# Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Mass Intentions

**SUNDAY, August 4 – Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:00 A.M. For the People of St. Francis
10:00 A.M. Carmela Vella
12:00 P.M. Matthew M. Karcic

**MONDAY, August 5– Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major**
9:00 A.M. Marta Tuba

**TUESDAY, August 6-Transfiguration of the Lord**
9:00 A.M. Benedek Pardavi

**WEDNESDAY, August 7-Saint Sixtus II**
9:00A.M. William Guenther

**THURSDAY, August 8-Saint Dominic**
9:00 A.M. Marie Guerriero

**FRIDAY, August 9-Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross**
9:00 A.M. Guiseppa Castagna

**SATURDAY, August 10-Saint Lawrence**
9:00 A.M. Purgatorial Society
Elsie Ciavarra
Anthony Ciavarra

5:00P.M. Mike Perrino

**SUNDAY, August 11– Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:00 A.M. Holy Name
10:00 A.M. For the People of St. Francis
12:00 Noon Alfonso Annibale

## Today's Readings

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Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15
Ephesians:4:17, 20-24
John 6:24-35

So when the crowd saw that Jesus was not there, nor his disciples, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum, seeking Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do, to be doing the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform? Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Jesus then said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst."
**John 6:24-35**

## Readings for the Week

**MONDAY:** Jeremiah 28:1-17
Matthew 14:13-21

**TUESDAY:** Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
2 Peter 1:16-19
Mark 9:2-10

**WEDNESDAY** Jeremiah 31:1-7
Matthew 15:21-28

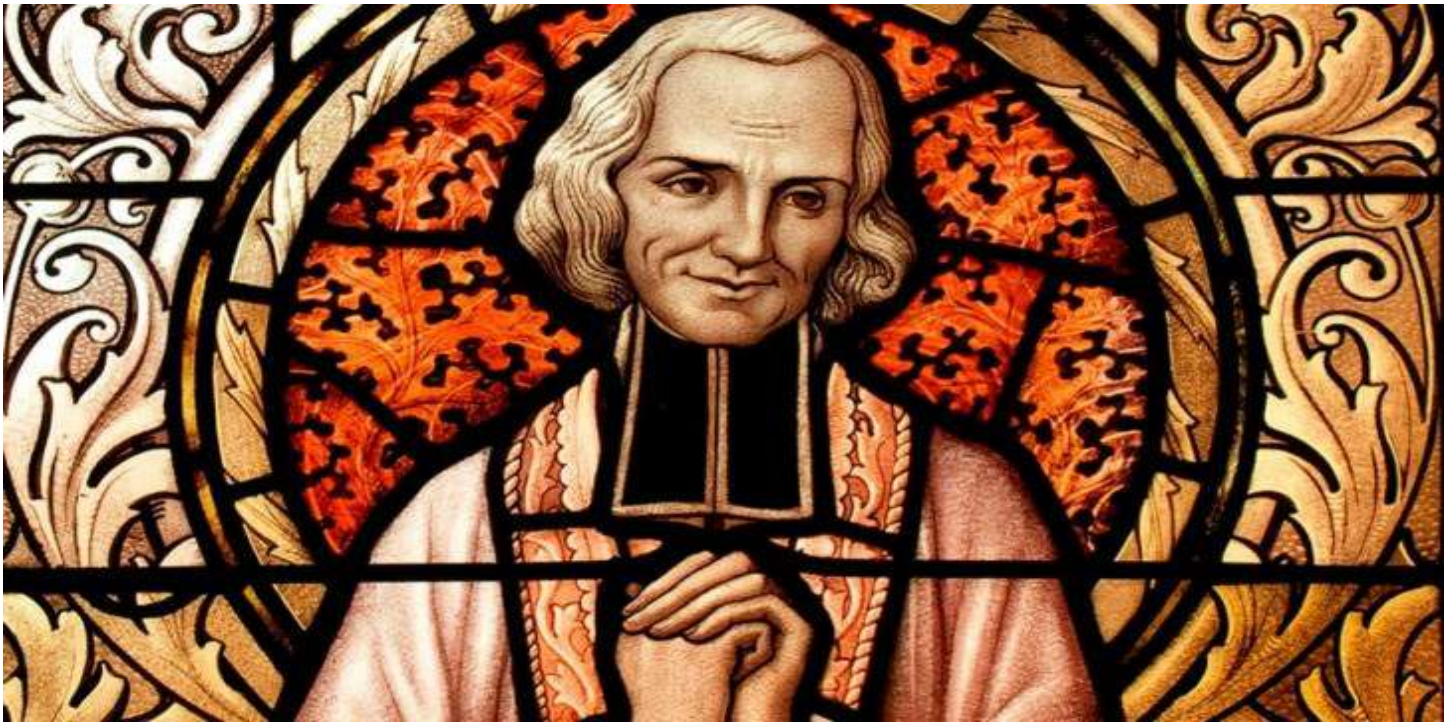
**THURSDAY:** Jeremiah 31:31-34
Matthew 16:13-23

**FRIDAY:** Nahum 2:1, 3;3:1-3, 6-7
Matthew 13:24-28

**SATURDAY:** 2 Corinthians 9:6-10
John 12:24-26

### Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 19:4-8
Ephesians:4:30-5:2
John 6:41-51



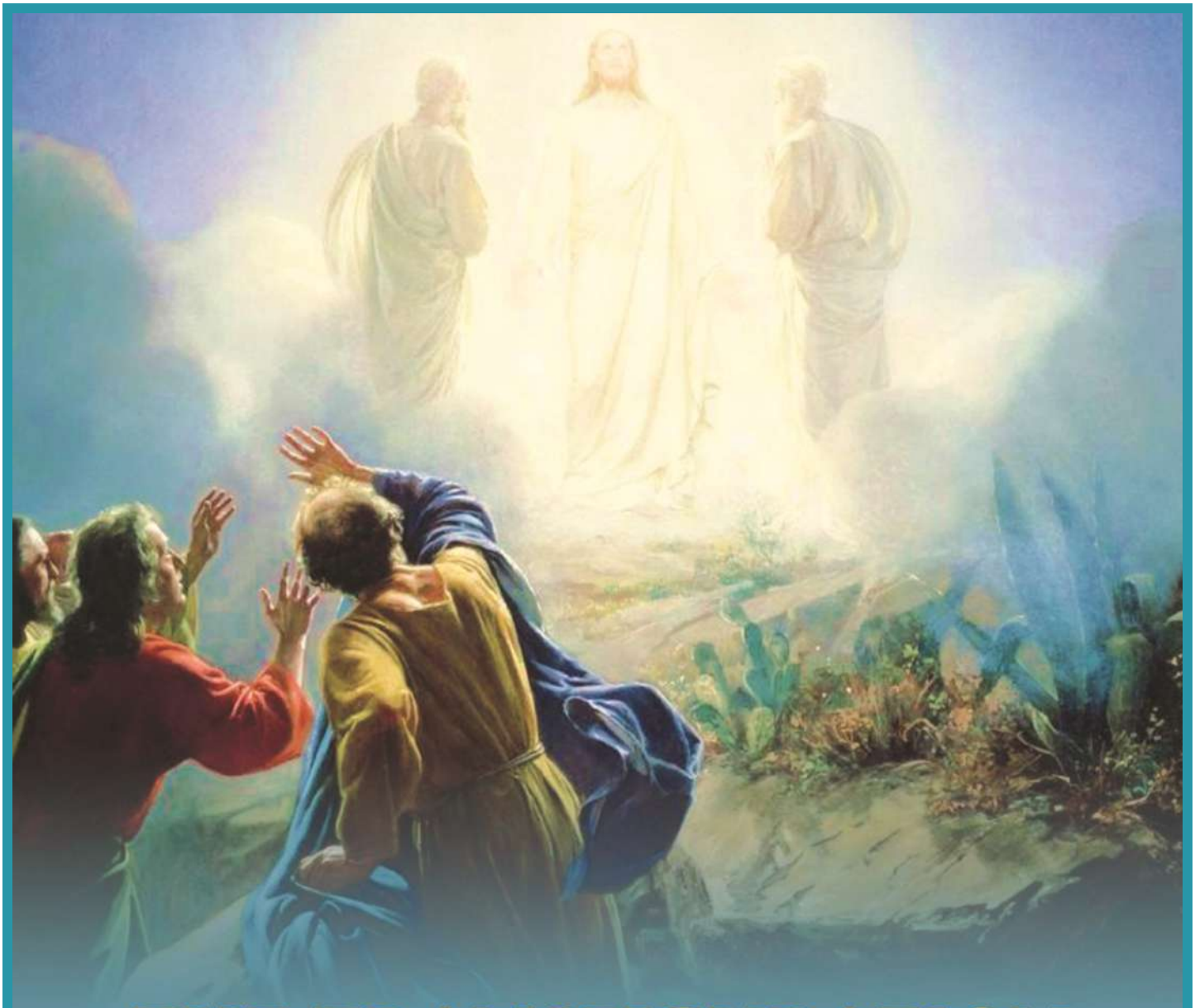
## *Sunday, August 4, 2024*
## *The Feast of*
## *Saint John Vianney*

A man with vision overcomes obstacles and performs deeds that seem impossible. John Vianney was a man with vision: He wanted to become a priest. But he had to overcome his meager formal schooling, which inadequately prepared him for seminary studies. His failure to comprehend Latin lectures forced him to discontinue. But his vision of being a priest urged him to seek private tutoring. After a lengthy battle with the books, John was ordained. Situations calling for "impossible" deeds followed him everywhere. As pastor of the parish at Ars, John encountered people who were indifferent and quite comfortable with their style of living. His vision led him through severe fasts and short nights of sleep. With Catherine Lassagne and Benedicta Lardet, he established La Providence, a home for girls. Only a man of vision could have such trust that God would provide for the spiritual and material needs of all those who came to make La Providence their home. His work as a confessor is John Vianney's most remarkable accomplishment. In the winter months he was to spend 11 to 12 hours daily reconciling people with God. In the summer months this time was increased to 16 hours. Unless a man was dedicated to his vision of a priestly vocation, he could not have endured this giving of self day after day. Many people look forward to retirement and taking it easy, doing the things they always wanted to do but never had the time. But John Vianney had no thoughts of retirement. As his fame spread, more hours were consumed in serving God's people. Even the few hours he would allow himself for sleep were disturbed frequently by the devil. Who, but a man with vision, could keep going with ever-increasing strength? In 1929, Pope Pius XI named him the patron of parish priests worldwide.

## Prayer by Saint John Vianney

*I love You, O my God, and my only desire is to love You until the last breath of my life.*
*I love You, O my infinitely lovable God, and I would rather die loving You, than live without loving You.*
*I love You, Lord and the only grace I ask is to love You eternally…*

*My God, if my tongue cannot say in every moment that I love You, I want my heart to repeat it to You as often as I draw breath.*



# THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." - Mt 17:5

***Tuesday, August 6, 2024***

## *Thursday, August 8, 2024*
## *The Feast of*
## *Saint Dominic*

St. Dominic was a man sensitive and alive to the world around him. Born in Caleruega in 1170, he later studied in Palencia, and became a canon at the Cathedral of Osma. Because of Dominic's intellectual abilities as well as his keen sense of fraternal and community life, he was appointed sub-prior in 1201. Two years later a diplomatic trip brought Dominic into the Albi region of Southern France. A strong zeal for the salvation of souls was enkindled when the young canon encountered an innkeeper who was steeped in the errors of the Catharists, a heresy which threatened the region. Although other religious had been commissioned to preach in the region, little progress had been made. After a long night of intense discussion, the light of truth prevailed and the innkeeper returned to the practice of the faith. Dominic's spiritual vision became clearer as he journeyed through southern France and witnessed the effects of the heresy. To combat the false teachings, Dominic realized the impact that priests with a mandate for itinerant preaching could have if they witnessed to authentic poverty and a purity of heart. Yet Dominic's vision was universal; he saw a need in the Church which extended beyond the region of Albi. Dominic also established convents of nuns who would pray for the conversion of sinners and also for the fidelity and perseverance of the friars. The first foundation of nuns was established in Prouilhe in 1206, and the formal foundation of the fathers was established in 1217. As the Order of Preachers spread through Europe, the Third Order developed, which includes sisters and the laity. Dominic's genius was one of renewal and transformation of existing monastic customs and traditions. The Rule of St. Augustine was adopted, and a democratic form of government was instituted. A General Chapter was convened on a regular basis, and the office of Master General was established. As mendicants, those in the Order were allowed to leave the cloister to study and teach at universities, to preach and to bring solace to those in need of healing.

## *Saturday, August 10, 2024*
## *The Feast of*
## *Saint Lawrence*

We know very little about Lawrence's life. He is one of those whose martyrdom made a deep impression on the early Church. He was a Roman deacon under Pope Saint Sixtus II. Four days after this pope was put to death, Lawrence and four clerics suffered martyrdom, probably during the persecution of the Emperor Valerian. The church built over his tomb became one of the seven principal churches in Rome and a favorite place for Roman pilgrimages. A well-known legend has persisted from earliest times. As deacon in Rome, Lawrence was charged with the responsibility for the material goods of the Church, and the distribution of alms to the poor. When Lawrence knew he would be arrested like the pope, he sought out the poor, widows, and orphans of Rome and gave them all the money he had, selling even the sacred vessels of the altar to increase the sum. When the prefect of Rome heard of this, he imagined that the Christians must have considerable treasure. He sent for Lawrence and said, "You Christians say we are cruel to you, but that is not what I have in mind. I am told that your priests offer in gold, that the sacred blood is received in silver cups, that you have golden candlesticks. Now, your doctrine says you must render to Caesar what is his. Bring these treasures—the emperor needs them to maintain his forces. God does not cause money to be counted: He brought none of it into the world with him, only words. Give me the money, therefore, and be rich in words." Lawrence replied that the Church was indeed rich. "I will show you a valuable part. But give me time to set everything in order." After three days he gathered a great number of blind, lame, maimed, leprous, orphaned, and widowed persons and put them in rows. When the prefect arrived, Lawrence simply said, "These are the treasure of the Church." The prefect was so angry he told Lawrence that he would indeed have his wish to die. He had a gridiron prepared with coals beneath it, and had Lawrence's body placed on it. After the martyr had suffered the pain for a long time, the legend concludes, he made his famous cheerful remark, "It is well done. Turn me over!"

**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.**

## *Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

## *August 4, 2024*

**"The bread of God is that which comes down from heaven."**

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 never fails us, providing for our every need.*

The people expected and trusted, that God would provide for their every need … except when they didn't. The Lord expected his people would obey his commands and follow his guidance … except they often didn't. Notice who fails in this relationship: it's not God! God provided daily bread to sustain them in the desert. He provides for us the true bread of life—Jesus—to sustain us for eternity. The Lord never fails us, providing for our every need.

## *Recently Deceased*

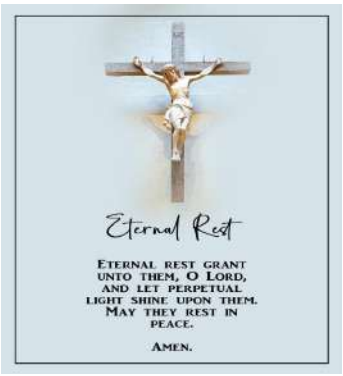
***The following have passed away during the month of July 2024. We continue to pray for the recently deceased members of our parish.***

***Elba Delgado***

***Diego Penilla***

***Robert Edwards***

***Nicholas Gaito***




***Reverend Peter D. Gillen***

***John Biancaniello***

***Antonio Carlino***

***Anna Arcos***

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

**Mass Attendance for the July 27/28, 2024:**

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| 5:00PM | 80 |
| 8:00AM | 71 |
| 10:00AM | 82 |
| 12:00PM | 79 |

**Total in Attendance: 312**

## *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 AUGUST WILL BE SUNDAY, AUGUST 25TH AT 1:00PM.

## *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.

## Holy Name Society

On Sunday, August 11th, 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.

## *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*

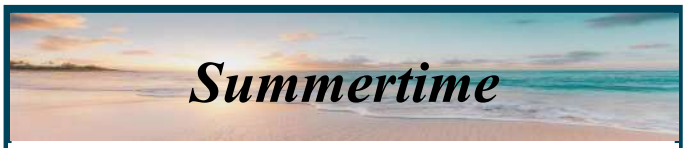
Thank you for your continued generosity of giving each week. Your weekly offering helps us pay our monthly bills.

**Sunday 7/27-7/28:** **$4,205.00**
***2nd Collection Air Conditioning:*** ***$1,210.00***

***School parents must use church envelopes.***

We welcome back Fr. Victor Mbanisi. Fr. Victor will be vacationing at St. Francis of Assisi until September 3rd.

We hope he enjoys some rest and relaxation.




Summer is here. 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 your-selves, 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 July 31st, we have pledged $28,856.76 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, 80 parishioners or 27.34% of our parish have supported the appeal.

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

***Msgr. Maresca***

We welcome Fr. Aloysius to St. Francis of Assisi Parish for the month of August. He will be here to assist us. Fr. Aloysius will arrive this weekend and be with us for the month of August until September 2nd. We are delighted to have him with us.

## *50/50 July 2024 Winners*

First Prize
Mr. & Mrs. Walter Zilinski

Second Prize
Mrs. Renata Zuliani

Third Prize
Mr. & Mrs. Terence Sweeney

***Congratulations!***

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## THIS WEEK

### August 4-August 10

***Sunday, August 4***

***Monday, August 5***

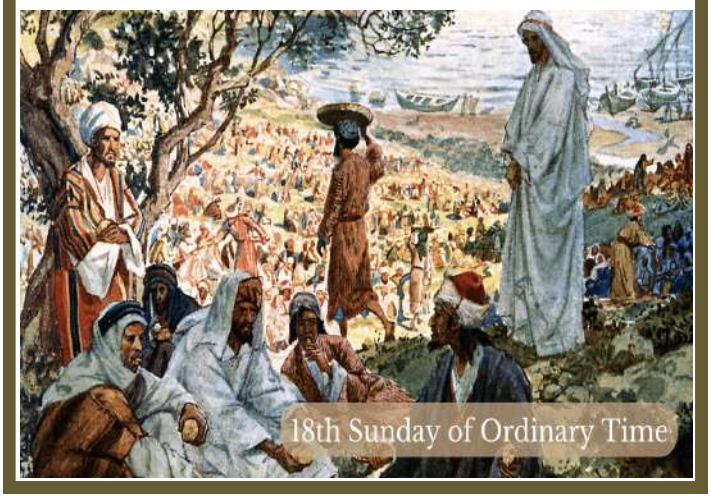
***Tuesday, August 6***
6:30PM-AA Meeting

***Wednesday, August 7***

***Thursday, August 8***
10:00AM—Legion of Mary

***Friday, August 9***

***Saturday, August 10***




## NEXT WEEK

### August 11-August 17

***Sunday, August 11***
**8:00AM Holy Name Mass**

***Monday, August 12***

***Tuesday, August 13***
6:30PM-AA Meeting

***Wednesday, August 14***
**7:00PM Baptism Class**

***Thursday, August 15***
**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
9:00AM Mass
11:00AM Mass
7:30PM Mass

10:00AM—Legion of Mary

***Friday, August 16***

***Saturday, August 17***

# AUGUAT 2024
# LECTOR ASSIGNMENTS

| | EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME |
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| | AUGUST 3 - 4 | AUGUST 10 - 11 | AUGUST 17 - 18 | AUGUST 24 - 25 | AUGUST 31<br>SEPTEMBER 1 |
| Saturday 5:00 P.M. | Edward Kubina | Debbi Skinner | Dolores Ratkowski | Edward Kubina | Debbi Skinner |
| Sunday 8:00 A.M. | Robert Laucella | Carol Hickey | Andrew Soltesz | Robert Laucella | Carol Hickey |
| Sunday 10:00 A.M. | Josephine Corso | Martha O'Toole | Maria Brooks | Josephine Corso | Patrick O'Toole |
| Sunday 12:00 P.M. | Jane Di Donato | Sharon Costanza | Jane Di Donato | Sharon Costanza | Jane Di Donato |

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

# St. FRANCIS of ASSISI
# SUMMER SCHEDULE

**Beginning June 24th until September 3rd**

## Adoration

**Adoration will resume on September 4, 2024**

## Church Hours

### Church Opens

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

## Mass Schedule

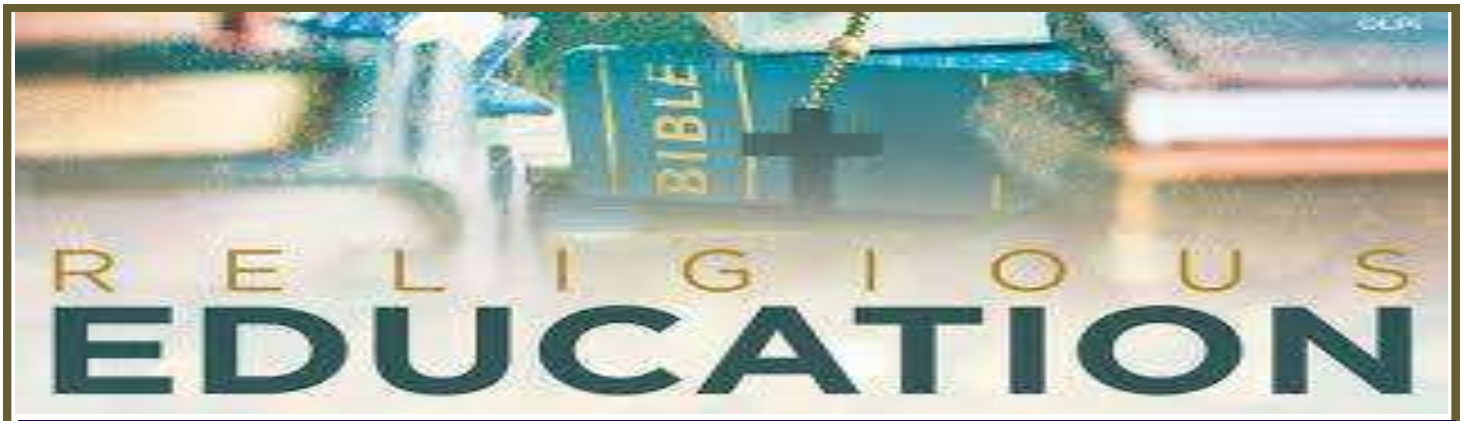
### (July & August)

**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
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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:
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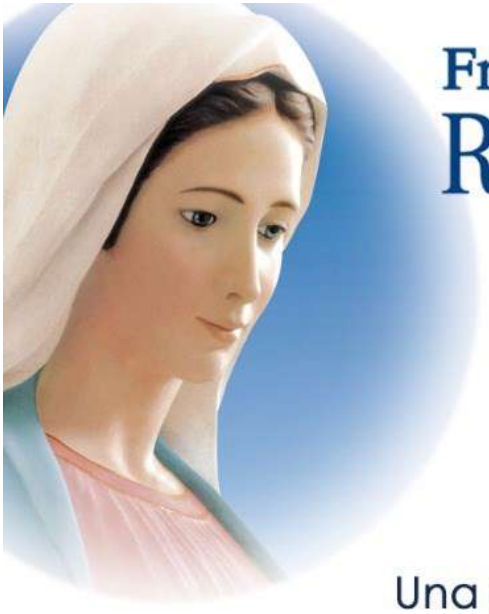

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## Giornata di Spiritualita'

**SABATO 24 AGOSTO, 2024**
**10:00 am - 4:00 pm**

Una giornata di preghiera e riflessione per portare Pace, Amore, Gioia, e Speranza in ogni cuore!
Presentazione della vita di Mother Cabrini, visita al museo e negozio ricordi della Santa.

## St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Shrine

701 Fort Washington Ave., New York, NY 10040
Tel: (212) 923-3536

## PROGRAMMA

**10:00 am** - Rosario
**11:00 am** - Santa Messa
**12:00 pm** - Consacrazione dei giovani e delle famiglie al Cuore Immacolato di Maria e di Gesù
**12:30 pm** - Pranzo al sacco
**2:00 pm** - Adorazione Eucaristica
**3:00 pm** - Benedizione Finale

**Natale Tumminia animerà le celebrazioni con la sua bella voce**

**«Io posso tutto in Colui che mi dà forza!» - Saint Frances Cabrini**