Solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity

Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, June 15 – Solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity/Father's Day
8:00 A.M. Vincent O'Sullivan
9:30 A.M. Mary Cilia
11:00 A.M. For the People of St. Francis
12:30P.M. Father's Day Novena
Giuseppe Carlino
RIno DelCarro
Elia Salvatore Cinquemani
Jennifer Ronacher

MONDAY, June 16 - Weekday
9:00 A.M. Father's Day Novena

TUESDAY, June 17 - Weekday
9:00 A.M. Father's Day Novena

WEDNESDAY, June 18 - Weekday
9:00 A.M. Father's Day Novena

THURSDAY, June 19 - St. Romuald, Abbot
9:00 A.M. Father's Day Novena

FRIDAY, June 20 - Weekday
9:00 A.M. Father's Day Novena

SATURDAY, June 21 - St. Aloysius Gonzaga
9:00 A.M. Father's Day Novena
Purgatorial Society
John Purich
Marco Soceoli

5:00P.M. Pauline Hayes

SUNDAY, June 22 – Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)
8:00 A.M. Msgr. Stefan Geosits
9:30 A.M. Filomena Mincone
11:00 A.M. Mario Esposito
12:30P.M. For the People of St. Francis
Rino DelCarro
Emilia Bertolo

Today's Readings

Solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity

Proverbs 8:22-31
Romans 5:1-5
John 16:12-15

"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own, but will speak whatever He hears, and He will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify Me, because He will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that He will take what is mine and declare it to you."

Readings for the Week

MONDAY: 2 Corinthians 6:1-10
Matthew 5:38-42

TUESDAY: 2 Corinthians 8:1-9
Matthew 5:43-48

WEDNESDAY: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11
Matthew 6:1-6,16-18

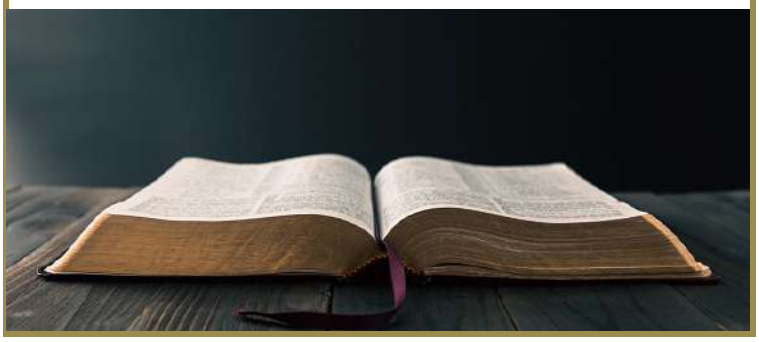
THURSDAY: 2 Corinthians 11:1-11
Matthew 6:7-15

FRIDAY: 2 Corinthians 11:18,21-30
Matthew 6:19-23

SATURDAY: 2 Corinthians 12:1-10
Matthew 6:24-34

Solemnity of the Most Holy Body And Blood of Christ - Corpus Christi

Genesis 14:18-20
1 Corinthians 11:23-26
Luke 9:11b-17



From the Pastor's Desk:

"In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

My Dear Parishioners,

Today we celebrate one of the most fundamental beliefs of our Catholic Faith: The Most Holy Trinity-three distinct, coequal persons in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. For the Church, the Trinity is considered a mystery. There are aspects of it we will never fully grasp while we are this side of heaven. But it is something that we hold as revealed truth. Today's readings touch on the distinctions, as well as the linkages, between and among the persons of the Trinity.

It has been said that such a theological mystery is not a puzzle to solve, but more like an ocean in which we are swimming. We may never comprehend its totality, but we experience its presence and accept its reality, as well as its magnificence.

There are references to the Holy Trinity in the Old Testament, but their meaning was mostly hidden. When Jesus became man, he revealed the three persons of the Trinity more fully. As Christ had promised before he ascended into heaven, the Holy Spirit did come at Pentecost to help and empower the early Church to carry on Jesus' saving mission. The Spirit was also poured out upon the Church to guide it and its members in the way of truth. The Holy Spirit continues to be at work in and through the Church, empowering the Church and her members to continue doing the work Jesus calls her to do.

The Solemnity of the Holy Trinity has been an official and universal celebration in the Church since the thirteen hundreds. During today's liturgy, special prayers honor each of the persons of the Trinity, but every Mass is full of references to the Trinity and prayers showing our devotion.

Sometimes we pray to the Trinity without realizing what we are doing. The sign of the cross is a case in point. This is probably the prayer most commonly said by Catholics. Yet, many people do not think of it as a prayer to the Trinity. In fact, a good number of Catholics go through the motions of the sign of the cross, without thinking about the words at all. It has become what we call a *ritual,* something in which the motions become a prayer in themselves.

During today's Mass, make a point to notice how many times we make the sign of the cross. Think about the words. Listen, too, for other prayers throughout the Mass that honor the Holy Trinity. Of course, the creed is probably the most obvious, but you will find others that give voice to our belief in adoration of the Holy Trinity.

Our Catechism tells us that the Trinity is the model and source of unity of the Church, as well as that of the family. (813,2205) As we reflect on these things, let us pray to the Holy Trinity to guide us in strengthening our unity, as we continue to respect and cherish our diversity. Let us also see the Most Holy Trinity as a model for how we are to live. Just as the three persons of the Holy Trinity are perfectly united in a oneness of love, we are called to live in ever-greater love and unity with God and one another.

All God's Blessings,
Msgr. Maresca

Solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity

Sunday June 8, 2025

Things to Know and Share About The Most Holy Trinity

Taken From an article written by Jimmy Akin for the NCR; May 26, 2024

1. Where does the word "Trinity" come from?
It comes from the Latin word "trinitas," which means "three" or "triad". The Greek equivalent is "triados."

2. When was the word first used?
The first surviving use of the term (there may have been earlier uses that are now lost) was about 170 AD by Theophilus of Antioch, who wrote: "In like manner also the three days which were before the luminaries are types of the Trinity of God, His Word, and His Wisdom."

3. Is the Trinity the central mystery of the Christian Faith?
Yes, the Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church explains it this way: "The central mystery of Christian faith and life is the mystery of the Most Blessed Trinity. Christians are baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

4. When did the Church infallibly define the Trinity?
The dogma of the Trinity was defined in two stages, at the First Council of Nicea (325 AD) and the First Council of Constantinople (381 AD). First Nicea defined the divinity of the Son and wrote the part of the Creed that deals with the Son. First Constantinople defined the divinity of the Holy Spirit and wrote the part of the Creed that deals with the Spirit.

6. How can the Trinity be proven?
The Trinity can only be proven through the divine revelation that Jesus brought us. It cannot be proven by natural reason or from the Old Testament alone. The Compendium states: "God has left some traces of his Trinitarian being in creation and in the Old Testament but His inmost being as the Holy Trinity is a mystery which is inaccessible to reason alone or even to Israel's faith before the Incarnation of the Son of God and the sending of the Holy Spirit. This mystery was revealed by Jesus Christ and it is the source of all the other mysteries."

7. How can we show that the Son is generated by the Father and that the Spirit proceeds from the Father and the Son?
The fact that the Son is generated by the Father is indicated by the names of these Persons. Sons are generated by fathers. The second Person of the Trinity would not be a Son if He were not generated by the first Person as the Father.
The fact that the Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father and the Son is reflected in another statement of Jesus: "But when the Counselor comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, He will bear witness to me" (Jn 15:26).
This depicts the Holy Spirit proceeding from the Father and the Son ("whom I shall send"). Here the outward operations of the Persons of the Trinity reflect their mutual relations with each other.

June is the Month of The Sacred Heart of Jesus.

The Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

V. Lord, have mercy.
R. Lord, have mercy.
V. Christ, have mercy.
R. Christ, have mercy.
V. Lord, have mercy.
R. Lord, have mercy.
V. Christ, hear us.
R. Christ, graciously hear us.

God the Father of Heaven, **have mercy on us.**
God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
God the Holy Spirit,
Holy Trinity, one God,

Heart of Jesus, Son of the Eternal Father,

Heart of Jesus, formed by the Holy Spirit in the womb of the Virgin Mother,

Heart of Jesus, substantially united to the Word of God,

Heart of Jesus, of infinite Majesty,

Heart of Jesus, Sacred Temple of God,

Heart of Jesus, Tabernacle of the Most High,

Heart of Jesus, House of God and Gate of Heaven,

Heart of Jesus, burning furnace of charity,

Heart of Jesus, abode of justice and love,

Heart of Jesus, full of goodness and love,

Heart of Jesus, abyss of all virtues,

Heart of Jesus, most worthy of all praise,

Heart of Jesus, king and center of all hearts,

Heart of Jesus, in whom are all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge,

Heart of Jesus, in whom dwells the fullness of divinity,

Heart of Jesus, in whom the Father was well pleased,

Heart of Jesus, of whose fullness we have all received,

Heart of Jesus, desire of the everlasting hills,

Heart of Jesus, patient and most merciful,

Heart of Jesus, enriching all who invoke Thee,

Heart of Jesus, fountain of life and holiness,

Heart of Jesus, propitiation for our sins,

Heart of Jesus, loaded down with opprobrium,

Heart of Jesus, bruised for our offenses,

Heart of Jesus, obedient to death,

Heart of Jesus, pierced with a lance,

Heart of Jesus, source of all consolation,

Heart of Jesus, our life and resurrection,

Heart of Jesus, our peace and our reconciliation,

Heart of Jesus, victim for our sins,

Heart of Jesus, salvation of those who trust in Thee,

Heart of Jesus, hope of those who die in Thee,

Heart of Jesus, delight of all the Saints,

Lamb of God, who taketh away the sins of the world, spare us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who taketh away the sins of the world, graciously hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who taketh away the sins of the world, have mercy on us, O Lord.

V. Jesus, meek and humble of heart.
R. Make our hearts like to Thine.

Let us pray: Almighty and Eternal God, look upon the Heart of the Thy most beloved Son and upon the praises and satisfaction which He offers Thee in the name of sinners; and to those who implore Thy mercy, in Thy great goodness, grant forgiveness in the name of the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, who livest and reignest with Thee forever and ever. Amen.

In 1899, Pope Leo XIII approved this Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus for public use. This litany is actually a synthesis of several other litanies dating back to the 17th century.
Father Croiset composed a litany in 1691 from which 17 invocations were used by Venerable Anne Madeleine Remuzat when she composed her litany in 1718 at Marseille. She joined an additional 10 invocations to those of Father Croiset, for a total of 27 invocations. Six more invocations were added by the Sacred Congregation for Rites when it was approved for public use in 1899. This makes a total of 33 invocations, one for each year of life of our Lord Jesus Christ. A partial indulgence is attached to this litany.

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.

Pray
for Vocations

Solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity June 15, 2025

"I still have many things to say to you."

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

Memorials for the Week of June 15, 2025

Sanctuary Lamp	Altar Wine
In Loving Memory of Jennifer Ronacher	In Loving Memory of Mario Esposito
Requested By Davina Geiber	Requested By Letty Mohr

FOCUS:

Contemplate with wonder and awe the beauty of God.

The Church invites us to explore humbly the mystery of the Most Holy Trinity and to grapple with the truths of this fundamental insight into the essence of God's being. The three Persons of the Holy Trinity - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - are one, but are distinct from each other. Thus, we can say they are in relationship with one another - an eternal communion of love. Confronted with this mystery, let us contemplate with wonder and awe the beauty 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.

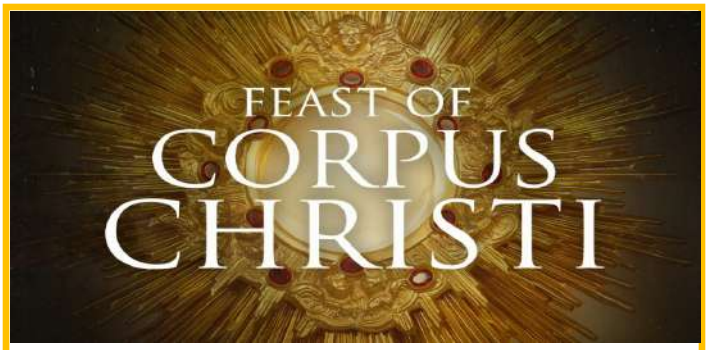
What a wonderful way to begin our day praying before the Blessed Sacrament in silence or praying the Holy Rosary.

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.

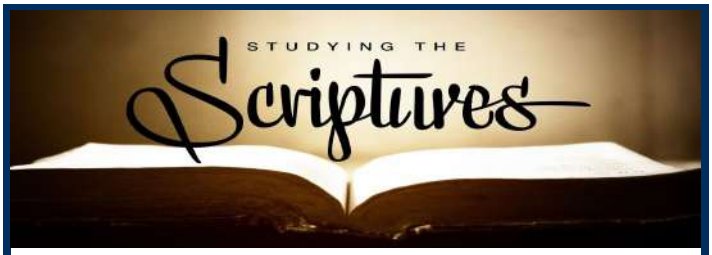
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will conclude on Saturday, June 21st. It will resume on Tuesday, September 2nd. Thank you.

Summertime

As the Summer is upon us, many go away or are out of town for the weekends. May I ask you to please continue your weekly offering. Your support is essential for the parish during the summer months. As you know, like yourselves, we still have our monthly bills to be paid. I appreciate your attention to this important matter. If you plan to go away for the summer, please hand in your envelopes before you leave. For your information our fiscal year ends August 31st, and the new fiscal year begins September 1st.
I want to wish each of you a restful and relaxing summer.
THANK YOU for all you do in supporting our parish.
Msgr. Maresca



Next Sunday, June 22nd, is the Feast of Corpus Christi. We will have a Holy Hour from 1:30PM to 2:30PM concluding with Benediction.
Please mark your calendars for this Holy Hour and join us on this special day to celebrate the Real Presence of Jesus Christ. Weather permitting we will process around the block.



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI SCRIPTURE STUDY

Dear SFA Friends and Family,

The Scripture Study Group has completed its study of "Life Eternal." This brings our scripture study to an end for the season. We look forward to you joining us in September as we begin a new study of the Gospels.

Grow in Knowledge and Love of Scripture.

"Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. He took me in spirit to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God almighty and the Lamb. The city had no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the Glory of God gave it light, and its lamb was the Lamb." (Rev 21:1,10,22-23)

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

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

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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 6/7-6/8 **$4,822**

School parents must use church envelopes.

Mass Attendance for June 8, 2025

5:00PM	**79**
8:00AM	**47**
9:30AM	**84**
11:00AM	**116**
12:30PM	**65**
	Total: 391

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.

PETER'S PENCE

On Sunday, June 29th, there will be a Second Collection for Peter's Pence.
The fund, known in Italian as the *Obolo di San Pietro,* has a twofold aim: supporting the pope's mission, including the activities of the Roman Curia, and charitable works.

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

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.

Part Time Cook
The Blog Of A Full Time Teen

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.

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

A Heart of Service: Carol Hickey's Many Roles at our Church

If you've ever attended the 11 a.m. Mass, you've likely heard Carol Hickey's voice proclaiming the Word with joy and reverence. But her contributions to St. Francis of Assisi Church go far beyond the ambo.

Since joining the parish in 2014, Carol has become a regular presence in our community. She serves as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, a Lector, a Parish Council member, an occasional cantor, and the sponsor of both the Wednesday night Adult Children of Alcoholic and Dysfunctional Families Support Group and the Bereavement Support Group.

Her journey began with a simple desire to heal. "I was really struggling at the time and had a wonderful and healing meeting with Msgr. Maresca that changed my life," she shares. That encounter, coupled with the warm welcome she received, inspired her to get involved. From signing up as a lector at a parish "job fair" to being invited onto the Parish Council, Carol has continually sought new ways to serve.

Each week, she prepares diligently for her roles—whether it's studying scripture for Mass, crafting thoughtful content for her monthly "One Tree, Many Branches" bulletin article, or creating a safe, healing space for those in her support groups. "I always start with a prayer of thanksgiving to God for allowing me to serve Him," she says. "Then I humbly ask Him for the wisdom and guidance needed to complete the task."

Carol's work is deeply rooted in the parish mission. "The article I write helps to highlight the gifts of time and talent that many people offer to the church," she explains. "The support groups help build community and minister to the needs of the people."

Despite the demands of her day job and ministry, Carol finds joy and fulfillment in her service. "I feel like God is working through me and I am doing what He needs me to do," she says of her support group work. "I always feel lifted up and supported."

Carol is truly a blessing to the life of St. Francis of Assisi Parish. She is grateful to God for the gifts and talents He gave her. Psalm 100: 2 sums up Carol nicely," Serve the Lord with gladness. Come before Him with a joyful song".

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THIS WEEK

June 15 - June 21

Sunday, June 15
Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity
Father's Day

Monday, June 16
12:00PM Golden Age - MCH
7:00PM Calendar Meeting - Rectory Basement

Tuesday, June 17
6:30PM AA Meeting - Rectory Basement

Wednesday, June 18
6:00PM Support Group -Rectory Basement
7:30PM-Bereavement Group-Rectory Basement

Thursday, June 19
Juneteenth
School and Rectory Office Closed
CYO End of Year Party

Friday, June 20
Girl Scout End of Year Ceremony - MCH

Saturday, June 21

NEXT WEEK

June 22 - June 28

Sunday, June 22
Solemnity of The Most Holy
Body and Blood of Christ
(Corpus Christi)
1:30PM Holy Hour - Church
Eucharistic Procession (Weather Permitting)

Monday, June 23

Tuesday, June 24
Last Day of School
9:00AM Last School Mass
6:30PM AA Meeting - Rectory Basement
7:00PM 2nd Festival Meeting

Wednesday, June 25
6:00PM Support Group –ZOOM
7:30PM-Bereavement Group-ZOOM

Thursday, June 26

Friday, June 27

Saturday, June 28

Summer Church & Rectory Hours

Church Hours will begin on Monday, June 23rd:

Monday through Saturday: Church will open at 8am
Sunday: Church will open at 7:30am

Summer Rectory Hours will begin on Monday, June 23rd:

Monday through Thursday:
9:00AM to 12:00PM; 1:00PM to 5:00PM
NO EVENING HOURS

Friday:
9:00AM to 12:00PM; 1:00PM to 3:00PM
NO EVENING HOURS

Saturday:
9:00AM to 2:00PM

Sundays and Holidays: CLOSED

Calendar Meeting
Monday, June 16th, at 7:00PM
Location: Rectory

This Monday, June 16, we will have our Annual Calendar Meeting in the Rectory Basement. We ask that one member from each organization or group to be present at this meeting.

Next Festival Meeting
Tuesday, June 24th, at 7:00PM
Location: Rectory Basement

We had a great first Festival Meeting, with a lot of participation and really great ideas. We thank those that took the time to come and participate!
There is still time to join us at our next Meeting on Tuesday, June 24th, at 7PM. We welcome everyone with ideas on how to make this year our best Festival ever!

Catholic Youth Organization
Children are at the heart of our mission

www.sfawildcats.org
***Contact Us*: contactus@sfawildcats.org**

This weekend our Soccer and Flag Football teams had their playoffs, and one additional friendly game for the Squirts!

Soccer:

Boys Squirt beat the **Girls Squirt** team in a nail biter 1-0. The only goal was by Matteo Delia, with outstanding goal keeping by Vinny Cumninale and Dina Mihalitsis. All the kids had a great time playing with their classmates.

Intermediate Boys beat OL Grace 4-3 in overtime:
Andrej Kovac led the way with 2 goals and Dariel Lelia scored a spectacular equalizer - 1 minute left in OT to send us into PK! In Massimo Marricco's first CYO effort as goalkeeper, he had the game winning penalty kick save. We welcomed back Austin Sietsema from injury for his first game of the season. Our defense, Anthony Mardach, Ryan Attard, and Mike Mukardin left it all out there on the field and refused to give up.
Special mention to Hudson Geiger and Franco Brizuela for their leadership, with Anthony Primiani and Yianni Mammis hustling in the midfield and Tristan Buligovic's beautiful assist.

Novice Boys beat St. Andrew's 3-1:
Despite the steady rain, our team showed incredible resilience and teamwork. Matthew Coka set the tone early with a goal. Gabriele Scrozzo scored shortly after. The Wildcats were awarded a penalty kick in the second half, solidifying their lead, 3-0. Andrew scored at the last minute of the match, giving the win to the Wildcats. Great work by Ethan Vella continuously delivering the ball across the field.

Novice Girls beat beat OLBS in overtime 3-2:
The Novice Girls beat the OLBS boys team in overtime. The girls were down 2-0 with about 10 minutes to go when they got the two goals to tie and force overtime—goals by Roseandrea Meliak with an assist by lea Ciccimarra and the second goal by Arden Geiger. The game winning goal in overtime was by Lea Ciccimarra with the assist by Mickey Soberol.

Intermediate Girls lost to OL Grace 9-0

Subnovice Boys lost to RA 3-2

Flag Football:

SFA Novice Flag Football completed another winning season finishing with a 5-4 overall record after being eliminated from the playoffs this past weekend.
This veteran team was led by Jaxon Hili, Evan Vagelatos, and Gabriel Machuca were fueled by explosive play both on offensive and defensive by Arden Geiger, Patrick "Buddy" Hughes, and Mason Cleghorn.
Colin Vella and Auggie Bravo provided consistent play while the lone 3rd Grader, Jace Hili, had the catch of the year in Week One.
Stout defense was added by Spencer Primost, Matthew Tringali, Rigby Sheehan, and Yiannis Mihalitsis which proved to be one of the league's toughest defenses once again.
The Wildcats look forward to getting back to their winning ways next year when a majority of the team will move to the Bantam division.

SFA Bantam Flag Football finished a nail biting season 3-5, and were eliminated in a tough first round playoff.
There was never a dull moment with the Wildcats "Gunslinging", "Run & Shoot" offensive led by QB Gregorio Gigliotti, as he dropped dimes to the sure-handed Michael Sheridan, Peter Varvatoulis, Lucas Montoya, and Arlo Pigmataro on the receiving end.
The defense, led by Benjamin Blair, Alex Coka, Adrian Ippolito, and Charlie Cilento knocked away passes and made great flag pulls, keeping the Wildcats in game.

SFA Intermediate Boys Flag Football started off their season with two Moms new in coaching, Mina Duran and Nicole Geiger. We went in clueless but came out bringing the team to the playoffs.

The Season started off with our second game, winning 52-0, making us the first to ever score such points. According to the referee, no other male coach has achieved such greatness.

It was a bittersweet season knowing that this was their last CYO experience for our 8th Grade Boys. We finished up with a 3-5 record, ending up in the first round of playoffs and getting defeated. Every player had the chance to be on either Offense or Defense. Every player created a play and added to our plays of Chop Cheese, Lady D, Lady G, the Hili, and one of our favorites: Bacon, Egg, & Cheese. They were just as much as the players on the team but also its leaders.

Each player brought something to the table. And with that they taught us, their coaches, that learning something new is scary but **with the right people around you, amazing things can be achieved!**

Happy Father's Day

Prayers and blessings on this special day

A Prayer for a Father's Protection Over His Family

Dear God, I ask for Your protection over my family.

Keep us safe from harm, both seen and unseen.

Guard our home with Your angels and let Your presence be a shield around us.

As a Father, help me to be vigilant in protecting my loved ones and to trust Your divine protection over us all.

Amen.

Psalm 121:7-8

"The Lord will keep you from all harm - he will watch over your life; the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore."

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

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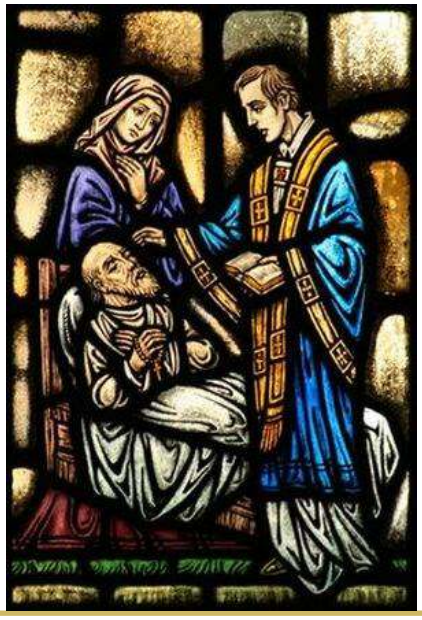
On every First Saturday of the Month, we have our Anointing Mass at 9am. All are invited and we encourage you to bring your loved ones to this very special Mass each Month.



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

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

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

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

1. _____

or

We would like to make up a table:

1._____

2._____

3._____

4._____

5._____

6. _____

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

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

Name: _____

Address _____

email_____ Phone # _____

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

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

Dear Parishioners,

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

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

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

Get involved in our Fall Festival 2025 now!

Ways to get involved:

1) Come to our next planning meeting on Tuesday, June 24, at 7:00PM in the Rectory Basement!

2) Start thinking of how you might like to volunteer your time for it!

3) Start praying for a successful Fall Festival and for our Volunteers!

Saturday, September 27th, 2025

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