Third Sunday of Easter

Mass Intentions

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. Rino Del Carro
Vito Modesto Lamanna
Sister Maria Rita Zucchetto

MONDAY, May 5-Weekday
9:00 A.M. Marie Salamone

TUESDAY, May 6-Weekday
9:00 A.M. Joseph Hili Sr.

WEDNESDAY, May 7-Weekday
9:00 A.M. Mila Wierman (Living)

THURSDAY, May 8-Weekday
9:00 A.M. Victor Di Donato

FRIDAY, May 9–Weekday
9:00 A.M. Patricia Hili

SATURDAY, May 10-Saint John of Avila
9:00 A.M. Purgatorial Society
Filomena Mincone
Victor A. Di Donato
Elsie Brinkman

5:00P.M. Mrs. Grace Fulop

SUNDAY, May 11–Fourth Sunday of Easter
8:00 A.M. Holy Name
9:30 A.M. Nerina Llossas
11:00 A.M. For the People of St. Francis
12:30P.M. Mother's Day Novena
Filomena Mincone
Rino Del Carro
Vito Modesto Lamanna
Filomena Giovanna Cinquemani
Antonia Carone

Today's Readings

Third Sunday of Easter

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

This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."
(John 20:15-19)

Readings for the Week

MONDAY: Acts 6:8-15
John 6:22-29

TUESDAY: Acts 7:51-8:1a
John 3:7b-15

WEDNESDAY: Acts 8:1b-8
John 6:35-40

THURSDAY: Acts 8:26-40
John 6:44-51

FRIDAY: Acts 9:1-20
John 6:52-59

SATURDAY: Acts 9:31-42
John 6:60-69

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 13:41, 43-52
Revelation 7:9, 14b-17
John 10:27-30

My Dear Parishioners,

One thing we do not want to overlook during this Easter season is its invitation to open our hearts to the Risen Jesus so we may be renewed and strengthened by his love and come to experience a newer and more abundant life in Him. This not only includes the promise and hope of eternal life in heaven but also the gifts and blessings that truly satisfy the deepest hunger and yearnings of our hearts such as peace, joy, and fulfillment.

What is one of the most essential things we need to be doing to have hearts that are open to Jesus and to the new and abundant life he wishes to give us? Regular and consistent prayer is essential to having hearts that are ever open to Jesus.

It is important that we see coming to Mass each week as an integral and essential part of our prayer life. When we gather each week to give praise and thanks to God, we are nourished not only by the word of God preached and proclaimed, but we are also nourished by Jesus, himself, in the Eucharist. Through Sacred Scripture and the Eucharist, Jesus speaks to our hearts and reveals the things we need to know in order to grow in our love for him.

One should also set aside time each day for personal prayer, asking God to give us hearts that are truly open to Jesus. Today's readings remind us that giving thanks to God for the blessings he bestows upon us should be included as a part of our daily routine of prayer. Today's Responsorial Psalm exhorts us to praise the Lord for he has rescued and saved us. This theme is also apparent in the second reading from the Book of Revelation which, through its majestic imagery, encourages us to join with the great host of creatures in both heaven and on earth in giving all proper glory, honor, praise and thanks to God.

Taking time to give thanks to God through prayer each day forms within us a deeper sense of gratitude. With hearts that are more open and responsive to experience more fully the depths of God's love, we can pour ourselves out in love and service to others. Our goal should be to lead lives which give greater glory to God throughout the Easter season and every day thereafter.

All the Blessings of the Risen Lord,
Msgr. Maresca

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.

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"Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered."

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:

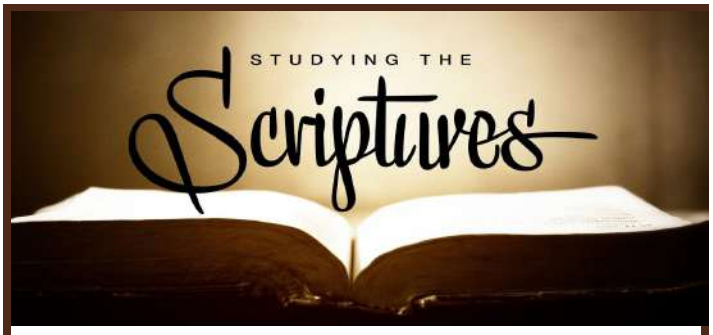
We must obey God rather than men.

In order to move forward, we need to move back. We need to remember, to be ready for what is to come. In the Mass, we are reminded of how Jesus offered Himself for us; how He cares for and nourishes us; and how He guides us. With this remembrance, we can move forward in love to follow and serve Him

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 SCRIPTURE STUDY

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

Dear SFA Friends and Family

The SFA Scripture Study Group will meet On May 8th in the St. Joseph room of the rectory from 7:20 to 8:50PM. Join us in the study of "Life Eternal." Lesson 2 will discuss The Synoptic Gospels and Acts of the Apostles.

"My sheep hear my voice; I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish." (John 10:28-29)

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.

Holy Name Society

On Sunday, May 11th, 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. What better way than to participate in the Holy Name Monthly Mass. All are invited to join in this celebration.

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

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

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 4/26-4/27 **$4,208.00**

School parents must use church envelopes.

50/50 April 2025 Winners

First Prize
Mrs. Assunta Scarda

Second Prize
Maria Theresa Despojo

Third Prize
Francesca Tomasello

Congratulations!

Associated Vincentian Charities of Brooklyn

For each car, truck or van, running or not, The Associated Vincentian Charities of Brooklyn will give back to St. Francis of Assisi $50/100 per vehicle. Maybe you don't have a vehicle, but a family member, friend or neighbor has an old or neglected vehicle in their driveway that they would like to dispose of.

Call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at **(718) 491-2525.**

Mass Attendance for April 26/27, 2025 (Sunday of Divine Mercy)

7:30PM	**88**
8:00AM	**61**
9:30AM	**126**
11:00AM	**115**
12:30PM	**57**
	Total: 447

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 $15,319 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.

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

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
2:00PM May Crowning
6:00PM IACA-Party
7:20PM Scripture Study

Friday, May 9
6:00PM Radio Bingo

Saturday, May 10

NEXT WEEK

May 11-May 10

Sunday, May 11
Mother's Day

Monday, May 12
12:00PM Golden Age Mass
1:00PM Golden Age
3:00PM Children's Choir
7:00PM Adult Choir
7:00PM Parish Council Meeting

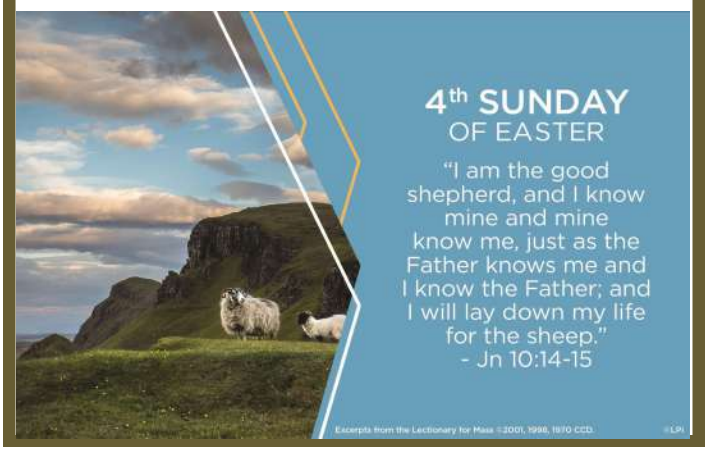
Tuesday, May 13
6:30PM AA Meeting

Wednesday, May 14
3:00PM Drama Club
6:00PM Support Group -Rectory Basement
7:30PM-Bereavement Group-Rectory Basement

Thursday, May 15
10:00AM-Legion of Mary
6:00PM IACA-Party
7:20PM Scripture Study

Friday, May 16

Saturday, May 17



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

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May 2025

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

One Minute Meditations

St. Augustine of Canterbury

St. Augustine was an Italian Benedictine monk who, with forty other monks, was sent to re-evangelize England. The Celtic population had already accepted Christ, but the incoming Anglo-Saxons hadn't. St. Augustine and his companions arrived at Ebbsfleet in 597, and were, thankfully, welcomed by King Ethelbert of Kent, who gave them permission to preach the Gospel. He also later converted. St. Augustine and his companions successfully converted southern England. He is called the "Apostle of England."

Happy Pentecost!

On Pentecost, the Holy Spirit descended on the Blessed Mother and the Apostles in the Upper Room, in a display of divine glory. The Holy Spirit continues to guide the Church, just as He inspired the first Apostles to go preach to the ends of the earth. How might He be guiding you? (We celebrate Pentecost on June 8, this year.)

"Be the one"

"Be with Jesus. … I always write that sentence, 'I looked for one to comfort Me, but I found no one.' Then I write, 'Be the one.' So now you be that one. Try to be the one to share with Him, to comfort Him, to console Him. So let us ask Our Lady to help us understand."

Mother Teresa

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"Be not afraid"

What God wants most for each of us is to be happy with Him in Heaven. He uses the world to shape us and give us qualities that will help us get there untainted by sin. *"Indeed, like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand …"* (Jeremiah 18:6). Sometimes that means allowing us to undergo trials that cleanse and strengthen us.

Don't judge a gift by its ugly wrapping paper. Some virtues can only be acquired through hardship. Avoiding discomfort will cause you to miss out on experiences God wants you to have. While they may be uncomfortable, God would remove them at once if they weren't good for your soul.

"Pray, hope and don't worry." This famous advice from St. Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio) is both comforting and practical. Many of tomorrow's troubles exist only in our minds. Live your trust in God by refusing to think about what might happen and instead deal with what is happening right now. Refuse to worry. *"Can any of you by worrying add a single moment to your life-span?"* (Matthew 6:27).

"Fear not, for I am with you,
be not dismayed, for I am your God;
I will strengthen you, I will help you,
I will uphold you with my victorious right hand" (Isaiah 41:10).

Accept aid. When overwhelmed, we may overlook the help God is already providing, mistakenly believing we must face challenges alone. This mindset can lead to pride — the temptation to act without God.

Instead, stay open to help from others, seek guidance in Scripture and Church teachings, and remain rooted in prayer and the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist. Once your storm passes, you'll be prepared to support others through theirs.

Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics have different images of the Blessed Mother?

In the well-known Marian apparitions approved by the Church — Guadalupe, Lourdes, Fatima, and Kibeho — the Blessed Virgin Mary's appearance seems to adapt to the local culture of those to whom she appears, while her central message remains consistent: a call to prayer, repentance and renewed devotion to the Faith.

For example, the miraculous image of Our Lady of Guadalupe features symbolic elements that the Aztec people would have understood, communicating the Gospel message in a way that resonated within their cultural context. This adaptation of Mary's appearance underscores her closeness to the communities she visits, reflecting the profound truth of her spiritual motherhood of all Christians.

The Ascension brings us closer to Jesus

The Ascension might have felt like a moment of separation to Jesus' disciples, but in reality, it brought them closer to Him in a deeper spiritual connection. Through His Ascension, Jesus became spiritually present everywhere, continually interceding on our behalf. He is always thinking of us, presenting our needs to the Father. When we pray, we are never alone—Jesus Himself is praying with us and for us.

Prayer "power-up." Prayer doesn't have to feel good to be good prayer. It can be a real struggle to pray throughout the day, to stay focused on God, and not get distracted. That's when we can lean on Jesus' perfect prayer to the Father. We can join our prayers to His, and know they are pleasing to God.

Offer it up. Whether it involves suffering, fulfilling a necessary duty, or performing an act of charity, when we unite these actions with Jesus' self-offering on the Cross, they gain profound spiritual significance and immeasurable value for souls — especially our own.

Mass intentions. During Holy Communion or right after Mass, take a moment to present your concerns, and your desires to God, dedicating them to the service and glory of His love. Remember, God is never outdone in generosity!

from Scripture — John 14:23-29, *"I am with you always."*

This Gospel reading comes from Jesus' farewell discourse at the Last Supper. As He prepared to face His Passion, death, Resurrection, and Ascension, Jesus sought to strengthen His disciples, a close-knit group who had followed Him for three years. In this poignant moment, He reassured them of His continued presence, even after His departure. Before ascending to Heaven, Jesus promised, *"I am with you always"* (Matthew 28:20).

Jesus' message was clear: although His followers would no longer see Him physically, He would remain invisibly but powerfully present. If they kept His word, both He and the Father would dwell within them through grace. Furthermore, He promised to send the Holy Spirit as a guide and comforter, granting them the gift of His peace and the assurance of His return.

It is natural to feel that being faithful would be easier if we could see and hear Jesus directly. Yet, He remains present in His Church—in her worship, prayer, sacraments, and acts of charity.

Above all, Jesus is profoundly present in the Eucharist, where His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity are truly present (CCC, #1374). We do not need to look back in time; we encounter Jesus at every Mass.

Feasts & Celebrations

May 3 – Sts. Philip and James (First Century). St. Philip was born in Bethsaida and followed John the Baptist before he followed Christ. After the Ascension, St. Philip preached in Asia Minor, where he was martyred. St. James, the son of Alphaeus, was also one of the twelve Apostles.

May 12 – Sais Nereus and Achilleus (d.c.100). Little is known about the early lives of Saints Nereus and Achilleus. They were Roman soldiers of the Praetorian Guard but converted to Christianity. They resigned the army, refusing to serve the Emperer. They were exiled from Rome to the island of Terracina and were beheaded.

May 29 – Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord (1st Century). Today marks the completion of Jesus' mission of salvation and his triumphant entry into Heaven. *Note: In many dioceses, observance of Ascension has been moved to the following Sunday.*

May 29 – Pope St. Paul VI (1978). Born in 1897, near Brescia, Italy, Giovanni Battista Montini spent most of his priesthood working for the Vatican. He was elected pope in 1963 and concluded the Second Vatican Council, went on many apostolic missions, and wrote several significant encyclicals. He died in 1978.

Q & A — How can I make a consecration to Mary?

The Marian Consecration, or *Total Consecration to Mary*, is a devotion dating back to the 1700s, introduced by St. Louis de Montfort. It involves entrusting one's life to Jesus through the Blessed Mother. This practice has been highly praised by many saints and popes, including Pope St. John Paul II.

Marian consecration does not involve worshiping Mary or treating her as divine. Instead, it acknowledges that Mary, as Christ's mother, always leads us to her Son. Mary serves as a bridge, guiding us closer to Jesus by the safest and most direct route.

On the Cross, Jesus gave His mother to humanity, saying, *"Behold your mother"* (John 19:26-27). St. John Paul II saw this as an invitation to deeper intimacy with Christ by drawing closer to the one closest to Him on earth.

Many who practice the consecration experience a deeper, more transformative prayer life, drawing closer to both Mary and Jesus. *(Note: Catholic websites like EWTN and the National Shrine of St. Louis de Montfort provide free downloadable versions and instructions.)*

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ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI
NEW MASS SCHEDULE
starting
JULY 1, 2025
SATURDAY EVENING
5:00 pm
SUNDAY MORNING
8:00 am
9:30 am
11:00 am
The 11am Mass will have multiple intentions, meaning more than one name will be allowed.
The 12:30 pm Italian Mass will no longer be celebrated

Catholic Youth Organization

Children are at the heart of our mission

Soccer

Saturday 4/26

SFA Mites lost 4-1 to Grace - Great Effort by the Mites. With four saves by our goalkeeper Charlie Schultz and our first goal of the season scored by Theodore Coats
SFA Squirt Boys beat the SFA Squirt Girls - 7-1 with goals by Goals by Luka Monterrosa (2) Noah Hagan (1) Benjamin Almeida (2) Massimo Meilak (2)
Subnovice Boys beat Sorrows 7-0 - The Subnovice team had a great Spring '25 debut. Goals were scored by Leo Coats (2), Stefano LoGiudice (2), Liam Kurdina (1), Thomas Randazzo (1) and John Spero (1), supported with amazing defense by Amadeo Buja, Giancarlo Ferrara, and Ronan Kane.
Intermediate Girls lost 0-2 to Grace - The Wildcats played hard! We're so thankful for Gabriella stepping up to play keeper! Shout-out to Kaylie Nase and Milania Chiarelli for playing in their first official soccer match!
Intermediate Boys lost 2-4 to RA - Strong defensive play from Gianni Siafos and Ryan Attard, and two goals from Andrej Kovac on his return to our team.
SFA Novice Boys beat the SFA Novice Girls 4-2 - It was a great match between out Novice boys & girls teams – a lot of back and forth action that ended 4-1. Giorgio Marchesi scored 3 goals and Alex Coka scored 1 from a great back heel pass from Gabrielle Scrozzo. Micky Soborol scored both goals for the girl's team with assists by Thalia Siafos and Lea Ciccimarra.

Sunday 4/27

Mites lost 0-7 to RA2 - Great effort by the Mites again, several saves by our goal keepers Madilyn ONeill and Marco DiMare
Squirt Girls beat Grace 2-0 - Amazing game by all our Lady Wildcats against an all-boys team from Our Lady of Grace. The goals were scored by Avery Vagelatos and Amelia Beilin. Dina Mihalitsis as the goalie, conceded no goal.
Squirt Boys tied Holy Child 2-2 with goals by Luka Monterrosa and Matteo Delia
Subnovice Boys beat RA2 7-0 - Goalie Jace Hili had a shut-out opening weekend! Goals by Francesco LoGiudice (3), Liam Kurdina (1), Thomas Randazzo (2), and John Spero (1).
Novice Girls tied OLBS 2-2 - Playing the boys team from OLBS they play a strong game ending in a tie. Both goals were scored by Arden Geiger with assists by Ava Ciccimarra.
Novice boys lost 3-1 to Holy Child - Their rivals Holy Child jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the first half, but the boys stuck together and scored quickly in the second half on a goal from Matthew Coka. Two near goals had the boys dominating the game late but unfortunately fell short in a 3-1 loss.
Intermediate Girls tied OLBS 2-2 - Great goals by Gabrielle Llive with an assist from Mia Garcia. Katherine Sfirogianakis, our keeper, had many amazing saves!
Intermediate Boys tied OLBS 5-5 - Goals were created by Gianni Siafos, Hudson Geiger, Joseph Vos with the tying goal, and our game MVP Franco Brizuela had 2 goals. Andrea Randazzo did a great job coming up with some spectacular saves in goal to ensure our tie. Special recognition to Massimo Marricco, played great defense.

Flag Football

Saturday 4/26

Bantam beat St Sebastian 30-6 - 3 touchdowns by Michael Sheridan and 1 each by Alex Coka & Arlo Pignataro

Sunday 4/27

Bantam beat St. Stan's 19-7 – With touchdowns by Michael Sheridan, Arlo Pignataro and a td & extra point for Peter Varvatsoulis.
Intermediate beat St Martys 26-13 with touchdowns by Hudson Geiger (1), Charlie Peith (1) and two extra points and Sean McLawhorn (1) & Andreas Michailidis (1)
Novice lost to OLBS 20-0 – it was a tough loss but they played hard shorthanded.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

21-17 45TH STREET ASTORIA, NEW YORK 11105

SPECIAL PROCESSION

TO HONOR MARY

SUNDAY, MAY 18 2025

Mass will be celebrated at 12:30

Procession begins in front of
St. Francis of Assisi Church
at 1:30p.m.

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For more information,
contact Carol Hickey at
SFAparishcouncil@sfaacademy.org

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

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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.

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or inquire with the rectory for more information.