Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, June 16 – Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 A.M. Jennifer Ronacher
9:30 A.M. Andrew Gandolfo
11:00 A.M. For the People of St. Francis
12:30 P.M. Father's Day Novena
Giuseppe Carlino
Rino Del Carro
Gino Felippo Alfonso Annibale
Elia Salvatore Cinquemani

MONDAY, June 17– Weekday
9:00 A.M. Father's Day Novena

TUESDAY, June 18-Weekday
9:00 A.M. Father's Day Novena

WEDNESDAY, June 19-Weekday
9:00A.M. Father's Day Novena

THURSDAY, June 20—Weekday
9:00 A.M. Father's Day Novena

FRIDAY, June 21-St. Aloysius Gonzaga
9:00 A.M. Father's Day Novean

SATURDAY, June 22-Weekday
9:00 A.M. Father's Day Novena
Purgatorial Society
The McHale Family

5:00P.M. The Hubinger Family

SUNDAY, June 23– Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 A.M. Lucia Borgia
9:30 A.M. Joseph Kaufmann
11:00 A.M. Paul Scavetta
12:30 P.M. For the People of St. Francis
Rosa Santa Gambino
Rino Del Carro
Fiorina Colangelo

Today's Readings

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Ezekiel 17:22-24
2 Corinthians:5:6-10
Mark 4:26-34

He also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come." He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples. (Mark 4:26-34)

Readings for the Week

MONDAY: 1 Kings 21:1-16
Matthew 5:38-42

TUESDAY: 1 kings 21:17-29
Matthew 5:43-48

WEDNESDAY 2 Kings 2:1, 6-14
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

THURSDAY: Sirach 48:1-14
Matthew 6:7-15

FRIDAY: 2 Kings 11:1-4, 9-18, 20
Matthew 6:19-23

SATURDAY: 2 Chronicles 24:17-25
Matthew 6:24-34

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Job 38:1, 8-11
2 Corinthians:5:14-17
Mark 4:35-41

Office of the Bishop
Diocese of Brooklyn

310 Prospect Park West
Brooklyn, New York 11215

June 7, 2024

Dear Pastors and Administrators,

As you know we are coming up on the conclusion of this year's Deanery visits. Monsignor Joseph Grimaldi, your local Regional Episcopal Vicar and I have listened to your suggestions and concerns, and the conversations have personally been very encouraging to me.

As we look to the new pastoral year, I am committed to implement our Reconfiguration Process, with its three different stages throughout our diocese, in order to effectively utilize our financial and clergy personnel resources. The purpose of the Reconfiguration Process is to strengthen the relationship that already exists among parish communities in particular areas of our diocese and to enhance the varied ministries that each parish offers, while collaborating, partnering or merging with another parish.

Collaboration, partnerships, or parish mergers are taking place in many dioceses and a number of parishes share their pastor with at least one other parish with that number growing. The issues we face here in our diocese, though unique in their own ways, are similar to what is happening throughout the country. We are one family in faith.

With this in mind, pastors in each deanery have been tasked to discuss and adjust their Mass schedules in collaboration with the other parishes in their deanery this coming Fall. You are also strongly encouraged to work with neighboring parishes outside your assigned deanery, if pastorally necessary. **To that effect, I am asking that no Mass intentions be taken after June 30, 2025. It is essential that every parish share in this commitment.**

You will hear more about this process in the coming months, and you are encouraged to engage actively in the consultation opportunities at the deanery level. Please provide your thoughts and ideas to your Dean. This is an important moment for new opportunities in our diocese. It is crucial that this process be rooted in prayer and open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. I ask that you be faithful to patient discernment and committed to creating a plan with your Parish Leadership, Dean and Regional Vicar that will set the roadmap for the future vitality and vibrancy of all our parishes in Brooklyn and Queens.

Thank you for your cooperation as we embark in this new phase of reconfiguration in our diocese. Be assured of my continued prayers for each of you and parish communities.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

+ Robert J. Brennan

Most Reverend Robert J. Brennan
Bishop of Brooklyn.

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, 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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"The seed is the Word. Christ is the sower."

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

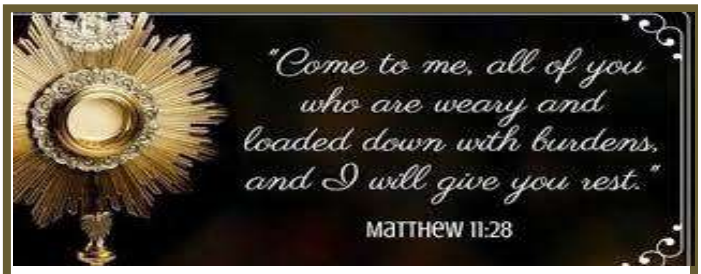
Parish Mission Statement

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 seeds of God's kingdom are planted but not yet full-grown.

Jesus uses the images of the sower and the mustard seed to explain the kingdom of God. Although seemingly small or insignificant, these examples demonstrate that great things can happen through the work of God. The kingdom must grow to become like Ezekiel's lofty cedar tree, which is full of the fruits of the kingdom. All our efforts in building the kingdom, even if they seem small, will be blessed by God.



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.

Adoration will conclude for the summer on Saturday, June 22nd.

Mass Attendance for the June 8/9, 2024:

5:00PM	88
8:00AM	56
9:30AM	103
11:00AM	106
12:30PM	34

Total in Attendance: 387

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

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 with 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, enjoyment 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!

Memorials for the Week of June 16, 2024

SANCTUARY LAMP

In Loving Memory of Jennifer Ronacher

Requested by
Davina Gelber

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 6/8-6/9: **$5,058.00**

School parents must use church envelopes.

REMINDER

There is a parish calendar meeting on June 17th at 7:00PM in the Rectory basement. Each society is expected to have a representative at the meeting.

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 begin today on Father's Day and continue each day through the week. The envelopes can be returned in any collection.

Annual Catholic Appeal 2024

DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

Thank you to all who have supported the Annual Catholic Appeal. I appreciate your sacrifices and generosity in the appeal. As of June 10th, we have pledged $26,466.76 towards our goal of $41,679.00. If you have not contributed to the appeal please prayerfully consider a gift to help us reach our goal. To this date, 67 parishioners or 24.10% of our parish have supported the appeal.

I appreciate all of your support and assure you of my prayers.

Msgr. Maresca

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Since 2014 alone, the Associated Vincentian Charities of Brooklyn Donation Program has given back over $400,000 to local parishes throughout the New York Metropolitan Area. Your donation has helped many individuals in need in your neighborhood. Only through the generosity of countless parishioners are we able to make a difference. Please help us to continue to make a difference by spreading the word to anyone you know that would like to donate a vehicle, running or not leaving a review on Google, and liking us on Social Media. Together we can continue our mission in helping the less fortunate.

Help Spread the Word to help Those in Need!

Please Visit Us at svdpauto-brooklynqueens.org
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Like us on
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With Much Thanks and Many Blessings,
Jim Shea
Associated Vincentian Charities Car Program Coordinator

Happy Fathers Day

to all the fathers, grandfathers, godfathers, step-fathers and those who stand in as fathers.

May God bless you.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THIS WEEK

June 16-June 22

Sunday, June 16
Father's Day

Monday, June 17
12:00-3:30PM-Golden Age
6:30PM-Girl Scouts End of Year Ceremony

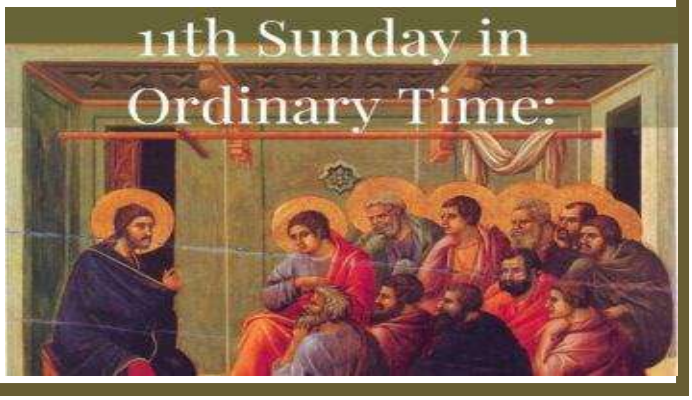
Tuesday, June 18
6:30PM-AA Meeting

Wednesday, June 19
School & Rectory Office Closed

Thursday, June 20
10:00-11:30AM Legion of Mary
6:00PM IACA-Summer Party

Friday, June 21

Saturday, June 22



NEXT WEEK

June 23-June 29

Sunday, June 23

Monday, June 24
Summer Office Hours Begin
Church Opens at 8:00AM

Tuesday, June 25
6:30PM-AA Meeting

Wednesday, June 26

Thursday, June 27
10:00-11:30AM Legion of Mary

Friday, June 28

Saturday, June 29

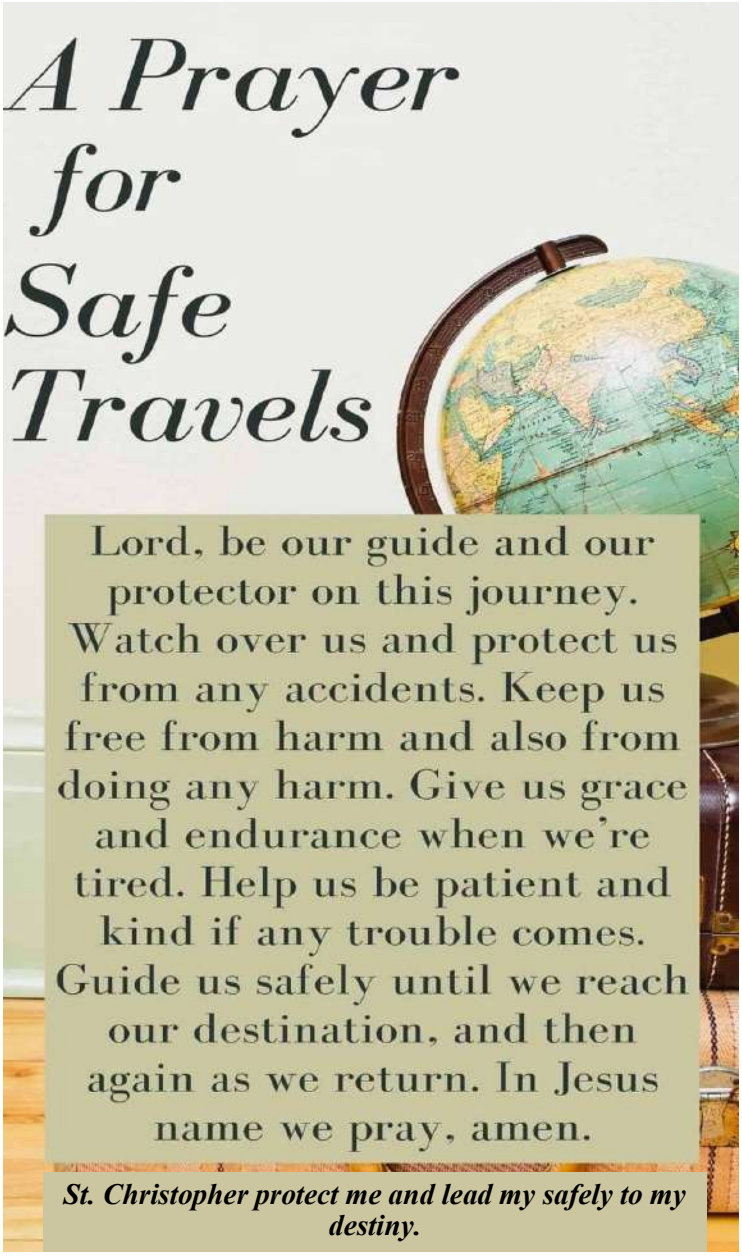
Please welcome Father John Neumann Tettehfio to St. Francis of Assisi Parish for the month of July. Fr. John comes from the Diocese of Accra, Ghana. He will arrive June 20th and be with us for the month of July. We wish Father John all the best and pray that his ministry will be fruitful.

Summertime

As the summer is upon us, many go away or are out of town for the weekends. May I ask you to please continue your weekly offering. Your support is essential for the parish during the summer months. As you know, like yourselves, we still have our monthly bills to be paid. I appreciate your attention to this important matter. If you plan to go away for the summer, please hand in your envelopes before you leave. For your information our fiscal year ends August 31st and the new fiscal year begins September 1st.

I want to wish each of you a restful and relaxing summer.
THANK YOU for all you do in supporting our parish.

Msgr. Maresca



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

Church Opens

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

Mass Schedule

(July & August)

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

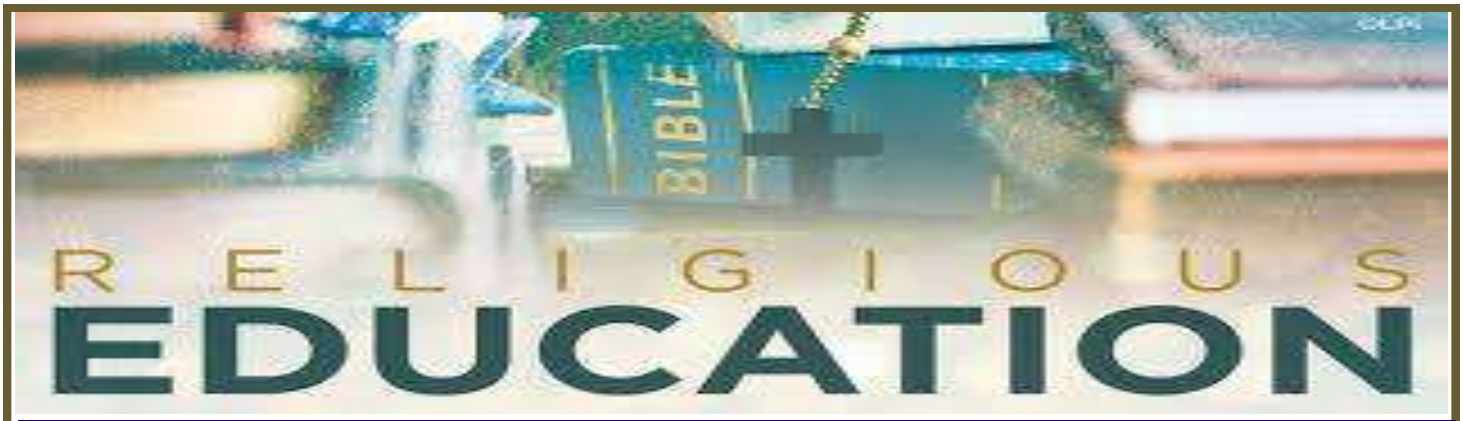
THANK YOU TO OUR GIRL SCOUT TROOP 4194 FOR DECORATING THE PLANTERS IN FRONT OF CHURCH. THEY DID A VERY NICE JOB. THE GIRLS OF TROOP 4194 ARE:

Thalia Ciafos
Ava Ciccimarra
Lea Ciccimarra
Rena DiVittorio
Ava Doran
Arden Geiger
Maria Kubina
Elira Kurdina
Michaela Soberal
Corynne Soberal

PRE-K FOR ALL

Openings available for our 2024-2025 Free Pre-K for All Program
for children living in NYC and born in 2020.
For more information, contact the Program Director,
Mrs. Nancy Annunziata at:
NAnnunziata@sfaacademy.org or 718-726-9405 ext. 3

@sfaca3kprek



If you have a child beginning first grade in public school, it is time to register for Religious Education. Diocesan guidelines require ***two years*** of instructions prior to the reception of a Sacrament. If your child is already in the first grade and missed this year, call the Office of Religious Education to set up an appointment to discuss the options.

Sister Francesca, Director of Faith Formation,
(718) 278.0259 or dre@sfaacademy.org

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO…

Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not
celebrated the Sacraments of Eucharist and/or Confirmation?

Then **RCIA** (**R**ite of **C**hristian **I**nitiation of **A**dults) is what you're looking for! Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of the Church as well as prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season.

For information please contact our
Director of Faith Formation, Sister Francesca at
(718) 278.0259 or dre@sfaacademy.org

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Attention Members, Neighbors, and Friends:

CANDIDATES NIGHT

Wednesday, June 19, 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 ****

SPEAKERS:

Deputy Inspector Seth Lynch

Commanding Officer, NYPD 114th Precinct

CONFIRMED CANDIDATES:

Please note: All Democratic Party primary candidates for public office were invited to speak.
There are no competitive primary elections for any other political party.

The candidates will present their platforms, and attendees will have an opportunity to ask questions.

For U.S. House of Representatives:

Marty Dolan

For New York State Senate:

Kristen Gonzalez **Gus Lambropoulos**

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

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