Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

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. Ciolo Calogero Annibale
Rino Del Carro
Amato Gioina
Leopoldo Arichabala

MONDAY, June 10– Weekday
9:00 A.M. Joseph Ewy (Living)

TUESDAY, June 11-Saint Barnabas
9:00 A.M. Andre Felipe Garcia Lodono

WEDNESDAY, June 12-Weekday
9:00A.M. Joseph Salamone

THURSDAY, June 13-Saint Anthony of Padua
9:00 A.M. Marie Salamone

FRIDAY, June 14-Weekday
9:00 A.M. Gaspar Marusic

SATURDAY, June 15-Weekday
9:00 A.M. Purgatorial Society

5:00P.M. John Vos

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. Giuseppe Carlino
Gino Filippo Alfonso Annibale
Rino Del Carro
Elia Salvatore Cinquemani

Today's Readings

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

And his mother and his brothers came, and standing outside they sent to him and called him. And a crowd was sitting around him, and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers[a] are outside, seeking you." And he answered them, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking about at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! For whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother." (Mark 3:31-35)

Readings for the Week

MONDAY: 1 Kings 17:1-6
Matthew 5:1-12

TUESDAY: Acts 11:21b-26, 13:1-3
Matthew 5:13-16

WEDNESDAY 1 Kings 18:20-39
Matthew 5:17-19

THURSDAY: 1 Kings 18:41-46
Matthew 5:20-26

FRIDAY: 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-16
Matthew 5:27-32

SATURDAY: 1 Kings 19:19-21
Matthew 5:33-37

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

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My Dear Parishioners,

Anyone who has ever built a home or any other sort of building knows just how important the foundation is. Before a wall is built or a roof covers the structure, the foundation must be set firmly in place. A firm foundation requires an immense amount of work and preparation. If the foundation is built on shifting or unstable ground, the building will ultimately fail, it is just a matter of time.

In a very real sense, Jesus is challenging us as disciples to pay attention to the foundation that supports our daily life. In today's Gospel, Jesus rightly notes that a spiritual house built upon a shaky foundation is bound to fail. Some of the folks who insult Jesus in the Gospel think he is mad, that he is in league with the devil himself. As Jesus notes, a house built on such a foundation will collapse against itself.

To some, however, building a house upon the foundation of Jesus may seem like utter insanity. Why would we wish to do such a thing? After all, a strong and secure life requires that we have the best of everything. Some say that an even better and more successful life is one in which we have achieved every measure of success that is possible, so that people admire or envy us, so that we have power and influence that we can wield in order to determine our own destiny. This is the most solid foundation upon which to build one's life, from the world's perspective.

Jesus reminds us that if our lives are built only upon power, influence, prestige or achievement, they will ultimately come tumbling down. At the conclusion of today's Gospel, Jesus gives us a clue about what leads to true satisfaction. As he speaks to his disciples, he reminds us that the ultimate strength in our lives comes from a living and loving relationship with him and with the people of his Church.

If Jesus and the life to which he calls us become the central focus of our everyday living, then we live as members of his family, we are his brothers and sisters. Like younger siblings, we have the opportunity to look up to Jesus, to emulate his ways of selfless life and love, to cooperate with his grace in order to bring peace and mercy more firmly into our world. What a joy that Jesus teaches us by word and example to live our lives with his life and love as both foundation and cornerstone.

This will be my last column until September. I wish each of you a restful summer. Take the time to enjoy family and friends. Be sure to attend Mass each weekend to give thanks and praise to God for all His Blessings. Remember to keep connected with the Lord by praying each day. Prayer is a powerful tool that we have to help us on our faith journey.

All God's Blessings,
Msgr. Maresca

Tuesday, June 11, 2024
The Feast of
Saint Barnabas

Barnabas was one of the seventy-two disciples called by Jesus. He was from the Greek island of Cyprus. Originally named Joseph, he was known to the disciples as Barnabas, a Hebrew word meaning "son of encouragement." One cannot read the Acts of the Apostles without gaining an appreciation for Barnabas. Barnabas' generosity and faith bore witness to Christ's teachings. Our first knowledge of Barnabas is that "he sold a piece of property that he owned, then brought the money and put it at the feet of the apostles" (Acts 4:37). Barnabas was an inspiration to many, most especially Paul. Without the help of Barnabas, Paul would have been unable to preach the Good News. Notorious for his persecution of Christ's followers, few believed that Saul (later called Paul) had converted. They were afraid. Barnabas showed them by his words and actions that he strongly believed in the power of the Gospel message to change people's hearts. Today he is heralded by the church for his role as an evangelizer and staunch supporter of St. Paul. Barnabas boldly sponsored Saul into the community of believers, telling the apostles how Saul had come to know the Lord and that Saul had preached fearlessly in Jesus' name in Damascus (Acts 9:27).For years Barnabas and Paul would travel and preach together to Jews and Gentiles alike. They preached for a year in Antioch, in what is now present day Turkey. It is there that Christ's followers were first called "Christians" (Acts 11:26). Barnabas died a martyr in his native Cyprus. The Catholic Church celebrates his feast day on June 11.

Barnabas is spoken of simply as one who dedicated his life to the Lord. He was a man "filled with the Holy Spirit and faith. Thereby, large numbers were added to the Lord." Even when he and Paul were expelled from Antioch in Pisidia—modern-day Turkey—they were "filled with joy and the Holy Spirit."

Thursday, June 13, 2024
The Feast of
Saint Anthony Padua

The gospel call to leave everything and follow Christ was the rule of Saint Anthony of Padua's life. Over and over again, God called him to something new in his plan. Every time Anthony responded with renewed zeal and self-sacrificing to serve his Lord Jesus more completely. His journey as the servant of God began as a very young man when he decided to join the Augustinians in Lisbon, giving up a future of wealth and power to be a servant of God. Later when the bodies of the first Franciscan martyrs went through the Portuguese city where he was stationed, he was again filled with an intense longing to be one of those closest to Jesus himself.

So Anthony entered the Franciscan Order and set out to preach to the Moors. But an illness prevented him from achieving that goal. He went to Italy and was stationed in a small hermitage where he spent most of his time praying, reading the Scriptures and doing menial tasks. The call of God came again at an ordination where no one was prepared to speak. The humble and obedient Anthony hesitantly accepted the task. The years of searching for Jesus in prayer, of reading sacred Scripture and of serving him in poverty, chastity, and obedience had prepared Anthony to allow the Spirit to use his talents. Anthony's sermon was astounding to those who expected an unprepared speech and knew not the Spirit's power to give people words. Recognized as a great man of prayer and a great Scripture and theology scholar, Anthony became the first friar to teach theology to the other friars.

After he led the friars in northern Italy for three years, he made his headquarters in the city of Padua. He resumed his preaching and began writing sermon notes to help other preachers. In the spring of 1231 Anthony withdrew to a friary at Camposampiero. There he prayed and prepared for death. On June 13, he became very ill and asked to be taken back to Padua, where he died after receiving the last sacraments. Anthony was canonized in 1946.

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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"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

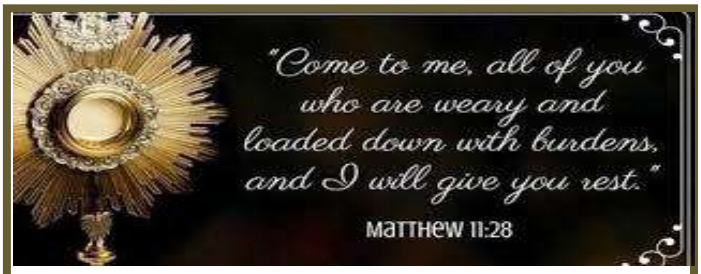
Parish Mission Statement

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:

Our ultimate home is with God.

This world is not our ultimate home, Saint Paul tells us in today's second reading. This passage is full of hope, teaching us to trust that the passing of our earthly bodies and temporary dwellings—*what is seen*—will be replaced by an eternal life and home—*what is unseen.* We will live with God, with an *eternal* weight of glory.



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 1/2, 2024:

5:00PM	90
8:00AM	52
9:30AM	91
11:00AM	111
12:30PM	42

Total in Attendance: 386

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!

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 6/1-6/2: **$4,348.00**

School parents must use church envelopes.

50/50 May 2024 Winners

First Prize
Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Mistretta

Second Prize
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Papanicolaou

Third Prize
Ms. Grace Fulop

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
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.

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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THIS WEEK

June 9-June 15

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

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

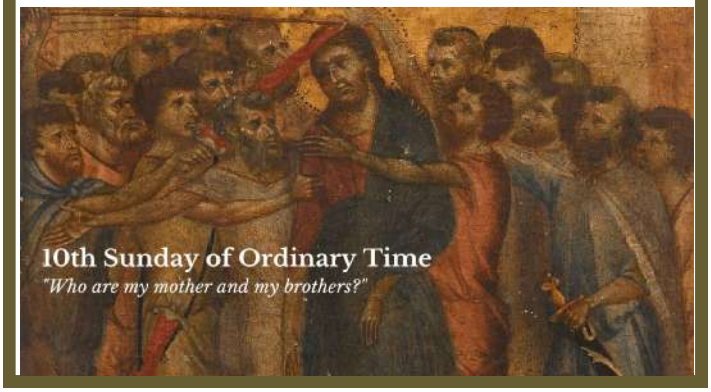
Tuesday, June 11
6:30PM-AA Meeting

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



NEXT 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

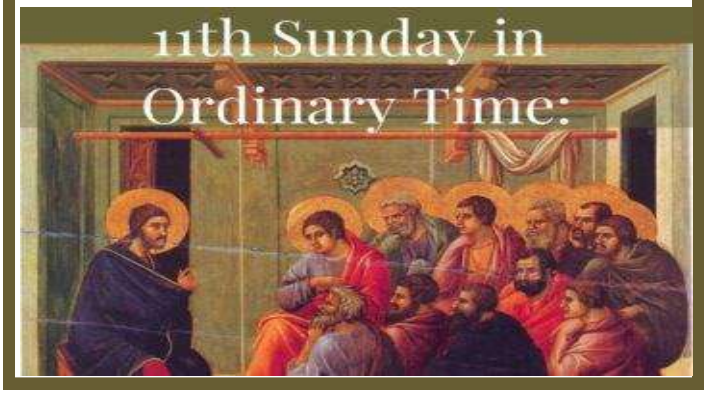
Tuesday, June 18
6:30PM-AA Meeting

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



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

(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

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE SFACA DRAMA CLUB!

It was showtime for the SFACA's Drama Club as they staged 2 performances of "A Bagful of Fables" by Robert Lehan. This collection of fables presented Aesop with an attitude! Our Drama Club brought to the stage the tried and true stories of "The Fox and the Crow," "The Fox and the Grapes," "The Tortoise and the Hare," "The Wolf in Sheep's Clothing" and "The Sun and the Wind." Lessons and laughs were had by all! Congratulations to the student cast and crew, and to the club moderators and show directors, Miss Danielle Gangi and Mr. Joseph Curro. They all worked hard and rehearsed all year long! What a talented crew!!

SAVE THE DATE
Saturday, September 28, 2024

Fall Festival

CALLING ALL SEASONED AND NEW VOLUNTEERS!!!

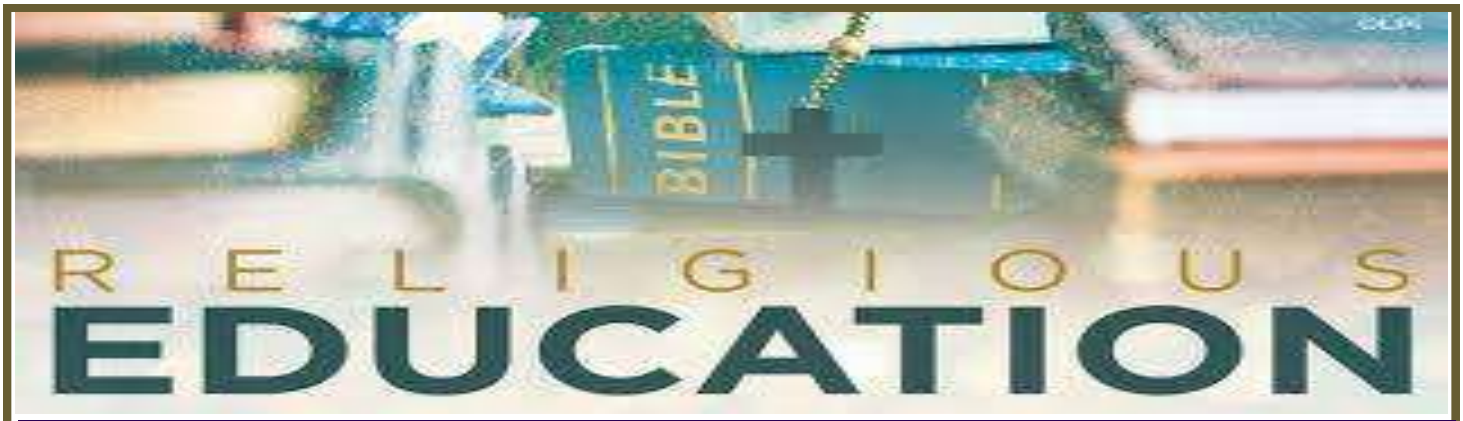
Please join us for a Festival Planning Meeting on Wednesday, June 12th at 7:30pm in the Rectory Basement.

Your help is urgently needed to help make the Festival a success for our Parish and Academy.

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
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