Seventh Sunday of Easter

Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, June 1 – Seventh Sunday of Easter
8:00 A.M. For the People of St. Francis
9:30 A.M. Emilio Rodriguez
11:00 A.M. Mario Esposito
12:30P.M. Andres Felipe Londono Garcia
Nicola & Linda Zulli
Rino DelCarro
Rosa Gambino

MONDAY, June 2 - Sts. Marcellinus & Peter
9:00 A.M. Joseph Hili Jr.

TUESDAY, June 3 - St. Charles Lwanga & Companions
9:00 A.M. Marie Salamone

WEDNESDAY, June 4 - Weekday
9:00 A.M. Joseph Salamone

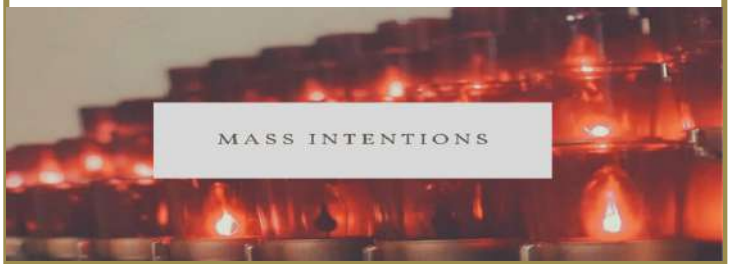
THURSDAY, June 5 - St. Boniface
9:00 A.M. Mary DiPietro

FRIDAY, June 6 - St. Norbert
9:00 A.M. Victor Salamone

SATURDAY, June 7 - First Saturday
9:00 A.M. Purgatorial Society
The Living and Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary
Filomena Mincone
John McCarthy
Margaret McCarthy
Grace & Elisea DaCorta
Stephen DaCorta
DaCorta Family
Colussi Family
Mezey Family
Henri Chlesa
Riccardo Navarro

5:00P.M. Raymond Loud

SUNDAY, June 8 –Solemnity of Pentecost
8:00 A.M. Holy Name Mass
9:30 A.M. For the People of St. Francis
11:00 A.M. Mario Esposito
12:30P.M. Maria Rita Zucchetto
Rino DelCarro
Emilia Bertolo
Assunta D'Angelo
Vorkos Family



Today's Readings

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 7:55-60
Revelation 22:12-14,16-17,20
John 17:20-26

"I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word, so that they may all be one, as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. And I have given them the glory You gave me, so that they may be one, as We are one, I in them and You in Me, that they may be brought to perfection as one, that the world may know that You sent Me, and that You loved them even as You loved Me. Father, they are Your gift to Me. I wish that where I am they also may be with Me, that they may see My glory that You gave me, because You loved Me before the foundation of the world. Righteous Father, the world does not know You, but I know You, and they know that You sent me. I made known to them Your name and I will make it known, that the love with which You loved me may be in them and I in them."

Readings for the Week

MONDAY: Acts 19:1-8
John 16:29-33

TUESDAY: Acts 20:17-27
John 17:1-11A

WEDNESDAY: Acts 20:28-38
John 17:11B-19

THURSDAY: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11
John 17:20-26

FRIDAY: Acts 25:13B-21
John 21:15-19

SATURDAY: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31
John 21:20-25

Solemnity of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-11
1 Corinthians 12:3B-7, 12-13
John 20:19-23

From the Pastor's Desk:

"So will My Heavenly Father do to you."

My Dear Parishioners,

We hear many answers to the question, "Who was Jesus?" Some people say he was a great preacher who called the poor blessed and promised the world to the meek. Others remark about the amazing miracles he performed, healing those who were sick, calming the stormy sea, and multiplying fish and bread to feed thousands. For Christians, Jesus is a Savior and Redeemer, Brother and Shepherd.

One of the most persistent themes in the Gospels is Jesus as forgiver and reconciler. This is of utmost importance for us if we want to imitate Jesus. In the most basic prayer Jesus taught, we ask for forgiveness to the same degree that we are willing to forgive. Time and again people came to Jesus to be cured of their ailments, and the first act of Jesus was to forgive their sins.

The first words Jesus spoke to the paralyzed man whose friends lowered him through an opening in the roof were words of forgiveness. (Lk 5:20) Restoring the man's ability to walk seemed to be of less importance than restoring him to a right relationship with God. The scribes and Pharisees tried to trap Jesus by presenting a case before him of a woman caught in adultery. Would Jesus agree with the law of Moses and condemn the woman to be stoned? When faced with the question of personal sin, no one was willing to cast the first stone. Jesus dismissed the woman without condemnation. (Jn 8:11)

Peter's generous offer to forgive his brother seven times was dismissed by Jesus as inadequate. We are to forgive seventy times seven. Jesus concludes his teaching about the merciless official who begged forgiveness for his debt, but was ready to imprison those indebted to him, with the warning: *So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart.* (Mt 18:35)

As we proclaimed the passion during Holy Week, we heard the words of Jesus forgiving even those who condemned and crucified him. Today, we heard Stephen echo that forgiveness, even as he lay dying beneath the stones thrown by his attackers. How must those words have struck the bystanders? Perhaps some went away with forgiveness in their hearts.

To have a forgiving heart is a goal for each of us. When we hold a grudge, it hurts our own well-being. We can become bitter and hard, and the object of our disdain may well feel nothing. Once in a while in the news, we may hear of parents able to forgive the murderer of their child, or a spouse willing to forgive a wrong that threatens a marriage. We may even admire such actions and wonder if we would be capable of such generous deeds. Jesus said that whatever we ask in prayer, if we believe that we will receive it, we will. It is possible to have a forgiving heart, if we pray for it.

All the Blessings of the Risen Lord,
Msgr. Maresca

New Parishioners

We welcome the following people to our Parish Family:
Miriam Vella
The Shepherd-Cruz Family

Baptisms

We celebrate the Baptisms which took place:

Lawrence John Brancifort
Maria Angelina Lopez
Giabella Reyes

Purgatorial Society

The following name was newly enrolled in the Purgatorial Society. Please remember to keep the family in your prayers.

Irma Corujo Martinez

Recently Deceased

We continue to pray for our Recently Deceased:
Frank A. DeTucci
Emilia Bertolo
Rosemarie Razza
Frank Nicci
Matteo Curcuru
Assunta D'Angelo
Thomas Horgan

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, Geraldine Catoggio & Assunta Di Benedetto.

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.

Seventh Sunday of Easter
June 1, 2025

"I wish that where I am, they may also be."

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

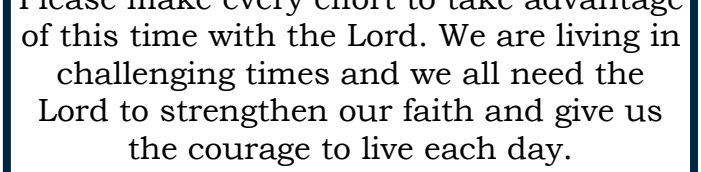
Prayer for Vocations

O Holy Spirit, Spirit of wisdom and divine love, impart Your knowledge, understanding, and counsel to youth that they may know the vocation wherein they can best serve God.
Give them courage and strength to follow God's holy will. Guide their uncertain steps, strengthen their resolutions, shield their chastity, fashion their minds, conquer their hearts, and lead them to the vineyards where they will labor in God's holy Service.
Amen.

FOCUS:

Christ prayed for us to be one with Him, with His Father, and with each other.

During the Last Supper, Jesus prayed for His disciples - those who followed Him during His earthly life and those who would believe in Him in future generations - to be united with Him and to each other. He makes unity possible by the events we celebrate during the Easter Season. By His passion, resurrection, and the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are united as members of the Church and adopted children of God.

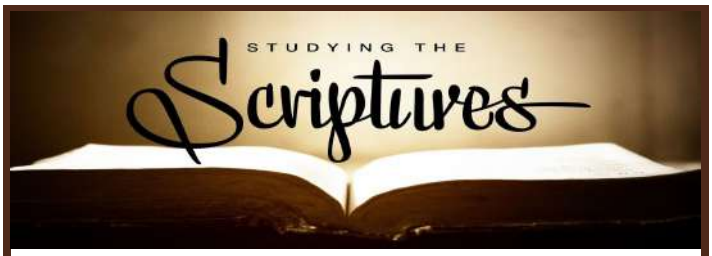


Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place before the 9:00AM Mass. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed at 8:00AM each morning, Monday through Saturday, giving parishioners an opportunity for private prayer before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. At 8:30AM the rosary will be prayed by parishioners. 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.

Sunday, June 8th, the 12:30PM Mass will be a Mass of Thanksgiving for Marybeth, our Parish Secretary, who will be retiring in June. Following Mass there will be a light lunch in Msgr. Campbell Hall. Please join us at this reception to thank Marybeth for her service in our Parish and wish her well in her retirement. Remember to call the Rectory at 718-728-7801 if you plan to attend the reception in order for us to have enough food.
Thank you.



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI SCRIPTURE STUDY

Dear SFA Friends and Family

The Scripture Study Group will meet on Thursday, June 5, in the St. Joseph Room of the Rectory from 7:20pm to 8:50pm. Join us as we continue the study of "Life Eternal": Lesson 5 - The Letter to the Hebrews.

"Son though He was, he learned obedience from what He suffered; and when He was made perfect, He became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey Him." (Hebrews 5:8-9)

Grow in Knowledge and Love of Scripture.

All are Invited … ALL ARE WELCOME!

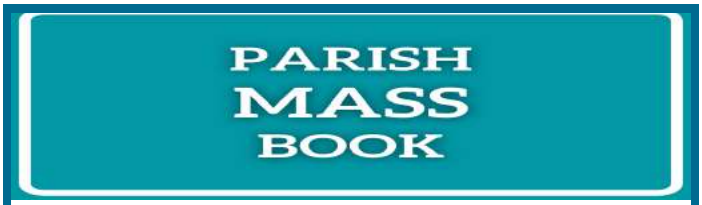
The Gospel readings and study will be conducted using the Little Rock Scripture Study program. Study booklets will be provided.

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.

Receiving Holy Communion

For those who have difficulty walking up the aisle to receive Holy Communion, may I suggest that you sit in the front row on either side to save yourself some steps. The priest, deacon, or minister will come down to you in the pew and give you Holy Communion. However, if for some reason you need to sit towards the back of the Church, please let the usher know and they will inform the priest, deacon, or minister, and we will come back to you to give you Holy Communion when we finish those in line.
Thanks,
Monsignor Maresca

Our Father's Day Novena of Masses will begin on Sunday June 15, 2025 and will continue through June 21st. Please consider making an offering to remember your Fathers, Grandfathers, Uncles, and anyone else who has a fatherly role in your life for this special Novena of Masses. Envelopes are available at the back of the Church.



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

On every First Saturday of the Month, we have our Anointing Mass at 9am. All are invited and we encourage you to bring your loved ones to this very special Mass each Month.

Our next Anointing Mass is this Saturday, June 7, 2025.

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.

The Holy Name Society

This Sunday June 8, 2025, the 8:00AM Mass is the Holy Name Mass. The Mission of the Holy Name Society is to promote devotion and reverence for the Holy Name of God and Jesus.
All are invited for this celebration of the Most Holy Name of Jesus. It is a wonderful way to come closer to our Lord.
The Holy Name Mass is held the 2nd Sunday of each month at 8:00AM.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THIS WEEK

June 1 - June 7

Sunday, June 1

Monday, June 2
12:00PM Golden Age - MCH
3:00PM Awards Night Set-Up
3:00PM Children's Choir
7:00PM Adult Choir
7:00PM Festival Meeting

Tuesday, June 3
3K/Pre-K BBQ
6:30PM AA Meeting

Wednesday, June 4
Kindergarten BBQ
3:00PM Drama Club
5:00PM 8th Grade Awards
6:00PM Support Group -Rectory Basement
7:30PM-Bereavement Group-Rectory Basement

Thursday, June 5
10:00AM-Legion of Mary
6:00PM IACA
7:20PM Scripture Study

Friday, June 6
First Friday

Saturday, June 7
9:00AM Anointing Mass
6:00PM Youth Group

NEXT WEEK

June 8 - June 14

Sunday, June 8
Pentecost Sunday
8:00AM Holy Name Mass
12:30PM Mass of Thanksgiving & Reception for
Our Parish Secretary, Marybeth Brickner

Monday, June 9

Tuesday, June 10
6:30PM AA Meeting

Wednesday, June 11
9:00AM 3K Completion Ceremony
6:00PM Support Group -Rectory Basement
7:30PM-Bereavement Group-Rectory Basement

Thursday, June 12
9:00AM Pre-K Completion Ceremony
10:00AM Legion of Mary
6:00PM IACA
7:20PM Scripture Study

Friday, June 13
5:00PM Graduation Mass & Ceremony

Saturday, June 14

JUNE 2025
LECTOR / MINISTER SCHEDULE

	PENTECOST SUNDAY JUNE 7 - 8	THE MOST HOLY TRINITY JUNE 14-15	CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY JUNE 21-22	13TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME JUNE 28-29
LECTORS				
Saturday 5:00PM	Edward Kubina	Dolores Ratkowski	Debbi Skinner	Edward Kubina
Sunday 8:00 AM	Rob Laucella	Andrew Soltesz	Rob Laucella	Andrew Soltesz
Sunday 9:30 AM	Martha O'Toole	Patrick O'Toole	Sharon Costanza	Josephine Corso
Sunday 11:00 AM	Jane Di Donato	Carol Hickey	Jane Di Donato	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

St. Charles Lwanga and Companions
Tuesday June 3, 2025

One of 22 Ugandan martyrs, Charles Lwanga is the patron of youth and Catholic action in most of tropical Africa. He protected his fellow pages, aged 13 to 30, from the horrible demands of the Bagandan ruler, Mwanga, and encouraged and instructed them in the Catholic Faith during their imprisonment for refusing the ruler's demands.

Charles first learned of Christ's teachings from two retainers in the court of Chief Mawulugungu. While a catechumen, he entered the royal household as assistant to Joseph Mukaso, head of the court pages.

On the night of Mukaso's martyrdom, Charles requested and received the sacrament of Baptism. Imprisoned with his friends, Charles' courage and belief in God inspired them to remain chaste and faithful.

For his own unwillingness to submit to the immoral acts and his efforts to safeguard the faith of his friends, Charles was burned to death at Namugongo on June 3, 1886, by Mwanga's order.

Pope Paul VI canonized these 22 martyrs on October 18, 1964.

Prayer:

O God, who have made the blood of Martyrs the seed of Christians, Mercifully grant the field which is your Church, watered by the blood shed by Saints Charles Lwanga and his companions, may be fertile and always yield you an abundant harvest. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, you Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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 5/24-5/25 **$3,860**

School parents must use church envelopes.

Mass Attendance for May 24/25, 2025

5:00PM	**71**
8:00AM	**45**
9:30AM	**79**
11:00AM	**99**
12:30PM	**45**
	Total: 341

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.

Annual Catholic Appeal 2025

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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 **$24,859** 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."

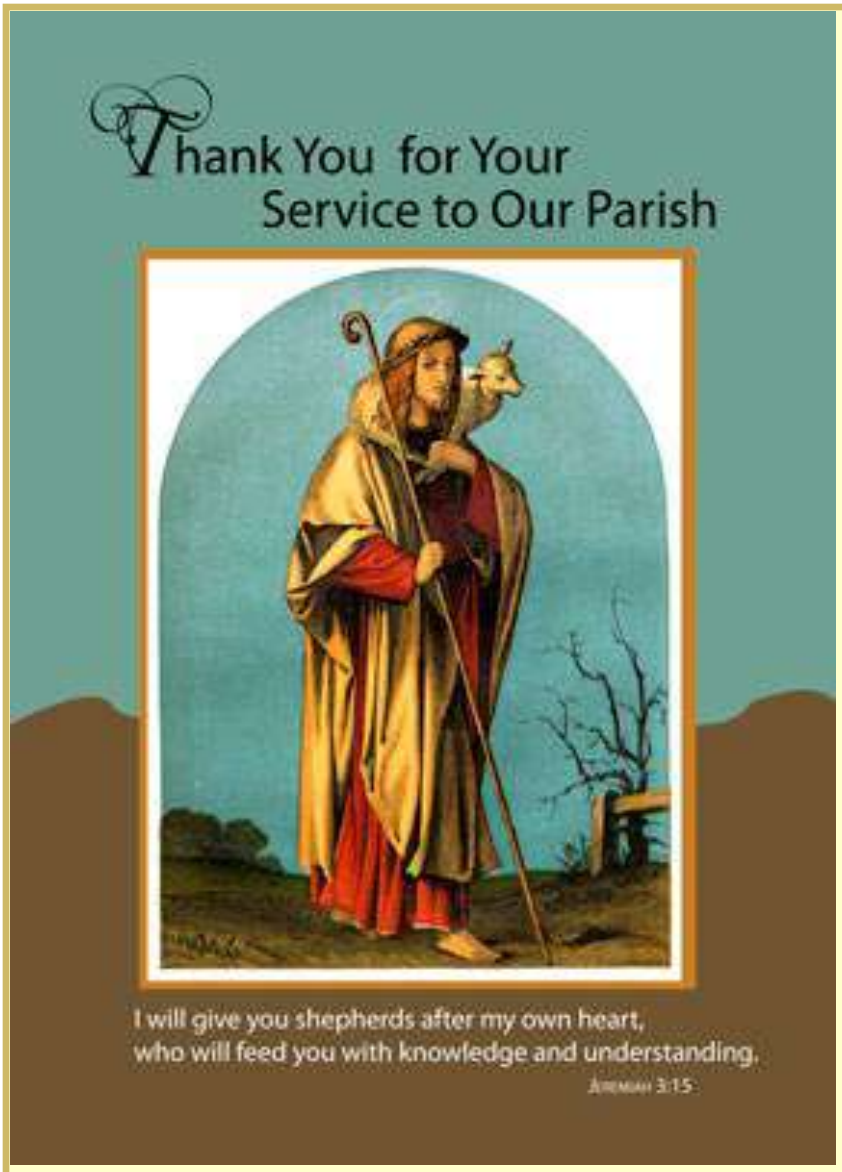
Thank you for all your effort.
God Bless,
Msgr. Maresca

May's Monthly 50/50 Winners are:

1st Place: Mr. & Mrs. Walter Zilinski
2nd Place: Mr. & Mrs. Edward Kubina
3rd Place: Mrs. Maria Purich

Congratulations to the Winners!

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



Thank you, Fr. Mattia!

On behalf of our Parish Family, Staff, Deacons, and myself, I want to thank Fr. Mattia for his presence with us these past five months. As he returns to his Diocese we wish him a safe journey. We pray that his ministry will be fruitful.
Monsignor Maresca

Dear Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi,
Time has flown by and now it is time for me to go back to my Diocese of Bergamo. Thanks to each and every one of you for your warm welcome these past months, for your patience, and for the life and faith we have shared. Thank you especially to Msgr. Maresca who, without knowing me, took me in with him and made me feel welcome in our community.

I return to Bergamo with much gratitude and with many brothers and sisters to carry in my prayers. If you pass through Italy, let me know. God willing, it will happen in the coming years for us to see each other again. May the Lord Bless our paths!

Fr. Mattia Magoni

In Celebration and Thanksgiving of our Parish Secretary, Marybeth Brickner

There will be a Mass of Thanksgiving at 12:30pm on Sunday, June 8th, 2025 for Marybeth's service to the Parish with a Reception following immediately afterwards in Monsignor Campbell Hall.

All are invited to attend both the Mass and Reception.
We kindly ask that you RSVP for the Reception by calling the Rectory at 718-728-7801.

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Fall Festival

We are getting ready for this year's
St. Francis of Assisi Fall Festival
and we need your help
to make it a success!
Please consider volunteering your
time and talents to help us plan
and organize this fun Parish & Academy event.

Fall Festival Planning Meeting

Date: Monday, June 2, 2025

Time: 7:00pm

Location: Rectory Basement

We'll be discussing event ideas, assigning
roles, and setting the timeline.
Whether you can help a little or a lot,
we'd love to have you involved.

Hope to see you then!

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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_____ 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.

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