18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

Sunday, August 3	*18th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
8:00AM	**For the People of St. Francis Of Assisi**
9:30AM	**Carmelo Vella**
11:00AM	**Mary Belanich**
	Josephine Hosey
	Antonio Ippolito
	Ettore Mascitti
Monday, August 4	*St. Jean Vianney*
9:00AM	**Marie Salamone**
Tuesday, August 5	*Weekday*
9:00AM	**Joseph Salamone**
Wednesday, August 6	*Feast of the Transfiguration of The Lord*
9:00AM	**Mary Di Pietro**
Thursday, August 7	*Pope St. Sixtus II and Companions*
9:00AM	**Victor Salamone**
Friday, August 8	*St. Dominic, Founder of the Dominican Order*
9:00AM	**Joseph Ewy**
Saturday, August 9	*St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (St. Edith Stein)*
9:00AM	**Purgatorial Society**
	Patricio
	Jorizcia
	Leda Papazian
	Rose Palazzolo
	David E. Walsh
5:00PM	**Mike Perrino**
Sunday, August 10	*19th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
8:00AM	**Holy Name Mass**
9:30AM	**For the People of St. Francis Of Assisi**
11:00AM	**Concetta Babore**
	Ron Diurenella
	Victor A. Di Donato
	Rose Di Donato

Today's Readings

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23
Colossians 3:1-5,9-11
Luke 12:13-21

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And He said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then He told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God."

Readings For The Week

Monday	***Numbers 11:4B-15***
	Matthew 14:13-21
Tuesday	***Numbers 12:1-13***
	Matthew 14:22-36
Wednesday	***Daniel 7:9-10,13-14***
	2 Peter 1:16-19
	Luke 9:28B-36
Thursday	***Numbers 20:1-13***
	Matthew 16:13-23
Friday	***Deuteronomy 4:32-40***
	Matthew 16:24-28
Saturday	***Deuteronomy 6:4-13***
	Matthew 17:14-20

19th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Wisdom 18:6-9
Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19
Luke 12:32-48

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

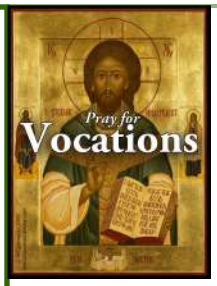
Benedicto Randazzo
Angelo Niakas
Peter Lopez
Rick Simonsen
Aubrey Madden
Madison Millett
Leonardo Di Marco
Michelle Yashita
The Polychronakis Family
Angel Garcia
Geraldine Catoggio
Assunta Di Benedetto

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:

DO NOT ALLOW EARTHLY PURSUITS TO DELAY BUILDING A LIFE OF DISCIPLESHIP.

Much of life is spent in toil, working to earn what we need to support ourselves and our families. Though this pursuit is necessary and good, the Lord reminds us not to fall into the trap of allowing work to become the sole foundation of our lives, particularly not to the extent that it leads us to forgo or delay building a life of discipleship.



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August 3, 2025

"So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above."

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

The Holy Name Society

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.
The Holy Name Mass is next Sunday, August 10th.

New Parishioners

We Welcome our New Parishioners:

The Heilbron-Torres Family
The Henley Family
The Saginario Family
Joseph Htay
Octavio Casusol
Deanna Kerins
The Kelly Family

Baptisms

We celebrate the following Baptisms:

Elias Michael Heilbron-Torres
Noah Anthony Hagan

Recently Deceased

We pray for our Recently Deceased:

Carolina Cona
James J. Arniotes
Antonio Ippolito
David Walsh
Ettore Mascitti
Maria Corchia

New Purgatorial Society Members

We pray for our Purgatorial Society:

Margaret Johensen
Jake Pontillo
Donna K. Price
Carmela Cipriano

Mission Appeal

All Masses This Weekend, August 2/3, 2025

Sambalpur Diocese is in the State of Odisha, one of the poorest States in India. It is in the east of India near Kolkata. There are 27 parishes with 62,582 Catholics in this vast Diocese.

The State of Odisha in India has become synonymous of Christian persecution. The fundamentalist groups have made it their primary field of communal atrocities against minority poor Christians, mostly Tribal and Scheduled Castes. The faithful often face persecution in the name of religion. Amidst these challenges, the mission in Sambalpur is committed to strengthening their faith.

In order to strengthen their faith, we need a chapel to hold liturgical services in a rural mission where there is no place of worship. This place could be also used as a place of worship, a place to have faith formation classes with children, and a place of study in the evening hours for children. Most people do not have proper houses and even if they have, they do not have electricity. It will be a multipurpose centre in the mission. People are ready to offer land and as well labor to build this proposed centre. However, they are very economically poor. Your contribution will help them to make their dream possible. The mission needs your generosity to keep the flame of Christian faith alive.

We thank you and appreciate your generous help, and we pray for God's blessings upon you all.

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

One Minute Meditations

St. Clare of Assisi

Born to a noble family in Assisi, St. Clare was eighteen when St. Francis was invited to preach at the church of San Giorgio. She was so inspired, she renounced everything to serve God in poverty, penance, and simplicity. Others joined, forming the first Order of Poor Ladies (Poor Clares). St. Clare is most famous for protecting Assisi from invasion by displaying the Blessed Sacrament on the fortress walls, causing the enemy to flee in terror.

The promise of the Assumption

This month, we celebrate Mary's Assumption, body and soul, into Heaven. What is often thought of as a "privilege" unique to Mary is actually a "preview" of what we are made for: endless joy, dwelling in the life and love of the Trinity, souls and bodies. It's another reminder that Catholicism isn't just about spiritual truths but concrete, physical, and tangible realities.

"I want to stress what I think that we...need more; the joy and delight in God which meet us in the Psalms...[The Jews] did not know that He offered them eternal joy; still less that He would die to win it for them. Yet they express a longing for Him, for His mere presence, which comes only to the best Christians" C.S. Lewis.

The Saints and the secret to true happiness

The saints understood that real happiness is about knowing where to find peace, perspective, and joy—no matter what life brings. This month, we look at four saints who show us what it takes to live with true happiness.

Simplicity – St. Francis of Assisi. St. Francis gave up wealth and comfort to follow Christ completely. In doing so, he made space in his heart to receive everything from God with peace and joy. While most of us aren't called to material poverty, we can imitate his spiritual poverty—letting go of sin and distractions to focus more fully on our relationship with God.

Trust and Love – St. Thérèse of Lisieux. St. Thérèse's "Little Way" was built on doing small things with great love. Her "humble confidence" in God's mercy gave her strength through illness, loss, and interior suffering. Her path invites us to respond to life's challenges not with fear or striving, but with trust and consistent, simple acts of love.

Holy Humor – St. Philip Neri. St. Philip Neri understood the spiritual power of joy. Known for his deep prayer life and playful spirit, he used humor to lift others out of gloom, deflate pride, and open hearts to God. He once shaved half his beard just to make people laugh. His life reminds us that holiness isn't dour—joy, laughter, and reverence can all go hand-in-hand.

"Thou dost show me the path of life; in thy presence there is fulness of joy, in thy right hand are pleasures evermore."
Psalm 16:11

Faithful Friendship – Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati. Blessed Pier Giorgio balanced an active social life with a deep love for the poor and for Christ. He surrounded himself with friends who shared his love for the faith, frequently inviting them to Mass and Eucharistic Adoration. Whether hiking mountains or visiting the sick, he lived with joy rooted in friendship—with others, and above all, with Jesus.

Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics believe in miracles?

The Gospels contain many well-attested accounts of miracles, often witnessed by large crowds. It makes sense that the Creator of the natural order would occasionally suspend it to reveal His power. At the heart of our faith stands the greatest miracle of all—the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

St. Paul wrote, *"If Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain, and your faith has been in vain"* (1 Corinthians 15:14). God continues to work miracles today to bless those who experience them directly and to strengthen our trust in His providence, love, and divine presence.

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The Queen who leads us home

When Jesus entrusted Mary to St. John at the foot of the Cross (John 19:27), He gave us one of His greatest gifts: His own mother. In that moment, we were welcomed into His family. As Queen of Heaven, Mary blesses us in many ways. We look to her as:

As Mother: Jesus gave us the person closest to Him on earth to help draw us even closer to Him. He was not content simply to be our Savior—He wanted to be our Brother. Mary is not a barrier to Christ but a window into His heart. Through her, we come to know Him more intimately.

As model: Mary is also a model of faithful discipleship. Though sinless, she had no supernatural powers or hidden knowledge. She rejoiced and suffered, worked and traveled, just as we do. Her life shows us how to remain faithful in the face of sorrow, uncertainty, and loss—and that perseverance in faith is always rewarded.

As intercessor: God does not need Mary's prayers or assistance to act on our behalf, yet He chooses to involve her in His work. Her intercession—like ours—finds its power in Christ's perfect prayer to the Father. As Queen, Mary is not passive in heaven; she actively cares for us, her children, with a mother's love.

from Scripture — Luke 14:1, 7-14, Humility is holy "self-forgetfulness"

Fewer things are more awkward than accepting an honor publicly—only to discover it wasn't meant for you. In this Gospel passage, Jesus offers a clear lesson: the safest way to "move up" in God's Kingdom is through humility.

In Jesus' time, a person's status at a banquet was reflected in how close they sat to the host. Like today, not everyone knew who had been invited. If you mistakenly sat too close, you could be asked—publicly—to move down. It was wiser to take a lower seat and be invited higher, if appropriate.

Humility is often misunderstood. It's not weakness, self-doubt, or putting yourself down.

True humility is honest self-awareness—recognizing your flaws and limitations, but also your gifts, strengths, and constant need for God's grace. The humble person doesn't seek to be the center of attention. Instead, they reflect God's goodness and elevate others.

Jesus isn't giving us etiquette tips. He's showing us the posture of the heart that honors God, protects our soul, and prepares us for the only banquet that matters—the eternal one.

Feasts & Celebrations

August 8 – St. Dominic de Guzman (1221). Born to a noble family in Spain, St. Dominic studied to become an Augustinian canon regular, but left to preach against the widely popular but dangerous Albigensian heresy. He founded the Order of Preachers, or "Dominicans," who successfully defeated this heresy. He's also credited with receiving the Rosary from Our Lady and teaching it to others.

August 15 - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (1950). Declared a dogma of our faith by Pope Pius XII, the Assumption celebrates Mary being taken up into Heaven body and soul at the end of her life. It is a Holy Day of Obligation this year.

August 27 – St. Monica of Hippo (387). St. Monica is best known for converting her wayward son and pagan husband by her patience, piety, and prayers. Her son, St. Augustine, became a great saint and Doctor of the Church.

August 29 – The Beheading of St. John the Baptist (1st Century). Today we recall the martyrdom of St. John the Baptist, whose mission was to prepare the Jews for Jesus' coming by calling them to repentance. He was arrested and executed for preaching the truth to powerful enemies. Caving into the pressure of his courtiers, King Herod permitted his niece's request – the head of John the Baptist on a platter.

Q & A — What is a "rule of life" and why should I make one?

A rule of life is simply a structured way to integrate regular prayer into your day. It's a long-standing practice among priests, monks, and nuns—but it's not just for the consecrated. Everyone needs time each day to be with the One who loves us most. Your personal rule can be as simple or as detailed as you need; what matters is remaining faithful to the time you commit.

At first, the idea of a rule of life might seem intimidating. But in reality, most of us already follow one. Maybe we always wake up at the same time or never skip a morning jog. Prayer can—and should—become part of that rhythm. It's not just a duty; it's an investment that transforms us and blesses those around us.

In the *Introduction to the Devout Life*, St. Francis de Sales encourages us to "begin all prayers... in the presence of God." He emphasized the value of consistency—staying faithful to a few well-chosen prayers is more effective than rushing through many. If, during prayer, you feel God inviting you simply to rest in His love, don't worry about finishing every word. The goal is not to check boxes, but to draw close to Him.

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5 Things To Know About the Transfiguration of Our Lord

Feast of The Transfiguration Of Our Lord Wednesday, August 6, 2025

The Transfiguration of Our Lord can be hard to understand.
Why did it happen? What did it mean?
Here are 5 things you need to know:

1) What does the word "transfiguration" mean?
The word "transfiguration" comes from the Latin roots *trans-* ("across") and *figura* ("form, shape") It thus signifies a change of form or appearance. This is what happened to Jesus in the event known as the Transfiguration. His appearance changed and became glorious.

2) Why did the Transfiguration take place?
The Catechism explains it this way: Christ's Transfiguration aims at strengthening the apostles' faith in anticipation of His Passion: the ascent onto the "high mountain" prepares for the ascent to Calvary. Christ, Head of the Church, manifests what His Body contains and radiates in the sacraments: "the hope of glory" (CCC 568).

3) Why do Moses and Elijah appear on the mountain?
Moses and Elijah represent the two principal components of the Old Testament: the Law and the Prophets. Moses was the giver of the Law, and Elijah was considered the greatest of Prophets. The fact that these two figures "spoke of His departure, which He was to accomplish at Jerusalem" illustrates that the Law and the Prophets point forward to the Messiah and His sufferings. This foreshadows Jesus' own explanation, on the road to Emmaus, of the Scriptures pointing to Himself (cf Luke 24:27,32).

4) Who witnessed the Transfiguration?
The three who are privileged to witness the event are Peter, James, and John, the three core disciples. The fact that Jesus only allowed three of His disciples to witness the event may have sparked the discussion which swiftly ensured about which of the disciples was the greatest (Luke 9:46).

5) What can we learn from this event?
The Transfiguration was a special event in which God allowed certain apostles to have a privileged spiritual experience that was meant to strengthen their faith for the challenges they would later endure. But it was only a temporary event. It was not meant to be permanent.
In the same way, at certain times in this life, God may give certain members of the faithful special experiences of His grace that strengthen their faith. We should welcome these experiences for the graces they are, but we should not expect them to continue indefinitely, nor should we be afraid or resentful when they cease.
They may have been meant only as momentary glimpses of the joy of heaven to sustain us as we face the challenges of this life, to help strengthen us on the road that will - ultimately - bring us into the infinite and endless joy of heaven.

*Parts of an article were taken from an article originally appearing in the NCR on February 21, 2013.

St. Dominic meets St. Francis

"You are my companion. We will work together, supporting one another toward the same end, and no one will prevail against us."

- St. Dominic to St. Francis

St. Dominic
Feast day:
Friday, August 8, 2025

Tradition holds that during Dominic's second visit to Rome, in 1216, he met Francis of Assisi in one of the churches there. Both were negotiating with the Holy See through their mutual patron, Cardinal Ugolino, later Pope Gregory IX, to obtain papal confirmation of their respective orders - The Order of Preachers and the Order of Friars Minor.

Having seen Francis in a vision the night before, Dominic recognized him and rushed to greet him. A close friendship sprang up between the two, and to this day Dominicans and Franciscans exchange visits on each other's Founder's Feast Days as a sign of unity towards a common goal.

The mutual influences of Dominic and Francis can be seen in the development of their orders: Francis may have influenced Dominic to expand the practice of the vow of poverty, and the Friars Minor adopted the Dominican Constitutional system as a result of their turbulent history after Francis' death.

**The above excerpt is from Reflections of Dominican Spirituality: The Windows of St. Dominic Church, Washington, D.C. by Dr. Mary Moran.*

Summertime

During these summer months, 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.

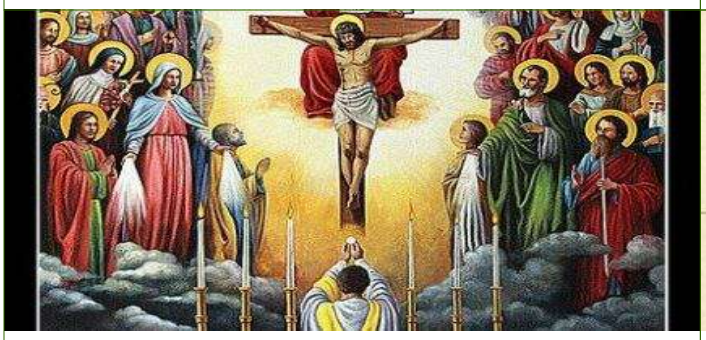
Msgr. Maresca

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.

Masses:
Masses are $20.00.

The Purgatorial Society has an enrollment for one year:
Purgatorial Mass Cards are $30.00.

Memorials:
Altar Bread,
Wine,
Sanctuary Lamp,
or Altar Candles
are $75.00.

Altar Flowers are $100.

An Act of Love Before Mass

O my God, I love Thee with all my heart, with all my soul, with all my strength, and with no other desire than to be inseparably united to Thee. It is through Thy Divine Son that this union is about to be realized within me. In Holy Communion I long to identify myself with Him, that it will no longer be myself, but Him, who lives in me; and when I have received Jesus within myself, then I shall love and be loved by Thee in that same measure, in which I am united to Him. Hasten then, to give me Thy Divine Son, at the hands of Thy priest, that through Jesus, I may unite myself forever to Thee, O God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit. 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 7/26-7/27	**$4,101**
2nd Collection for Air Conditioning	**$1,525**

Mass Attendance for July 26/27, 2025

5:00PM	**103**
8:00AM	**54**
9:30AM	**64**
11:00AM	**130**

Total: 351

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 **$26,829** 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

July's Monthly 50/50 Winners are:

1st Place: Mr. & Mrs. Michael Kerins
2nd Place: Ms. Marilou Pusung
3rd Place: Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Ward

Congratulations to the Winners!

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, returned by mail, or in the Sunday Collection Basket. You can even download the census card online. Just check our website at:
stfrancisofassisiastoria.org
You will then begin to receive weekly offering envelopes.

Calendar of Events

This Week

August 3 - August 9

Sunday, August 3

Monday, August 4

Tuesday, August 5
6:30PM AA Meeting—Rectory Basement

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

Thursday, August 7
10:00AM Legion of Mary

Friday, August 8

Saturday, August 9

Next Week

August 10 - August 16

Sunday, August 10
8:00AM Holy Name Mass

Monday, August 11

Tuesday, August 12
6:30PM AA Meeting—Rectory Basement

Wednesday, August 13
6:00PM Support Group –The Redeemer Center
7:30PM Bereavement Group-ZOOM
7:00PM Baptism Class - Rectory

Thursday, August 14
10:00AM Legion of Mary

Friday, August 15
The Solemnity of the Assumption of
The Blessed Virgin Mary
Holy Day of Obligation
Masses at 9:00AM, 11:00AM, and 7:30PM

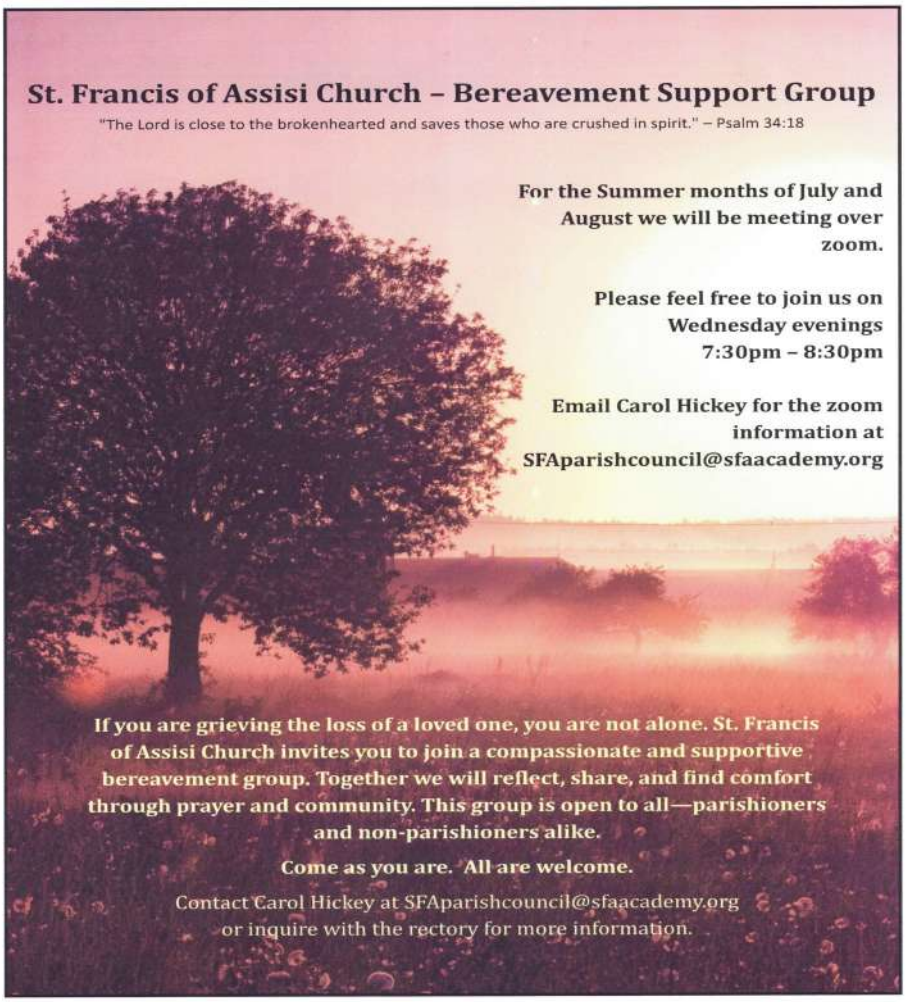
Saturday, August 16

Lector & Minister Schedule August 2025

	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time August 2-3	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time August 9-10	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time August 16-17	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time August 23-24	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time August 30-31
Lectors					
Saturday 5:00PM	Dolores Ratowski	Debbi Skinner	Dolores Ratowski	Debbi Skinner	Edward Kubina
Sunday 8:00AM	Andrew Soltesz	*Lector Needed*	Andrew Soltesz	Rob Laucella	Andrew Soltesz
Sunday 9:30AM	Martha O'Toole	Sharon Costanza	Patrick O'Toole	Josephine Corso	Maria Brooks
Sunday 11:00AM	Carol Hickey	Jane Di Donato	Carol Hickey	Jane Di Donato	Jane Di Donato
Ministers					
Saturday 5:00PM	******	*****	******	Deanna Danke	*****
Sunday 8:00AM	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Sunday 9:30AM	Janice Hengl	Theresa Mincone	*****	*****	*****
Sunday 11:00AM	Jane Di Donato	*****	Jane Esposito	*****	*****

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.



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

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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!

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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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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.**

Wedding Anniversary Mass

The Sacrament of Marriage should be celebrated.
All couples regardless of the anniversary year are invited to renew their vows.
Bring your family to witness your exchange and the continued commitment to one another.

Saturday, September 27, 2025
11:00 AM
Holy Family Church
175-20 74th Ave, Fresh Meadows

Information is due by September 15, 2025

Scan the code for more information on registration and payment options.

Diocese of Brooklyn Wedding Anniversary Mass Registration Form - September 27, 2025

The Assumption Of The Blessed Virgin Mary

Next Friday, August 15, 2025

Masses at:
9:00AM
11:00AM
7:30PM

We celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary next Friday, August 15, 2025. It is a Holy Day of Obligation.

This feast celebrates the teaching that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory.
(*Pius XII, Munificentissimus Deus 44*)

Friends of RADIO MARIA New York

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Siete tutti invitati ad una
GIORNATA DI SPIRITUALITA'
SABATO 23 Agosto, 2025
10:00 am - 4:00 pm
costo $50.00
Sara' una giornata di preghiera e di riflessione in preparazione alla Festa dell'Assunta e di Maria Vergine Regina

Lourdes in Litchfield
Shrine in Litchfield CT
84 Montfort Rd, Litchfield, 06759 CT
(860) 567-1041

Durante la celebrazione ci saranno sacerdoti a disposizione per le confessioni

COACH BUS
7:30 am - St. Francis Church
21-17 45 st Astoria
Anna Maria - 347 448-1136

8:00 am - St Luke Church
Clintoville St, Whitestone
Angela Masullo - 347 828-0921

PROGRAMMA
10:00 am - Rosario
11:00 am - Santa Messa
12:30 pm - Pranzo al sacco
1:30 pm - Adorazione Eucaristica & Benedizione Finale

Maria e' stata assunta in cielo e intercede per noi, si prende cura di noi, ci protegge, ci custodisce e ci ama. Apriamo il nostro cuore e ascoltiamola.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje, Rome & Assisi

with Radio Maria

$4,950 per person
from New York (JFK)
$649 single room supplement
**All Pricing Based on Double Occupancy. Pricing available from any airport: www.206tours.com/airports*

Sept. 24 – Oct. 03, 2025

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dominic@206tours.com

Learn More & Book Now:
www.206tours.com/frandro
Booking Code: RM092425

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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 _____