuesday, June 4
6:30PM-AA Meeting

Wednesday, June 5
5:00PM-8th Grade Awards

Thursday, June 6
10:00-11:30AM Legion of Mary
6:00PM IACA
7:20PM-Scripture Study

Friday, June 7
9:00AM-FIRST FRIDAY

Saturday, June 8

NEXT WEEK

June 9-June 15

Sunday, June 9
8:00AM-Holy Name Mass

Monday, June 10
12:00-3:30PM-Golden Age

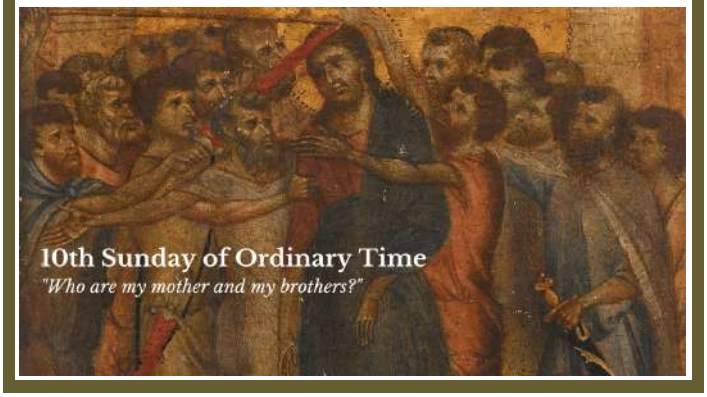
Tuesday, June 11
6:30PM-AA Meeting

Wednesday, June 12
7:30PM Festival Meeting-Rectory Basement
7:30PM Baptism Class

Thursday, June 13
10:00-11:30AM Legion of Mary
6:00PM IACA

Friday, June 14
FLAG DAY
8:00AM Flag Day Ceremony
5:00PM Graduation Mass & Ceremony

Saturday, June 15



JUNE 2024
LECTOR ASSIGNMENTS

	THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST	TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
	JUNE 1 - 2	JUNE 8 - 9	JUNE 15 - 16	JUNE 22 - 23	JUNE 29 - 30
Saturday 5:00 P.M.	Edward Kubina	Debbi Skinner	Dolores Ratkowski	Debbie Skinner	Edward Kubina
Sunday 8:00 A.M.	Robert Laucella	Andrew Soltesz	Carol Hickey	Andrew Soltesz	Robert Laucella
Sunday 9:30 A.M.	Josephine Corso	Martha O'Toole	Maria Brooks	Josephine Corso	Patrick O'Toole
Sunday 11:00 A.M.	Jane Di Donato	Sharon Costanza	Jane Di Donato	Sharon Costanza	Jane Di Donato
Sunday 12:30 P.M.	Concetta D'Angelo	Jackie Macchia	Anna Maria Del Carro	Etera Bruno	Anna Maria Tenaglia

***** REMINDER *****
Once you are scheduled, if you cannot fulfill your assignment, please make every effort to call and get a replacement. Thank you

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June 2024

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Msgr. Ralph J. Maresca V.F., Pastor

One Minute Meditations

St. Anthony of Padua

Born Fernando de Bulhom in Lisbon, Portugal, in 1195, St. Anthony was inspired to join the Franciscans after hearing the news of five martyred Franciscans, taking the name "Anthony." At a meeting of the Dominican and Franciscan Orders, St. Anthony was spontaneously asked to preach a sermon. His listeners were so inspired, St. Francis charged him with overseeing the studies of Franciscans. He is known for working miracles and receiving a vision of the Christ Child.

The face of Christ

How do you show the face of Christ to people around you? Do you bake for others? Can you sing or play music for others' enjoyment? If you have a car can you drive people who need rides to church or their doctors? Whatever you can offer, your community can use it. Call your parish to find out how you can help.

"One loving spirit sets another on fire."
St. Augustine
(Confessions)

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Thrive spiritually in today's secular world

One challenge for contemporary Catholics is balancing a faithful, God-centered life with the secular temptations of modern society. Here's how we can constructively engage with the world while staying devout:

Active participation: Regularly engage in parish activities. Attend weekly Mass, partake in Sacraments, and support parish outreach programs. These activities strengthen our religious identity and nurture a supportive faith community.

Grow in knowledge: Enhance your understanding of Catholic teachings, history, and tradition through formal education if available, personal reading, or online forums such as Formed.org or Wordonfire.org. Consult your priest for additional recommendations.

Weave faith into daily life: Incorporate prayer and devotion into your daily routines. Dedicate at least 15 minutes to prayer each day, observe seasonal devotions, and celebrate Catholic liturgical feasts to connect faith with everyday life.

Dialogue with others of different faiths: Engage in discussions with people of differing religious beliefs to deepen your own spiritual understanding and commitment. This not only challenges you to know and critically consider your faith but also helps you articulate your beliefs clearly, fostering a deeper personal connection to Catholicism.

Community engagement: Actively participate in service activities that reflect Catholic values. This practical application of your beliefs demonstrates a faith committed to loving your neighbor.

By embracing these practices, we can maintain our Catholic identity and have a positive impact on others.

Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do we believe the Catholic Church is the "original" one?

Catholics believe the Catholic Church is the "original" church, because it is the only one founded by Jesus Christ. Apostolic Succession means there is an unbroken papal line starting with St. Peter, emphasizing divine continuity. Early Church

Tradition is the foundation of what has become widespread practices in Christianity. The role of the Roman See, with the Pope as Peter's successor, centralized Church authority. Doctrinal continuity means that teachings and practices align closely with early Christian doctrines, asserting spiritual and historical continuity.

June is the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

The image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is a symbol of His passionate love for us and a reminder of the cost of our salvation. Consider these simple ways to honor His heart this month:

Make the morning offering daily: Begin each day with a prayer of dedication to the Sacred Heart, "O Jesus, I offer You my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings today, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, for the intentions of Your Sacred Heart." This daily offering reinforces our connection to His divine love.

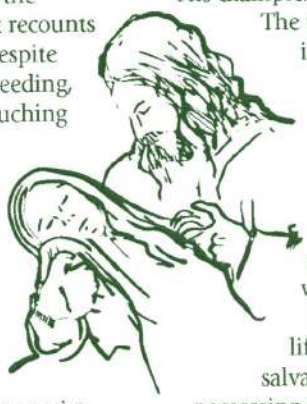
Display the image of the Sacred Heart: Jesus promised to bless every place where the image of His Heart is exposed and honored. Display the Sacred Heart of Jesus in your workspace, car, or home as a reminder of God's promised blessing.

Return love for Love: Each Friday, imitate Jesus' love by acknowledging His ultimate act of love on Good Friday. Choose a sacrifice to make every Friday this June, as a gesture of love, gratitude, humility, and reparation.

from Scripture

Mark 5:21-43, Faith in action

This passage tells of two miracles Jesus worked to demonstrate the crucial importance of faith. It recounts the story of a woman who, despite suffering from continuous bleeding, demonstrated her faith by touching Jesus' cloak, and Jairus, who pleaded for his dying daughter even after learning of her death. These examples teach us the importance of a proactive and trusting faith.



In these accounts, Jesus' actions underscore His compassion and willingness to assist those marginalized by society, such as the woman deemed unclean. He provided hope and healing through acts of kindness, urging us to emulate His example.

The text illustrates how Jesus instills hope, even in dire circumstances like the death of Jairus' daughter. It reassures us that no situation is too desperate, and that we can rely on Jesus' aid, for even death is within His domain.

Ultimately, our joy in life and our eternal salvation hinge on possessing an active faith. This faith should not only trust in Jesus' help but also extend compassion and maintain hope during challenging times.

Feasts & Celebrations

June 2 – Corpus Christi Sunday. On this solemnity, we celebrate the transformation of the bread and wine into Jesus' Body and Blood in the Eucharist. Pope Urban IV ordered a Church-wide celebration for Corpus Christi in 1264.

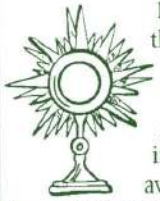
June 6 – St. Norbert (1134). St. Norbert lived in twelfth century Prémontré, France. He is known for founding the Norbertines to combat heresies and religious indifference. The Norbertines successfully converted heretics, reconciled enemies, and rekindled the faith in indifferent believers.

June 11 - St. Barnabas (First Century). A contemporary of the Apostles, his name means "son of encouragement." He was also a sponsor for St. Paul and accompanied him on his first evangelical journey.

June 26 – St. Josemaría Escrivá (1975). Born in Barbastro, Spain in 1902, St. Josemaría was ordained a priest in 1925. He ministered secretly during the religious persecution of the Spanish Civil War. In 1928, he founded the Opus Dei organization for those living in the world to become holy by dedicating their daily duties to God.

Q & A What is Eucharistic Adoration?

Eucharistic Adoration is a profound encounter with Jesus Christ outside the liturgy of the Mass. Before the Blessed Sacrament displayed in a monstrance, we engage in a deep act of worship and honor towards God's tangible presence. This practice enriches our spirituality with:



Deepened awareness: In the silence, amidst distractions, we realize God listens, cherishes, and watches over us intimately, enhancing our awareness of His presence in all life's facets.

Strengthened faith: What appears to be mere bread is, in fact, the divine — Jesus Christ in His entirety: Body, Blood, soul, and divinity. Spending time in Adoration is a profound declaration of belief, reinforcing our faith and deepening our understanding.

Enhanced longing for the Mass: Love compels us to give fully of ourselves. Just as Jesus offers His whole self during Mass, He invites us to reciprocate with our entire being, deepening our relationship with Him through this sacred exchange.

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