Sunday of Divine Mercy

Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, April 27 – Sunday of Divine Mercy
8:00 A.M. For the People of St. Francis
9:30 A.M. Carmen Gauci
11:00 A.M. John S. Mondello
12:30P.M. Rino Del Carro
Riccardo & Carmela Cicconetti

MONDAY, April 28-Saint Peter Chanel
9:00 A.M. Joseph Ewy (Living)

TUESDAY, April 29-Saint Catherine of Siena
9:00 A.M. Ray Lauria

WEDNESDAY, April 30-Saint Pius V
9:00 A.M. Carmen & Francis Gauci

THURSDAY, May 1-Saint Joseph the Worker
9:00 A.M. Mario Esposito

FRIDAY, May 2–Saint Athanasius
9:00 A.M. Mark O'Neill

SATURDAY, May 3-Sts. Philip & James, Apostles
9:00 A.M. Purgatorial Society
Living & Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary
Victor A. Di Donato
John McCarthy
Margaret McCarthy
Grace & Elisea DaCorta
Stephen DaCorta
The DaCorta Family
The Colussi Family
The Mezey Family
Henri Chlesa
Riccardo Navarro
Elsie Brinkman

5:00P.M. Inez Vigano

SUNDAY, May 4–Third Sunday of Easter
8:00 A.M. Joseph Cseri
9:30 A.M. For the People of St. Francis
11:00 A.M. Mario Esposito
12:30P.M. Sister Maria Rita Zucchetto
Rino Del Carro
Vito Modesto Lamanna

Today's Readings

Sunday of Divine Mercy

Acts 5:12-16
Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19
John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. [31]But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.
(John 20:19-31)

Readings for the Week

MONDAY: Acts 4:23-31
John 3:1-8

TUESDAY: Acts 4:32-37
John 3:7b-15

WEDNESDAY: Acts 5:17-26
John 3:16-21

THURSDAY: Acts 5:27-33
John 3:33-36

FRIDAY: Acts 5:34-42
John 6:1-15

SATURDAY: 1 Corinthians 15:1-8
John 14:6-14

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41
Revelation 5:11-14
John 21:1-19

My Dear Parishioners,

Today we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. We celebrate the truth that God's mercy is everlasting, and our celebration of that mercy is itself a perpetual gift to the Church from St. John Paul II. He declared this Sunday *Divine Mercy Sunday.*

When we speak of mercy, we can only imagine the reaction of the disciples of Jesus to Thomas, when he refused to believe their story about the Risen Lord's appearance to them the evening of that first day of the week. After all, the other disciples were all in the room when Jesus appeared to them. Had any of them not been there, isn't it likely that they too, would have found the story a little difficult to take seriously?

The Risen Jesus more than makes up for the disciples' lack of patience for poor Thomas. He not only invited Thomas to put his hand into his side and to look at the wounds in his hands, but he gently calls him to faith, a faith that will allow him to go beyond his doubts and fears and receive the same Spirit that Jesus had breathed upon the other disciples.

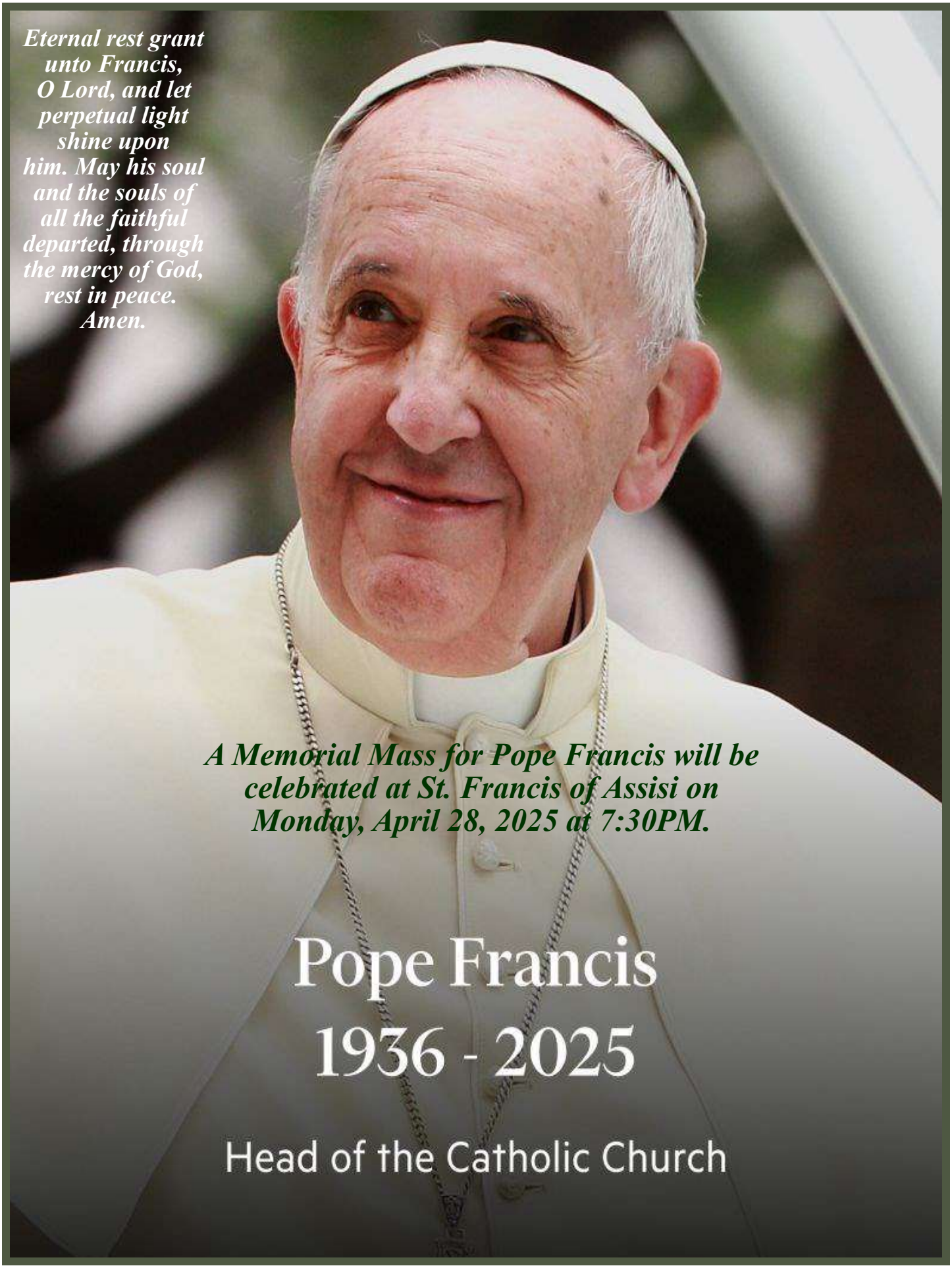
Like Thomas, we, too, struggle with doubts and uncertainties. We, too, sometimes have a hard time believing that which we cannot see. So, the invitation of Jesus to Thomas also extends to us. The Lord injects his mercy, his love and his compassion into our lives to sustain us in the face of all that concerns and troubles us, and we can only respond with hearts full of love and gratitude.

It's not enough, however, for us to simply receive the mercy of God. No, Jesus calls us today to become channels of that mercy in a world that so sorely needs it. We show God's mercy to others, as Jesus suggests, when we forgive others as we have been forgiven, but we also do it through countless daily acts of kindness directed to those around us.

The effort to show God's mercy to others invites us to embrace the deeper meaning of *mercy.* Let's elaborate using the letters that spell out the word *mercy.* It requires us to be *meek*-**M**-and humble. It challenges us to show God's love and forgiveness *equally*-**E-**without fear or favor. It demands that we strive to be *reconciled*-**R-**with God and one another.
It is a *choice*-**C-**we make, not feeling alone. And finally, our efforts to sow the seeds of mercy constitute our *yes*-**Y-**to God's call to be his disciples in our world today.

God's mercy will endure forever, and as long as it does, we will be invited to receive and share the gift of that mercy with others. May our response to this gift echo the words of Thomas: ***My Lord and my God!***

All the Blessings of the Risen Lord,
Msgr. Maresca


Eternal rest grant unto Francis, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.
A Memorial Mass for Pope Francis will be celebrated at St. Francis of Assisi on Monday, April 28, 2025 at 7:30PM.
Pope Francis
1936 - 2025
Head of the Catholic Church

Feast of Divine Mercy
O JESUS, ETERNAL GOD,
I THANK YOU FOR YOUR COUNTLESS GRACES AND BLESSINGS.
LET EVERY BEAT OF MY HEART BE A NEW HYMN
OF THANKSGIVING TO YOU, O GOD.
LET EVERY DROP OF MY BLOOD CIRCULATE FOR YOU, LORD.
MY SOUL IS ONE HYMN IN ADORATION OF YOUR MERCY.
I LOVE YOU, GOD, FOR YOURSELF ALONE (1794).
DIARY OF SAINT MARIA FAUSTINA KOWALSKA
SHIELDED BY GOD 5:12
Jesus, I Trust in You

The Feast Day of Saint Catherine of Siena Tuesday, April 29, 2025

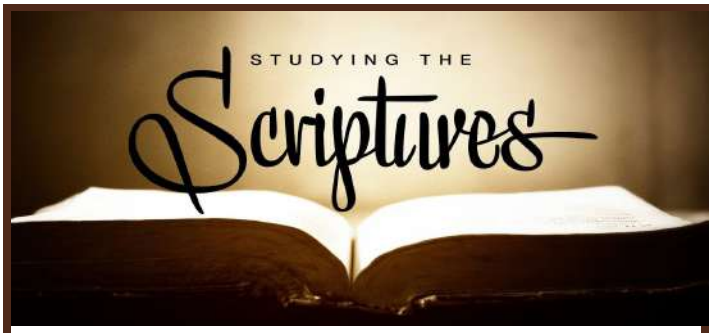
The value Catherine makes central in her short life and which sounds clearly and consistently through her experience is complete surrender to Christ. What is most impressive about her is that she learns to view her surrender to her Lord as a goal to be reached through time. She was the 23rd child of Jacopo and Lapa Benincasa and grew up as an intelligent, cheerful, and intensely religious person. Catherine disappointed her mother by cutting off her hair as a protest against being overly encouraged to improve her appearance in order to attract a husband. Her father ordered her to be left in peace, and she was given a room of her own for prayer and meditation. She entered the Dominican Third Order at 18 and spent the next three years in seclusion, prayer, and austerity. Gradually, a group of followers gathered around her—men and women, priests and religious. An active public apostolate grew out of her contemplative life. Her letters, mostly for spiritual instruction and encouragement of her followers, began to take more and more note of public affairs. Opposition and slander resulted from her mixing fearlessly with the world and speaking with the candor and authority of one completely committed to Christ. She was cleared of all charges at the Dominican General Chapter of 1374. Her public influence reached great heights because of her evident holiness, her membership in the Dominican Third Order, and the deep impression she made on the pope. She worked tirelessly for the crusade against the Turks and for peace between Florence and the pope. In 1378, the Great Schism began, splitting the allegiance of Christendom between two, then three, popes and putting even saints on opposing sides. Catherine spent the last two years of her life in Rome, in prayer and pleading on behalf of the cause of Pope Urban VI and the unity of the Church. She offered herself as a victim for the Church in its agony. She died surrounded by her "children" and was canonized in 1461.

The Feast Day of Saint Joseph the Worker Thursday, May 1, 2025

To foster deep devotion to Saint Joseph among Catholics, and in response to the "May Day" celebrations for workers sponsored by Communists, Pope Pius XII instituted the feast of Saint Joseph the Worker in 1955. This feast extends the long relationship between Joseph and the cause of workers in both Catholic faith and devotion. Beginning in the Book of Genesis, the dignity of human work has long been celebrated as a participation in the creative work of God. By work, humankind both fulfills the command found in Genesis to care for the earth (Gn 2:15) and to be productive in their labors. Saint Joseph, the carpenter and foster father of Jesus, is but one example of the holiness of human labor. Jesus, too, was a carpenter. He learned the trade from Saint Joseph and spent his early adult years working side-by-side in Joseph's carpentry shop before leaving to pursue his ministry as preacher and healer. In his encyclical *Laborem Exercens,* Pope John Paul II stated: "the Church considers it her task always to call attention to the dignity and rights of those who work, to condemn situations in which that dignity and those rights are violated, and to help to guide [social] changes so as to ensure authentic progress by man and society." Saint Joseph is held up as a model of such work. Pius XII emphasized this when he said, "The spirit flows to you and to all men from the heart of the God-man, Savior of the world, but certainly, no worker was ever more completely and profoundly penetrated by it than the foster father of Jesus, who lived with Him in closest intimacy and community of family life and work."To capture the devotion to Saint Joseph within the Catholic liturgy, in 1870, Pope Pius IX declared Saint Joseph the patron of the universal Church. In 1955, Pope Pius XII added the feast of Saint Joseph the Worker. This silent saint, who was given the noble task of caring and watching over the Virgin Mary and Jesus, now cares for and watches over the Church and models for all the dignity of human work.

The Feast Day of
Saints Philip and James, Apostles
Saturday, May 3, 2025

James, Son of Alphaeus: We know nothing of this man except his name, and, of course, the fact that Jesus chose him to be one of the 12 pillars of the New Israel, his Church. He is not the James of Acts, son of Clopas, "brother" of Jesus and later bishop of Jerusalem and the traditional author of the Letter of James. James, son of Alphaeus, is also known as James the Lesser to avoid confusing him with James the son of Zebedee, also an apostle and known as James the Greater. Philip**:** Philip came from the same town as Peter and Andrew, Bethsaida in Galilee. Jesus called him directly, whereupon he sought out Nathanael and told him of the "one about whom Moses wrote" (Jn 1:45). Like the other apostles, Philip took a long time coming to realize who Jesus was. On one occasion, when Jesus saw the great multitude following him and wanted to give them food, he asked Philip where they should buy bread for the people to eat. Saint John comments, "[Jesus] said this to test him, because he himself knew what he was going to do" (Jn 6:6). Philip answered, "Two hundred days' wages worth of food would not be enough for each of them to have a little [bit]" (Jn 6:7). John's story is not a put-down of Philip. It was simply necessary for these men who were to be the foundation stones of the Church to see the clear distinction between humanity's total helplessness apart from God and the human ability to be a bearer of divine power by God's gift. On another occasion, we can almost hear the exasperation in Jesus's voice. After Thomas had complained that they did not know where Jesus was going, Jesus said, "I am the way. If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him" (Jn 14:6a, 7). Then Philip said, "Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us" (Jn 14:8). Enough! Jesus answered, "Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father" (Jn 14:9a). Possibly because Philip bore a Greek name or because he was thought to be close to Jesus, some gentile proselytes came to him and asked him to introduce them to Jesus. Philip went to Andrew, and Andrew went to Jesus. Jesus's reply in John's Gospel is indirect; Jesus says that now his "hour" has come, that in a short time he will give his life for Jew and gentile alike. As in the case of the other apostles, we see in James and Philip human men who became foundation stones of the Church, and we are reminded again that holiness and its consequent apostolate are entirely the gift of God, not a matter of human achieving. All power is God's power, even the power of human freedom to accept his gifts. "You will be clothed with power from on high," Jesus told Philip and the others. Their first commission had been to expel unclean spirits, heal diseases, announce the kingdom. They learned, gradually, that these externals were sacraments of an even greater miracle inside their persons—the divine power to love like God.



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI SCRIPTURE STUDY

Wishing our SFA Family and Friends a Blessed & Joyous Easter.

Dear SFA Friends and Family

The SFA Scripture Study Group will not meet during the Easter week. 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 will never thirst; the water I shall give him will become in him 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.

Saturday, May 3, 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.

The Pascal 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
Louis& Theresa Falco
Nick & Millie Mistretta
Frank & Adelina Falzetti
Vincenzo & Maria Falco

Memorials for the Week of April 27, 2025

SANCTUARY LAMP

In Loving Memory of
Maria Assunta Spiteri & Carmen Gauci
Requested by
The Spiteri Family

ALTAR BREAD

In Loving Memory of
Mario Esposito
Requested by:
Mary Ann Kennedy

ALTAR WINE

In Loving Memory of
Mario Esposito
Requested by:
Mary Ann Kennedy

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, the Polychronakis Family & Angel Garcia.

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.

Sunday of Divine Mercy
April 27, 2025

"Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Pray for Vocations

Consider a vocation as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life. Contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email:vocations@diobrook.org

Parish Mission Statement

St. Francis of Assisi Parish is a Catholic community that is centered in Jesus, gathers in worship and witnesses the Gospel message. The parish values and welcomes each person's gift of time, talent and treasure. As a faith-filled community, we are committed to minister to the spiritual, educational and material needs of all people.

FOCUS:

God grants us countless opportunities to meet Him each day.

Thomas was not present with the other disciples when Jesus appeared to the, and thus he insists he will not believe without seeing Jesus for himself. Jesus comes again and says, *Put your finger here … believe.* In myriad ways, God makes Himself known to us each day, offering us innumerable chances to meet Him. Lord, give us eyes to see You and the courage to respond like Thomas, in faith, *My Lord and my God!*

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 4/19-4/20	**$7,669.00**
St. Vincent de Paul	***$281.00***
Holy Lands	***$255.00***
Senior Priests	***$1,355.00***

School parents must use church envelopes.

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

Mass Attendance for April 19/20, 2025 (Easter Sunday)

7:30PM	**179**
8:00AM	**83**
9:30AM	**340**
11:00AM	**384**
12:30PM	**125**
	Total: 1,111

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.** 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. So far we have pledged $14,069 towards our goal.

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

Please enroll your mother, living or deceased, in the Novena of Masses.
Your envelopes can be returned in any collection. Envelopes can be found at the doors of the church.

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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THIS WEEK

April 27-May 3

Sunday, April 27
SUNDAY of DIVINE MERCY
1:30PM Baptism

Monday, April 28
12:00PM Golden Age
7:30PM Memorial Mass for Pope Francis

Tuesday, April 29
6:30PM AA Meeting

Wednesday, April 30
3:00PM Drama Club
6:00PM Support Group -Rectory Basement
7:30PM-Bereavement Group-Rectory Basement

Thursday, May 1
10:00AM-Legion of Mary
6:00PM IACA
7:20PM Scripture Study

Friday, May 2
FIRST FRIDAY

Saturday, May 3
9:00am Anointing Mass
11:00AM—First Holy Communion
1:00PM—First Holy Communion

NEXT WEEK

May 4-May 10

Sunday, May 4
10:40AM-CCD

Monday, May 5
12:00PM Golden Age
3:00PM Children's Choir
7:00PM Adult Choir

Tuesday, May 6
6:30PM AA Meeting

Wednesday, May 7
3:00PM Drama Club
6:00PM Support Group -Rectory Basement
7:30PM-Bereavement Group-Rectory Basement

Thursday, May 8
10:00AM-Legion of Mary
6:00PM IACA-Party
7:20PM Scripture Study

Friday, May 9
May Crowning
6:00PM Radio Bingo

Saturday, May 10

MAY 2025
LECTOR / MINISTER SCHEDULE

	EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
	MAY 3 - 4	MAY 10-11	MAY 17-18	MAY 24-25	MAY 31-JUNE 1
LECTORS					
Saturday 5:00PM	Dolores Ratkowski	Debbi Skinner	Edward Kubina	Dolores Ratkowski	Debbi Skinner
Sunday 8:00 AM	Rob Laucella	Andrew Soltesz	Rob Laucella	Andrew Soltesz	Rob Laucella
Sunday 9:30 AM	Sharon Costanza	Martha O'Toole	Maria Brooks	Josephine Corso	Patrick O'Toole
Sunday 11:00 AM	Carol Hickey	Carol Hickey	Carol Hickey	Carol Hickey	Carol Hickey
Sunday 12:30 PM	Anna Marie Del Carro	Maria Bruno	Anna Maria Tenaglia	Jackie Machia	Maria Bruno
MINISTERS					
Saturday 5:00PM	Ray Conlon	Ray Conlon	Ray Conlon	----------	TBD
Sunday 8:00 AM	----------	----------	----------	----------	TBD
Sunday 9:30 AM	Theresa Mincone	----------	----------	Phillip Mincone	TBD
Sunday 11:00 AM	----------	----------	----------	----------	TBD
Sunday 12:30 PM	----------	Giuseppina Sferazza	----------	Nicolette Cosentino	Antonella Tomosello

REMINDER ***

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

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

Nancy Annunziata: Love Manifested Through Service in our Parish

At St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, we are blessed to have many dedicated individuals who contribute to our vibrant community. Among them, Nancy Annunziata stands out for her unwavering commitment and multifaceted roles. Nancy's journey with St. Francis began as a second-grade teacher, and over the past 31 years, she has grown into a cornerstone of our parish, currently serving as the 3K/PreK Director.

Nancy's day starts early, overseeing the NYC-funded DOE 3K/PreK Program, where she manages the daily activities of 81 energetic three and four-year-olds. Her responsibilities range from comforting an upset child to planning with teachers, working on the funding budget, and touring the program with prospective parents. Nancy's dedication extends far beyond the classroom; she is also a Eucharistic Minister, Parish Council Member, SFA Children's Choir Moderator, SFA Festival Basket Coordinator, SFACA Singers Moderator, and altar decorator.

Reflecting on her work, Nancy shares, "Every day is a brand-new adventure!" She seamlessly blends her spiritual practices with her daily tasks, embodying Mother Teresa's wisdom: "There are no great things, only small things done with great love." Nancy's approach transforms her life into a living prayer, where each act of service is an act of love and a testament to her faith.

One of Nancy's most memorable experiences highlights the power of community and prayer. She recalls a time when a student's infant sister was gravely ill, and the parents' sought prayers. Nancy's request for prayers was met with immediate and heartfelt responses from teachers and students alike. "As I walked out of the first class, I heard the teacher stop the class, explain to the children that there was a child in need of prayers, and the students prayed. I went to five classrooms that day, and every single teacher did the exact same thing. I was so grateful that I worked in a place where the idea that saying prayers for a sick child took precedence over everything else," she says. Today, that little girl is 18 years old and thriving.

Nancy's joy comes from the relationships she builds through her work. Whether it is collaborating on the Fall Festival, which she loves for its ability to unite the Academy and Parish, or guiding the Children's Choir, Nancy's impact is profound. She hopes that her efforts with the choir will instill the importance of attending Mass and serving the church in the young participants.

Balancing her work alongside her roles as wife, daughter, mother, and grandmother, Nancy relies on the dedication and work-ethic of her co-workers to keep moving forward. Her greatest challenge is finding more hours in the day, but she remains focused on the care, development, and growth of every student.

Nancy Annunziata's service to St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church is a shining example of love and dedication. Her contributions enrich our community, and we are deeply grateful for all she does. Thank you, Nancy, for your tireless efforts and the joy you bring to our parish.

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*

_____ 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.

Dear Parishioners,

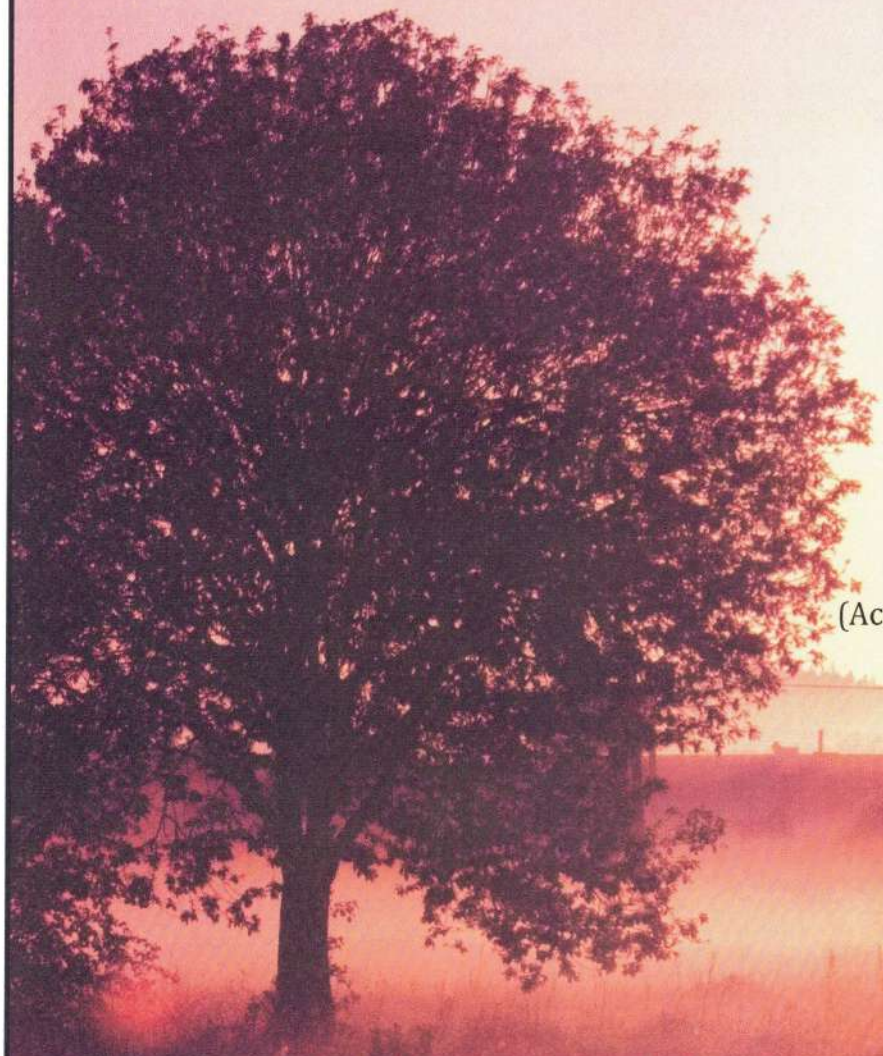
As you know on Sunday, October 19, 2025, we will be celebrating the 95th Anniversary of St. Francis of Assisi Parish. Our planning committee is hard at work to make this day an enjoyable experience for all.

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 Church – Bereavement Support Group

"The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit." – Psalm 34:18



Wednesday evenings
(Starting April 30, 2025)
7:30pm – 8:30pm

St. Francis of Assisi Church
Rectory Meeting Room
21-17 45th Street
Astoria, NY 11105

Please enter through
The basement back door.
(Accessible by the side gate. Follow the signs)
Parking available in the Church Lot

If you are grieving the loss of a loved one, you are not alone. St. Francis of Assisi Church invites you to join a compassionate and supportive bereavement group. Together we will reflect, share, and find comfort through prayer and community. This group is open to all—parishioners and non-parishioners alike.

Come as you are. All are welcome.

Contact Carol Hickey at SFAparishcouncil@sfaacademy.org
or inquire with the rectory for more information.

ADULT CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS/ DYSFUNCTIONAL FAMILIES

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