Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, September 1 – Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 A.M. For the People of St. Francis
10:00 A.M. Anna Lombardi
12:00 P.M. Jorge Enrique Mesa

MONDAY, September 2– Weekday
9:00 A.M. Michael Reiter

TUESDAY, September 3-Saint Gregory the Great
9:00 A.M. Menina Santos

WEDNESDAY, September 4-Weekday
9:00A.M. Elizabeth Gasparro

THURSDAY, September 5-Saint Theresa of Calcutta
9:00 A.M. Damiano Giuseppe DiGioia

FRIDAY, September 6-Weekday
9:00 A.M. Richard Conlon

SATURDAY, September 7-Weekday
9:00 A.M. Purgatorial Society
Anthony Mincone
Margaret McCarthy
John McCarthy
Living & Deceased Members of
The Legion of Mary

5:00P.M. Raymond Loud

SUNDAY, September 8– Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 A.M. Holy Name
9:30 A.M. Carmela Vella
11:00 A.M. Yolanda Paolini
12:30P.M. Antonio & Maria D'Angelo
Rino Del Carro
Antonio DiRico

Today's Readings

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Deuteronomy 5:1-2, 6-8
James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

The Pharisees and some of the teachers of the law who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus and saw some of his disciples eating food with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. (The Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they give their hands a ceremonial washing, holding to the tradition of the elders. [4] When they come from the marketplace they do not eat unless they wash. And they observe many other traditions, such as the washing of cups, pitchers and kettles.) So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, "Why don't your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with defiled hands? He replied, "Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written: "These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. They worship me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules. You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to human traditions." **Mark 7:1-8**

Readings for the Week

MONDAY: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5
Luke 4:16-30

TUESDAY: 1 Corinthians 2:10b-16
Luke 4:31-37

WEDNESDAY: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9
Luke 4:38-44

THURSDAY: 1 Corinthians 3:18-23
Luke 5:1-11

FRIDAY: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5
Luke 5:33-39

SATURDAY: 1 Corinthians 4:6b-15
Luke 6:1-5

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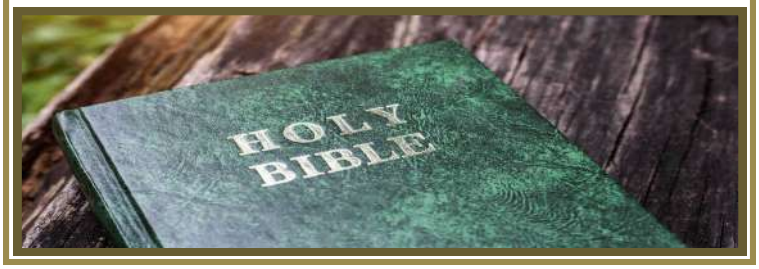
Isaiah 35:4-7a
James:2:1-5
Mark 7:31-37



Welcome New Parishioners

We welcome those who registered in our parish during the month of August 2024.

Augustus Berger
& Jillian Kedrns

Baptisms

We welcome those who were Baptized in our parish during the month of August 2024.

John Luca Penaloza
Malcom Anthony Monti
Elena Patricia Monti
Sloane Nicolette Pilla

Recently Deceased

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

Josephine Hosey
Diana Catano
Jennie Mazzuca
Ferdinand Gambino
Steven Hafner

Back-To-School Prayer

Dear God,

Please bless all children in this new school year. Give them strength to learn, concentrate and act in love towards their classmates. Watch over them at home and at school. When days become challenging, grant them peace and relaxation, knowing that Your patience, wisdom and courage is excellent in every way. Guide them in their mind, thoughts and body so they may use the knowledge gained to build your kingdom. We thank you for this new school year and ask that you bless the students, families and faculty that make school such a wonderful place.

In your name we pray!

Tuesday, September 3, 2024
The Feast of
Saint Gregory the Great

Gregory was the prefect of Rome before he was 30. After five years in office he resigned, founded six monasteries on his Sicilian estate, and became a Benedictine monk in his own home at Rome. Ordained a priest, Gregory became one of the pope's seven deacons, and also served six years in the East as papal representative in Constantinople. He was recalled to become abbot, but at the age of 50 was elected pope by the clergy and people of Rome. Gregory was direct and firm. He removed unworthy priests from office, forbade taking money for many services, emptied the papal treasury to ransom prisoners of the Lombards and to care for persecuted Jews and the victims of plague and famine. He was very concerned about the conversion of England, sending 40 monks from his own monastery. He is known for his reform of the liturgy, and for strengthening respect for doctrine. Whether he was largely responsible for the revision of "Gregorian" chant is disputed. Gregory lived in a time of perpetual strife with invading Lombards and difficult relations with the East. When Rome itself was under attack, he interviewed the Lombard king. His book, *Pastoral Care*, on the duties and qualities of a bishop, was read for centuries after his death. He described bishops mainly as physicians whose main duties were preaching and the enforcement of discipline. In his own down-to-earth preaching, Gregory was skilled at applying the daily Gospel to the needs of his listeners. Called "the Great," Gregory has been given a place with Augustine, Ambrose, and Jerome, as one of the four key doctors of the Western Church. An Anglican historian has written: "It is impossible to conceive what would have been the confusion, the lawlessness, the chaotic state of the Middle Ages without the medieval papacy; and of the medieval papacy, the real father is Gregory the Great." Gregory was content to be a monk, but he willingly served the Church in other ways when asked. He sacrificed his own preferences in many ways, especially when he was called to be Bishop of Rome. Once he was called to public service, Gregory gave his considerable energies completely to this work.

Saturday, September 7, 2024, the 9:00am Mass will be an anointing Mass. All those who wish to receive the Sacrament of the Sick are asked to participate in this Mass. All are invited to join us in prayer as we remember to pray for all those who are in need of God's healing power.

3rd Time:

Tracy Martin
St. Francis of Assisi
Astoria, NY

And

Andrew Sacramone
St. Joseph Church
Astoria, NY

Holy Name Society

On Sunday, September 8th, 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.

Mother Teresa of Calcutta, the tiny woman recognized throughout the world for her work among the poorest of the poor, was beatified October 19, 2003. Among those present were hundreds of Missionaries of Charity, the order she founded in 1950, as a diocesan religious community. Today the congregation also includes contemplative sisters and brothers, and an order of priests. Born to Albanian parents in what is now Skopje, Macedonia, Gonxha (Agnes) Bojaxhiu was the youngest of the three children who survived. For a time, the family lived comfortably, and her father's construction business thrived. But life changed overnight following his unexpected death. During her years in public school, Agnes participated in a Catholic sodality and showed a strong interest in the foreign missions. At age 18, she entered the Loreto Sisters of Dublin. It was 1928 when she said goodbye to her mother for the final time and made her way to a new land and a new life. The following year she was sent to the Loreto novitiate in Darjeeling, India. There she chose the name Teresa and prepared for a life of service. She was assigned to a high school for girls in Calcutta, where she taught history and geography to the daughters of the wealthy. But she could not escape the realities around her—the poverty, the suffering, the overwhelming numbers of destitute people. In 1946, while riding a train to Darjeeling to make a retreat, Sister Teresa heard what she later explained as "a call within a call. The message was clear. I was to leave the convent and help the poor while living among them." She also heard a call to give up her life with the Sisters of Loreto and instead, to "follow Christ into the slums to serve him among the poorest of the poor."After receiving permission to leave Loreto, establish a new religious community, and undertake her new work, Sister Teresa took a nursing course for several months. She returned to Calcutta, where she lived in the slums and opened a school for poor children. Dressed in a white sari and sandals–the ordinary dress of an Indian woman–she soon began getting to know her neighbors—especially the poor and sick—and getting to know their needs through visits. The work was exhausting, but she was not alone for long. Volunteers who came to join her in the work, some of them former students, became the core of the Missionaries of Charity. Others helped by donating food, clothing, supplies, and the use of buildings. In 1952, the city of Calcutta gave Mother Teresa a former hostel, which became a home for the dying and the destitute. As the order expanded, services were also offered to orphans, abandoned children, alcoholics, the aging, and street people. For the next four decades, Mother Teresa worked tirelessly on behalf of the poor. Her love knew no bounds. Nor did her energy, as she crisscrossed the globe pleading for support and inviting others to see the face of Jesus in the poorest of the poor. In 1979, she was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. On September 5, 1997, God called her home. Blessed Teresa was canonized by Pope Francis on September 4, 2016.

"Peace Begins With a Smile" **- Mother Theresa**

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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September 1, 2024

"He willed to give us birth."

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:

Jesus teaches us to keep our focus on obeying God's commandments.

Like the Pharisees in today's Gospel, we cam get caught up in our traditions, questioning and arguing with those who do things differently or want to change our ways. Jesus offers a reminder to not lose sight of what is truly important: Obeying God's commandments and keeping our hearts and actions pure.

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.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will resume on Tuesday, September 3rd at 8:00AM to 8:50AM.

PLEASE NOTE that Church will open after Labor Day at 7:30AM.

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 8/24-8/25: $4,250.00

School parents must use church envelopes.

Next weekend, September 8th and 9th, the second collection will be for The Catholic University if America.

Thank you for your continued support.

Cook Position

Immaculate Conception Rectory is looking for a weekend cook, Saturday and Sunday. It is part time. If you are interested please call the rectory at 718-728-1613.

Mass Attendance for August 24/25, 2024:

5:00PM	90
8:00AM	49
10:00AM	89
12:00PM	77

Total: 305

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

50/50 August 2024 Winners

First Prize
Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Higgins

Second Prize
Ms. Diane Hubert

Third Prize
Mr. & Mrs. Fred Rappa

Congratulations!

Attention All Societies

The 2024/2025 Parish Calendar is available for pickup.

Please have one member of each society stop by the Rectory during business hours to pick up your copy of the calendar.

Thank you.

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

Golden Age Meetings resume on Monday, September 9th, at 12:00 noon to 3:30pm. We meet in Msgr. Campbell Hall which is located in the basement of the church. Use the entrance on the 45th Street side.

Anyone 60 years or older are welcome to join us. Members pray together, play cards and Bingo. Each week refreshments are served. Why not join us and bring a friend.

L'Azione Cattolica di S. Francesco D'Assisi
Si riaprirera
Giovedi 12, Settembre 2024
Dalle 6-8:50 pm
Nel sotterraneo della canonica
sieti tutti invitati a partecipare
A questi incontri settimanale
per incontrare nuovi amici
e trascorrere una serata insieme in preghiera.

Italian American Catholic Action returns to its weekly meetings starting Thursday Sept 12, 2024
From 6-8:50 pm rectory basement all invite to participate in this wonderful meetings to meet old and new friends and enjoy each other friendship in prayer.

In Celebration of
Labor Day
The Rectory Office
Will be **Closed** on
Monday, September 2nd
The Office will open on
Tuesday, September 3rd at 9:00am.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THIS WEEK

September 1-September 7

Sunday, September 1

Monday, September 2
LABOR DAY-Rectory Office Closed All Day

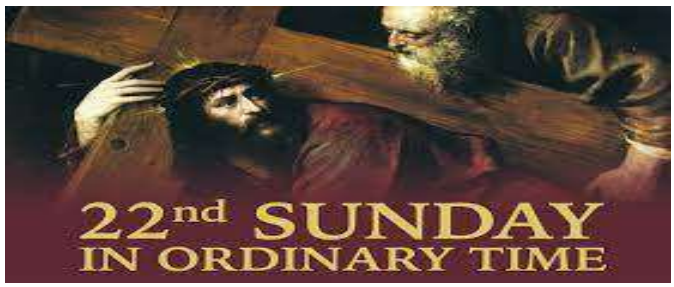
Tuesday, September 3
8:00AM-Adoration Resumes
6:30PM-AA Meeting

Wednesday, September 4

Thursday, September 5
CLASSES BEGIN K-8
10:00AM—Legion of Mary
3:30PM-CYO Sign-Up-MCH

Friday, September 6

Saturday, September 7
9:00AM-Anointing Mass



NEXT WEEK

September 8-September 14

Sunday, September 8
8:00AM Holy Name Mass

Monday, September 9
12:00-3:30PM Golden Age-MCH
3:30PM CYO Sign Up-MCH
7:00PM Adult Choir

Tuesday, September 10
6:30PM-AA Meeting

Wednesday, September 11
8:00AM 9/11 Prayer Service-SY
7:00PM-Baptism Class

Thursday, September 12
10:00AM—Legion of Mary
6:00pm IACA
7:20PM Scripture Study

Friday, September 13
9:00AM Opening School Mass

Saturday, September 14

St. Francis of Assisi
Fall
Festival
SAVE THE DATE
Saturday, September 28, 2024

SCHEDULE OF MASSES & RECTORY HOURS
September 2024 to June 2025

Adoration

Adoration will resume on September 3, 2024
Monday to Saturday
8:00am to 8:50am

Church Hours

Church Opens Monday thru Sunday—7:30am

Mass Schedule

Monday thru Friday—9:00am

Saturday—9:00am & 5:00pm

Sunday— 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am
& 12:30pm (Italian)

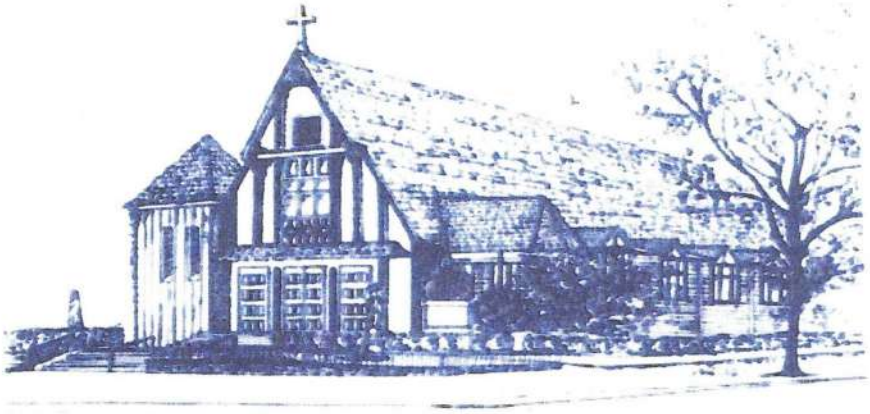
Rectory Hours

Monday , Wednesday, Friday—9:00am—12:00pm
1:00pm—5:00pm

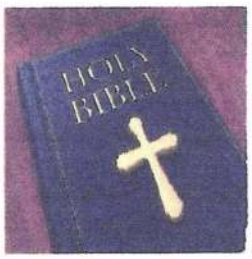
Tuesday and Thursday — 9:00am –12:00pm
1:00pm—9:00pm

Saturday— 9:00am—2:00pm

SUNDAY CLOSED



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI SCRIPTURE STUDY



**"I AM THE WAY, AND THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE.
NO ONE COMES TO THE FATHER BUT THROUGH ME."**
(Jn 14:6)

A fulfilled life is possible with God, even throughout challenging times. Christ's work of salvation continues through each one of us. Understanding the love God has for us, our Parish of SFA invites you to a personal growth not only for the physical and intellectual world but for success with the spiritual knowledge of God's wisdom, with holy and positive energy. His Words will lead you to serenity and happiness in any line of activity you might follow.

Bible Study in SFA is simple with the system of "Little Rock Scripture Study." It follows a gradual personal reading of Scripture, question/answer sharing and video summarizing of the passage. This is a casual gathering that welcomes everyone, from the beginner to the more knowledgeable.

Join us to learn more about God's message and mission with **The Gospel of St. John.**

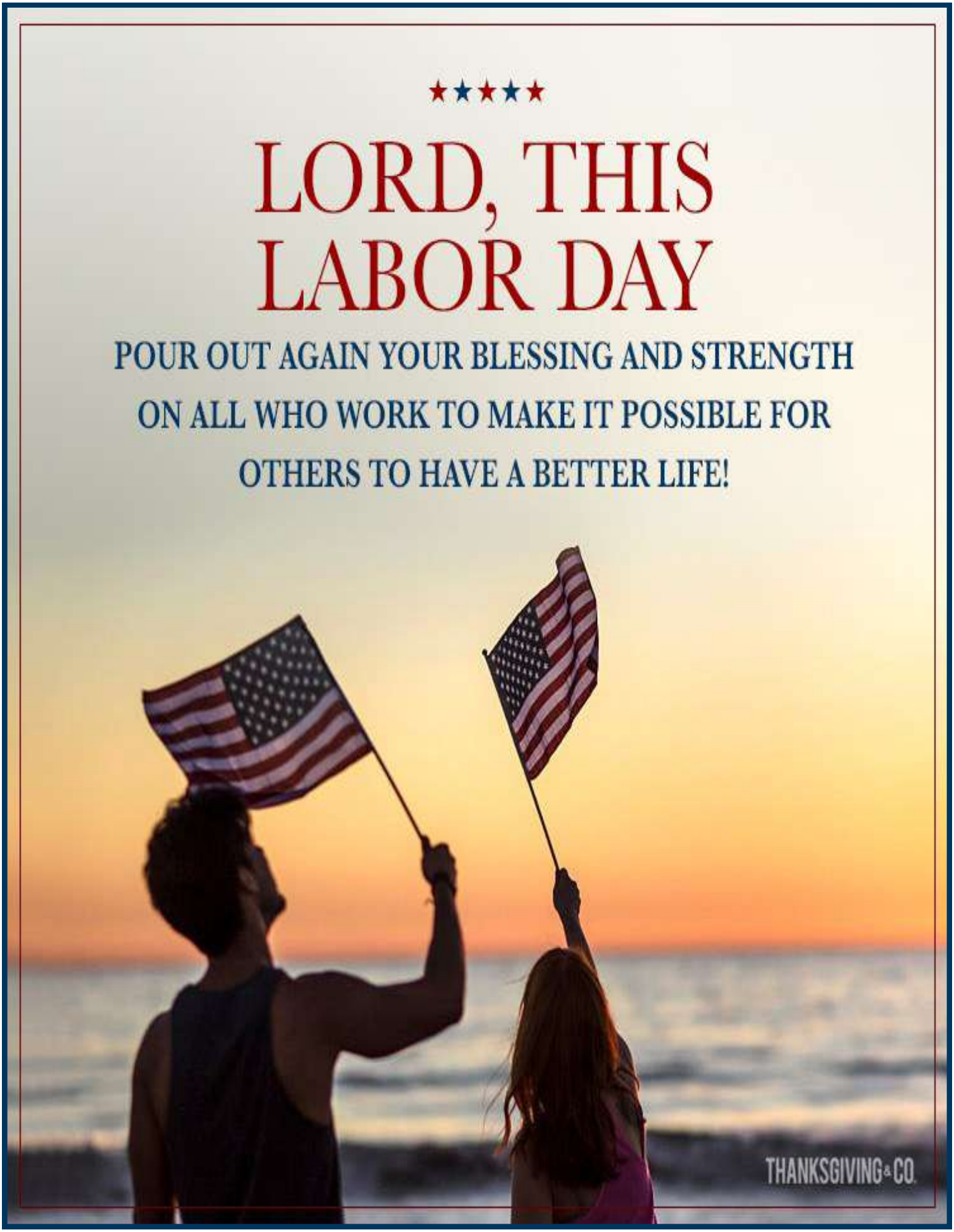
WHEN: On Thursday September 12, 2024
WHERE: SFA Rectory (lower level) St. Joseph Room.
TIME: Every Thursday night, from 7:20 pm to 8:50 pm

For any question: Please call the SFA Rectory at: (718) 728 7801

SEPTEMBER 2024- UPDATED
LECTOR SCHEDULE

	TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
	SEPTEMBER 7-8	SEPTEMBER 14-15	SEPTEMBER 21-22	SEPTEMBER 28-29
Saturday 5:00 P.M.	Edward Kubina	Debbi Skinner	Dolores Ratkowski	Debbi Skinner
Sunday 8:00 A.M.	Andrew Soltesz	Rob Laucella	Andrew Soltesz	Rob Laucella
Sunday 9:30 A.M.	Josephine Corso	Martha O'Toole	Maria Brooks	Patrick O'Toole
Sunday 11:00 A.M.	Carol Hickey	Jane Di Donato	Carol Hickey	Jane Di Donato
Sunday 12:30 P.M.	Anna Maria Del Carro	Eterna Bruno	Jackie Machia	Anna Maria Tenaglia

***** REMINDER *****
Once you are scheduled, if you cannot fulfill your assignment, please make every effort to call and get a replacement. Thank you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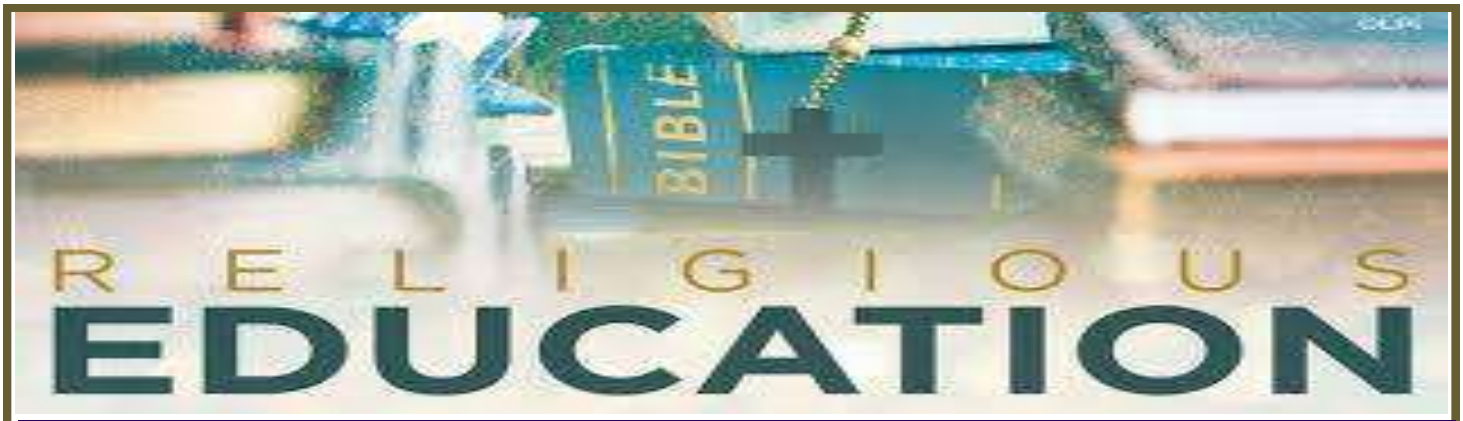
LABOR DAY
POUR OUT AGAIN YOUR BLESSING AND STRENGTH
ON ALL WHO WORK TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR
OTHERS TO HAVE A BETTER LIFE!
THANKSGIVING & CO.



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…

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Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not
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