Pentecost Sunday

Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, May 19 – Pentecost Sunday
8:00 A.M. Eugenia Madonna
9:30 A.M. Patricia Kaufmann
11:00 A.M. Nerina Llossas
12:30 P.M. For the People of St. Francis
Rino Del Carro
John Chiarelli
Amato Gioino
Rosa & Gennaro Benedetto

MONDAY, May 20– The Blessed Virgin Mary Mother of the Church
9:00 A.M. Marija Kuljanic

TUESDAY, May 21-St.Christopher Magallanes
9:00 A.M. Evelyn Perrone

WEDNESDAY, May 22-St. Rita of Cascia
9:00A.M. Pietro Zuliani

THURSDAY, May 23-Weekday
9:00 A.M. Anna Marusic

FRIDAY, May 24-Weekday
9:00 A.M. Vinicio Donato

SATURDAY, May 25—St. Bede the Venerable
9:00 A.M. Purgatorial Society
William Thompson

5:00P.M. For the People of St. Francis

SUNDAY, May 26– The Most Holy Trinity
8:00 A.M. Mario Elau
9:30 A.M. Mary Ley
11:00 A.M. Steve Fulop
12:30 P.M. AmatoGioino
Rino Del Carro

Today's Readings

Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-11
1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13
John 20:19-23

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. (Acts 2:11-4)

Readings for the Week

MONDAY: Genesis 3:9-15, 20
John 19:25-34

TUESDAY: James 4:1-10
Mark 9:30-37

WEDNESDAY James 4:13-17
Mark 9:38-40

THURSDAY: James 5:1-6
Mark 9:41-50

FRIDAY: James 5:9-12
Mark 10:1-12

SATURDAY: James 5:13-20
Mark 10:13-16

The Most Holy Trinity

Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40
Romans 8:14-17
Matthew 28:16-20

My Dear Parishioners,

There appeared to them, tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each of them. The presence of the Holy Spirit as fire is rather intriguing. God speaks to Moses from a burning bush. God makes a covenant with Abram as fire in the night passes through his sacrificial offering.

With further reflection on the qualities of fire, it makes perfect sense that the Holy Spirit should appear as tongues of fire. Fire transforms. Fire is consuming. Fire rages forth.

These are the same effects that the Holy Spirit brings upon those who open their lives to Him. These are the intended effects of God in our lives. We are to be purified and made holy. Our lives are to be transformed to be more like that of Christ. We are to be consumed, overtaken by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit wants to roar and rage through us, to set our hearts on fire with the love of the Lord, so we can help bring His love to others. God showers His Holy Spirit upon us like fire from heaven.

When we speak about spirit, in a worldly sense, we usually mean something about life and passion. We can clearly recognize a person who is filled with spirit: school spirit, team spirit, work spirit, family spirit. They are on fire with passion. You can hear it in their voice. You can see it in their face. You can see it in the way they use their time and spend their money. Their whole heart is into it. They are so alive.

Clearly, the sending of the Holy Spirit reflects God's intention for the followers of Jesus to be on fire for Him in a similar way. The presence of the Holy Spirit *builds, animates, and sanctifies the Church (CCC 747).* Receiving the Holy Spirit, the Apostles went forth, boldly proclaiming Jesus Christ to friends and strangers, near and far. The fire of faith spread as the people saw the wonders that God was doing through the Apostles. Opening their lives to the Holy Spirit, the people faithfully, passionately shared their gifts and talents for the good of everyone and the honor and glory of God. They allowed the Spirit to burn away divisions through mutual forgiveness, and the peace of the Lord flowed over them.

If we are going to truly be Christian, we must be on fire for the Lord. Our faith cannot be like the little flame of a match. No, our faith must be like the flame of a blowtorch. We must burn with passion for the faith. With passion, we worship the Lord. We pray with passion. We sing with passion. We listen to God's word with passion. With passion, we proclaim to the world that ***Jesus Christ is Lord!*** Love for the Lord must be seen in our faces and heard in our voices as we talk about the faith. With passion, we must live out our faith. We must be excited to share our gifts and talents for the good of others.

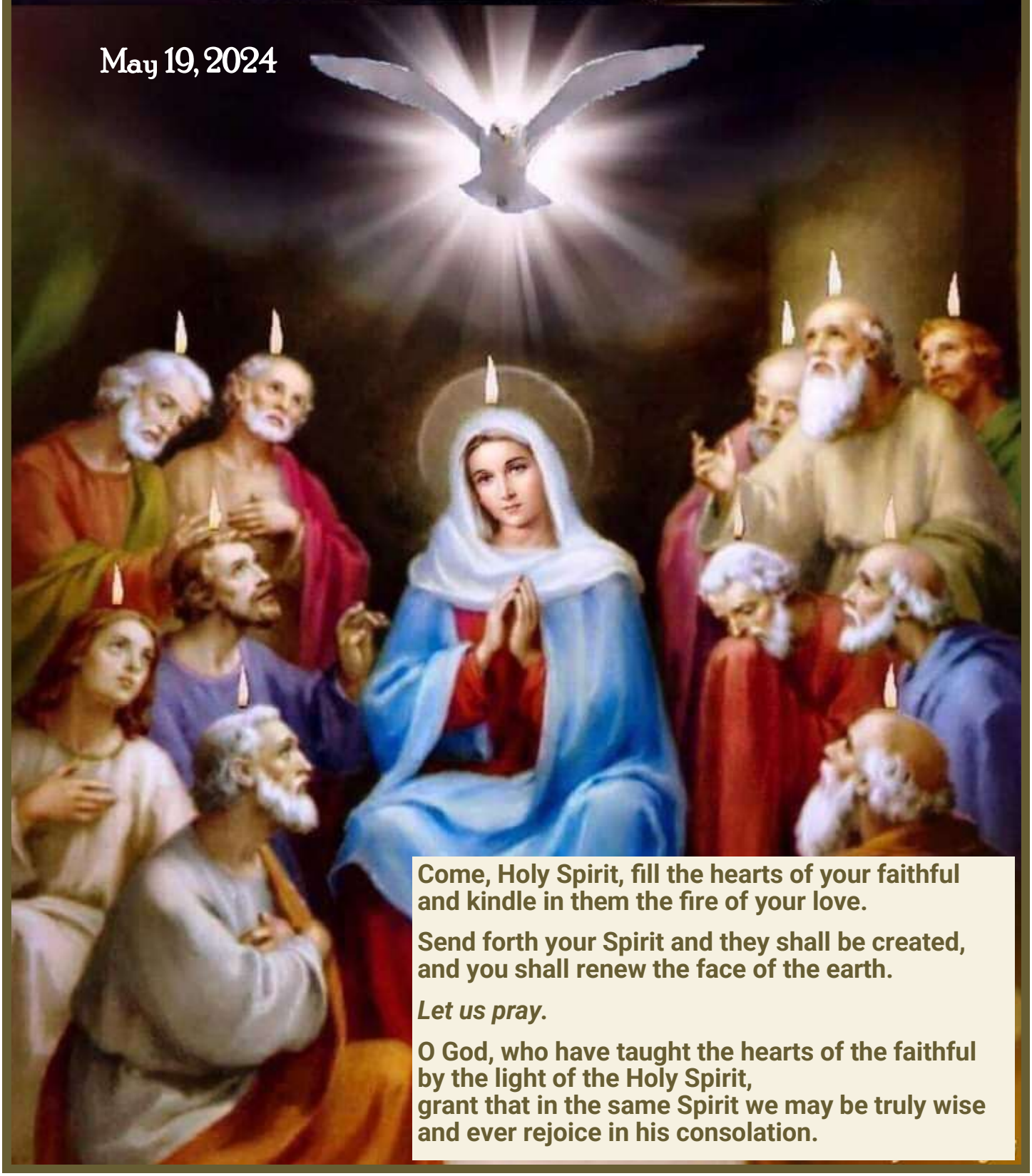
The Holy Spirit brings us such passion. He is the powerful, uncontained presence of God. It makes perfect sense, then, that He should come as fire upon so that we will be purified, transformed and consumed by Him in order that we may be on fire for God in the world. Let us be open to the Holy Spirit. ***Come Holy Spirit come! Instill in us a blazing fire for the Lord!***

All Blessings of the Risen Lord,
Msgr. Maresca

PENTECOST SUNDAY

"ALL OF THEM WERE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT AND BEGAN TO SPEAK IN OTHER TONGUES AS THE SPIRIT ENABLED THEM." (ACTS 2:4)

May 19, 2024

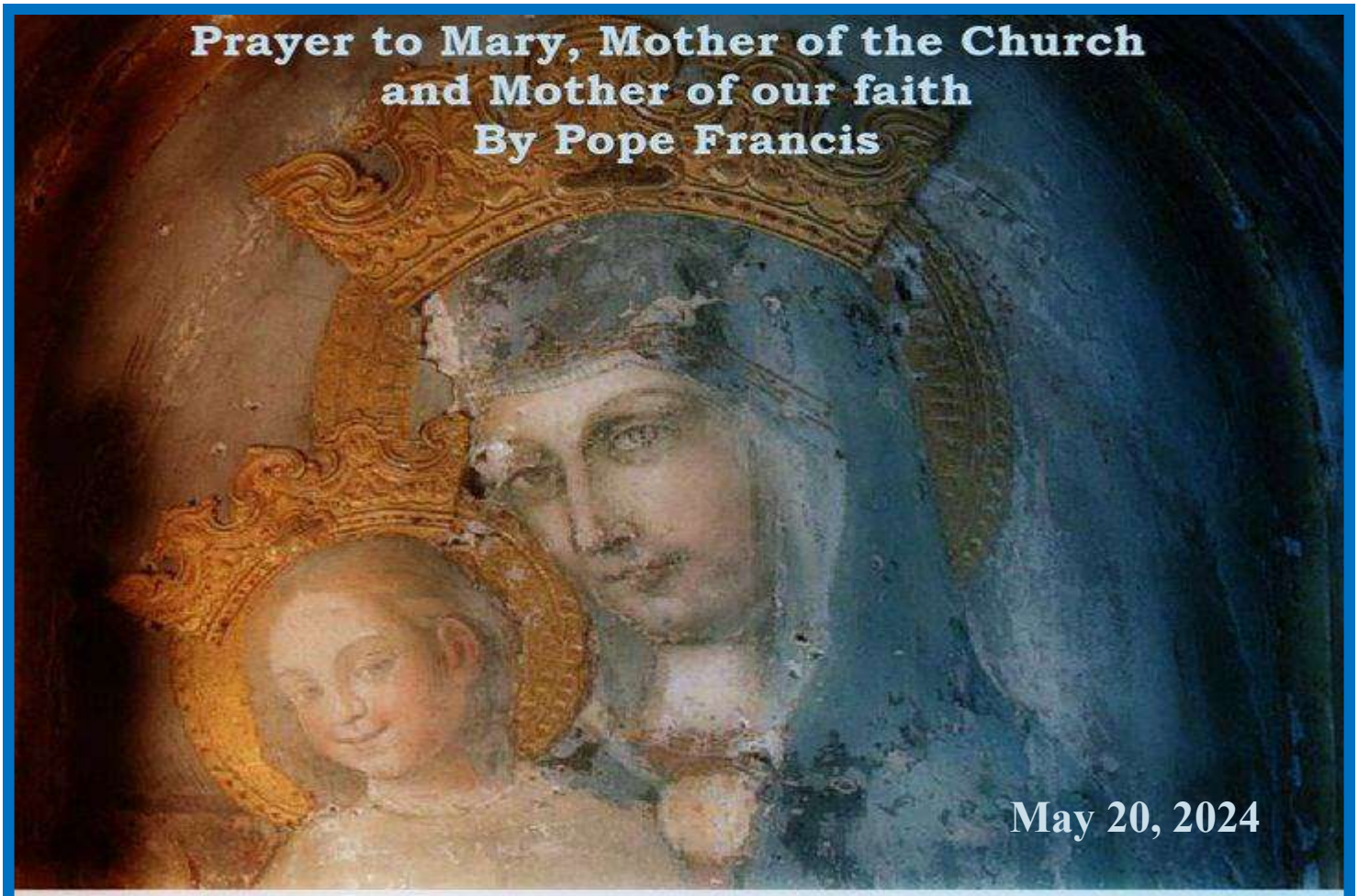


Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray.

O God, who have taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit,
grant that in the same Spirit we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in his consolation.



Mother, help our faith!
Open our ears to hear God's word
and to recognise His voice and call.
Awaken in us a desire, to follow in His footsteps,
to go forth from our own land
and to receive His promise.
Help us to be touched by His love,
that we may touch Him in faith.
Help us to entrust ourselves fully to Him
and to believe in His love,
especially at times of trial, beneath the shadow of the cross,
when our faith is called to mature.
Sow in our faith the joy of the Risen One.
Remind us that those who believe are never alone.
Teach us to see all things with the eyes of Jesus,
that He may be light for our path.
And may this light of faith, always increase in us,
until the dawn of that undying day,
which is Christ Himself, your Son, our Lord!
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.

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"He will guide you to all truth"

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:

The Holy Spirit gives and renews life, to each of us and to the Church.

Pentecost celebrates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, giving birth to the Church. The Spirit always gives. The Spirit not only gives but renews life as well. Like the disciples, we are continuously renewed by the Spirit for service in Jesus' name.

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.

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.

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

"Then they said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?" (Luke 24:32)

Dear SFA Friends and Family

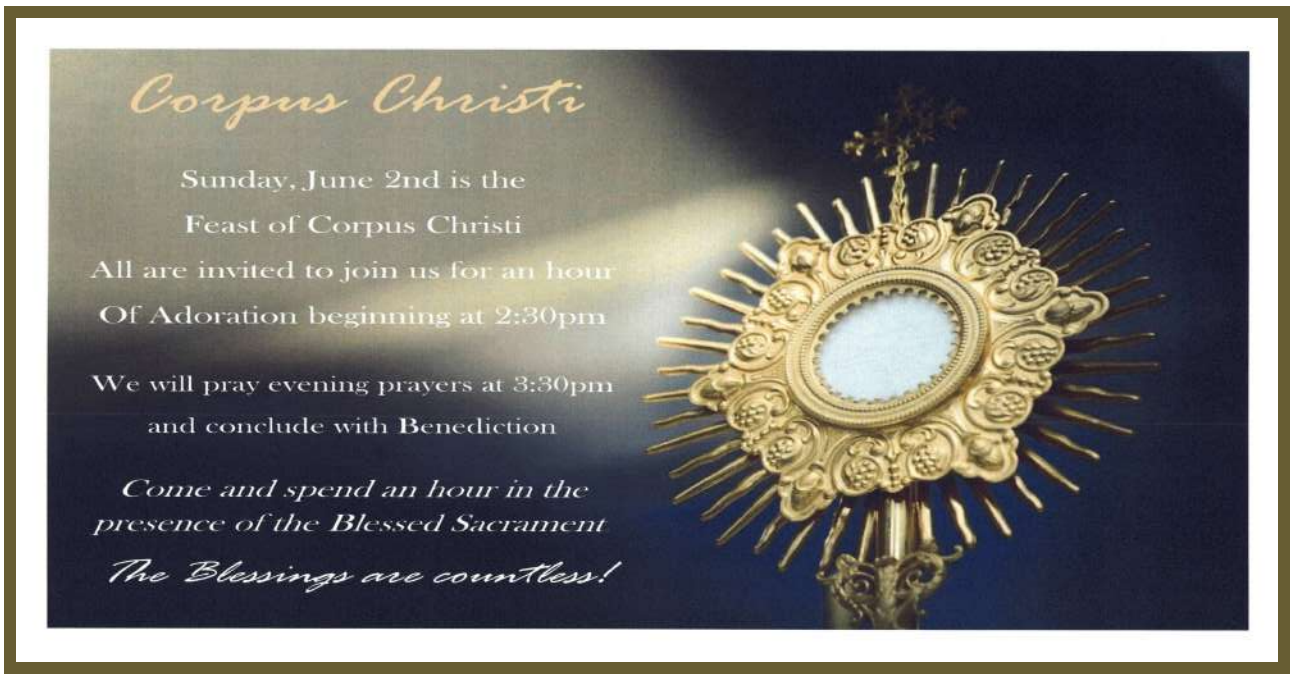
The Scripture Study group will meet on Thursday, May 23, in the St. Joseph Room of the Rectory from 7:20-8:50. The scripture reading for that week is **Romans 15:1-16:27**. Join us as we **Grow in Knowledge and Love of Scripture**.

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit" (Romans 15:13)

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.

All are Invited … ALL ARE WELCOME!



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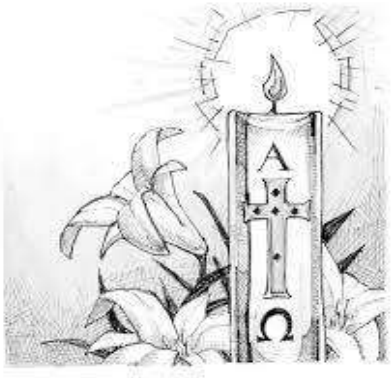

Rose & Denis Sweeney
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John Purich
Ralph & Rita Maresca
William LeDone
All Souls in Purgatory
Marie & Sylvester Guerriero
Harold Elmendorf
Christina & Pasquale Iorio
Lucia & Raffaele Guerriero
Louise & Frank Esposito
Josephine & Walter Tanalski
Vincent Iorio
Giustina & Antonio DiBenedetto
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Charles Hickey
Kenneth Byrnes
Rylee Monroe Hendrix
Claire McKenna

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 5/1-5/12: **$3,922.00**

School parents must use church envelopes.

Mass Attendance for the May 11/12, 2024:

5:00PM	104
8:00AM	73
9:30AM	91
11:00AM	114
12:30PM	40

Total in Attendance: 422

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BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN
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St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Empty baby bottles will be handed out at all Masses on Saturday & Sunday, May 18 – 19

Please take one home and return it filled with change, cash, or checks on Saturday & Sunday, June 1 – 2

Volunteers will be available to discuss our work, mission, and how to get involved!

OUR MISSION

We provide informative, honest, and compassionate counseling to empower pregnant women to choose life. We serve families with support, guidance, and material assistance in order for women to raise their children in a loving and secure environment.

PROGRAM SERVICES

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Annual Catholic Appeal 2024
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

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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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!

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THIS WEEK

May 19-May 25

Sunday, May 19
Pentecost Sunday
9:30Children's Liturgy
10:40AM CCD-Last Class
1:30PM Baptism

Monday, May 20
12:00-3:30PM Golden Age

Tuesday, May 21
6:30PM-AA Meeting

Wednesday, May 22

Thursday, May 23
10:00-11:30AM Legion of Mary
6:00PM IACA
7:20PM-Scripture Study

Friday, May 24
WALKATHON
7:30PM Drama Club Performance

Saturday, May 25

NEXT WEEK

May 26-June 1

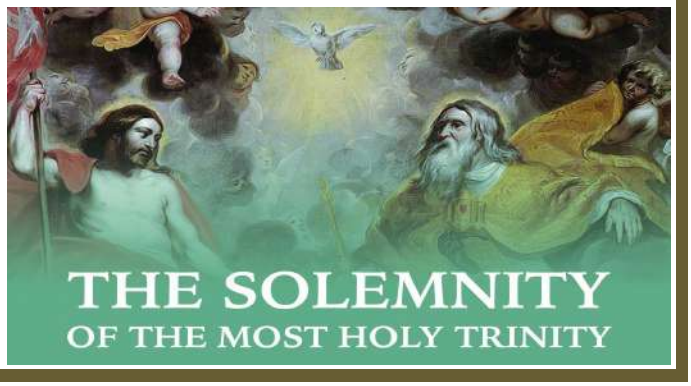
Sunday, May 26

Monday, May 27
Memorial Day-School & Rectory Office Closed

Tuesday, May 28
6:30PM-AA Meeting

Wednesday, May 29

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

Friday, May 31
5:00PM Girl Scout Movie Night

Saturday, June 1
9:00AM Anointing Mass
Youth Group End of Year BBQ