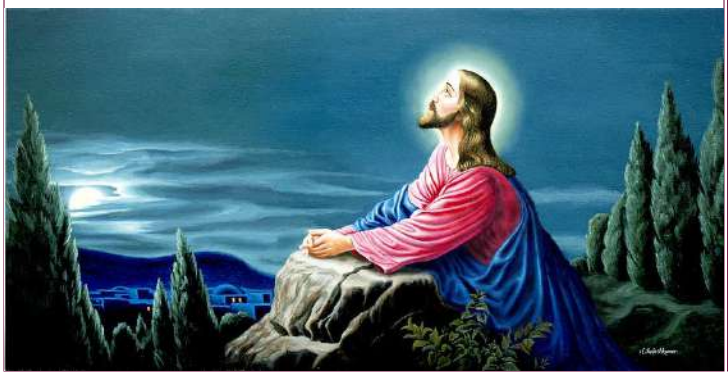
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass intentions

Sunday, July 27	*17th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
8:00AM	**Patrick Hosey**
9:30AM	**Darrin T. O'Connor**
11:00AM	**Mario Esposito**
	Antonio Carlino
	Maria Di Rico
Monday, July 28	*Weekday*
9:00AM	**The Holy Souls in Purgatory**
Tuesday, July 29	*Sts. Martha, Mary, & Lazarus*
9:00AM	**Maria & Vincent Ferrante**
Wednesday, July 30	*St. Peter Chryologus, Bishop*
9:00AM	*And Doctor of the Church*
	Harry Blair
Thursday, July 31	*St. Ignatius of Loyola*
9:00AM	**Carolina Cona**
Friday, August 1	*St. Alphonsus Ligouri, Bishop*
9:00AM	*And Doctor of the Church*
	Selina Rivera
Saturday, August 2	*Blessed Virgin Mary*
9:00AM	**Purgatorial Society**
	The Living and Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary & Their Families
5:00PM	**Anthony Mincone**
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



Today's Readings

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Genesis 18:20-32
Colossians 2:12-14
Luke 11:1-13

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after He had finished, one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us how to pray, as John taught his disciples." Jesus said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial." And He said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him." And he answers from within, "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything." I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.
So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"

18th Sunday In Ordinary Time

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

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

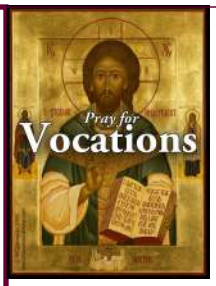
Rosario Duran
Vivian Papa
Joel Steinmann
Anna Governali
Tim Graham
Antonio Postiglione
Mario Tamburello
Christopher Araimo
Charles Principato
Jim Kreitler
Humberto Cordova
John Schakir
Margaret Culhane

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.

Readings For The Week

Monday	***Exodus 32:15-24,30-34*** ***Matthew 13:31-35***
Tuesday	***Exodus 33:7-11;*** ***34:5B- 9,28*** ***John 11:19-27***
Wednesday	***Exodus 34:29-35*** ***Matthew 13:44-46***
Thursday	***Exodus 40:16-21,34-38*** ***Matthew 13:47-53***
Friday	***Leviticus 23:1,4-11,*** ***15-16,27,34B-37*** ***Matthew 13:54-58***
Saturday	***Leviticus 25:1,8-17*** ***Matthew 14:1-12***



17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 27, 2025

"Knock, and the door will be opened for 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

FOCUS:
Ask and you will receive.

All of Scripture tells of the necessity of prayer, and Jesus exhorts us to be persistent because something powerful happens in that repetition. As we ask, as we return to the source of mercy and love, we are changed by our encounter with God. God is faithful. God is merciful.

Mission Appeal

All Masses Next 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.

St. Peter Chrysologus Doctor of The Church And Defender Against Heresy

Wednesday, July 30th

St. Peter Chrysologus (translated "Peter the Golden-Worded"), Bishop and Doctor of the Church, was born at Imola, Italy in 380. He is known as the "Doctor of Homilies" for the concise but theologically rich reflections he delivered during his time as the Bishop of Ravenna. He is revered as a saint by the Roman Catholic Church and the Eastern Orthodox Church. He was declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Benedict XIII in 1729.

St. Peter was baptized, educated, and ordained a deacon by Cornelius, Bishop of Imola. Pope Sixtus III, through a vision of Pope Peter the Apostle, appointed Peter as Bishop of Ravenna circa 433, apparently rejecting the candidate whom the people of the city of Ravenna elected. At that time Ravenna was the capital of the West, and there are indications that Ravenna held the rank of metropolitan before this time.

People knew him for his very simple and short but inspired sermons, for he was afraid of fatiguing the attention of his hearers. His piety and zeal won universal admiration. In his extant homilies, Bishop Peter explained Biblical texts briefly and concisely. He also condemned Arianism (a wrongly held belief that Jesus is not Co-Eternal with the Father) and Monophysitism (Jesus as having only one Divine nature as opposed to two distinct natures, Divine and Human) as heresies and explained the Apostle's Creed, the mystery of the Incarnation, and other topics in simple and clear language. He dedicated a series of homilies to John the Baptist and Mary, mother of Jesus. Peter advocated daily reception of the Eucharist and urged his listeners to confide in the forgiveness offered through Christ.

His surviving works attest to the Catholic Church's traditional beliefs about Mary's perpetual virginity, the penitential value of Lent, Christ's Eucharistic Presence, and the primacy of St. Peter and his successors. He shared the confidence of Pope Leo I The Great (440-461AD), another Doctor of the Church.

St. Peter Chrysologus died circa 450 during a visit to Imola, the town of his birth. Archbishop Felix of Ravenna in the early eighth century collected and preserved 176 of his homilies.

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.

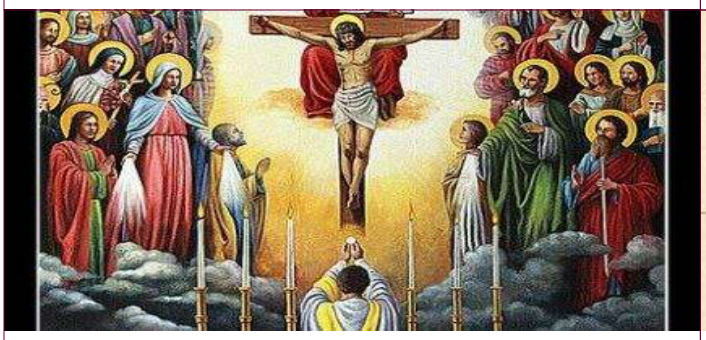
Msgr. Maresca

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.

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 7/19-7/20	**$3,221**
2nd Collection for Texas Flood Victims	**$1,759**

SCHOOL PARENTS MUST USE CHURCH ENVELOPES.

Mass Attendance for July 19/20, 2025

5:00PM	**91**
8:00AM	**44**
9:30AM	**72**
11:00AM	**101**

Total: 308

Annual Catholic Appeal 2025

DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

The Annual Catholic Appeal for 2025 has begun in our Diocese. Our goal this year has been lowered to **$37,511.** This year the theme is: **JUBILEE OF HOPE, RENEWAL OF FAITH, AND CHARITY.**

I ask you to prayerfully reflect on what you can contribute to help us reach our goal. The Annual Appeal allows Bishop Brennan to continue to carry out the mission of the Church here in Brooklyn and Queens. So far we have pledged **$26,679** 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

Wanted: Part Time Cook

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 Saturday & Sunday, August 2/3, 2025

Next Saturday and Sunday, August 2/3, we will be having a Second Collection for **Maintenance and Repair**.

We thank you for your financial help in maintaining our Parish and keeping it beautiful and in working order! Please be as generous as your means allow.

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

July 27 - August 2

Sunday, July 27

Monday, July 28

Tuesday, July 29
6:30PM AA Meeting—Rectory Basement

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

Thursday, July 31
10:00AM Legion of Mary

Friday, August 1

Saturday, August 2
9:00AM Anointing Mass

Next 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

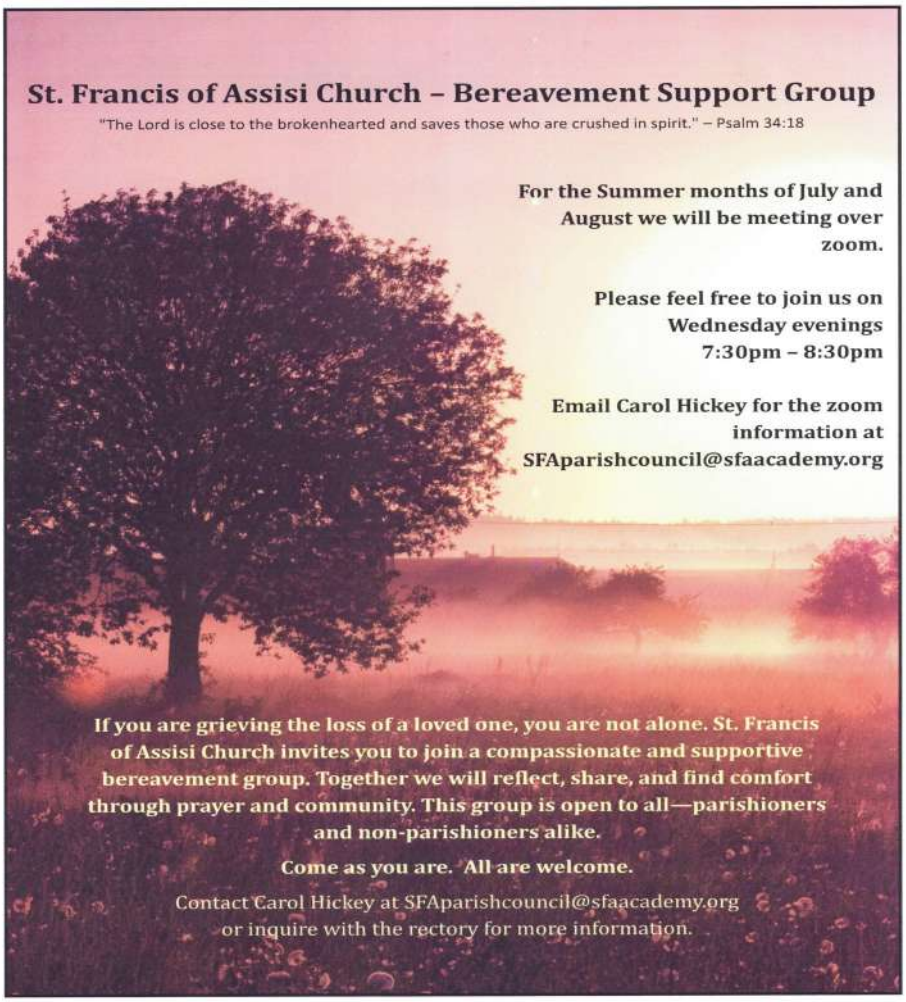
Saturday, August 9

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	Rob Laucella	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

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*

_____ In Memoriam *In Thanksgiving*

_____ In Memoriam *In Thanksgiving*

_____ 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.**

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: _____

Date: _____ Amount: _____ Form of Payment: _____

Office notes _____

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

Friends of RADIO MARIA New York

(718)417-0550

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

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

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

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.