Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, April 13 – Palm Sunday
8:00 A.M. Holy Name
9:30 A.M. Vito Silletti
11:00 A.M. Raymnd Loud
12:30P.M. Giuseppe Carlino
Rino Del Carro
Filomena Mincone
Assunta Di Virgilio
Antonio Bruno

MONDAY, April 14-Weekday
9:00 A.M. Victor Salamone

TUESDAY, April 15-Weekday
9:00 A.M. Anica Dujmovic

WEDNESDAY, April 16-Weekday
9:00 A.M. Thomas Gaudosi

THURSDAY, April 17-HOLY THURSDAY
9:00 A.M. Morning Prayer
7:30 P.M. Mass of the Lord's Supper

FRIDAY, April 18–GOOD FRIDAY
9:00 A.M. Morning Prayer
2:30 P.M. Stations of the Cross
3:00 P.M. Passion of the Lord
7:30 P.M. Passion of the Lord

SATURDAY, April 19-HOLY SATURDAY
9:00 A.M. Morning Prayer

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

SUNDAY, April 20–EASTER SUNDAY
8:00 A.M. Easter Novena
9:30 A.M. Ana Balint
11:00 A.M. Bridget Dudek
12:30P.M. The Kos Family
Rino Del Carro
Antonio Bruno
Maria Rita Zucchetto

Today's Readings

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Isaiah 50:4-7
Philippians 2:6-11
Luke 22:14-23:56

When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them, 'I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.' Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, 'Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.' Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, 'This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, 'This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.* But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!' Then they began to ask one another which one of them it could be who would do this. **(Luk e22:14-23)**

Readings for the Week

MONDAY: Isaiah 42:1-7
John 12:1-11

TUESDAY: Isaiah 49:1-6
John 13:21-33, 36-38

WEDNESDAY: Isaiah 50:4-9a
Matthew 26:14-25

THURSDAY: Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14
1 Corinthians 11:23-26
John 13:1-15

FRIDAY: Isaiah 52:13-53:12
Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9
John 18:1-19:42

SATURDAY: Genesis 1:1-2:2
Genesis 22:1-18
Exodus14:15-15:1
Isaiah 54:5-14
Isaiah 55:1-11
Baruch 3:9-15, 32-4:4
Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28
Romans:6:3-11
Luke 24:1-12

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Acts 10:34a, 37-43
Colossians 3:1-4
John 20:1-9

My Dear Parishioners,

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of a week unlike any other. Disciples, who are meant to follow their Master, will leave Him and go into hiding. Enemies like Herod and Pilate will become friends. A kiss and a warm embrace, signs of affection, will become signs of death. The innocent are found guilty while murderers like Barabbas go free. Simple bread and wine will become the Body and Blood of the Savior. And when all seems lost, what appears to be a tragic failure crucified for blasphemy and treason becomes the triumphant Lord of lords, King of kings, and conqueror of death, for himself and for us all.

Jesus had symbolically walked the long way of the Cross ever since he became flesh and dwelled among us. In becoming a man, except for sin, Jesus chose to share everything that makes us human. In emptying himself on the Cross. Jesus asks us to share everything that makes him divine, including pain and suffering. Jesus wants us to keep watch with him like the Apostles at Gethsemane; he wants us to be with him in the Upper Room, in the high priest's jail, on trial before Herod, at Gabbatha for his scourging, and lining the path to Calvary. We are to stay by his side when many of those he loved refused to be with him in his hour of need.

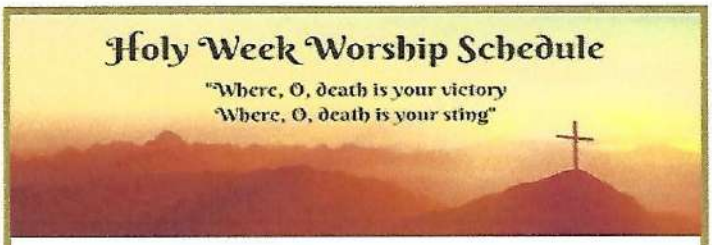
Jesus had known the hour would come ever since he was baptized. For almost three years, Jesus knew there was a target painted on his back, but he kept on teaching, preaching, working miracles, and changing lives, knowing that time was short and the need was great. When He came into Jerusalem riding on a donkey, he knew that the same people calling him a king would soon be calling for his death. He loved them anyway. He knew his closest followers were going to betray, deny, and abandon him. He loved them anyway. In much the same way, Jesus knows the times when we have betrayed, denied and abandoned him by our sins and selfishness, and he loves us anyway.

Who is this king who rides on a beast of burden? How do people who celebrate Him so quickly move to condemn him? Palm Sunday and the events of Holy Week raise many questions, but more importantly, they raise our hopes of new life after death, light from darkness, and sorrow and pain giving way to joy and hope. Today and every day of this holiest week of the year, we share the suffering of Jesus. In the Body and Blood that we are about to receive, we taste of a life that never ends, one that was born of suffering and of love. The true Christian, like our Lord, must accept the sour with the sweet and trust in the Lord all the while.

There are many characters in the Passion. Perhaps we can all best relate to the so-called good thief who cries out, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom", in hopes that we, too might hear our dying savior say, "today you will be with me in paradise".

All the Blessings of Holy Week,
Msgr. Maresca

Blessed is the king
who comes in the
name of the Lord!
Palm
Sunday
Peace in heaven
and glory
in the highest!
Luke 19:38



PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2025

Palms will be given out as you enter church and will be blessed at the beginning of each mass.

Saturday 5 P.M.

Sunday **8:00 A.M.**
9:30 A.M.
11 A.M.
12:30 P.M. (Italian)

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2025

Morning prayer - 9:00 A.M.

Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:30 P.M.

Visits to the Repository Until - 10:00 P.M.

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 2025

Morning Prayer - 9:00 A.M.

Stations of the Cross - 2:30 P.M.

Liturgy of the Passion & Death of the Lord:
3:00 P.M.
7:30 P.M.

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 19, 2025

Morning Prayer - 9:00 A.M.

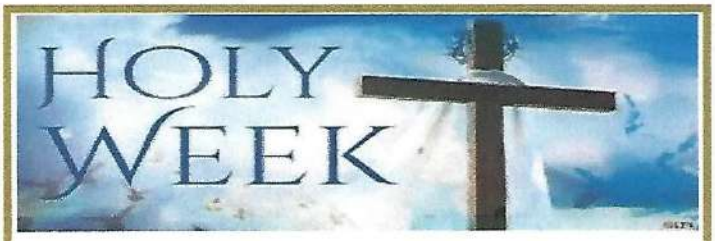
NO CONFESSIONS

NO 5:00 P.M. MASS

Easter Vigil - 7:30 P.M.

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 2025

Masses **8:00 A.M.**
9:30 A.M.
11:00 A.M.
12:30 P.M. (Italian)



ALL ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SERVICES DURING HOLY WEEK

As we begin the Mass of the Lord's Supper, Jesus showed his love in his desire to remain with us always through the institution of the Holy Eucharist. Jesus invites us to intimacy, the intimacy of eating a meal together, the intimacy of his becoming our very food and drink so that he might share his life with us. The intimacy of remembering Jesus' life, death, and resurrection so deeply that Jesus is present among us.

Jesus invites us into a relationship that is so strong and so deep that it will enable our faith to grow even deeper. This Holy Thursday, let us spend some quiet moments with Jesus present in the Eucharist and tell him of our hearts' desires.

Good Friday is a day of mixed emotions. As we think of the pain our gentle Jesus suffered we cannot help being sorrowful. At the same time, however, we have reason to rejoice. Through his suffering and death on the cross Jesus has completed his mission on earth. He has opened the way for us who believe in him to share in the joy of his resurrection.

As we prayerfully recall Christ's passion, we see in it a reason to hope. Being God's divine son, Jesus could have overcome his oppressors, but he freely took this suffering upon himself out of love for us. If we believe in him and, like him, trust in the love and mercy of his divine Father, we too, can triumph over death.

May this Holy Week be a source of strength, hope, and courage for each one of us as we accompany Jesus through these celebrations.

God Bless, Msgr. Maresca

What are you doing for Lent?

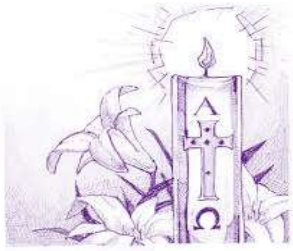
To help us during our Lenten journey, the following opportunities will be taking place in our parish.

1. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place each morning at 8:00AM Monday through Saturday.
2. Mass is celebrated each morning at 9:00AM Monday through Saturday.
3. Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday during Lent at 7:30PM and will conclude with Benediction.
4. Confessions are heard every Saturday from 4:00 to 4:30PM.
5. Reconciliation Monday is ***April 14th***. Every Church in our Diocese, the Archdiocese of New York and the Diocese of Rockville Centre will be hearing confessions. We will be hearing confessions from
   3:00 to 5:00PM and 6:00 to 8:00PM
   What a wonderful experience to receive the mercy of Christ in this great sacrament.

Beginning this weekend our statues will be covered and will remain so until Holy Saturday night.

This is done, as it was done in the past, to allow the faithful when they pray, no distractions in reflecting and mediating on the Crucifix. Let us in the last weeks of Lent remain close to the Lord as He journeys to Jerusalem, to take up His cross, to suffer and die for us.

Easter Candle



If anyone would like to make a donation or memorialize the ***Pascal Candle,*** please stop by the rectory and speak with Marybeth. As you know, the Pascal Candle is blessed and lighted at the Easter Vigil and remains in the sanctuary until the feast of Pentecost. It is then used for all our funerals during the year.

The Easter Candle will burn in Memory of:

Rose & Denis Sweeney
Lucia & Ralph Borgia
Domenick Borgia
Ralph & Rita Maresca
Fr. Peter D. Gillen
William LeDone
The Malloy Family
The Buckenmayer Family
Evelyn & Sam Perrone
Gloria & Ed Montel
Frank Meditz
Victoria Fugcilli
Dolores & Ferdinando Prete
Sarina Marie Carbone
Carol Ann Mendez

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, Michelle Yashita, and the Polychronakis Family.

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.

Fifth Sunday of Lent

April 13, 2025

"By this everyone will know that you are my disciples."

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:

Go , and from now on do not sin any more.

In this Lenten season, our readings reflect on mercy and repentance. Indeed, repentance is at the foundation of our Lenten calling. May we truly examine our hearts for ways we can seek God's abundant ,mercy and grow in our relationship with Him. Like the woman caught in adultery , we must be willing to allow Jesus to see our shortcomings if we wish to receive the forgiveness He offers.

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.

O my sweet Savior Christ,
Who in your undeserved love
Towards humankind,
So kindly suffered
The painful death on the cross,
Do not allow me to be cold
Or Lukewarm in love again towards you.
—St. Thomas More

Protect O Lord,
Those who cry to you for help.
Uphold us in our weakness,
And cleanse us from our earthliness.
In your mercy,
Deliver us from all evil.
—-St. Leo the Great

Jesus Christ,
May your death be my life
And in your dying may I learn how to live.
May Your struggles be my rest,
And may I find all my blessings
In your trials.
—Bl. Peter Faber, SJ

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI SCRIPTURE STUDY

"This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice in it and be glad" (Psalm 118:24)

Wishing our SFA Family and Friends a Blessed Palm Sunday.

Dear SFA Friends and Family

The SFA Scripture Study Group will not meet on Thursday, April 17th (Holy Thursday) or during the Easter recess (April 24th). We will meet again on May 1st in the St. Joseph room of the rectory from 7:20 to 8:50PM. Join us as we continue our study of "Life Eternal."

"...but whoever drinks of the water I shall give him wil never thirst; the water I shall give him will become in a spring of water welling up to eternal life." (John 4:14)

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.

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.

Thank you.

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 4/5-4/6	**$5,097.00**
2nd Collection-Fuel	***$1,213.00***

School parents must use church envelopes.

Mass Attendance for April 5/6, 2025

5:00PM	**83**
8:00AM	**49**
9:30AM	**240**
11:00AM	**1109**
12:30PM	**47**
	Total: 528

Easter Mass Remembrance envelopes can be returned in any collection before Easter.

The names of your loved ones, living or deceased, will be remembered at the Easter Novena of Masses celebrated Easter week.

Annual Catholic Appeal 2025

DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

The Annual Catholic Appeal for 2025 has begun in our Diocese. Our goal this year has been lowered to **$37,511.** Most of you should have received information regarding this Appeal. This year the theme is: **JUBILEE OF HOPE, RENEWAL OF FAITH AND CHARITY.**

I ask you to prayerfully reflect on what you can contribute to help us reach our goal. The Annual Appeal allows Bishop Brennan to continue to carry out the mission of the Church here in Brooklyn and Queens.

I am grateful to those who have contributed in the past and thank you for your generosity and support. If you have not contributed, I ask to make every effort to help us reach our goal.

I share with you the words of Jesus to his followers: "The measure you measure with will be measured back to you."

Thank you for all your effort.
God Bless,
Msgr. Maresca

Your **EASTER GIFT TO MY CHURCH** can be returned in any collection**.**

Your Easter Gift will go toward the operation of our parish with all it's programs and services.

Easter Flower Offering envelopes can be returned in any collection.

Please **clearly print** the names as we will be listing the names in our Bulletin.

Part Time Cook

The Blog Of A Full Time Teen

Anyone interested in a cooking position part time, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 4:00pm to 7:00pm, please contact the rectory at 718-728-7801.

PARISH MASS BOOK

2025 Mass Book

The 2025 Mass Book is now open for the remainder of 2025.

All Announced Masses up to June 30th are $15.00.
After July 1, 2025 Masses will be **$20.00.**
Beginning July 1, 2025, the 11:00AM Mass will have multiple intentions.

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.

Catholic Youth Organization

Children are at the heart of our mission

We had our first weekend of flag football Bantam team lost a close game 18-21 to St Francis de Sales. Michael Sheridan had 3 touchdowns.

Intermediate boys lost to St Gregs with a final of 7-32. Santino got the touchdown and Duran had the extra point.

The Novice team won against Holy Child 24-6. Arden Geiger had two touchdowns, Mason Cleghorn had one pick 6 touchdown and the final Touchdown was thrown by Jaxon Hili to Patrick Hughes who ran it in.

Great first weekend by our flag football team!

The Supper and Stations on Friday night April 4th went well. I'm grateful to all who helped with the evening supper. We collected $250 in the free will donation. That money will go to the St. Vincent DePaul Society to assist the needy.

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!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THIS WEEK

April 13-April 19

Sunday, April 13
PALM SUNDAY
Girl Scout Cookie Sale After Each Mass
8:00AM-Holy Name
10:40AM CCD

Monday, April 14
RECONCILIATION MONDAY
Confessions: 3-5 & 6-8

Tuesday, April 15
6:30PM AA Meeting

Wednesday, April 16

Thursday, April 17
HOLY THURSDAY
9:00AM Morning Prayer
10:00AM-Legion of Mary
7:30PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, April 18
GOOD FRIDAY
9:00AM Morning Prayer
2:30pm-Stations of the Cross
3:00PM Passion of the Lord
Rectory Office Will Close at 3:00PM
7:30PM Passion of the Lord

Saturday, April 19
HOLY SATURDAY
9:00AM Morning Prayer
7:30PM Easter Vigil Mass

NEXT WEEK

April 20-April 26

Sunday, April 20
EASTER SUNDAY

Monday, April 21
Rectory Office Closed

Tuesday, April 22
Rectory Office Will Close at 5:00PM
6:30PM AA Meeting

Wednesday, April 23
Rectory Office Will Close at 5:00PM

Thursday, April 24
Rectory Office Will Close at 5:00PM
10:00AM-Legion of Mary

Friday, April 25
Rectory Office will Close at 5:00PM

Saturday, April 26
Rectory Office Open from 9:00AM-2:00PM

APRIL 2025
LECTOR / MINISTER SCHEDULE

	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT APRIL 5 - 6	PALM SUNDAY APRIL 12-13	EASTER SUNDAY April 19-20	SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY APRIL 26 - 27
LECTORS				
Saturday 5:00PM	Debbi Skinner	Edward Kubina		Dolores Ratkowski
7:30PM			Debbi Skinner	
Sunday 8:00 AM	Rob Laucella	Andrew Soltesz	Rob Laucella	Andrew Soltesz
Sunday 9:30 AM	Martha O'Toole	Patrick O'Toole	Sharon Costanza	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	----------	Ray Conlon	----------	Ray Conlon
Sunday 8:00 AM	----------	----------	----------	----------
Sunday 9:30 AM	Theresa Mincone	----------	----------	----------
Sunday 11:00 AM	----------	----------	----------	----------
Sunday 12:30 PM	Nicolette Cosentino	----------	----------	Giuseppina Sferazza

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

St. Francis of Assisi Parish
Msgr. Ralph J. Maresca V.F., Pastor

LENT 2025

= a day of fasting and abstinence from meat

= a day of abstinence from meat

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
"Lent is the liturgical season of forty days which begins with Ash Wednesday and ends with the celebration of the Paschal Mystery (Easter Triduum). Lent is the primary penitential season in the Church's liturgical year, reflecting the forty days Jesus spent in the desert in fasting and prayer" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*). **March**			5 *Ash Wednesday* Attend Mass and receive ashes as a sign of penance. Ask the Lord to help you grow closer to Him this Lent.	6 Prayerfully choose meaningful but achievable practices of prayer, penance, almsgiving.	7 Wake up five minutes early to dedicate your day to God's service.	8 Offer to pay for coffee, fast food, or groceries for the person in line behind you.
9 *"Each tree is known by its own fruit"* (Luke 6:44). After Mass, ask God what "good fruit" He wants your life to bear this Lent.	10 Practice true charity: "Have patience with all things, but, first of all with yourself" (St. Francis de Sales).	11 Take fifteen minutes today for silent prayer. Don't worry about finding the right words. Just be still and let Him love you.	12 Enjoy pretzels, a traditional Lenten snack invented by monks. They thought the folded loops resembled arms crossed in prayer.	13 Skim the glossary of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* until something strikes your interest, and dive deeper.	14 Pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy today, especially for the dying. You can find more information here: https://www.usccb.org/prayers	15 Write a note of encouragement to someone you think needs cheering up.
16 Stay after Mass today to pray for the intentions of the Holy Father.	17 *St. Patrick's Day* In honor of St. Patrick's missionary work in Ireland, offer extra prayers for those who teach the Faith.	18 Listening well is a small but meaningful act of courtesy. Give the gift of your full attention.	19 *St. Joseph's Day* In honor of St. Joseph, focus on the Joyful Mysteries today, reflecting on St. Joseph's role in each event.	20 Lent and Holy Week are busy times in a Catholic parish. Call or stop by your parish office and ask how you can help.	21 "There is no such thing as innocent slander." (Pope Francis). Today, practice the penance of not complaining about anyone.	22 Contact Catholic Relief Services (877-435-7277 or www.crs.org) to see how you can support any of their projects.
23 Write down three points you remember from Father's homily. Choose one you want to put into practice this week.	24 Honor your word, even to yourself. Perform a chore you've been putting off.	25 *The Annunciation* Happy Solemnity! Today, we celebrate that God became man (John 1:14). Attend daily Mass or have a dessert—or both!	26 Make a small sacrifice today: No cream in your coffee, no butter on your toast, no music in the car.	27 Ask God to show you whatever keeps you from fully experiencing His love. Resolve to deal with it before Lent ends.	28 Counter pride with authentic humility. Pray, "O Jesus, I surrender myself to You, take care of everything!"	29 *"Return, O Israel, to the LORD, your God; you have collapsed through your guilt."* (Hosea 14:2) Pray the Act of Contrition and ask for forgiveness.
30 *Laetare Sunday* Today marks the halfway point to Easter! Have a dessert to celebrate that you have made it halfway to Lent.	31 Renew your commitment to your Lenten resolutions.	1 **April** Examine your conscience, using the Ten Commandments as a guide (Exodus 20:1-17).	2 Go to Confession and experience God's mercy. Thank Him for His love and resolve to avoid future sin.	3 Instead of spending time on your screen, read a good spiritual classic.	4 Attend daily Mass or visit the Blessed Sacrament sometime today. Thank Jesus for His sacrifice of love.	5 Choose to forego a financial luxury, such as online shopping or eating out. Abstain from it until Easter and donate the extra money.
6 Extend fellowship. Invite friends to brunch after Mass, either at a restaurant or at your home.	7 Loving others well starts with knowing we are loved. Ask God to reveal His love to you today.	8 Read the Passion Narrative from the Gospel of Luke (Luke 22-23). What areas of your life and heart need His grace?	9 Reduce the contents of your closets. If you used or worn something in a year, donate it to charity.	10 Go for a walk and look for signs of Spring.	11 Observe a (recreational) screen fast, from 12:00pm to 3:00pm, the time Jesus hung on the Cross.	12 Pray the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary, mediating on Christ's Passion through the eyes of His mother.
13 *Palm Sunday* When listening to the Gospel readings at Mass, imagine yourself in the scene. How would you respond?	14 Pray for all those coming into the Church at Easter Vigil.	15 Forgive anyone who has hurt you. Ask forgiveness of anyone you have harmed.	16 Reflect on your Lent: where did you grow? What graces did you receive? What habits would you like to continue after Easter?	17 *Holy Thursday* Make a Holy Hour today in a church or chapel to console Jesus for the abandonment, indifference, and sacrilege He suffers by us.	18 *Good Friday* Reread Luke 23. Jesus carried His Cross out of love for you. Resolve to imitate Him more faithfully this year.	19 *Holy Saturday* Light a candle and renew your baptismal vows to remain committed to Christ.

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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

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*

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Name _____

Telephone Number _____

Email _____

Return form in any collection basket or at the rectory.

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.

ST.FRANCIS OF ASSISI PROUDLY PRESENTS

RADIO BINGO

FRIDAY, MAY 9, 2025

DOOR PRIZES!!

RAFFLES 50/50!

DOORS OPEN 6:00PM
BINGO STARTS AT 7:00PM

ADVANCED TICKETS SALES ONLY -$45
INCLUDES BINGO TICKETS, DJ, AND ENTRY TO DOOR PRIZES!

FRIDAY, APRIL 11TH, 6:30-8:30PM & SUNDAY, APRIL 13TH, 10:30A-12:30PM
AT SFACA MSGR. MARESCA CENTER

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI LOWER CHURCH - MSGR. THOMAS P. CAMPBELL HALL

21ST AVENUE & 46TH STREET - ASTORIA - 718-726-9405

VISIT OUR INSTAGRAM @STFRANCISOFASSISIPARISHASTORIA

Join us for the best party in town! There's awesome music, people, raffles and games that are guaranteed to get you in your party mood . Don't miss out and we will see you there!

St. Francis of Assisi
Girl Scouts

COOKIE SALE!!

PALM SUNDAY WEEKEND

SATURDAY, APRIL 12TH & SUNDAY, APRIL 13TH
OUTSIDE OF CHURCH AFTER ALL MASSES

Sat 5pm - Sun 8am-9:30am-11am-12:30pm

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH, 45TH STREET & 21ST AVENUE, ASTORIA, NY