The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, January 26 – The Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:00 A.M. Alex Humen
9:30 A.M. William Corcoran
11:00A.M. The Musluk Family
12:30 P.M. For the People of Sr. Francis
Giuseppe Carlino
Rino Del Carro

MONDAY, January 27–Saint Angela Merici
9:00 A.M. Dr. Arthur Gualtieri

TUESDAY, January 28-Saint Thomas Acquinas
9:00 A.M. Alex Humen

WEDNESDAY, January 29– Weekday
9:00 A.M. Dana Marlisic

THURSDAY, January 30–Weekday
9:00 A.M. Mike Prunty

FRIDAY, January 31-Saint John Bosco
9:00 A.M. Andrew Kochie Jr.

SATURDAY, February 1-Weekday
9:00 A.M. Purgatorial Society
William LeDone
Margaret McCarthy
John McCarthy
Living & Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary
Grace & Elisea Da Corta
Stephen DaCorta
The Da Corta Family
The Colussi Family
The Mezzey Family
Henri Chlesa
Riccardo Navarro

5:00P.M. For the People of St. Francis

SUNDAY, February 2– Presentation of the Lord
8:00 A.M. Suzanne Diguglielmo
9:30 A.M. Alex Humen
11:00 A.M.
12:30P.M. Rosa Soiridigliozzi
Carmela Carlino
Maria Rita Zucchetto
Rino Del Carro

Today's Readings

The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10
1 Corinthians 12:12-30
Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Inasmuch as many have taken in hand to set in order a narrative of those things which have been fulfilled among us, just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word delivered them to us, it seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write to you an orderly account, most excellent Theophilus, that you may know the certainty of those things in which you were instructed.
(Luke 1:1-4)

Readings for the Week

MONDAY: Hebrews:9:15, 24-28
Mark 3:22-30

TUESDAY: Hebrews 10:1-10
Mark 3:31-55

WEDNESDAY: Hebrews 10:11-18
Mark 4:1-20

THURSDAY: Hebrews 10:19-25
Mark 4:21-25

FRIDAY: Hebrews 10:32-39
Mark 4:26-34

SATURDAY: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19
Mark 4:35-41

The Presentation of the Lord

Malachi 3:1-4
Hebrews 2:14-18
Luke 2:22-40

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My Dear Parishioners,

Every one of us is made in the image and likeness of God. We have an innate dignity that goes well beyond anything we might ever achieve in our outward appearance. It is a divine given dignity that comes not from how we look or indeed, what we might achieve through physical exertion or the events of our lives. It is a dignity that is inherent in us by virtue of our relationship with God who has created and sustains us in life.

Knowing this great truth, it is no surprise that Paul has chosen the image of the body to flesh out and teach his theology of the Christian identity, who we are as the baptized. It is interesting that he could easily have chosen other images from the family or the community. Paul knew that the image of the human body would speak more clearly and symbolically about just who we are in Christ. Just as the body is made up of so many different parts so each one of us is an important part of the body of Christ, the Church.

We all know that when the human body is working well, without aches or pains, we feel fine. We also know that even the smallest ache or discomfort can undermine that feeling of well being. We have all noticed how something as small and insignificant as an ingrown toenail or a small burn can cause much distress and pain. So it is with the body of Christ, the Church, the smallest thing can cause this body, too, much distress. In our second reading from Corinthians, Paul reminds us *if one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it, just as if one part is honored, all share in its joy.* What Paul is telling us is that the pains and trials, concerns and brokenness of one within the Church is the pain and brokenness of all the Church.

As we reflect on today's Gospel, let us be reminded that while it may seem to speak to us about worldly needs, its real emphasis is on spiritual needs. True liberty means more than just political rights; it is a recognition of all human dignity and potential. Recovery of true sight is the ability to be able to envision a world built on gospel values and to work for that vision and not be satisfied with mere political correctness or an empty façade.

Today's Gospel is Luke's inauguration of the public ministry of Jesus and the unfolding of his mission where the Lord's favor and blessing would be evident to all and his call to justice and fairness would begin to resonate through the ages. Today, this is our vision too. The question we may need to ask ourselves is: What have I done to further this vision?

All God's Blessings,
Msgr. Maresca

Tuesday, January 28, 2025
Saint Thomas Aquinas

Thomas Aquinas is the preeminent spokesman of the Catholic tradition of reason and of divine revelation. He is one of the great teachers of the medieval Catholic Church, honored with the titles Doctor of the Church and Angelic Doctor. At five he was given to the Benedictine monastery at Monte Cassino in his parents' hopes that he would choose that way of life and eventually became abbot. In 1239, he was sent to Naples to complete his studies. It was here that he was first attracted to Aristotle's philosophy. By 1243, Thomas abandoned his family's plans for him and joined the Dominicans, much to his mother's dismay. On her order, Thomas was captured by his brother and kept at home for over a year. Once free, he went to Paris and then to Cologne, where he finished his studies with Albert the Great. He held two professorships at Paris, lived at the court of Pope Urban IV, directed the Dominican schools at Rome and Viterbo, combated adversaries of the mendicants, as well as the Averroists, and argued with some Franciscans about Aristotelianism. His greatest contribution to the Catholic Church is his writings. The unity, harmony, and continuity of faith and reason, of revealed and natural human knowledge, pervades his writings. One might expect Thomas, as a man of the gospel, o be an ardent defender of revealed truth. But he was broad enough, deep enough, to see the whole natural order as coming from God the Creator, and to see reason as a divine gift to be highly cherished. The *Summa Theologiae*, his last and uncompleted work, deals with the whole of Catholic theology. He stopped work on it after celebrating Mass on December 6, 1273. When asked why he stopped writing, he replied, "I cannot go on…. All that I have written seems to me like so much straw compared to what I have seen and what has been revealed to me." He died March 7, 1274.We can look to Thomas Aquinas as a towering example of Catholicism in the sense of broadness, universality, and inclusiveness. We should be determined anew to exercise the divine gift of reason in us, our power to know, learn, and understand. We should thank God for the gift of his revelation, especially in Jesus Christ.

Friday, January 31, 2025
Saint John Bosco

St. John Bosco (or "Don Bosco"), was a 19th century Italian priest who reached out to young people to remedy their lack of education, opportunities, and faith. John Bosco was born in August of 1815 into a family of peasant farmers in Castelnuovo d'Asti – a place which would one day be renamed in the saint's honor as "Castelnuovo Don Bosco." John's father died when he was two years old, but he drew strength from his mother Margherita's deep faith in God. Margherita also taught her son the importance of charity, using portions of her own modest means to support those in even greater need. John desired to pass on to his own young friends the example of Christian discipleship that he learned from his mother. At age nine, he had a prophetic dream in which a number of unruly young boys were uttering words of blasphemy. Jesus Christ and the Virgin Mary appeared to John in the dream, saying he would bring such youths to God through the virtues of humility and charity. Later on, this dream would help John to discern his calling as a priest. But he also sought to follow the advice of Jesus and Mary while still a boy: he would entertain his peers with juggling, acrobatics, and magic tricks, before explaining a sermon he had heard, or leading them in praying the Rosary. In 1841, John Bosco was ordained a priest. In the city of Turin, he began ministering to boys and young men who lived on the streets, many of whom were without work or education. St. John Bosco died in the early hours of Jan. 31, 1888, after conveying a message: "Tell the boys that I shall be waiting for them all in Paradise." He was canonized on Easter Sunday of 1934.

OCIA

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

Adult classes have begun for those who need the Sacrament of Confirmation. If you need to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation or need to be fully initiated into the Church (Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation) please call Sister Francesca Monday or Thursday, from 9:30am to 3:30pm. Her number can be found on the front of the Bulletin.

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, Rick Simonsen, Aubrey Madden, Madison Millett, Leonardo Di Marco and Michelle Yashita, the Polychronakis Family & Victor Di Donato.

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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"The Spirit of the Lord is on me."

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:

Rejoicing in the Lord must be your strength.

The priest-scribe Ezra proclaims the law of Moses to the Jewish people who had returned from exile in Babylon. Upon hearing the words of the law for the first time in a generation, the people weep. Their sorrow at not having adhered to the law for so long should call attention to our own infidelities to God's law. But most of all, this people's wholehearted response to the law can fill us with gratitude to God for revealing His merciful love to us in Jesus Christ.

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.

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 1/18-1/19	**$5,136.00**
2nd Collection-Fuel	***$1,185.00***

School parents must use church envelopes.

Mass Attendance for January 18/19, 2025

5:00PM	**109**
8:00AM	**43**
9:30AM	**99**
11:00AM	**82**
12”30PM	**300**
	Total: 633

Aid to the Church in Need

A Catholic charity under the guidance of the Holy Father

The collection for Churches in Need will be taken up the weekend of February 1st & 2nd. NOTE: The envelope for this collection is dated January 26th.

WELCOME

WELCOME to Father Mattia Magoni. Father will be in residence at St. Francis of Assisi from January to June 2025. Father is a professor at the John XXIII seminary in the Diocese of Bergamo, Italy. His Bishop has given him permission to come here and finish his work on his Doctorate. He will not have any pastoral responsibilities but will assist in celebrating Mass. We wish him well and pray his time with us will be fruitful.

Part Time Cook

Anyone interested in a cooking position part time, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, just dinner, please contact the rectory at 718-728-7801.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI SCRIPTURE STUDY

“Do not be deceived my beloved brothers: all giving and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no alteration or shadow caused by change” (James 1:16)

Dear SFA Friends and Family

The SFA Scripture Study Group will meet on Thursday, January 30th from 7:20-8:50 in the St. Joseph room of the rectory. We will continue the study with the Letter of James 1-2. We hope you will join us.

All are Invited … ALL ARE WELCOME!

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THIS WEEK

January 26-February 1

Sunday, January 26
11:00AM -Opening of Catholic Schools Week
1:30PM Baptisms

Monday, January 27
12:00-Golden Age
3:00PM Children's Choir
7:00PM Adult Choir
7:00PM CYO Training

Tuesday, January 28
6:30PM AA Meeting

Wednesday, January 29
3:00PM Drama Club

Thursday, January 30
10:00AM-Legion of Mary
3:30PM-Jiu Jitsu
6:00PM-IACA
7:30PM-Scripture Study

Friday, January 31

Saturday, February 1
9:00AM Anointing Mass
9:30AM-CYO Skill Training-MCH

Saturday, February 1, 2025, 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.

NEXT WEEK

February 2-February 8

Sunday, February 2
9:30AM Children's Liturgy
9:30AM Pre-Confirmation Mass
10:40AM CCD
10:40AM Confirmation Class

Monday, February 3
12:00-Golden Age
3:00PM Children's Choir
7:00PM Adult Choir
7:00PM CYO Training

Tuesday, February 4
6:30PM AA Meeting

Wednesday, February 5
3:00PM Drama Club

Thursday, February 6
10:00AM-Legion of Mary
3:30PM-Jiu Jitsu
6:00PM-IACA
7:30PM-Scripture Study

Friday, February 7

Saturday, February 8
9:30AM-CYO Skill Training-MCH
11:00AM Girl Scout World Thinking Day

FEBRUARY 2025
LECTOR / MINISTER SCHEDULE

	THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD FEBRYARY 1-2	FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 8-9	SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 15-16	SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 22-23
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	Carol Hickey	Carol Hickey	Carol Hickey
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

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Catholic Schools
United in Faith and Community

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Academy Celebrates Catholic Schools Week
January 26th – January 31st 2025

The national theme for Catholic Schools Week is "Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community." Catholic schools have an irreplaceable role in the Church's evangelizing mission. Building on the central goal of Catholic schools to form saints, Catholic schools teach and embrace the whole person, body, mind and spirit. The fact that all members of a Catholic school community share the Christian vision of faith that Christ is the foundation of Catholic education, is what unites the school as a faith-filled community.

While faith is the binding element in Catholic schools, the Church reiterates that parents are the first teachers of their children. Holding this tenet, Catholic school communities expand beyond the walls of school buildings to envelop the family as an integral part of the school community. Together teachers, administrators, staff, students and parents fuel the light of faith by integrating culture with faith and faith with living. The CSW logo symbolizes the United Community of Catholic schools – not a building or an institution, but people of faith serving God and others. Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community is a theme on which to build a spirit of the gospel to benefit the human family.

Our own SFACA theme for Catholic Schools Week is "We All Fit Together." Although we are a diverse community; we all fit together under the banner of our Catholic faith. Plan on visiting us at one of our Open Houses and see all the wonderful things our students are involved in. We look forward to celebrating and sharing our school and students with you.

Sunday, January 26

We begin Catholic Schools Week with Sunday Mass bringing together members of the parish and school community. SFACA benefits all year long from the religious guidance, prayers, and support our parish provides. **Please attend our CSW Opening Liturgy at 11:00 a.m. as we honor this year's Distinguished Graduate, Deacon Giovanni Messina, Class of 1980.** The donations collected from the second collection today will be used to create a fund for the renovation of the bathrooms in Msgr. Maresca Center. Please be as generous as your means allow. Students who join us today at Mass, in their school uniform, will enjoy a special dress down day just for them. **Immediately following the 11:00 a.m. Mass, please join us at our school's Open House from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. Enjoy some light refreshments and pass by our SFACA Puzzle Display in Msgr. Maresca Center which focuses on how all of us here at SFACA fit together. Also, immediately following Mass, new families can tour the school with a Home and Academy Representative.**

Monday, January 27

A central aspect of Catholic Education is learning the importance of service to others. When students take part in service activities – both local and beyond – they demonstrate the values and faith they gain through their Catholic education and learn how to make the world a better place.

For our service project this year, SFACA will be accepting donations in support of the Autistic Self Advocacy Network. ASAN believes that the goal of autism advocacy should be a world in which autistic people enjoy equal access, rights, and opportunities. They work to empower autistic people across the world to take control of their own lives and the future of their common community, and seek to organize the autistic community to ensure their voices are heard in a national conversation. Please support this noteworthy cause which will continue for the entire week. Check out further details on our ASAN flyer. **Today, both new and current families may join us for an Open House for all grades from 9:05 - 9:45am to visit their child's classroom for next year. Interested in a Summer Enrichment Program? Parents from grades 3K-2 are invited to join Camp Director, Maura Hili in the library at 8:15- 9:00am for an informational session.**

Tuesday, January 28

Today, **Student Appreciation Day**, Catholic schools prepare children to succeed by using their God-given talents to the fullest extent throughout their lives. CSW offers an opportunity for students to explore the many life paths that enable them to use their talents well.

Today, we celebrate Career Day. Selected parents will visit classrooms to share their work experience with our students. Students will also be treated to a Burger King Lunch and may dress down in BLUE in support of Autistic Self Advocacy Network. Please remember to send in your donation. In celebration of Student Appreciation Day students in all grades enjoy a day of No Homework!

Wednesday, January 29

Today is National Appreciation Day for Catholic Schools. We pray for the continued success of Catholic Schools across our nation. In a special way, we pray for our own Catholic School as we strive to prepare students to appreciate the value of service to others. Today our 8th graders visit Broadway to see The Outsiders. Please support our fund raising efforts this week as we continue to accept donations in support of the Autistic Self Advocacy Network. **Join us in Msgr. Campbell Hall at 10:00 a.m. for our Poetry Presentation. Grades 1-5 will be presenting poems based the attributes of unity and togetherness. Friends and family are invited to join us.**

Thursday, January 30

Today, we encourage our students to shine by participating in meaningful activities planned by their teachers. Come and see our Middle School students shine! **Grades 6, 7, and 8 will share their Living Wax Museum creations in Msgr. Campbell Hall. Friends and families can view the exhibit from 9:00am -10:00am. New families may join us at our Open House from 1:30pm - 2:00pm.**

Friday, January 31

Today, we celebrate our teachers and assistants who are the backbone of Catholic Schools. On this day, schools honor teachers, as well as staff, who support the school in its all important work. We thank God for our talented and dedicated faculty and staff. **Please join us at the 11:00 a.m. Mass as we pray for our faculty and staff, and the growth and prosperity of our school. We also pray, in a special way, for Msgr. Maresca as he celebrates 47 years of priesthood. Dismissal, for grades K-8, will be at 12:30 p.m and dismissal for 3K and PreK will be at 1:00.** We thank the many parents, grandparents, alumni, parishioners, and Academy Board Members who provide volunteer service. We are all so grateful for each one of you.

New student registration for the 2025 - 26 school year is
Tuesday, February 4th and Thursday, February 6th 10:00 - 11:00am and 1:00 - 2:00pm
or call the office for an appointment

REGISTRATION DOCUMENTS REQUIRED

Necessary documents include: Birth Certificate, Baptismal Certificate, and current Immunization Record. A copy of the student's current report card, and most recent NYS Test scores and standardized test scores, IEP or IESP are also required, if applicable.

REGISTRATION FEE REQUIRED

$275.00 non-refundable registration fee

This fee includes application processing, Home Academy dues, and student insurance.
This fee is payable by check or money order to St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Academy.
Cash cannot be accepted.

3-K FOR ALL PRE-K FOR ALL

Registration for St. Francis of Assisi Free 3K For All Full Day Program
Children must be born in 2022 and turn 3 years old by 12/31/2025
Kindly create an account now on
NYC DOE WEBSITE: MySchools.nyc.
The portal is currently open for registration and closes on Feb. 28.

Registration for St. Francis of Assisi Free Pre-K For All Full Day Program
Children must be born in 2021 and turn 4 years old by 12/31/2025
Kindly create an account now on
NYC DOE WEBSITE: MySchools.nyc.
The portal is currently open for registration and closes on Feb. 28.

SFA
Success For All

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2024 Christmas Flowers

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Alongi, Manny
Anderson, Walter
Annunziata, Dawn
Aquista, Calogero & Grazia
Argiropoulos, John
Attard Family
Attard, Valerie & Peter
Autuoro, Mary & Gaetano

B
Baffuto, Domenica
Barrett, David & Dana
Battista, Clara & Leo
Beglin, Barbara & Martin
Belanich, John & Mary
Bernheine, Otto (Chip)
Biancospino, Luigi & Giuseppina
Biancospino, Paul
Biancospino, Vito & Liliana
Bieganski, Teresa Bogustou
Blaslov, George
Borg, Anthony
Borg, Charles & Anna
Borg, MaryRose
Boyston, Lori
Bradley, Nancy
Bratti, Mr. & Mrs. R
Brodsky, Estelle
Bromley Family
Bruno, Antonio
Bucchoiz, Awilda
Busso, Theresa
Buttner, John G.
Byrnes, Ken

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Callahan, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas
Calvo, Antonio
Calvo, Erundina
Camilla Family
Camastra, Michael
Cancian, Maria
Carbone, Sarina
Carbone, Sarina Marie
Carolini, Alfonso
Caris, Nick
Carlino Family
Carone, Angela
Carpanini, Gino
Carrar, Nina
Carrol, Lawrence & Carol
Cassana, Anna
Cassana, Larry
Castellisi, Giuseppe
Cervegnano Family
Cesareo, Mario & Jocelyn
Charlton, Walter, Frances & Walter Jr
Chin, Aida
Christenson, Mary Ellen
Christenson, Paul A.
Christmas, Charles, Theresa, Victoria
Ciancio, Raffaele
Ciangiola, Mildred
Ciangiola, William
Cinquemani, Elia
Cinquemani, Filomena
Cinquemani, Gia
Cinquemani, Giuseppina
Cinquemani, Salvatore
Cisneros, Cristina
Clayton, Jack & Rose
Colussi Family
Commodore, Helen & Lester
Conlon Family
Conlon, Richard
Conway, Annette
Conway, Desmond
Cottone, Maria
Cucciniello, Edith
Custodio, Helen & Lester

D
DaCorta Family
DaCorta, Steve
D'Alleva, Antonio
D'Alleva, Anthony
DeBenedetto, Elsie
D'Ercole, Mr. & Mrs. Sal
DeFranco, Nellie & Charles
DeGrandism Concetta & Cesar
DeGrandis, Rocco
Del Bove, Elsa
Del Carro, Rino
Del Carro, Santina & Pasquale
Del Greco, Mario
Della Polla, Angelo M.
Della Vecchia, Anthony
DeLuise, Ben & Natalie
Despojo, Fidela
Despojo, Ricardo
Devivo Family
Devane, Michael & Kathleen
Di Benedetto, Antonio
DiDonato, Frank
DiGravino, Domenick, Maria & Florrie
DiPiazza, Daniel
DiPietro, Mary
Dominguez, Maria
Donato, Angelina
Donato, Anna
Douvelis, Gregory
dundaich, David
Dustan, Norman

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Elaw, Esperanza
Elaw, Joycelin
Elaw, Paul
Elmendorf, Harold
Emanuelson, George, Joan & Mark
Enukidze, Vazhe
Esposito Family
Evangelou, James

F
Farrell, Patrick
Ferguson Family
Ferguson, Earl
Ferrare, Laura & Dino
Florama, Francisco
Flynn, William & Eileen
Fortunato, Frank
Frank, Henry
Frias, Fr. Ramon C.
Fulop, Grace & Steve
Fulop, Mrs. Grace
Furey, Fabia
Furey, Patricia
Fusco, Luigi

2024 Christmas Flowers

G

Gabriellini, Charles
Gamana, Elisa
Gandolfo, Andrew & Concetta
Gangi, Maryann
Gangi, Rose & John
Gangi, Vincent
Garcia, Joseph
Gauci, Carmen
Garcia, Mary & Joe
Gardfalo, Mary & John
Gauci, Francis
Gaviglia, Joseph
Gavila, Frank
Geraci, Peter & Betty
Giacome, Salvatore
Gioino, Teresa & Caterina
Giordano, Francesco & Maria
Giordano, Saverio
Golodner, Ben, Lina & Susan
Granelli, Rose
Grech, Wendy
Grifunetti, Giuseppe
Gualtieri Family
Gualtieri, Dr. Arthur
Gualtieri, Dr. Rosario & Mrs. Stella
Guerriero, Marie
Guerriero, Sylvester & Marie
Gurnick Family

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Heng, Dee Bun
Hengl Family
Hernandez, Cesar Sr.
Hernandez, Juan & Ernesta
Hernandez, Paquita
Heerwagen, Margaret
Hickey, Charlie
Higgins, Daniel Sr.
Honesty, Trammel
Hubert Frank
Hughes Family
Hughes, John J.
Hughes, Marie & Edward
Hughes-Baksera, Marie
Humen, Alex
Humen, Julia & William
Humen, Kathy

I

Iadovito, Antonio
Iadovito, Angela
Iadovito, Giovanna
Ianora, Gloria & Angelina
Ianora, Armand & Carmine
Idarraga, Mr. & Mrs. Rodrigo
Iocco, Assunta & Nicolo
Iorio, Vincent

J

Jackson, Sonia
Jacoby, Paul
Jacoby, Sophie
Jambor Family

K

Kean, John
Kelly, Maureen
Kcira, Lazer
Kuhnle, Glenn
Kurth, Thomas

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Lanzara, Albert
Lanzara, Lillian
LaRosa, Mr. & Mrs. Alfred
Lazarowitz, Shirley & Jacob
Levine, Marlene
Lian, Chua
Lian, Piak
Lombardi, Anna & Berardino
Lombardi, Rosina
Lopez, Beatrice
Lopez, Connie
Lopez, Eladio
Lorenzo, Dominick
Lorenzo, Erundina
Loud, Raymond
Lusardi, Maria & Ernesto
Lynch, Thomas

M

Macchia Family
Mancuso Family
Mancuso, Frank
Manocchio, Eleonoka
Manocchio, Liberato
Manzo, Michael & Joanna
Marchassalla, John
Marchassalla, Michael
Marchesella Family
Marchesi, Ennio & Rose
Marchiani, Cesare & Emma
Marchisella, Florence & Rocco
Marino Family
Martin Family
Martucci, Elvira
Masluk Family
Massimo, Theresa
Massimo, Thomas
McCann, Joseph Anthony
McCann, Mary Ethel
McIver, Lisa
McLernon, William & Jeanne
McNamara, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas
McNamee Family
McNamee, Gerard
McNulty, Agnes
Medina, Juan
Medina, Maximina
Melnick, George
Melnick, William
Mendez, Ermy & Mario
Messina, Carmela
Messina, Giovanni & Michelina
Mezey Family
Minarczyk, Philomena
Mincone Anthony
Mincone Mr. & Mrs. Filippo
Mirabella, Amato
Massimo, Theresa
Mohr, Richard
Mondello, Mr. & Mrs. John
Murphy, Rosalie
Muskardin, Rozinka

N

Nagy, Vilma & Jozef
Napoli, Mary & Joseph
Niaka, Mr. & Mrs. Christos
Nunez Filion, Maria
Nunez Filon Family

2024 Christmas Flowers

O

O'Connor, Mary
O'Connor, Patrick
O'Connor, Renee
O'Donnell, Mr. & Mrs. Charles
Olveira Family
O'Malley, Patrick
O'Neill Family
Otero, Aurilia & Alejandro
Otero, Joseph A.
O'Toole, Bernice

P

Palazzolo, Yolanda & Natale
Paleologos, Nick
Palladino, Simba & Tabitha
Palladino, Topaz & Ashely
Papagno, Elizabeth
Papanicolaou, Kyriacos & Mary
Pellerzi, John C.
Pequeno Family
Pequeno, Manuel
Peri Family
Perina, Arthur
Perrino, Milke
Petosa, Antonio & Carmela
Petterson, Barbara
Pettorrezzo, Philomena
Piazzola, Ellen
Piazzola, Lee
Piazzola, Michael
Poggio, Joseph
Polizio, Theresa
Pomares, Laura
Power, James
Prete, Fernando
Prete, Cristina
Profeta, Eda
Purich Family

Q

Quaresimo Family
Quattrocchi, Philip & Filippa
Quinn, Raymond & Eileen
Quintanar, Mr. & Mrs. Roberto

R

Raia, Giuseppe
Raia, Sebastiana & Pietro
Rallis, Mary
Ratkowski, Dolores
Restivo Family
Richter, Lynn
Riviello, Felicie
Riviello, Maria
Riviello, Salvatore
Racosta-Williams, Esmie
Ryan, Thomas

S

Saavedra, Dann
Saalamone, Debra
Salamone, Joseph
Salamone, Marie
Salamone, Victor
Saldarriaga, Eric
Salerno, Anthony
Salerno, Charles
Salerno, Michael
Salerno, Pearl
Salerno Family
Salvio, John
Sandor, Robert
Sangirardi Family
Santagato Family
Santerciera, Gemma & Joey
Santelli, Dominic
Saraceni, Concetta
Saraceni, Giuseppe
Sawka, Anna
Sawka, Joseph
Scaaone Famly (Deceased)
Scarlatto, Tommaso & Maria
Scilla, Angela
Sella, Anthony
Sferlazza, Calogero & Angela
Sferrazza Family
Sgouros, Mr. & Mrs. Stephanos
Silletti Family (Deceased Members)
Silletti, Vito & Ottavia
Silone, Louis
Singura, Evelyn
Simeone Family
Skinner Family
Slavish, Peter
Sokolovic, Helen & Dominick
Spiteri, Joseph
Spiteri, Maria Assunta
Spitieri, Mr. & Mrs. Charlie
Spiteri, Savior
Spuler, Joseph
Squillante, Angelina
Squillante, Giovanni
Starrall, George
Steeneck, Gilda
Sucich Family-Deceased Members
Sultana, Joseph & Carmen
Supon Fares, Marie
Supon, Josephine
Suppa, Olga
Susini-Ortiz Family
Szetelia Family

T

Tabone, Vincent
Tanalski, Josephine & Walter
Tarasckiewicz, Maria
Teta, Palmina
Teta, Steano
Tete, Stefano
Thompson, Andrew & Marie
Thompson, Anne & William
Thompson, Mary H. & William R
Tierney Family
Tomicich, Edda
Toto, Louis
Toto, Mary
Traina, Angelina & Joseph
Trentacosti Family

U

Umberto Maria Teresa Agusto

V

Vigano, Ambrose & Ines
Viola Family
Vitale, Franca
Vlacich, Maria
Vlakancic, Dumica
Vlakancic, Josip
Vlastos, George
Vollaro Family
Volpe, Delia & Leonard

2024 Christmas Flowers

W
Walsh, Daniel E.
Walsh Family (Deceased Members)
Walsh, Mr. & Mrs. John F.
Ward, Michael & Hannah
Warner Family
Wood, Christopher
Wright, Arthur
Wytak, Stanley & Frances
X
Xaoka, Na & Raymunda
Xuereb, Mr. & Mrs. Paul
Y
Yepez, Fabuzio
Z
Zajac, George
Zgaljic, Ana
Zgaljic, Ivan
Zilinski, Maureen
Zoeller, Dawn
Zorovich, Nori
Zoppo, Ida
Zuliani, Linda
Zuliani, Mr. & Mrs. J.
Zuliani, Pietro
Zuliani-Conroy, Rosemarie
Zyry, Edward
Zyry, Mary

Thank you all for your continued generosity.

Please Note: Every effort has been made to have the names listed accurately. However, some handwriting is illegible and some names may be inaccurate. We apologize for any misspelling.

St. Francis of Assisi Parish
cordially invites you to our
95th Anniversary Dinner Dance
October 19, 2025

Russo's on the Bay
162-45 Cross Bay Blvd.
Howard Beach, NY 11414

Cocktail Hour 12:30pm, Dinner immediately following until 5:30pm
Tickets: Adults: $150, Children: ages 5 to 12- $75, Toddlers: ages 2-4 $30

Please reserve a seat(s) at the Dinner Dance for:

1. _____

or

We would like to make up a table:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

Tables of 10 or 12 are available but smaller groups will be accommodated and incorporated.

Please complete this form, enclose your **check** made payable to St. Francis of Assisi Parish and return it to the academy or rectory by September 2, 2025.

Name: _____

Address _____

email_____ Phone # _____

Bus service will be available at an additional cost of $20 per person
Bus departs from the front of school at approximately 11:30am

☐ Yes, I am interested in bus service for #_____ people

Dear Parishioners,

As you know on Sunday, October 19, 2025, we will be celebrating the 95th Anniversary of St. Francis of Assisi Parish. Our planning committee is hard at work to make this day an enjoyable experience for all.

Our day begins as we gather for the 9:30 Family Mass. During this special Liturgy we will have an unveiling of a statue of Mother Theresa. The statue of Mother Theresa will be hung on the wall opposite the Holy Family by the Baptismal Font. It will be mounted in the same manner as the Holy Family. It is a full body statue and is 36" in length. The total cost of the statue, along with the mounting, shipping and Memorial Plaque is $ 15,000. Opportunities to memorialize the statue will be available. A plaque of donor's names will be placed next to the statue. Donations to memorialize the statue begin at $500.

If you would like to donate kindly stop by the rectory and speak to Marybeth.

95th Anniversary Mass Program

We are offering you an opportunity to have your name, **In Thanksgiving**, or the name of a loved one, **In Memoriam**, printed in our **95th Anniversary Mass Program.**

The cost is $25 **per name**. Please PRINT the names clearly on the lines below and return to the rectory by September 2, 2025.

Please circle

_____ In Memoriam *In Thanksgiving*

_____ In Memoriam *In Thanksgiving*

_____ In Memoriam *In Thanksgiving*

_____ In Memoriam *In Thanksgiving*

Name _____

Telephone Number _____

Email _____

Return form in any collection basket or at the rectory.

SISTER MARIA RITA ZUCCHETTO O.S.B.M

JULY 01, 1940 - DECEMBER 30, 2024

FOUNDRESS OF THE
"ITALIAN AMERICAN CATHOLIC ACTION"

A MEMORIAL MASS (in Italian) WILL BE CELEBRATED ON
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2nd, 2025 @12:30pm

CHURCH OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI
21-17 45th STREET
ASTORIA, NEW YORK 11105

THE COMMUNITY IS INVITED TO ATTEND

2024 TAX CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT

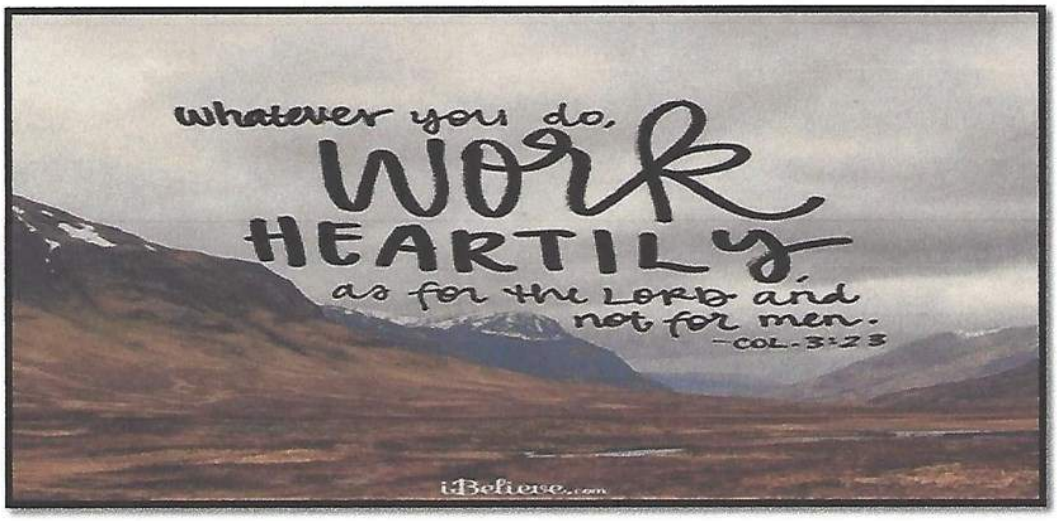
All Parishioners who wish to receive a copy of their 2024 Tax Contribution statement must complete the attached form.

The forms can be returned by dropping them in the contribution basket during Mass or they can be dropped in the box on the front door of the rectory. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE #: _____

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