Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, November 3 – Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 A.M. Joseph Cseri
9:30 A.M. Ida Pietromonaco
11:00A.M. The Slominski Family
12:30 P.M. Rino Del Carro
Domenic Iacobazzi
Giovanna Pronesti Sicari
Gino Migliaccio

MONDAY, November 4– Saint Charles Borromeo
9:00 A.M. Marko Vlakancic Family

TUESDAY, November 5-Weekday
9:00 A.M. Maria Caputo

WEDNESDAY, November 6-Weekday
9:00A.M. Joie Eiaw

THURSDAY, November 7–Weekday
9:00 A.M. Maria N. Scarlatto

FRIDAY, November 8-Weekday
9:00 A.M. Ida Gullo

SATURDAY, November 9-The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
9:00 A.M. Purgatorial Society
Andrew Kochie Jr.

5:00P.M. Denis Sweeney

SUNDAY, November 10– Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 A.M. Holy Name
9:30 A.M. Sophia Barberini
11:00 A.M. SteveFulop
12:30P.M. Rino Del Carro
Calogero Gambino.
Andrea Gambino

Today's Readings

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Deuteronomy 6:2-6
Hebrews 7:23-286
Mark 12:28b-34

One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?" "The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these." "Well said, teacher," the man replied. "You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but him. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices." When Jesus saw that he had answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And from then on no one dared ask him any more questions. **(Mark 12:28b-34)**

Readings for the Week

MONDAY: Philippians 2:1-4
Luke 14:12-14

TUESDAY: Philippians 2:5-11
Luke 14:15-24

WEDNESDAY: Philippians 2:12-18
Luke 14:25-33

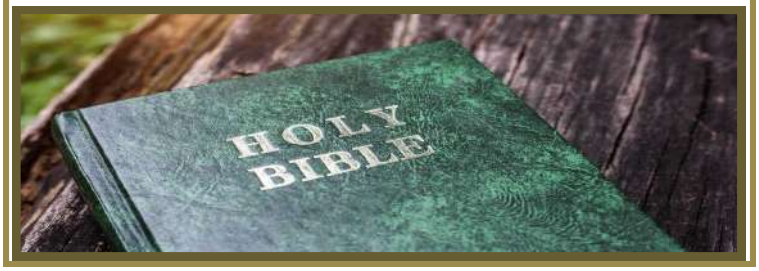
THURSDAY: Philippians 3:3-8a
Luke 15:1-10

FRIDAY: Philippians 3:17-4:1
Luke 16:1-8

SATURDAY: Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12
1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17
John 2:13-22

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 17:10-16
Hebrews:9:24-28
Mark 12:38-44



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My Dear Parishioners,

You are not far from the kingdom of God. Jesus responds positively to the scribe's paraphrasing the ancient teaching of Moses for the following reasons: He listened when he was taught; he let what he heard stay in his heart; and he spoke from a solid faith belief without hesitation. This scribe asked a provocative question. He received a traditional answer. This nameless student of Scripture and faith understood what God said to the Israelites. Jesus affirms the scribe's understanding; the path of love leads to the Kingdom of God.

The first step on the path to the Kingdom of God is to acknowledge the primacy of the God who formed us out of the dust of the earth for no other reason than he loves us. God knew our names even before the heavens came into existence. God is the only One who breathed his Spirit over the waters of chaos, then spoke the Word so that in time the world began.

The second step is to give ourselves permission to recognize and respond to the Lord's call. This permission is prompted by the grace of the Holy Spirit resident within the soul.

Our vision of self-importance, like Adam and Eve's sin, blinds us from understanding who we truly are. Sin builds a tower of self-importance that impeded the free interchange of love, which is the foundation of any mutual, respectful relationship. God's compassionate love shelters those who have the courage to humbly stand before him, problems and all. We are perhaps mystified that God loves sinners.

Our ancestors recognized how sin disrupts the world, nations, families, and individuals. The priests of the Jerusalem Temple burned sacrificial fires daily as they sought satisfaction for the sins of the nation and its people. Jesus, the Great High Priest, offered the ultimate sacrifice of love for the salvation of the world.

The third step is to understand the impact of God's love in our hearts. This is the greatest act of conversion covering all of life and totally life altering. The Holy Spirit prompts our hearts and minds to accept the love of God. Faith, driven by curiosity, fans the heart's flickering flame of love into a beacon illuminating the world.

You, too, are not far from the Kingdom of God. The Kingdom of God is as near as a neighbor's shoulder. The Kingdom of God is as near as the humble awareness that our forgiveness is measured on how we forgive. The Kingdom of God is as near as an act of kindness. Loving God with all our being builds a bridge that unifies this world as the Kingdom of love, a bridge completed by the loving sacrifice of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

All God's Blessings,
Msgr. Maresca

Monday, November 4, 2024
The Feast of
Saint Charles Borromeo

The name of Charles Borromeo is associated with reform. He lived during the time of the Protestant Reformation, and had a hand in the reform of the whole Church during the final years of the Council of Trent. Although he belonged to the Milanese nobility, Charles desired to devote himself to the Church. In 1559, when his uncle, Cardinal de Medici was elected Pope Pius IV, he made Charles cardinal-deacon and administrator of the Archdiocese of Milan. The untimely death of his elder brother brought Charles to a definite decision to be ordained a priest. Soon after being ordained a priest at age 25, Borromeo was consecrated bishop of Milan. Working behind the scenes, St. Charles deserves the credit for keeping the Council of Trent in session when it was on the verge of breaking up. He encouraged the pope to renew the Council in 1562, after it had been suspended for 10 years. He took upon himself the task of the entire correspondence during the final phase. Because of his work at the Council, he was unable to take up residence in Milan until the Council concluded. Eventually, he was allowed to devote his time to the Archdiocese of Milan, where the religious and moral picture was far from bright. The reform needed in every phase of Catholic life among both clergy and laity was initiated at a provincial council of all the bishops under him. Specific regulations were drawn up for bishops and other clergy: If the people were to be converted to a better life, he had to be the first to give a good example and renew their apostolic spirit. Charles took the initiative in giving a good example. He allotted most of his income to charity. He sacrificed wealth, high honors, esteem, and influence to become poor. During the plague and famine of 1576, he tried to feed 60,000 to 70,000 people daily. He borrowed large sums of money that required years to repay. He ministered to the sick and the dying, helping those in want. Work and the heavy burdens of his high office began to affect Borromeo's health, leading to his death at the age of 46.

Saturday, November 9, 2024
The Dedication of
The Lateran Basilica

"To dedicate or consecrate" a place to God is a ritual that is found in every religion. To "reserve" a place to God is an act of recognizing His glory and honor. When the Emperor Constantine granted full liberty to Christians in 313, they did not spare in order to construct places for the Lord – numerous are the churches constructed at that time. Constantine himself also constructed churches, one of which he was a magnificent basilica on the Caelian Hill in Rome, over the ancient Lateran Palace, which Pope Sylvester I dedicated to Christ the Savior. A chapel dedicated to Saint John the Baptist was built inside it which served as the baptistry. This moved Pope Sergius III to dedicate it to Saint John the Baptist as well. Lastly, Pope Lucius II also dedicated it to Saint John the Evangelist in the 12th century. Thus, the name of this Papal Basilica is the Basilica of the Most Holy Savior and of Saints John the Baptist and John the Evangelist in the Lateran. Christians consider the Basilica to be the ***mother church of all churches in the world.*** The church was destroyed several times in the course of the centuries, and always rebuilt. The final reconstruction took place under the pontificate of Benedict XIII. The church was rededicated in 1724. It was at that time that the feast celebrated today was established and extended to the universal Church. Today's Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica allows us to remember the journey of the people and God's constant and faithful care. At the same time, we are reminded today that each one of us is a "house of God" in the Risen Jesus, because the Holy Spirit dwells in each one of us (cf. 1 Cor. 3:16). This awareness alone leads us to praise the Lord on the one hand, and on the other, it leads us to say, at times excessively, "*O Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof"* (Mt. 8:8), forgetting that He is already in us and that He welcomes us and loves us not as we would like to be, but as we are, here, now.

Welcome New Parishioners

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

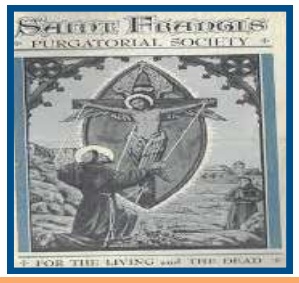
Kevin Montevirgen
Brett & Denise Mueller

Baptisms

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

Violet Marina Massetti
Lucille Agata Mullen
Sophie Linden Montevirgen
Sebastian Mario Iturrino
Chelsea Colette Iturrino

Purgatorials



The following names have been enrolled in our Purgatorial Society for the month of October 2024. Please remember to continue to pray for their families.

Helen Strong
Joel Gedeon

Marriage

Congratulations to those who were married in our Parish in the month of October 2024.

Meghan Brice & Brett Brice

Commit To Praying A Rosary During The Month Of The Poor Souls In Purgatory

The month of November is a good time to commit to praying the Rosary everyday for the suffering souls in Purgatory. Remember, these souls are certain of entering Heaven, but first they must be purified in Purgatory. They cannot do anything for themselves, but you can do something for them. Their time there is shortened by your prayers and good works, and by the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

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, Madison Millett and Leonardo Di Marco.

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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"You shall love your neighbor as yourself"

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:

God's love is the foundation of His law.

The two greatest commandments of which Jesus speaks are rooted in love. The first is to love God; the second is to love others. Both stem from the outpouring of God's pure goodness. If we love God fully and faithfully, and love others as He loves, we cooperate in our own well-being, and come closer to His kingdom.

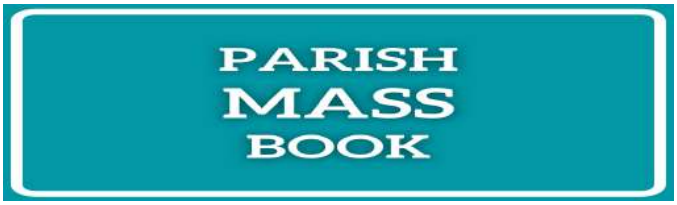
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place before the 9:00AM Mass. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed at 8:00AM each morning, Monday through Saturday, giving parishioners an opportunity for private prayer before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. At 8:30AM the rosary will be prayed by parishioners. At 8:50AM the Blessed Sacrament will be reposed. Jesus calls us to perseverance in prayer. "Pray without ceasing." "Watch and pray." 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.

Holy Name Society

On Sunday, November 10th, 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.



2025 Mass Book

The 2025 Mass Book is now open. Per Bishop Brennan's instructions, we will be taking Mass Intentions from January 1 to June 30, 2025.

All Announced Masses are $15.00
After July 1, 2025 Masses intentions will be **$20.00**
Purgatorial Mass Cards are $30.00
Memorials (Altar Bread, Wine, Sanctuary Lamp and Altar Candles) are $75.00
Altar Flowers are $100.00

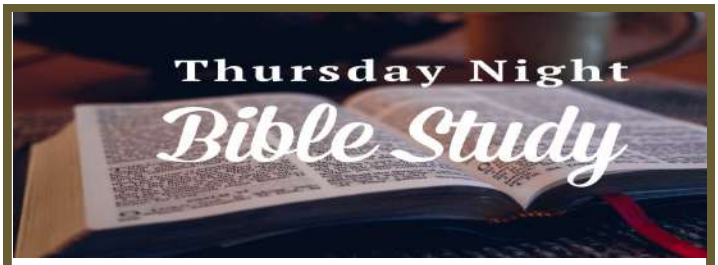
Welcome to Our Church

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.

Mass Attendance for October 26/27 , 2024:

5:00PM	102
8:00AM	39
9:30AM	220
11:00AM	95
12:30PM	46

Total: 502



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI SCRIPTURE STUDY

"If I, the master and teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to was one another's feet" (John 13:14)

The Gospel according to John

Dear SFA Friends and Family

All are Invited … ALL ARE WELCOME!

Join us on Thursday, November 7th, at 7:20-8:50pm in the St. Joseph room of the Rectory. This week's study will be from the Book of Glory, John 13:1-14:14.

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

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 10/26-10/27: $3,894.00

School parents must use church envelopes.

50/50 October 2024 Winners

First Prize
Mr. & Mrs. Giovanni Messina

Second Prize
Ms. Alice Santelli

Third Prize
Ms. Marie Theresa Despojo

Congratulations!

All Souls Day envelopes will remain on the altar through the month of November. All those enrolled will be remembered each day at Mass. You may return your envelope in any collection.

THE RIGHT TO VOTE

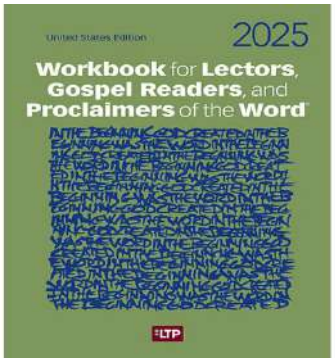
Tuesday, November 5th is **Election Day**. Make sure you exercise your right to vote.

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 October 16th, we have pledged $32,701.76 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, 33.45% of our parishioners have supported the appeal.

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

Msgr. Maresca



2025 Lector Workbook

The Lector Workbook for 2025 is available . All active Lectors can pick up their workbook in the sacristy.

Thank you all for your service.

Next weekend, November 9th and 10th, the second collection will be for fuel to keep our church warm during the winter months.

Thank you for your continued support.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THIS WEEK

November 3-November 9

Sunday, November 3
9:30Children's Liturgy
10:30 Parent's Confirmation Meeting
10:40AM-CCD

Monday, November 4
12:00PM Golden Age
3:00PM Children's Choir
7:00PM Adult Choir
7:00PM HAA Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 5
ELECTION DAY-Remember to Vote
6:30PM-AA Meeting

Wednesday, November 6
3:00PM Drama Club-MCH

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

Friday, November 8
9:00AM Ring Day Mass & Ceremony

Saturday, November 9

NEXT WEEK

November 10-November 16

Sunday, November 10
8:00AM—Holy Name Mass

Monday, November 11
VETERANS DAY
Rectory Office & School Closed

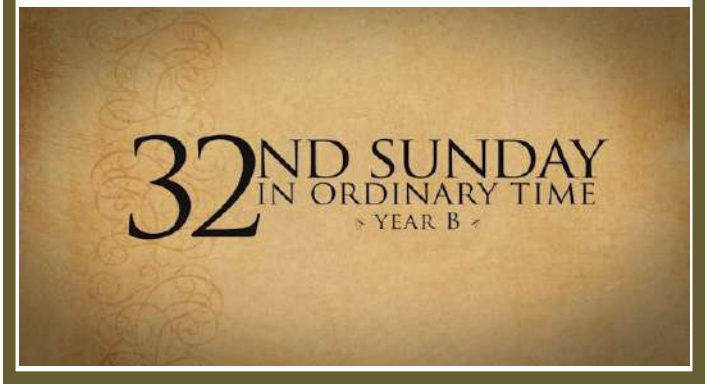
Tuesday, November 12
8:00AM Veterans Day Ceremony
6:30PM-AA Meeting

Wednesday, November 13
3:00PM Drama Club-MCH
7:00PM Baptism Class

Thursday, November 14
10:00AM—Legion of Mary
3:30PM Jiu Jitsu
6:00PM IACA
7:20PM Scripture Study

Friday, November 15

Saturday, November 16



NOVEMBER 2024
LECTOR MINISTER SCHEDULE- UPDATED

	31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME NOVEMBER 2-3	32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME NOVEMBER 9 - 10	33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME NOVEMBER 16 - 17	34th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME NOVEMBER 23 - 24
LECTORS				
Saturday 5:00PM	Edward Kubina	Debbi Skinner	Edward Kubina	Dolores Ratkowski
Sunday 8:00 AM	Rob Laucella	Andrew Soltesz	Rob Laucella	Andrew Soltesz
Sunday 9:30 AM	Josephine Corso	Martha O'Toole	Maria Brooks	Patrick O'Toole
Sunday 11:00 AM	Carol Hickey	Jane Di Donato	Carol Hickey	Jane Di Donato
Sunday 12:30 PM	Anna Marie Del Carro	Jackie Machia	Anna Maria Tenaglia	Maria Bruno
MINISTERS				
Saturday 5:00PM	---------	Ray Conlon	Ray Conlon	--------
Sunday 8:00 AM	Sharon Costanza	--------	--------	--------
Sunday 9:30 AM	--------	Theresa Mincone	--------	--------
Sunday 11:00 AM	--------	--------	Jane Esposito	Kelsey Mistretta
Sunday 12:30 PM	Antonella Tomosello	--------	Giuseppina Sferazza	Nicolette Cosentino

*** REMINDER ***

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

Save the Date

October 19th ,2025

95th Anniversary Celebration

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Come celebrate
"95 Years of Faith and Family"

Join us as we honor
Mrs. Maria Bruno and Mr.& Mrs. Phil Mincone

Our celebration begins at the 9:30 Family Mass and continues with a Dinner Dance at Russo's on the Bay!

RUSSO'S ON THE BAY

Contact Co Chairs: Nancy Annunziata, Nannunziata@sfaacademy.org or Maria Kyriakopoulos, MKyriakopoulos@sfaacademy.org for additional information.

PROTECTING CHILDREN FROM NEW YORK STATE'S "PROPOSAL ONE"

aka The "Equal Rights" Amendment

What's at stake if Prop One passes?

- The *New York State government could have more authority than parents* in making medical and other important decisions for children.
- Children under the age of 18 could have the right to medical procedures, including irreversible "gender affirming" procedures *without* parental notice or approval.
- Biological males could be allowed to compete against biological females in school sports *without restrictions.*
- Schools could be *banned from disclosing to parents* that their children are choosing to conduct themselves as transgender.
- *Protections for religious institutions regarding outreach and services* could be eroded.

The Coalition to Protect Kids NEW YORK

The Coalition to Protect Kids-NY is a non-partisan ballot issue committee.

We are comprised of New Yorkers from all walks of life, dedicated to defeating Prop One, the so-called *Equal Rights Amendment*, known informally as the *Parent Replacement Act.*

Learn more about us here...

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SFACA HAA PRESENTS:

BINGO

Grocery

Friday, November 22, 2024

TICKET PRESALES:

Location: Door A to Lunchroom

WED	**6:30 – 8:30PM**	**6 NOV**
SUN	**10:30– 12:30PM**	**10 NOV**

MAX LIMIT: 1 Table Per Purchase

Catholic Youth Organization

Children are at the heart of our mission

Weekend Soccer Scores

Saturday

Subnovice Girls lost to SFDS 1-3

Sunbnovice Boys lost to R/A 2-3
Despite the 2-3 loss — SFA had a great game. Stefano LoGiudice had a goal off of Daniel Mura's assist & Francesco LoGiudice made the second goal. Jace Hili did a great job as goalie. The team had amazing hustle!

Intermediate Boys lost to Camillus-Virgilius 3-8
Goals by Andrea Randazzo, Massimo Marricco, and Henry Benson. Strong defense by Austin Sietsema. Tough play by Michael Muskardin. Best second half of our entire season.

Squirt Boys lost to Anastasia 2-4
Goals by Liam K and Archer

Intermediate Girls lost to Grace 0-2

Novice Boys won against St Andrew 3-0
They started the 1st half with slow momentum, but delivered in the second half of the game. All 3 goals were scored by Matthew Coka.

Sunday

Squirt Boys tied Anastasia 1-1
Liam K scored our goal. It was a good game. Everyone played really well!

Novice Boys won against Camillus-Virgilius 9-1
Goals were scored by Giorgio Marchesi (2), Matthew Coka (2), Alex Coka (2), Lorenzo Pirreca (2), and Joseph Salam. The team ended the regular season with a record of 7 wins, 2 losses, and 1 tied game. The team is excited as they prepare for the playoffs.

Novice Girls won against Hope 4-0

Intermediate Girls lost to St Andrew 0-4

Intermediate Boys lost to Holy Child 2-10
Intermediate Boys faced a tough 2-10 loss against Holy Child. Christian Duran scored both of our goals when the other team intentionally held back on defense. It was a challenging season for our boys, especially while going against stronger, more cohesive teams, compounded by the loss of some key players and the addition of newer, less experienced team members. However, we are proud of their perseverance. As the season progressed, we witnessed some skill improvement, and we celebrated every goal and save together.

Subnovice Boys lost to Kevin 0-1
Subnovice boys gave their all in this game. We had at least 6 shots on goal but lost 0-1. The entire team has shown tremendous growth this season.