Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, October 27 – Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 A.M. Joie Eiaw
9:30 A.M. Nicola Cicolini
11:00A.M. Yadira Yepez & Cesar Hernandez (27th Wedding Anniversary)
12:30 P.M. Rino Del Carro
Nancy Manganaro
Angela Cannavo

MONDAY, October 28– Saints Simon and Jude
9:00 A.M. Ana Dujmovic

TUESDAY, October 29-Weekday
9:00 A.M. Joshua E. Jasmin

WEDNESDAY, October 30-Weekday
9:00A.M. Leonard Riggio

THURSDAY, October 31–Weekday
9:00 A.M. John Kos

FRIDAY, November 1-All Saints Day
9:00 A.M. Ana Balint
11:00A.M. Michele Saponara

SATURDAY, November 2-All Souls Day
9:00 A.M. Purgatorial Society
Living & Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary
Margaret McCarthy
John McCarthy
Dr. Arthur Gualtieri
Donald & Mabel Chiossone

10:30A.M. **ALL SOULS MASS**

5:00P.M. Ralph Borgia

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

Today's Readings

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 31:7-9
Hebrews 5:1-6
Mark 10:46-52

And they came to Jericho: and as he went out of Jericho with his disciples and a great number of people, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the highway side begging. And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out, and say, Jesus, thou son of David, have mercy on me. And many charged him that he should hold his peace: but he cried the more a great deal, Thou son of David, have mercy on me. And Jesus stood still, and commanded him to be called. And they call the blind man, saying unto him, Be of good comfort, rise; he calleth thee. And he, casting away his garment, rose, and came to Jesus. And Jesus answered and said unto him, What wilt thou that I should do unto thee? The blind man said unto him, Lord, that I might receive my sight. And Jesus said unto him, Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole. And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way. **Mark 10:46-52**

Readings for the Week

MONDAY: Ephesians 2:19-22
Luke 6:12-16

TUESDAY: Ephesians 5:21-33
Luke 13:18-21

WEDNESDAY: Ephesians 6:1-9
Luke 13:22-30

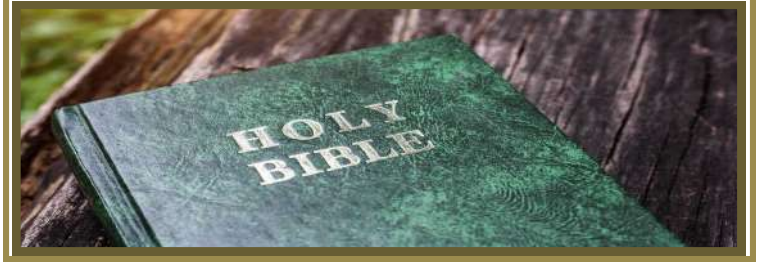
THURSDAY: Ephesians 6:10-20
Luke 13:31-35

FRIDAY: Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14
1 John 3:1-3
Matthew 5:1-12a

SATURDAY: Wisdom 3:1-9
Romans 5:5-11
John 6:37-40

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My Dear Parishioners,

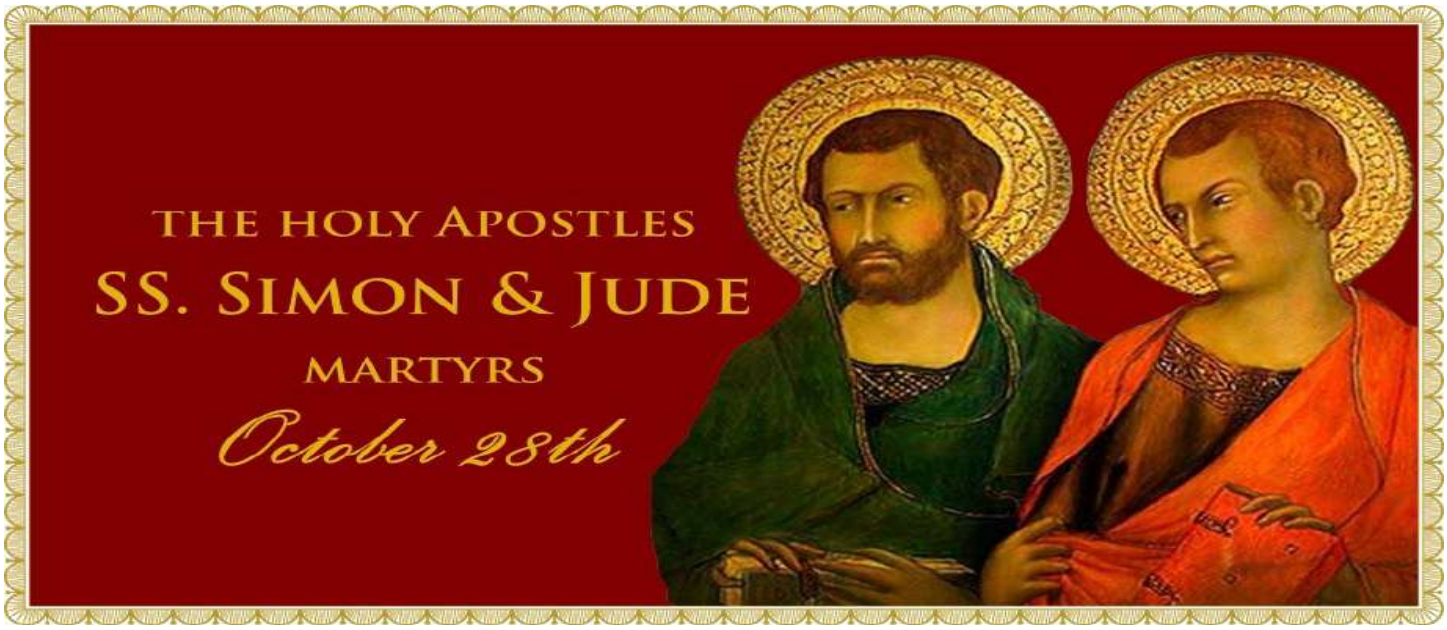
Master, I want to see. If we are honest with ourselves we must admit that sometimes we fail to count our blessings. We focus on the negative. While our life no doubt involves suffering, many are the times when the Lord has delivered us when, as the prophet Jeremiah says, *God leads us on a level road so we shall not stumble.*

The Letter to the Hebrews makes it clear that we have a great high priest, none other than God's only Son, Jesus, to offer his great sacrifice of love for us. When we feel that life's suffering is overwhelming us, we must call out to Jesus like the blind man in today's Gospel. In fact, if we open our ears as well as our eyes, we hear Jesus calling us to take courage and come to him. *What do you want me to do for you?* Jesus asks.

We must answer Jesus in prayer. We must tell Him what weighs heavily upon us, what suffering we want him to relieve so long as relief of this specific suffering aligns with God our Father's perfect will. And we must ask Jesus that we continue receiving sight; to sense the Holy Spirit's presence and power in our life both on our good days and on those days when it is tempting to believe that God is distant, to forget that God made us, God loves us, and God wants us to be happy with him forever.

We must take courage and get up like the blind man because Jesus is calling us to open our eyes, to count our blessings and to follow Him. Jesus is calling you to be his disciple in this life so as to be happy with him forever throughout eternity. May the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit open our eyes of faith, filling us today and always with His Joy, Peace, and Love.

All God's Blessings,
Msgr. Maresca



Very little is known about these two Apostles, other than what is briefly mentioned about them in the New Testament, and even that is a little confusing. They are both listed among the Twelve whom Jesus names Apostles: Matthew 10:2-4; Mark 3:16-19; Luke 6:13-16; Acts 1:13. Today's Simon is not Simon Peter, but is referred to as "Simon the Cananean". This name does not refer to the Land of Canaan, but is a translation of an Aramaic word meaning "zealous." Jesus chose a variety of different people as His Apostles. Perhaps the most stark contrast is found between Simon the Zealot and Matthew the tax collector. As a zealot, Simon would have been very committed to his Jewish identity and would have been firmly opposed to Roman taxation. He would have had an aversion to Matthew who served the Romans by collecting taxes for them from the Jews. The fact that Jesus did not choose like-minded Apostles shows His inclusion of all people. . He was not bound by cultural ties, ideologies, or social classes. He was interested in all people, those of every background and experience, and His Apostles reveal that fact. Jesus might have chosen Simon because He wanted to reach out to those who were firmly committed to their Jewish heritage, traditions, and beliefs, and Simon was able to reach those people. Jude is referred to as "Judas son of James" (Luke and Acts) and "Thaddeus" (Matthew and Mark). The only other reference that is certain about Jude comes from John's Gospel during the Last Supper in which Jude is referred to as "Judas, not the Iscariot…"(John 14:22). During the Last Supper, Jesus instructed His Apostles that He would soon be leaving them, but they should have courage and wait for the Holy Spirit. Jude, expressing a bit of confusion, asked Jesus, "Master, [then] what happened that you will reveal yourself to us and not to the world?" In other words, Jude was asking Jesus why He doesn't just manifest His divinity to everyone, in a clear and convincing way, so that they will all believe in Him. Jesus' answer is mysterious, but He essentially points out that belief in Him must come by the inspired gift of faith, and that obedience to that faith, and to the will of God, will result in divine union. There is also a reference in two of the Gospels identifying Simon and Jude as Jesus' brothers: "Is he not the carpenter's son? Is not his mother named Mary and his brothers James, Joseph, Simon, and Judas?" (Matthew 13:55; Mark 6:3). Most scholars today believe these two are not the same as the Apostles, but are cousins of Jesus. It was custom at that time to refer to one's cousin as brother or sister. It is possible that the Judas identified as Jesus' brother is the author of the Epistle of Jude in the New Testament, rather than the Apostle. However, that point is debated and even Pope Benedict XVI in 2006 pointed to the tradition that the Epistle of Jude was, indeed, written by the Apostle. If that's the case, then it might be that these two Judes are one and the same. Regarding their deaths, nothing is known other than unreliable sources, such as the *Passion of Simon and Jude*, and other fourth-century and later sources. One of the most common traditions is that Simon and Jude traveled to Persia to preach the Gospel and were both killed there in the year 65. Simon is traditionally believed to have been sawn in half, and Jude is traditionally believed to have been beaten with a club. They often appear in sacred art holding the instruments of their deaths. The Epistle that has been traditionally attributed to Saint Jude the Apostle is a short but passionate letter in which he warns all Christians against immorality and heresy trying to enter the early Church. Tradition states that because Jude shared a name with Judas Iscariot, the betrayer, Saint Jude's intercession was rarely sought. However, after the intercession of every other Apostle and saint was sought, people in the early Church would turn to Saint Jude as their last hope. There are many ancient traditions holding that Saint Jude has provided many miracles throughout the centuries.

ALL SAINTS DAY

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION – ATTENDANCE AT MASS IS MANDATORY!

Friday, November 1, 2024

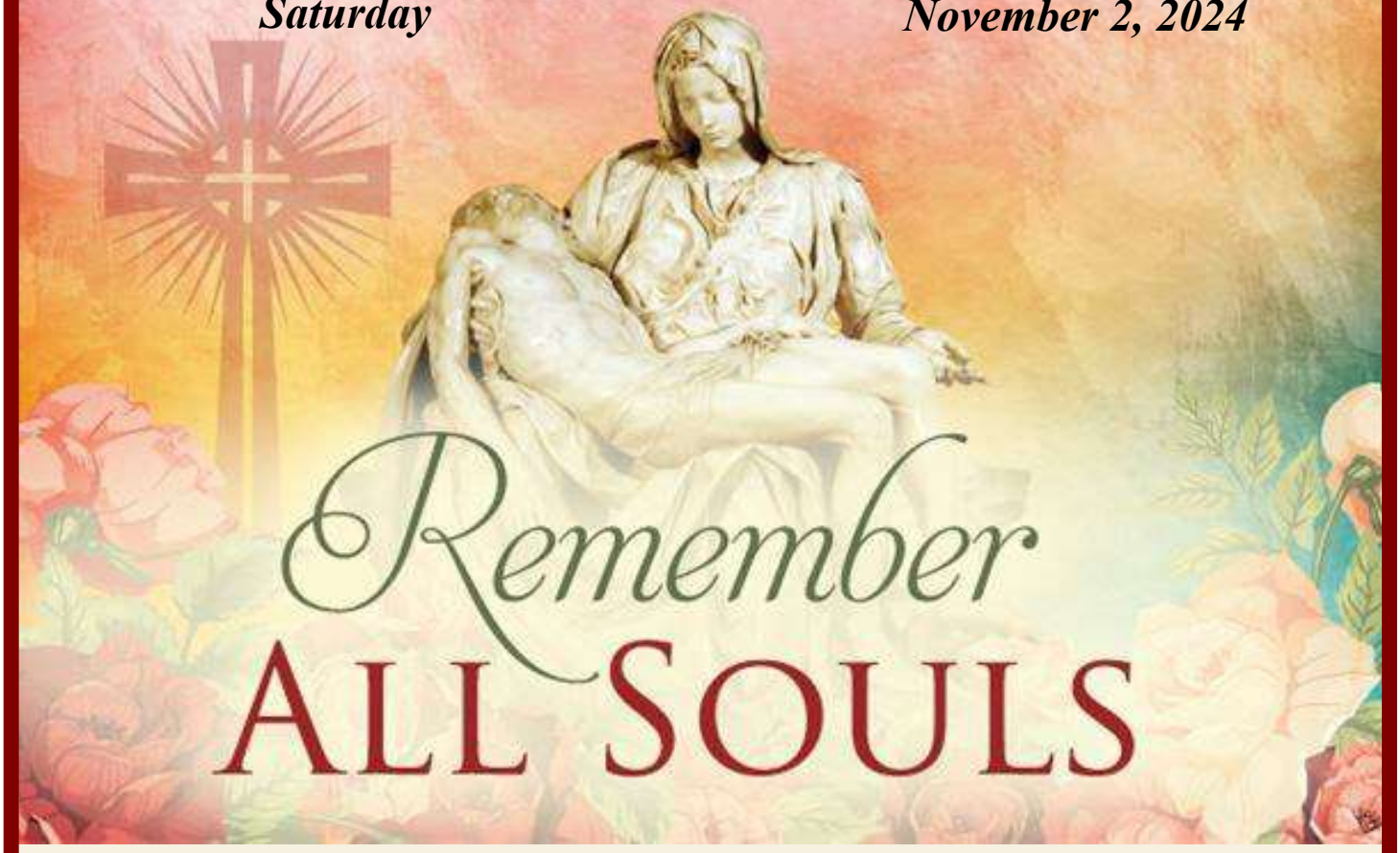
The Solemnity of All Saints celebrates all those who are in Heaven, in the light of God's face-both those recognized by the Church as saints and those known only to the Lord. We ask for their intercession and we strive to follow their example, so that we too can fulfill our vocation to be saints.

Mass will be offered here at St. Francis of Assisi as follows:

9:00AM
11:00AM

All are welcome to join us in this very special celebration.

Saturday ***November 2, 2024***



On Saturday morning, November 2, 2024 at 10:30AM, we will celebrate a Mass for all our deceased family members who passed away during the year. Each name will be called out during a ceremony in which we would like a family member to come forward and receive a lighted candle from the Paschal Candle representing the light of Christ.

Please be assured that we at St. Francis of Assisi hold all of our parishioners, friends, relatives and benefactors both living and deceased in prayerful remembrance.

I hope you and your family will be able to join us in this prayerful remembrance of all our deceased loved ones.

Prayer for the Souls in Purgatory

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of They Divine Son, Jesus,
In union with the Masses said throughout the world today.
For all the holy souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal Church, those in my own home and within my family.
Amen

Our Lord promised St. Gertrude that 1,000 souls would be released from purgatory each time the prayer is said devotedly.

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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"Master, I want to see"

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

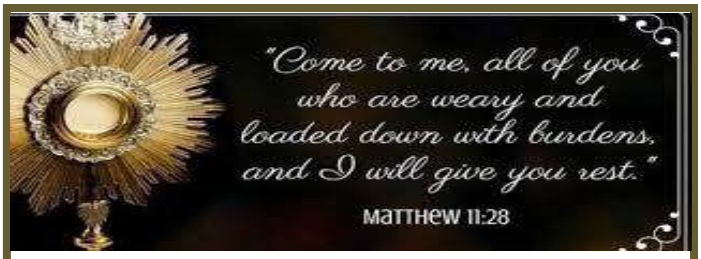
Parish Mission Statement

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:

Have Courage to follow the Lord on the way when He answers prayers.

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks Bartimaeus, *What do you want me to do for you?* Bartimaeus wanted his sight, and the Lord granted. Bartimaeus then *followed him on the way.* As we encounter the Lord in the Eucharist, let us ask Him for the courage to not only ask Him for what we need but to *follow him on the way* when He aanswers.



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.

Memorials for the Week of October 27, 2024

SANCTUARY LAMP

In Loving Memory of
Anne & William Thompson

Requested by
The Thompson Family

ALTAR BREAD

In Loving Memory of
Nicola Cicolini

Requested by
Teresa, Fannie & Filomena

PARISH MASS BOOK

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 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.

Saturday, November 2, 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.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI SCRIPTURE STUDY

"Yes Lord, I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world." (John 11:27)

The Gospel according to John

Dear SFA Friends and Family

All are Invited … ALL ARE WELCOME!

Join us on Thursday, October 31st, 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 11-12.

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 10/19-10/20:	$4,676.00
2nd Collection-Missions	*$ 760.00*

School parents must use church envelopes.

Mass Attendance for October 19/20 , 2024:

5:00PM	91
8:00AM	48
9:30AM	198
11:00AM	84
12:30PM	81

Total: 502

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
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 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

Knights of Columbus®

Charity Drive

On the weekend of November 2-3, the Knights of Columbus will be holding its annual Charitable and Benevolent Program to benefit religious vocations, pro-life programs, disabled children and other charitable causes in our state. The Knights will be at the doors of the church selling raffle chances before and after all the Masses during that weekend.

Thank you for your generous support.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THIS WEEK

October 27-November 2

Sunday, October 27
9:30 Pre-Communion Enrollment Mass
10:40AM-CCD
1:30PM Baptisms

Monday, October 28
12:00PM Golden Age
3:00PM Children's Choir
7:00PM Adult Choir
7:30PM Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday, October 29
6:30PM-AA Meeting

Wednesday, October 30
3:00PM Drama Club-MCH

Thursday, October 31
10:00AM—Legion of Mary
6:00PM IACA
7:20PM Scripture Study

Friday, November 1
ALL SAINTS' DAY
Mass at 9:00 & 11:00AM

Saturday, November 2
ALL SOULS' DAY
9:00AM Anointing Mass
10:30AM All Souls' Mass
6:00PM Youth Group Meeting
Knights of Columbus Raffle Sales after Mass

NEXT WEEK

November 3-November 9

Sunday, November 3
9:30Children's Liturgy
10:30 Parent's Confirmation Meeting
10:40AM-CCD
Knights of Columbus Raffle Sales after each Mass

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

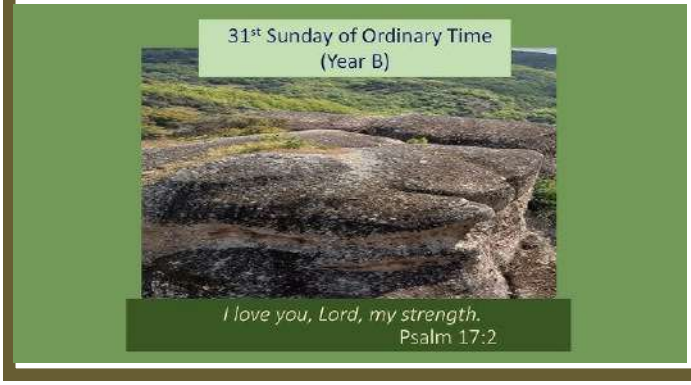
Tuesday, November 5
6:30PM-AA Meeting

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



NOVEMBER 2024
LECTOR MINISTER SCHEDULE

	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	Andrew Soltesz	Rob Laucella	Andrew Soltesz	Rob Laucella
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	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Sunday 8:00 AM	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Sunday 9:30 AM	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Sunday 11:00 AM	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Sunday 12:30 PM	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

*** REMINDER ***

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

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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ProtectKidsNY.com

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.

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

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC ACADEMY

Thank you to the following families and business for their generous donations to our 15th Annual Fall Festival. Please support our sponsors.

Agnanti Restaurant
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Swing Time Hair
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A special "Thank You"
to all the
St. Francis of Assisi CA Families
who donated to the
15th Annual Fall Festival
Basket Raffle Prizes

It was a success because
of your generosity.

Thank you!

Catholic Youth Organization

Children are at the heart of our mission

Weekend Soccer Scores

Saturday

Subnovice boys lost 3-1 to Anastasia
Stefano LoGiudice scored SFA's goal with an assist by Daniel Mura. Great performance by John Spero, Amadeo Buja and Kosta Savidis.

Subnovice girls tied 0-0 with Hope
After a long series of losses we won our first point with this tie. The team showed amazing moral and more than earned this. We are proud and amazed by the development the girls have gone through.

Novice boys lost to holy child 1-2

he Novice Boys were off to a slow start on October 19th against Holy Child. In the first half, the opposing team were up 1-0. In the second half, the Wildcats started gelling well together, but unfortunately it was too late. The final score was 2-1 and our goal was scored by Giorgio Marchesi.

Squirt boys won against St Luke 5-2
Good game by all the players - Liam scored all 5 goals.

Intermediate boys lost to SFDS 0-6

Sunday

Intermediate girls tied hope 2-2
The other team scored the tying goal in the last 20 seconds. The girls passed better than any other game. Yumi scored two nice goals.

Intermediate boys lost to Blessed Trinity 0-2
Andrea Randazzo had a shut out in the second half as goalie against the team with the best record in the league. Austin Sietsema showed a strong defense. Christian Duran demonstrated aggressive play.

Novice boys won against Anastasia 3-0
They played incredibly well together, utilizing each other's skills. Matthew Mura scored the first goal of the game in the first half. Matthew Coka scored 2 goals in the second half, ending the game with a score of 3-0. Shout out to Alex Coka, Colin Vella, Yiannis Mihalitsis, and Leo Marino for non-stop pressure throughout the game.

Subnovice boys won against B trinity 2-1
Goals by Stefano LoGiudice & Thomas Randazzo. Great Defense by Alex Moore, John Spero & Edric Archer

UNITED COMMUNITY CIVIC ASSOCIATION

* Note: Change Of Venue

Annual

CHILDRENS HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARTY

Thursday, October 31, 2024

5:30 pm to 8:30 pm

The Fun Starts at

CODE

20-30 Steinway Street, Astoria

Ghouls, Goblin's & Grown-Ups too!

But...

Please "Be in Costume!"

FREE! Hot Dogs Soda PopCorn Goodies Swing & Sing Prizes

Party is limited to children younger than 12years of age. Child or Children must be accompanied by an Adult for Admittance.

Information: 917-742-6975 (UCCA)