Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, October 13 – Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 A.M. Holy Name
9:30 A.M. Fernando Gambino
11:00A.M. Manny Alongi
12:30 P.M. Rino Del Carro
Domenico Iacobazzi

MONDAY, October 14– Saint Callistus
9:00 A.M. Josip Vlakancic

TUESDAY, October 15-Saint Teresa of Jesus
9:00 A.M. Egidio & Lucy Giordano

WEDNESDAY, October 16-Saint Hedwig
9:00A.M. Rosa Lidia Raus

THURSDAY, October 17–Saint Ignatius of Antioch
9:00 A.M. Peter J. Spinosa

FRIDAY, October 18-Saint Luke, Evangelist
9:00 A.M. William Flynn

SATURDAY, October 19-Saint John De Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues & Companions
9:00 A.M. Purgatorial Society

5:00P.M. June Conlon

SUNDAY, October 20– Twenty-Nineth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 A.M. The Giosits Family
9:30 A.M. Evelyn Singura
11:00 A.M. Manuel Dalgado
12:30P.M. Rino Del Carro
Giuseppe Grifonetti

Today's Readings

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 7:7-11
Hebrews 4:12-13
Mark 10:17-30

As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: "You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother." ' He said to him, 'Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.' Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, 'You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, 'How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!' And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, 'Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.' They were greatly astounded and said to one another, 'Then who can be saved?' Jesus looked at them and said, 'For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.' Peter began to say to him, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. **Mark 10:17-30**

Readings for the Week

MONDAY: Galatians 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1
Luke 11:29-32

TUESDAY: Galatians 5:1-6
Luke 11:37-41

WEDNESDAY: Galatians 5:18-25
Luke 11:42-46

THURSDAY: Ephesians 1:1-10
Luke 11:47-54

FRIDAY: 2 Timothy 4:10-17b
Luke 10:1-9

SATURDAY: Ephesians 1:15-23
Luke 12:8-12

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Isaiah 53:10-11
Hebrews:4:14-16
Mark 10:35-45

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My Dear Parishioners,

Today's Gospel reminds us of the old adage, *You can't take it with you,* but Jesus goes one step further, making it clear that not only can you not take it with you, but in this life, possessions and wealth cannot give you lasting happiness, much less entry into heaven. No wonder the man who questioned Jesus felt sad when he realized that in spite of having kept all of God's commands, he still lacked one thing, concern for the need of his fellow man.

Jesus minces no words when he points out how difficult it is for the wealthy to enter into the Kingdom of heaven, and this may cause some to feel uncomfortable, wondering if there isn't a separate set of rules for the rich to make it through the Pearly Gates. The fact is that the criteria are the same for all, whether rich or poor.

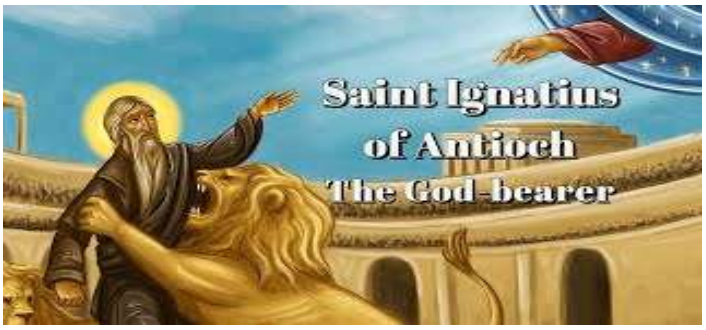
In essence, the Gospel today reminds us of two very important truths about the spiritual life. First, it reminds us that our relationship with God is not just a personal commitment to individual sanctification but one that involves being aware of and responsive to the needs of others. In other words, we do not get into heaven alone, but as part of a community of believers. Second, the Gospel reminds us that personal wealth and privilege do nothing to get us closer to God's Kingdom. In fact, our attachment to possessions can actually keep us stuck at the gate struggling to *let go and let God.* After all, salvation is a gift, one that we do not deserve, one we cannot earn, one we can not buy, one we simply need to accept.

Since Paul tells us that God's word is living and effective, we might consider the following questions as we continue our celebration of today's Eucharist and our journey each day on the road leading to the Kingdom. How am I doing at living out my relationship with God by showing concern for and serving the needs of those around me? What effect does God's word need to have on me today to make sure that the trappings of this life do not hold me back from enjoying life forever with God in heaven?

All God's Blessings,
Msgr. Maresca

Tuesday, October 15, 2024
The Feast of
Saint Teresa of Avila

Teresa lived in an age of exploration as well as vvpolitical, social, and religious upheaval. It was the 16th century, a time of turmoil and reform. She was born before the Protestant Reformation and died almost 20 years after the closing of the Council of Trent. The gift of God to Teresa in and through which she became holy and left her mark on the Church and the world is threefold: She was a woman; she was a contemplative; she was an active reformer. As a woman, Teresa stood on her own two feet, even in the man's world of her time. She was "her own woman," entering the Carmelites despite strong opposition from her father. Teresa was a woman "for God," a woman of prayer, discipline, and compassion. Her heart belonged to God.
Her ongoing conversion was an arduous lifelong struggle, involving ongoing purification and suffering. She was misunderstood, misjudged, and opposed in her efforts at reform. Yet she struggled on, courageous and faithful; she struggled with her own mediocrity, her illness, her opposition. And in the midst of all this she clung to God in life and in prayer. Her writings on prayer and contemplation are drawn from her experience: powerful, practical, and graceful. She was a woman of prayer; a woman for God. Teresa was a woman "for others." Though a contemplative, she spent much of her time and energy seeking to reform herself and the Carmelites, to lead them back to the full observance of the primitive Rule. She founded over a half-dozen new monasteries. She traveled, wrote, fought—always to renew, to reform. In herself, in her prayer, in her life, in her efforts to reform, in all the people she touched, she was a woman for others, a woman who inspired and gave life. Her writings, especially the *Way of Perfection* and *The Interior Castle*, have helped generations of believers. In 1970, the Church gave her the title she had long held in the popular mind: Doctor of the Church. She and St. Catherine of Siena were the first women so honored.



Friday, October 17, 2024
The Feast of
Saint Ignatius of Antioch

Born in Syria, Ignatius converted to Christianity and eventually became bishop of Antioch. In the year 107, Emperor Trajan visited Antioch and forced the Christians there to choose between death and apostasy. Ignatius would not deny Christ and thus was condemned to be put to death in Rome. Ignatius is well known for the seven letters he wrote on the long journey from Antioch to Rome. Five of these letters are to churches in Asia Minor; they urge the Christians there to remain faithful to God and to obey their superiors. He warns them against heretical doctrines, providing them with the solid truths of the Christian faith. The sixth letter was to Polycarp, bishop of Smyrna, who was later martyred for the faith. The final letter begs the Christians in Rome not to try to stop his martyrdom. "The only thing I ask of you is to allow me to offer the libation of my blood to God. I am the wheat of the Lord; may I be ground by the teeth of the beasts to become the immaculate bread of Christ." Ignatius bravely met the lions in the Circus Maximus.

Ignatius' great concern was for the unity and order of the Church. Even greater was his willingness to suffer martyrdom rather than deny Christ. He did not draw attention to his own suffering, but to the love of God which strengthened him. He knew the price of commitment and would not deny Christ, even to save his own life.

PRAYER OF SAINT IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH

"Take, Lord, receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding, my whole will, all that I have and all that I possess. You gave it all to me, Lord; I give it all back to you. Do with it as you will, according to your good pleasure. Give me your love and your grace; for with this I have all that I need."

Friday, October 18, 2024
The Feast of
Saint Luke, Evangelist

St. Luke is believed to be the author of the Gospel that bears his name as well as of the Acts of the Apostles. According to Eusebius, he was probably born in Antioch , Syria of a prosperous Greek family and was trained as a physician. His gospel is considered the most poetic and beautiful of all. He uses the best grammar and the-most eloquent and correct Greek of the New Testament. He shows Jesus not as the Jewish Messiah, but as the world's Savior and Lord. He was a man of prayer, for this gospel is pre-occupied with the power of prayer. He had a high regard for the dignity of women for they played an important part of his writings. He accompanied Paul on his second missionary journey and doubtless had the care of Paul's health. Luke was with Paul in his last days and final imprisonment in Rome .After writing those famous words to Timothy, "the time of my dissolution is at hand, I have fought a good fight; I have finished my course, I have kept the faith….Paul goes on to say, only Luke is with me.What happened to Luke after Paul's martyrdom, have no certain knowledge. But according to a fairly early and widespread tradition, he was unmarried and wrote his Gospel in Greece at Boeotia , where he died at age 84. Because the gospel which bears his name was believed to be an accurate account of the life of Christ and especially of Christ's birth, Luke was taken as one of the patrons of notaries. He is also the patron of the medical profession. He was reported to be a fine painter and is also patron of artists, painters, sculptors, craft workers and lacemakers. His symbol is the ox. This may account for his also being patron of butchers. In art, Luke is represented by a winged ox. This is especially appropriate because in the Gospel of St. Luke, the priestly and sacrificial work of Jesus is emphasized. The ox represents the sacrificial aspect of Jesus' ministry and the wings remind us that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is to travel throughout the world. Paul spoke of Luke as the beloved physician. Together they evange-lized Greece and Rome.

Luke wrote as a Gentile for Gentile Christians. His Gospel and Acts of the Apostles reveal his expertise in classic Greek style as well as his knowledge of Jewish sources. There is a warmth to Luke's writing that sets it apart from that of the other synoptic Gospels, and yet it beautifully complements those works. The treasure of the Scriptures is a true gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church.

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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"What must I do to inherit eternal life?"

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

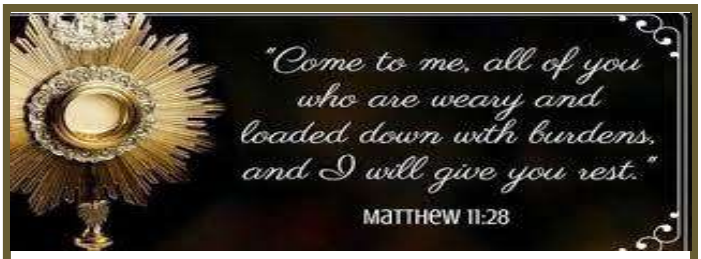
Parish Mission Statement

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:

Seek Christ above all else.

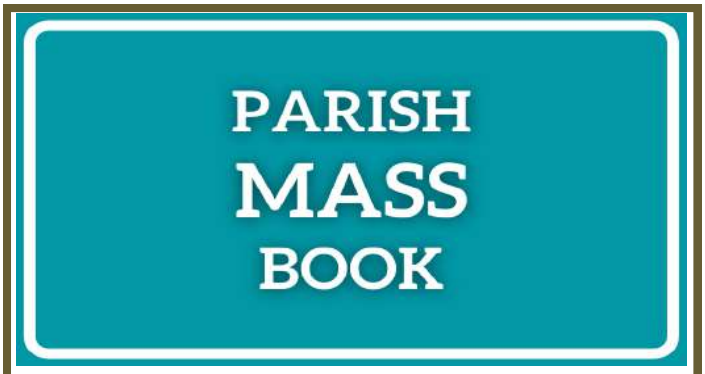
Jesus is the Word of God, living and effective, able to discern the thoughts and reflections of our hearts. Jesus is the wisdom of God, more precious than power, riches or beauty. To follow Christ is to place Him in the center of our lives, to seek Him before all the good things of this world, including ties to family, friends and colleagues.



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.



2025 Mass Book

The 2025 Mass Book will be opened on Thursday, October 17th, in the Rectory at 10:00AM. Please note that if you come early, you will have to wait until 10:00AM.

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

In order to accommodate the many requests for Masses, please note the following:

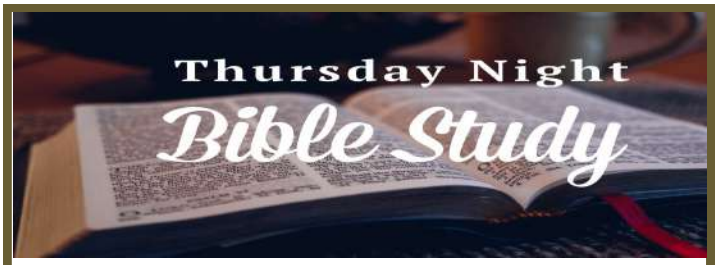
- Each family will only be able to reserve 3 Masses on that day.
- Weekday Mass (Monday through Saturday) 9:00AM.
- Saturday, the 9:00AM Mass is a multiple intention Mass. The first Saturday of the month is the Anointing Mass.
- Sunday, 12:30PM Mass (Italian Mass) is multiple intentions

All Announced Masses are $15.00
Purgatorial Mass Cards are $30.00
Memorials (Altar Bread, Wine, Sanctuary Lamp and Altar Candles) are $75.00
Altar Flowers are $100.00

Mass Attendance for October 5/6 , 2024:

5:00PM	98
8:00AM	37
9:30AM	154
11:00AM	87
12:30PM	44

Total: 420



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI SCRIPTURE STUDY

"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." (John 8:12)

The Gospel according to John

Dear SFA Friends and Family

All are Invited … ALL ARE WELCOME!

Join us on Thursday, October 17th, at 7:20-8:50pm in the St. Joseph room of the Rectory. This week's study will be from the Book of Signs, John 7-8.

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 10/5-10/6:	$4,688.00
2nd Collection-Hurricane Victims	*$1,609.00*

School parents must use church envelopes.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Next weekend, October 19th and 20th, the second collection will be for World Mission Sunday. The collection helps to build up local churches in Asia, Africa, Europe, Latin America, and the Pacific Islands.

Please be as generous as your means allow.

Have an idea or question for our St. Francis of Assisi Parish Council?
Email us at
sfaparishcouncil@sfaacademy.org
We look forward to hearing from you!

Annual Catholic Appeal 2024
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Thank you to all who have supported the Annual Catholic Appeal. I appreciate your sacrifices and generosity in the appeal. As of September 4th, we have pledged $31,051.76 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, 30.22% of our parishioners have supported the appeal.

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

Msgr. Maresca

Do You Enjoy Singing?

Then use your voice to praise the Lord!
Join the St. Francis of Assisi Choir.
We meet every Monday evening at 7:00PM in the choir loft in church.

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

The Knights of Columbus will be bringing literature to Saint Francis of Assisi regarding the pro-life organization known as God's Precious Infants. This group aids women who require help during pregnancy to keep their unborn children. Any one who needs help can use this literature to call this group for assistance in such matters.

Also, the Knights of Columbus will be at all masses on the weekend of November 2nd and 3rd in order to sell its charity and benevolence chances.

Thank you.

In 1917, Father Edward J. Flanagan, a Catholic priest and immigrant from Ballymoe, Ireland, bought a home for boys on Dodge Street in Omaha, Nebraska.

Four years later, after quickly outgrowing the space and being pressured to leave, he moved the boys to Overlook Farm, a 160-acre piece of land that became what is known as Boys Town — the town Flanagan created for orphaned and abandoned youth in need regardless of race or religion.

The priest's story has now been documented in a new film, "**Heart of a Servant: The Father Flanagan Story.**"

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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!

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THIS WEEK

October 13-October 19

Sunday, October 13
8:00AM-Holy Name

Monday, October 14
COLUMBUS DAY
Rectory Office & School Closed

Tuesday, October 15
6:30PM-AA Meeting

Wednesday, October 16
3:00PM Drama Club-MCH

Thursday, October 17
10:00AM—Legion of Mary
3:30PM Jiu Jitsu-MCH
6:00PM IACA
7:20PM Scripture Study

Friday, October 18

Saturday, October 19

NEXT WEEK

October 20-October 26

Sunday, October 20
9:30 Children's Liturgy
10:30AM Parent Penance Meeting
10:40AM-CCD

Monday, October 21
12:00PM Golden Age
3:00PM Children's Choir
7:00PM Adult Choir

Tuesday, October 22
6:30PM-AA Meeting

Wednesday, October 23
3:00PM Drama Club-MCH

Thursday, October 24
10:00AM—Legion of Mary
3:30PM Jiu Jitsu-MCH
6:00PM IACA
7:20PM Scripture Study

Friday, October 25
4:00PM Trunk or Treat
6:00PM Halloween Dance

Saturday, October 26

For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them.

~ Romans 12:4-7

Welcome to the first installment of our new bulletin series, "One Tree, Many Branches," where we highlight the dedicated staff, employees, and laity who keep our parish thriving.

Maria Bruno, IACA President

At Saint Francis of Assisi Church, we are blessed with many dedicated volunteers who enrich our community through their unwavering service. One such individual is Maria Bruno, who has been a cornerstone of our parish for the past 30 years.

As the President of the Italian American Catholic Action Association, Maria oversees their weekly Thursday meetings in the rectory basement. These gatherings begin with an hour of prayer, followed by celebrations and events that foster fellowship and community spirit. Maria also organizes trips, fundraisers, and IACA's highly anticipated annual dance!

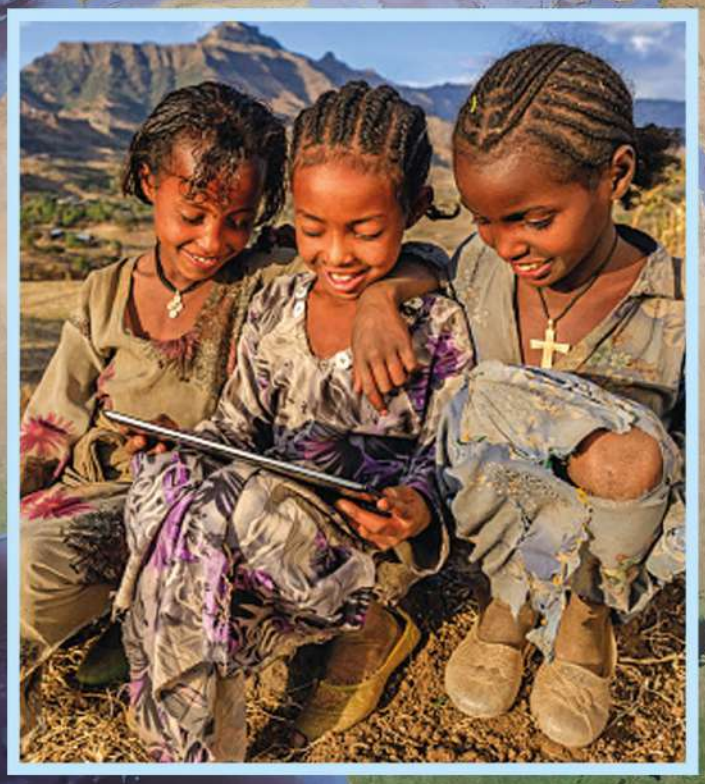
In addition to these responsibilities, Maria serves as a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, and member of the Parish Council. Her commitment extends beyond the church walls, as she visits sick members at home and hosts a weekly online rosary via FaceTime.

The part of Maria's role that brings her the most joy is planning and leading the one-hour prayer sessions. These sessions focus on the Saint of the Day, followed by the Rosary, and conclude with a prayer for the Pope and all missionaries.

A particularly memorable experience for Maria each year is participating in Holy Week, especially the Holy Thursday celebration. The profound significance of this service deeply touches her heart and serves as a reminder of the faith and community that bind us together.

We are grateful for Maria Bruno's tireless dedication and the many ways she contributes to the life of our parish. Her service is a testament to the power of faith and the impact of community involvement.

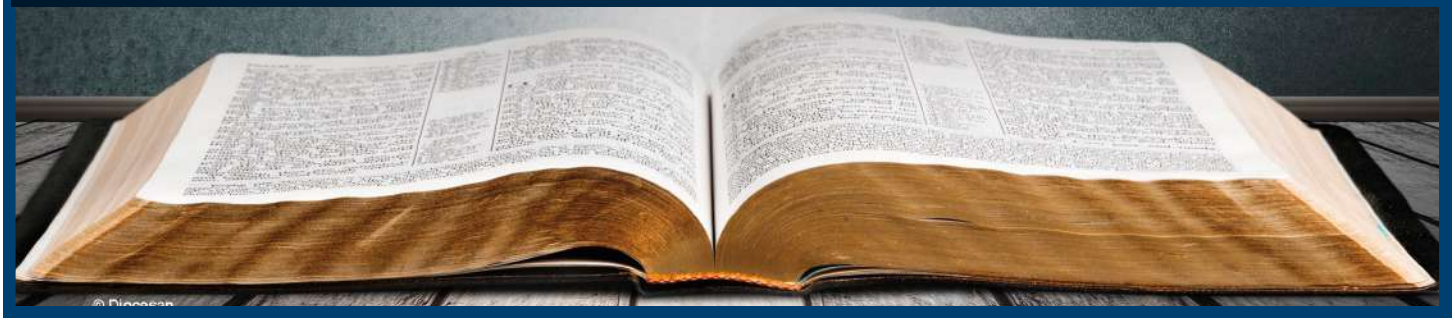
Stay tuned for next month's feature in "One Tree, Many Branches," where we continue to celebrate the incredible individuals who make our parish a vibrant and welcoming community.



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

World Mission Sunday is our chance to show love and solidarity to our brothers and sisters overseas who share our faith. In offering our prayers, we join with missionaries everywhere in communion and compassion to support them in spreading the Good News, and by giving a donation we respond to Christ's call to feed the hungry and clothe the naked.

October 20, 2024



I CAME SO THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE LIFE

During the Easter Vigil liturgy, the single flame of the Easter candle shines through the darkness. That small flame spreads as each person's candle is lit and the light of Christ is shared with others. Before we know it, the entire Church is ablaze with the warm glow of candlelight and the darkness has been vanquished.

We are each called by God to be that light of Christ that breaks through the darkness. We are called to be his disciples, continually transformed by our encounter with him and sharing in his mission. Jesus came that we might have *life*.

Part of the impetus for the Eucharistic Revival was a concern that some Catholics do not believe, or at least do not understand, that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist. Even though our human senses perceive bread and wine, the Eucharist is Jesus—body, blood, soul, and divinity. Similarly, many people do not realize or acknowledge the sanctity of human life when it is hidden in the womb. Both instances call for us to help others recognize these sacred gifts that may not be perceivable through our human senses. We need to help others understand that just because something may not be apparent to our eyes does not mean that it is not there or that it is not important.

We live in a society that rejects those who are weak, fragile, or vulnerable. Yet, it is precisely within these conditions that a person is most in need of our care and protection. Pope Francis reminds us that "every child who, rather than being born, is condemned unjustly to being aborted, bears the face of Jesus Christ, bears the face of the Lord, who even before he was born, and then just after birth, experienced the world's rejection."[1]

"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."

John 1:5

The U.S. bishops have affirmed that, while it is important to address all the ways in which human life is threatened, "abortion remains our pre-eminent priority as it directly attacks our most vulnerable brothers and sisters, destroying more than a million lives each year in our country alone."[2]

As Pope St. John Paul II wrote, "we are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life, the 'culture of death' and the 'culture of life'. ...we are all involved and we all share in it, with the inescapable responsibility of choosing to be unconditionally pro-life."[3]

"I am with you always, until the end of the age."

Matthew 28:20

In the face of challenges such as abortion and physician-assisted suicide, we may feel that we are not equal to the task of overcoming the darkness. Yet, we are not alone. Jesus tells us, "I am with you always, until the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20).

The God who became man to save us still dwells among us. For Christ is "the light [that] shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it" (John 1:5). He is the one who overcame death and continually raises us to new life. He remains close to us always, seeking us out in each moment of our lives.

Jesus gave his very flesh to give us the gift of eternal life and invites us to the most profound experience of this gift in our celebration of the Eucharist. When we meet Jesus in the Eucharist, this encounter has the power to change us. The Eucharist has the power to transform the depths of our hearts and the heart of our culture. United to the power of his Eucharistic Presence, may we work to ensure that each person has life—and has it in abundance.

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1 Pope Francis, "Address of Holy Father Francis to Participants in the Meeting Organized by the International Federation of Catholic Medical Associations," September 20, 2013 (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 2013).
2 *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility from the Catholic Bishops of the United States*, Introductory Letter, p. 8. (Washington, D.C.: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2024).
3 Pope John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*, (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 1995), no. 28.

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DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

Processione e Messa in onore di

Madonna del Rosario di Pompei

Messa celebrata da S. E. Mons. Nicholas DiMarzio,
Concelebrazione dai sacerdoti dell'Apostolato!
VENITE NUMEROSI!

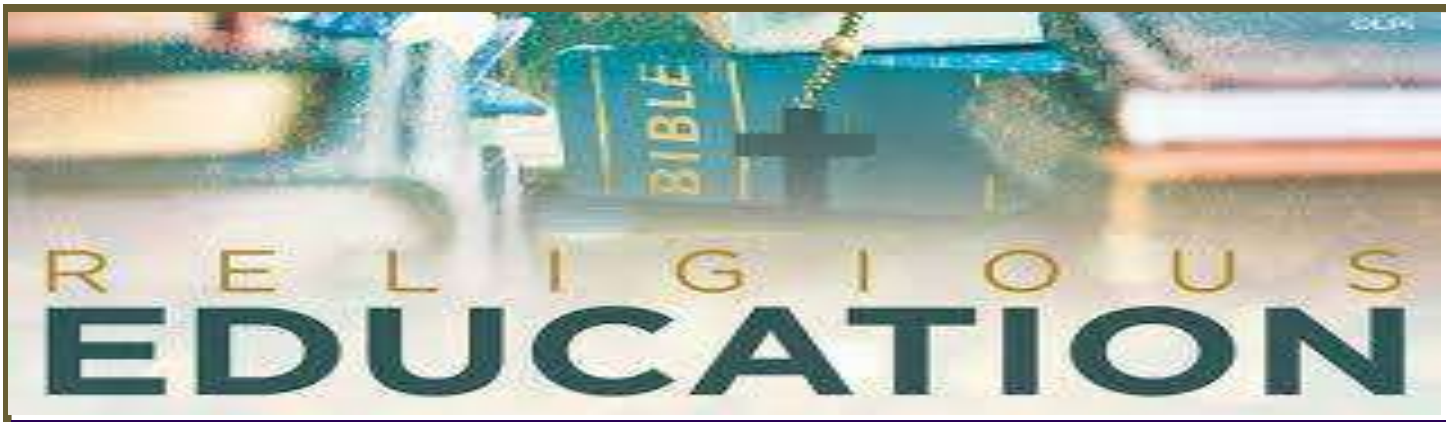
20 ottobre 2024
Processione alle 3 pm - S. Messa alle 4 pm

Procession and Mass in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary of Pompeii

Celebrated by
His Excellency Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio

October 20, 2024

Procession at 3 pm begins at St. Francis of Paola Church, 219 Conselyea St.
Mass at 4 pm at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, 275 N 8th St.



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

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.

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Catholic Youth Organization

Children are at the heart of our mission

Weekend Soccer Scores

Saturday 10/5

Intermediate boys lost to St Luke 2-5
Both goals were scored by Hudson Geiger. Strong performances were seen from Christian Duran (assisted with one goal) and Dariel Lelia.

Novice boys beat Hope 8-0
Goals were scored for the first time this season by Ethan Vella (1), Evan Vagelatos (1), and Matthew Mura (1). The remaining goals were scored by Giorgio Marchesi (3), Matthew Coka (1) and Alex Coka (1). The game was a great opportunity to give players the ability to try new positions and to continue to learn to work together.

Novice girls lost to SFDS 0-2

Subnovice boys beat Grace 2-1
Goals by Francesco LoGiudice & Leo Coats -- amazing goalkeeping by Jace Hili. Giancarlo Ferrara & Alex Moore were strong in defense!

Subnovice Girls lost to SFDS 1-9
With only 7 players, they played 9 at a time (and had a total of 18 players). Good first half from our girls (1:3 halftime), too tired in the second half. Goal was scored by Larissa K.

Sunday 10/6

Subnovice boys beat St Luke 4-0
All around great team effort! Goals by Stefano LoGiudice, Leo Coats, Thomas Randazzo & Daniel Mura. The boys are seeing great results as they demonstrate great teamwork.

Novice Boys lost to Blessed Trinity 1-2
On October 6th, the Novice Boys were handed their first defeat of the season by Blessed Trinity 2-1. Tremendous work from the team trying to deliver the ball up the field. The goal was scored by Matthew Coka. A big shout out to the goalie, Evan Vagelatos, for making over 20+ saves throughout the game. The team is ready to learn from their mistakes and push forward! Go Wildcats!

Novice Girls lost to Blessed Trinity 3-4

Intermediate Girls lost to Grace 0-3
Sophia and Dakota played really well in the game!

Squirt Boys lost to St Mel 1-2
The boys had their first lost in two seasons. Liam Kurdina scored our only goal.

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Attention Members, Neighbors, and Friends:

STATE LAWMAKERS NIGHT

Wednesday, October 16, 2024

7:30 p.m.

Pistilli Grand Manor

45-02 Ditmars Blvd., Astoria, NY

** Please enter on 45th Street side entrance, right before the parking garage **

GUEST SPEAKERS:

State Senator John Liu
Senate District 16

Assemblymember Jessica Gonzalez-Rojas
Assembly District 34

Deputy Inspector Seth Lynch
Commanding Officer, 114 Precinct

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