Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, July 21 – Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 A.M. Domenick Borgia
10:00 A.M. Anna Lombardi
12:00 P.M. For the People of St. Francis
Calagera Annibale

MONDAY, July 22– Saint Mary Magdalene
9:00 A.M. Judy Gay

TUESDAY, July 23-Saint Bridget
9:00 A.M. Daniel Patrick Biangasso

WEDNESDAY, July 24-Saint Sharbel Makhlūf
9:00A.M. Concetta Tenaglia

THURSDAY, July 25-Saint James, Apostle
9:00 A.M. John Yurjevich

FRIDAY, July 26-Saints Joachim and Anne
9:00 A.M. Anna Balint

SATURDAY, July 27-Weekday
9:00 A.M. Purgatorial Society
Slavica Dundovic

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

SUNDAY, July 28– Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 A.M. Msgr. Stefan Geosits
10:00 A.M. Yolanda Paolini
12:00 Noon Russell O'Donnell
Rosa Gambino

Today's Readings

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 23:1-6
Ephesians:2:13-18
Mark 6:30-34

"The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, 'Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.' For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things." ***Mark 6:30-34***

Readings for the Week

MONDAY: Song of Songs 3:1-4b
John 20:1-2, 11-18

TUESDAY: Micah 7:14-15, 18-20
Matthew 12:46-50

WEDNESDAY Jeremiah 1:1, 4-10
Matthew 13:1-9

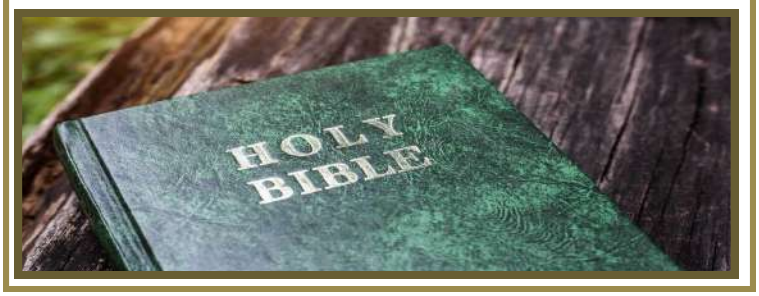
THURSDAY: 2 Corinthians 4:7-15
Matthew 20:20-28

FRIDAY: Jeremiah 3:14-17
Matthew 13:18-23

SATURDAY: Jeremiah 7:1-11
Matthew 13:24-30

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kings 4:42-44
Ephesians:4:1-6
John 6:1-15



Monday, July 22, 2023
The Feast of
Saint Mary Magdalene

Except for the mother of Jesus, few women are more honored in the Bible than Mary Magdalene. Yet she could well be the patron of the slandered, since there has been a persistent legend in the Church that she is the unnamed sinful woman who anointed the feet of Jesus in Luke 7:36-50.

Most Scripture scholars today point out that there is no scriptural basis for confusing the two women. Mary Magdalene, that is, "of Magdala," was the one from whom Christ cast out "seven demons" (Luke 8:2)—an indication at the worst, of extreme demonic possession or possibly, severe illness.

Writing in the *New Catholic Commentary*, Father Wilfrid J. Harrington, O.P., says that "seven demons" "does not mean that Mary had lived an immoral life—a conclusion reached only by means of a mistaken identification with the anonymous woman of Luke 7:36." In the *Jerome Biblical Commentary,* Father Edward Mally, S.J., agrees that she "is not...the same as the sinner of Luke 7:37, despite the later Western romantic tradition about her."

Mary Magdalene was one of the many "who were assisting them [Jesus and the Twelve] out of their means." She was one of those who stood by the cross of Jesus with his mother. And, of all the "official" witnesses who might have been chosen for the first awareness of the Resurrection, she was the one to whom that privilege was given. She is known as the "Apostle to the Apostles."

Mary Magdalene has been a victim of mistaken identity for almost 20 centuries. Yet she would no doubt insist that it makes no difference. We are all sinners in need of the saving power of God, whether our sins have been lurid or not. More importantly, we are all "unofficial" witnesses of the Resurrection.

Thursday, July 25, 2024
The Feast of
Saint James

This James is the brother of John the Evangelist. The two were called by Jesus as they worked with their father in a fishing boat on the Sea of Galilee. James was one of the favored three who had the privilege of witnessing the Transfiguration, the raising to life of the daughter of Jairus, and the agony in Gethsemani.

Two incidents in the Gospels describe this man and his brother. Saint Matthew tells that their mother came—Mark says it was the brothers themselves—to ask that they have the seats of honor in the kingdom. "Jesus said in reply, 'You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the cup that I am going to drink?' They said to him, 'We can'" (Matthew 20:22). Jesus then told them they would indeed drink the cup and share his baptism of pain and death, but that sitting at his right hand or left was not his to give—it "is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father" (Matthew 20:23b). It remained to be seen how long it would take to realize the implications of their confident "We can!" The other disciples became indignant at the ambition of James and John. Then Jesus taught them all the lesson of humble service: The purpose of authority is to serve. They are not to impose their will on others, or lord it over them. This is the position of Jesus himself. He was the servant of all; the service imposed on him was the supreme sacrifice of his own life. On another occasion, James and John gave evidence that the nickname Jesus gave them—"sons of thunder"—was an apt one. The Samaritans would not welcome Jesus because he was on his way to hated Jerusalem. "When the disciples James and John saw this they asked, 'Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to consume them?' Jesus turned and rebuked them..." (Luke 9:54-55).

James was the first of the apostles to be martyred.

Friday, July 26, 2023
The Feast of
Saints Joachim and Anne

In the Scriptures, Matthew and Luke furnish a legal family history of Jesus, tracing ancestry to show that Jesus is the culmination of great promises. Not only is his mother's family neglected, we also know nothing factual about them except that they existed. Even the names "Joachim" and "Anne" come from a legendary source written more than a century after Jesus died.

The heroism and holiness of these people however, is inferred from the whole family atmosphere around Mary in the Scriptures. Whether we rely on the legends about Mary's childhood or make guesses from the information in the Bible, we see in her a fulfillment of many generations of prayerful persons, herself steeped in the religious traditions of her people.

The strong character of Mary in making decisions, her continuous practice of prayer, her devotion to the laws of her faith, her steadiness at moments of crisis, and her devotion to her relatives—all indicate a close-knit, loving family that looked forward to the next generation even while retaining the best of the past.

Joachim and Anne—whether these are their real names or not—represent that entire quiet series of generations who faithfully perform their duties, practice their faith, and establish an atmosphere for the coming of the Messiah, but remain obscure.

This is the "feast of grandparents." It reminds grandparents of their responsibility to establish a tone for generations to come: They must make the traditions live and offer them as a promise to little children. But the feast has a message for the younger generation as well. It reminds the young that older people's greater perspective, depth of experience, and appreciation of life's profound rhythms are all part of a wisdom not to be taken lightly or ignored.

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.

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 21, 2024

"They were like sheep without a shepherd."

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

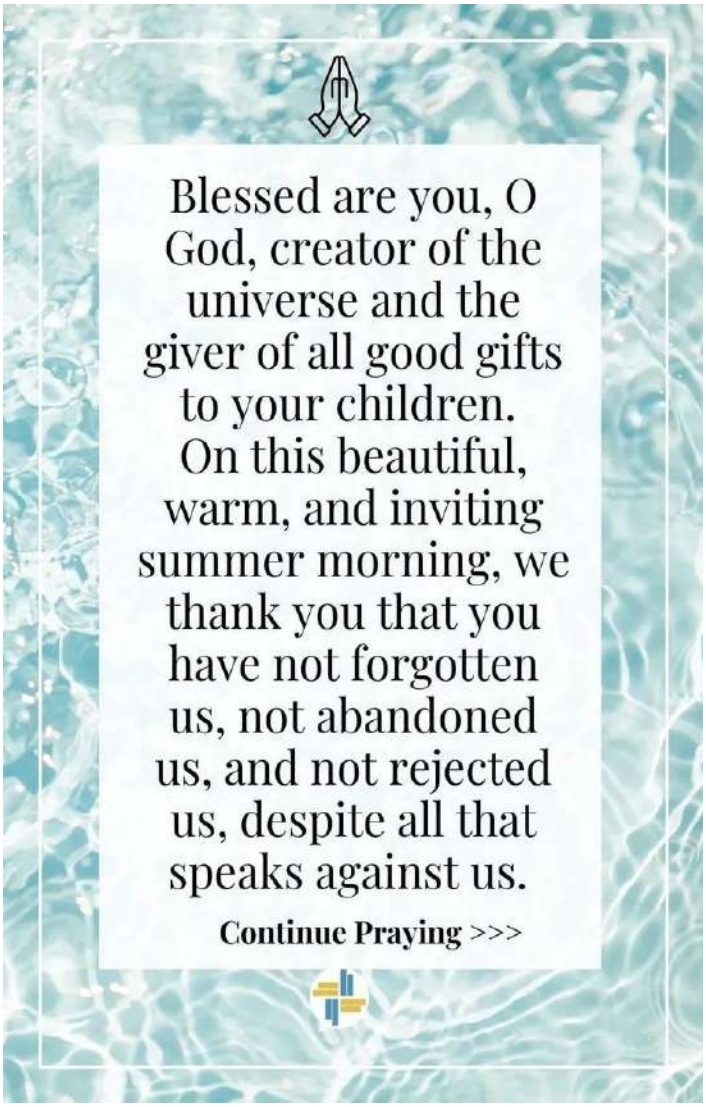
Parish Mission Statement

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 Lord is our shepherd guiding and protecting ua , and providing for all things.

From the time of creation the Lord has watched over us and guided us, judging our needs and our care for one another. When no one could shepherd us back to himself, he sent his Son to reconcile us to himself and free us form the bonds of sin. He sees who and where we are and knows what we need, providing for all things.



Mass Attendance for the July 6/7, 2024:

5:00PM	84
8:00AM	66
10:00AM	107
12:00PM	57

Total in Attendance: 314

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.

Mission Appeal

This weekend the 2nd collection will be for the Missions.

Fr. Jude will be preaching about the work of his Order the Claretian Missionary Priests of the East Nigeria Province. Father Jude was ordained a priest in 2008.
He worked for 1 year in Nigeria, and 5 years in Ghana. In 2014 he was sent to Rome to obtain his degree in Biblical Theology. Between 2017 and 2022 he was the director of postulants and novice master.
Presently he has been studying for a doctorate in Biblical Studies at Boston College.

We welcome Fr. Jude and assure him of our prayers for his missionary work.

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 7/13-7/14:	**$4,043.00**
2nd Collection-Maintenance:	***$1,440.00***

School parents must use church envelopes.

PRACTICAL TIPS ON FINDING A CATHOLIC CHURCH WHILE ON VACATION

One of the most reliable places online to find a Catholic church is MassTimes.org. You are able to enter in any address in the world and find the nearest church. Included in the results is the ability to search by a specific Mass time if you have a limited window when you can attend Mass. They also have an app for mobile devices that is extremely helpful.

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

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THIS WEEK

July 21-July 27

Sunday, July 21
Missionary Preaching at All Masses

Monday, July 22

Tuesday, July 23
6:30PM-AA Meeting

Wednesday, July 24

Thursday, July 25
10:00AM—Legion of Mary

Friday, July 26

Saturday, July 27

NEXT WEEK

July 28-August 3

Sunday, July 28
1:00PM Baptisms

Monday, July 29

Tuesday, July 30
6:30PM-AA Meeting

Wednesday, July 31

Thursday, August 1
10:00AM—Legion of Mary

Friday, August 2

Saturday, August 3
9:00AM– Anointing Mass

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

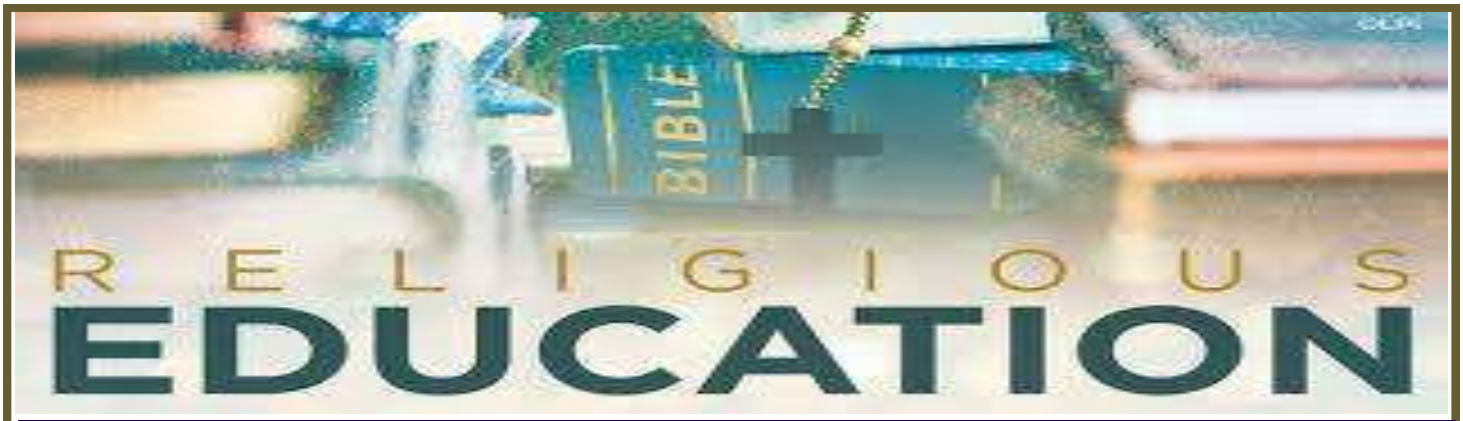
(July & August)

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



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
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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

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St. Francis of Assisi

Fall Festival

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, September 28, 2024