Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, June 29 Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles
8:00AM John Hengl
9:30AM Filomena Mincone
11:00AM Victoria Marino
12:30PM Rino Del Carro
Michael Reiter

MONDAY, June 30 The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church
9:00AM John Hengl

TUESDAY, July 1 St. Junipero Serra, Priest
9:00AM Marie Montona

WEDNESDAY, July 2 Weekday
9:00AM Filomena Mincone

THURSDAY, July 3 Feast of St. Thomas, Apostle
9:00AM Agnes Dziemian

FRIDAY, July 4 Weekday (Independence Day)
9:00AM John Marchessella

SATURDAY, July 5 Anointing Mass
9:00AM **St. Elizabeth of Portugal**
Purgatorial Society
The Living and Deceased
Members of the Legion of Mary &
Their Families
Mary Ethel McCann
Victor A. Di Donato

5:00PM Vigil John Hengl

SUNDAY, July 6 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00AM For the People of St. Francis
9:30AM Albina & Mario Cerleni
11:00AM Mario Esposito
Rita O'Brien
John Kos
Victor A. Di Donato

Today's Readings

Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

Acts 12:1-11
2 Timothy 4:6-8;17-18
Matthew 16:13-19

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, He asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in Heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of Heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in Heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in Heaven."

Readings for the Week

MONDAY: Genesis 18:16-33
Matthew 8:18-22

TUESDAY: Genesis 19:15-29
Matthew 8:23-27

WEDNESDAY: Genesis 21:5,8-20A
Matthew 8:28-34

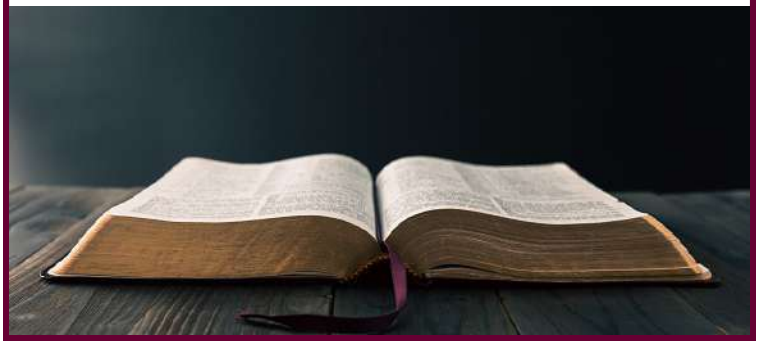
THURSDAY: Ephesians 2:19-22
John 20:24-29

FRIDAY: Genesis 23:1-4,19; 24:1-8,62-67
Matthew 9:9-13

SATURDAY: Genesis 27:1-5,15-29
Matthew 9:14-17

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 66:10-14C
Galatians 6:14-18
Luke 10:1-12,17-20



Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul
Sunday, June 29, 2025

On June 29th the Church celebrates the feast day of Sts. Peter and Paul. As early as the year 258, there is evidence of an already lengthy tradition of celebrating the solemnities of both Saint Peter and Saint Paul on the same day. Together, the two saints are the founders of the See of Rome, though their preaching, ministry, and martyrdom there.

Peter, who was named Simon, was a fisherman of Galilee and was introduced to the Lord Jesus by his brother Andrew, also a fisherman. Jesus gave him the name Cephas (Petrus in Latin), which means 'Rock,' because he was to become the rock upon which Christ would build His Church.

Peter was a bold follower of the Lord. He was the first to recognize that Jesus was "the Messiah, the Son of the living God," and eagerly pledged his fidelity until death. In his boldness, he also made many mistakes, however, such as losing faith when walking on water with Christ and betraying the Lord on the night of His passion.

Yet despite his human weaknesses, Peter was chosen to shepherd God's flock. The Acts of the Apostles illustrates his role as head of the Church after the Resurrection and Ascension of Christ. Peter led the Apostles as the first Pope and ensured that the disciples kept the true faith.

St. Peter spent his last years in Rome, leading the Church through persecution and eventually being martyred in the year 64. He was crucified upside-down at his own request, because he claimed he was not worthy to die as his Lord. He was buried on Vatican hill, and St. Peter's Basilica is built over his tomb.

St. Paul was the Apostle of the Gentiles. His letters are included in the writings of the New Testament, and through them we learn much about his life and the faith of the early Church.

Before receiving the name Paul, he was Saul, a Jewish pharisee who zealously persecuted Christians in Jerusalem. Scripture records that Saul was present at the martyrdom of St. Stephen.

Saul's conversion took place as he was on his way to Damascus to persecute the Christian community there. As he was traveling along the road, he was suddenly surrounded by a great light from heaven. He was blinded and fell off his horse. He then heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He answered: "Who are you, Lord?" Christ said: "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting."

Saul continued to Damascus, where he was baptized and his sight was restored. He took the name Paul and spent the remainder of his life preaching the Gospel tirelessly to the Gentiles of the Mediterranean world.

Paul was imprisoned and taken to Rome, where he was beheaded in the year 67. He is buried in Rome in the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls.

In a sermon in the year 395, St. Augustine of Hippo said of Sts. Peter and Paul: "Both apostles share the same feast day, for these two were one; and even though they suffered on different days, they were as one. Peter went first, and Paul followed. And so we celebrate this day made holy for us by the apostles' blood. Let us embrace what they believed, their life, their labors, their sufferings, their preaching, and their confession of faith."

Giovanni Paolo Panini (Italian, Piacenza 1691-1765), Interior of St. Peter's, Rome

Prayer for the Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul

God our Father, today you give us the joy of celebrating the feast of the apostles Peter and Paul. Through them, your Church first received the faith. Keep us true to their teaching. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with You And the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Parish Prayer Intentions

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
Christoper 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

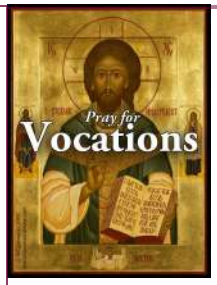
Benedicto Randazzo
Angelo Niakas
Peter Lopez
Rick Simonsen
Aubrey Madden
Madison Millett
Leonardo Di Marco
Michelle Yashita
The Polychronakis Family
Angel Garcia
Geraldine Catoggio
Assunta Di Benedetto

Also remember in your prayers all the deceased of the Parish. Please remember to pray for vocations to the priesthood, religious life, diaconate, and married life.

FOCUS:

You are Peter, and upon this rock, I will build My Church.

While preaching and spreading the Gospel after the Resurrection, Peter was arrested by King Herod. Meanwhile, prayer by the church was fervently being made to God on his behalf. The early Church offers us an example of intercessory prayer that we should imitate by praying fervently for the successor of Peter, the Pope.



Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles
June 29, 2025

"Who do you say that I am?"

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

Morning Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament has concluded for the summer. It will resume on Tuesday, September 2.
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

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,
Msgr. Maresca

2025 Mass Book

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

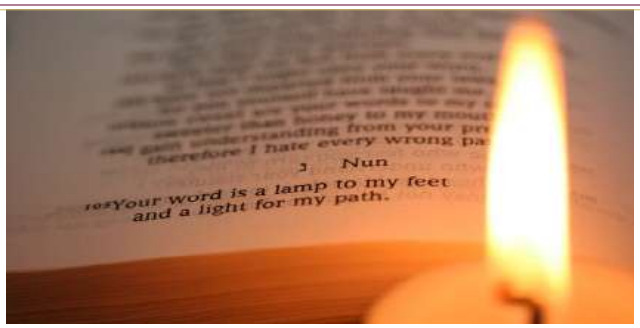
Beginning July 1, 2025, the 11:00AM Mass will have multiple intentions.

Masses are $20.00.

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 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 on the Gospels of Matthew.

Wishing our parish family & friends a restful and joyful summer season.

"To everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven." (Eccl 3:1)

Grow in Knowledge and Love of Scripture.

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 6/21-6/22 **$3,291**

School parents must use church envelopes.

Mass Attendance for June 21/22, 2025

5:00PM	**75**
8:00AM	**55**
9:30AM	**68**
11:00AM	**104**
12:30PM	**36**

Total: 338

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 **$24,959** 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

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.

Second Collection next Sunday, July 5/6, 2025

Next Sunday, July 5/6, we will be having a Second Collection for **Air Conditioning**.

We thank you for your financial help in maintaining our Parish and helping keep the Church at a comfortable temperature.

A Big Thank You to our Sports Teams for their Generous Contribution to our Parish!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THIS WEEK

June 29 - July 5

Sunday, June 29
Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles
4:00PM St. Anthony Abate Mass

Monday, June 30

Tuesday, July 1
6:30PM AA Meeting—Rectory Basement

Wednesday, July 2
6:00PM Support Group –The Redeemer Center
7:30PM-Bereavement Group-ZOOM

Thursday, July 3
Feast of St. Thomas, Apostle
10:00AM Legion of Mary

Friday, July 4
Independence Day
Rectory Office Closed

Saturday, July 5
9:00AM Anointing Mass

SOLEMNITY OF THE SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

NEXT WEEK

July 6 - July 12

Sunday, July 6

Monday, July 7

Tuesday, July 8
6:30PM AA Meeting—Rectory Basement

Wednesday, July 9
6:00PM Support Group –The Redeemer Center
7:30PM-Bereavement Group-ZOOM
7:00PM-Baptism Class - Rectory

Thursday, July 10
10:00AM Legion of Mary

Friday, July 11

Saturday, July 12

Lector & Eucharistic Ministers Schedule July 2025

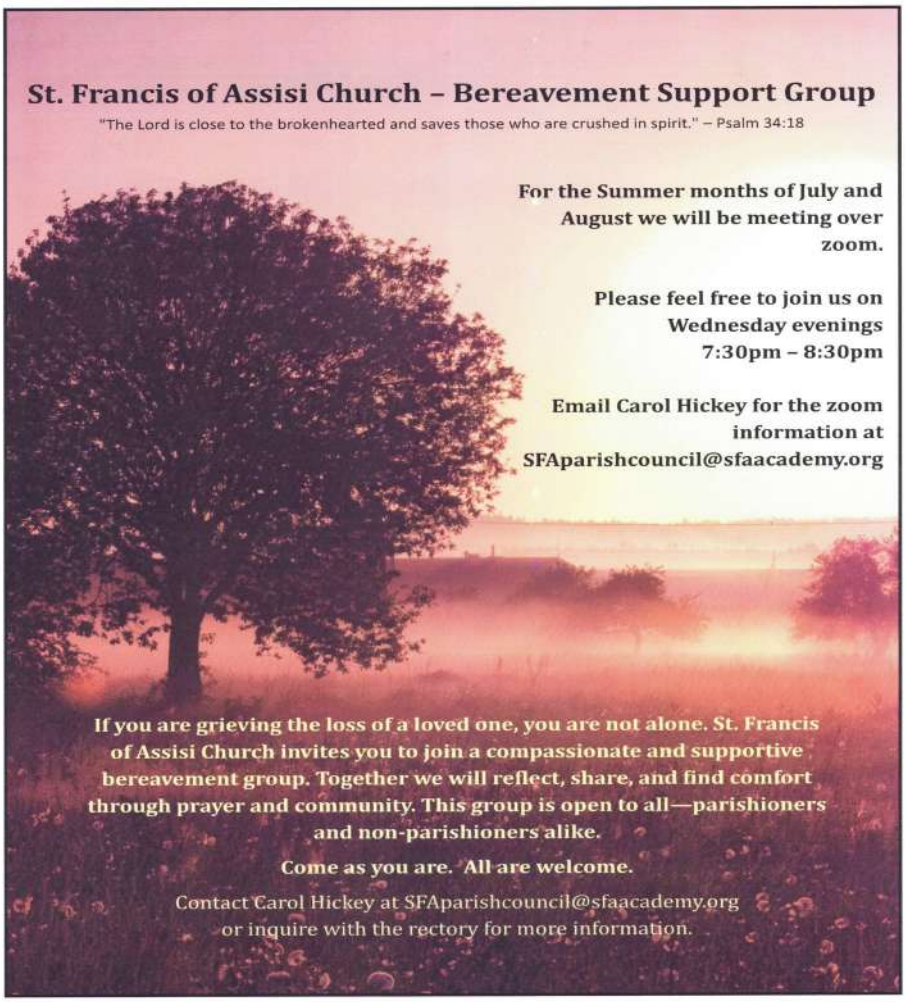
	14th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 5-6	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 12-13	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 19-20	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 26-27
Lectors				
Saturday 5:00PM	Dolores Ratowski	Edward Kubina	Debbi Skinner	Dolores Ratowski
Sunday 8:00AM	Rob Laucella	Andrew Soltesz	Rob Laucella	Andrew Soltesz
Sunday 9:30AM	Patrick O'Toole	Martha O'Toole	Maria Brooks	Sharon Costanza
Sunday 11:00AM	Carol Hickey	Jane Di Donato	Carol Hickey	Jane Di Donato
Ministers				
Saturday 5:00PM	********	********	********	********
Sunday 8:00AM	********	********	********	********
Sunday 9:30AM	********	********	********	********
Sunday 11:00AM	********	Carol Hickey	Phillip Mincone	Carol Hickey

Anointing Mass

Our next Anointing Mass will be Saturday July 5, 2025 at 9:00AM.

We encourage you to come and to bring your loved ones with you to this very special Mass.

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



The Litany of Trust

From the belief that I have to earn Your love,
Deliver me Jesus.

From the fear that I am unlovable,

From the false security that I have what it takes,

From the fear that trusting You will leave me more destitute,

From all suspicion of Your words and promises,

From the rebellion of childlike dependency on You,

From refusals and reluctances in accepting Your will,

From anxiety about the future,

From resentment or excessive preoccupation from the past,

From restless self-seeking in the present moment,

From disbelief in Your love and presence,

From the fear of being asked to give more than I have,

From the belief that my life has no meaning or worth,

From the fear of what love demands,

From discouragement,

_____-

That You are continually holding me, sustaining me, loving me,
Jesus, I trust in You.

That Your love goes deeper than my sins and failings, and transforms me,

That not knowing what tomorrow brings is an invitation to lean on You,

That You are with me in my suffering,

That my suffering, united to Your own, will bear fruit in this life and the next,

That You will not leave me orphan, that You are present in Your Church,

That Your plan is better than anything else,

That You always hear me, and in Your goodness always respond to me,

That You give me the grace to accept forgiveness and to forgive others,

That You give me all the strength I need for what is asked,

That my life is a gift,

That You will teach me to trust You,

That You are my Lord and my God,

That I am Your beloved one,

Amen.

Join Us in Celebrating
95 Years of Faith and Family

1930

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

95th Anniversary

2025

We joyfully invite you to celebrate the
95th Anniversary of St. Francis of Assisi
a legacy of worship, service, and community.

In celebration, we are proud to honor
Mrs. Maria Bruno and
Mr. & Mrs. Phil Mincone
for their dedication and unwavering support.

Celebrate with us on Sunday,
October 19, 2025
9:30am Family Mass

Following the Mass join us at
Russo's on the Bay
162-45 Cross Bay Boulevard
Cocktail hour starts at 12:30pm

Tickets $150
Children 5-12 $60; 2-4 $30

Transportation available $20

To purchase your ticket(s) please complete the sheet in the bulletin or visit our website stfrancisofassisiastoria.org

For more information, please call Nancy Annunziata at 718-726-9405 x3
Hope to see you then!

Instagram @ St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Astoria

Facebook @St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Astoria NY

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 **Tara.**

Religious Education Registration

Those who have not yet registered for Religious Education classes are kindly asked to fill out the Registration Form included in the Bulletin, or pick up a registration form from the Rectory and fill it out and return it as soon as possible.

For any questions, please contact Sr. Francesca via email or phone:
dre@sfaacademy.org 718-278-0259 ext. 121

Catechist Needed

We are currently in need of a Catechist for our 7th Grade Class.
If you are interested, please contact Sr. Francesca at
718-278-0259, ext. 121, or dre@sfaacademy.org

St. Francis of Assisi Office of Religious Education
REGISTRATION FORM – 2025-2026

Student Full Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Circle if Completed Baptism Communion

School Attending and Grade in September 2025

_____

Sacrament needed: [circle please] *Baptism Communion Confirmation*

Father's Name:

_____ Living/Deceased Religion: _____
(circle one)

Mother's Name:

_____ Living/Deceased Religion: _____
Include maiden name *(circle one)*

Phone 1: _____ Phone 2: _____
(Cell, Home, Mother, Father) *(Cell, Home, Mother, Father)*

Email 1: _____ Email 2: _____
(Mother, Father) *(Mother, Father)*

Home Address _____
Street Town State Zip

EMERGENCY CONTACT: In case of emergency who should we contact other than Parent/s.

Name: _____ Relationship: _____ Contact Number: _____

Is there any additional information we should know? (family situations, medical conditions, allergies, special needs or accommodations, etc.) If "NO" please write "NONE".

_____

Language spoken at home: English ____ Spanish ____ Italian ____ Other _____

Are you registered in the Parish? _____ If yes, envelope number: _____

I am interested in volunteering as a catechist, hall monitor, office assistant, or class parent. Please contact me. ☐

Tuition for the 2025-2026 Year

Tuition for Grades 1-8: **1 child** $100 **2 children or more** $175

Additional Fees: Grade 2 First **Communion** Fee **$150.00** Grade 8 **Confirmation** Fee **$150.00**

Family Name: _____

Grades: _____

Information Date added: _____

Registration remains open all year. *If you have any financial questions or scheduling conflicts, please do not hesitate to call our office so we can discuss your situation and work together to find a solution.*

Office Use ONLY

Date: _____ Amount: _____ Form of Payment: _____

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Office notes _____