19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

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**
Monday, August 11	*St. Clare*
9:00AM	**Philip Renne**
Tuesday, August 12	*St. Jane Frances de Chantal*
9:00AM	**Maria Di Rico**
Wednesday, August 13	*St. Pontian, Pope, and St.*
9:00AM	*Hippolytus, Priest; Martyrs*
	Catherine Finerty
Thursday, August 14	*St. Maximilian Kolbe*
9:00AM	**Jake Pontillo**
Friday, August 15	*Solemnity of the Assumption of the*
9:00AM	*Blessed Virgin Mary,*
	Holy Day of Obligation
	Margaret Johensen
11:00AM	**John Hengl**
7:30PM	**Ettore Mascitti**
Saturday, August 16	*St. Stephen of Hungary*
9:00AM	**Purgatorial Society**
5:00PM	**Anne Thompson**
Sunday, August 17	*20th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
8:00AM	**Jean Martin**
9:30AM	**Frederick Stella**
11:00AM	**For the People of St. Francis Of Assisi** **Concetta Babore** **Jorge Enrique Mesa** **Antonio Ippolito** **Ettore Mascitti**

Today's Readings

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

"Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those servants.

But know this; if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Peter said, "Lord, are you telling us this parable for us or for everyone?" And the Lord said, "Who then is the faithful and prudent manager whom his master will put in charge of his servants, to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Blessed is that servant whom his master will find at work when he arrives. Truly I tell you, he will put that one in charge of all his possessions. But if that servant says to himself, "My master is delayed in coming", and if he begins to beat the other servants, men and women, and to eat and drink and get drunk, the master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour that he does not know, and will cut him into pieces, and put him with the unfaithful. That servant who knew what his master wanted, will receive a severe beating. But one who did not know and did what deserved a beating will receive a light beating. From everyone to whom much is given, much will be required; and from one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded."

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Jeremiah: 38:4-6,8-10
Hebrews 12:1-4
Luke 12:49-53

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

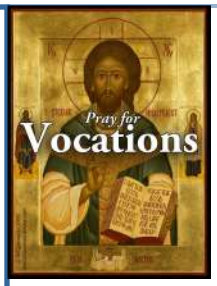
Rosario Duran
Vivian Papa
Joel Steinmann
Anna Governali
Tim Graham
Antonio Postiglione
Mario Tamburello
Christopher Araimo
Charles Principato
Jim Kreitler
Humberto Cordova
John Schakir
Margaret Culhane

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	***Deuteronomy 10:12-22*** ***Matthew 17:22-27***
Tuesday	***Deuteronomy 31:1-8*** ***Matthew 18:1-5,10,12-14***
Wednesday	***Deuteronomy 34:1-12*** ***Matthew 18:15-20***
Thursday	***Joshua 3:7-10A,11,13-17*** ***Matthew 18:21—19:1***
Friday	***Revelation 11:19A; 12:1-6A,10AB*** ***1 Corinthians 15:20-27*** ***Luke 1:39-56***
Saturday	***Joshua 24:14-29*** ***Matthew 19:13-15***



19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 10, 2025

"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen."

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:

We can trust God to provide for us.

Faith is a gift from God who provides all things for us. God provided as he promised to Abraham, the Israelites, and the disciples. As what they hoped for was realized, their trust grew and deepened. We, too, have received the gift of faith and can trust God to provide for us. We can always be ready, and our waiting will not be in vain.

The Solemnity Of The Assumption Of The Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Day Of Obligation

Friday, August 15, 2025

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

Prayer To Our Lady of the Assumption

By Pope St. Pius X

O Immaculate Virgin, Mother of God and Mother of humanity, we believe with all the fervor of our faith in your triumphal assumption both in body and in soul into heaven where you are acclaimed as Queen by all the choirs of angels and all the legions of saints; we unite with them to praise and bless the Lord who has exalted you above all other pure creatures and to offer you the tribute of our devotion and our love.

We know that your gaze, which on earth watched over the humble and suffering humanity of Jesus, in heaven is filled with the vision of that humanity glorified and with the vision of uncreated wisdom, and that the joy of your soul in the direct contemplation of the adorable Trinity causes your heart to throb with overwhelming tenderness; and we, poor sinners whose body weights down the flight of the soul, beg you to purify our hearts so that, while we remain below, we may learn to see God and God alone in the beauties of his creatures.

We trust that your merciful eyes may deign to gaze down upon our miseries and anguish, upon our struggles and our weaknesses; that your countenance may smile upon our joys and our victories; that you may hear the voice of Jesus saying to you of each one of us, as he once said to you of his beloved disciple:
"Behold your son," and we who call upon you as our Mother, we, like John, take you as the guide, strength, and consolation of our mortal life.

We are inspired by the certainty that your eyes, which wept over the earth crimsoned by the blood of Jesus, are yet turned toward this world racked by wars and persecutions, the oppression of the just and the weak. From the shadows of this vale of tears, we seek in your heavenly assistance, tender mercy, comfort for our aching hearts, and help in the trials of Church and country.

We believe finally that in the glory where you reign, clothed with the sun and crowned with stars, you are, after Jesus, the joy and gladness of all the angels and the saints, and from this earth, over which we tread as pilgrims, comforted by our faith in the future resurrection, we look to you our life, our sweetness, our hope; draw us onward with the sweetness of your voice, so that one day, after our exile, you may show us Jesus, the blessed fruit of your womb.
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.
Amen.

St. Clare Of Assisi

Feast Day: Monday August 11, 2025

"We become what we love, and who we love shapes who we become."

St. Clare of Assisi was born into the nobility of Assisi on July 16, 1194. She was known by members of her household to be a sensitive child, prayerful and kind. After hearing St. Francis preach, she confided in him her desire to live for God. On the evening of Palm Sunday, in the year 1212, Clare secretly left her stately home with her cousin Pacifica, and never returned. In the Church of "Our Lady of the Angels", Francis clothed Clare in sackcloth and cut off her hair, signaling her renunciation of the world. She took the veil of religious life from Francis and from that moment vowed to live her life entirely in the service of Jesus, her heavenly spouse.

St. Clare followed her path unwaveringly, adopting the rule of St. Benedict tempered with Francis' preaching of poverty. She soon gathered a large female following at San Damiano and Francis urged her to set up a convent there. She did so and became abbess of the new community known as the Poor Clares. Clare's mother and sisters later joined the order, and there are still thousands of members today.

Very little is known about St. Clare's life in the cloister. We know she became a living example of the poverty, humility, and mortification expounded by St. Francis. Like St. Francis, Clare was known for her many miracles. Among her most famous feats is using a consecrated Host to ward off invaders. She displayed the Sacrament in a monstrance at the convent gates, and prayed before it; the attackers left. Toward the end of her life on Christmas Eve 1252, Clare was upset that her illness was keeping her from Mass in the new Basilica of St. Francis. Suddenly, she was blessed with a vision of the Mass on her wall, both hearing and seeing it miraculously from several miles away.

St. Clare died in Assisi on August 11, 1253. She was canonized quickly—on September 26, 1255, by Pope Alexander IV.

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.

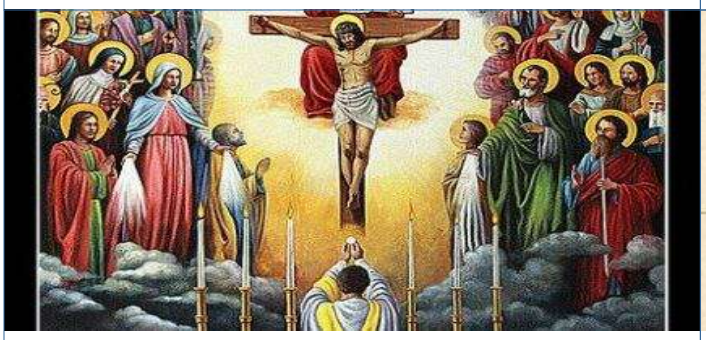
Msgr. Maresca

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 8/2-8/3	**$3,154**
2nd Collection for Maintenance & Repair	**$823**
Mission Appeal for Odisha, India	**$2,372**

Mass Attendance for August 2/3, 2025

5:00PM	**102**
8:00AM	**39**
9:30AM	**69**
11:00AM	**118**

Total: 328

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

Second Collection
Next Saturday and Sunday
August 16/17, 2025

Next Saturday and Sunday, August 16/17, 2025, we will have 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. 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

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

Next Week

August 17 - August 23

Sunday, August 17

Monday, August 18

Tuesday, August 19
6:30PM AA Meeting—Rectory Basement

Wednesday, August 20
6:00PM Support Group –The Redeemer Center
7:30PM Bereavement Group-ZOOM

Thursday, August 21
10:00AM Legion of Mary

Friday, August 22

Saturday, August 23

When Our Blessed Mother appeared to the children of Fatima for the second time, she told Lucia: "Are you suffering a great deal? Don't lose heart. I will never forsake you. My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge and the way that will lead you to God."
- Our Lady of Fatima, 1917

August is the month when we as Catholics honor the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Here are some ideas through which we can honor her:

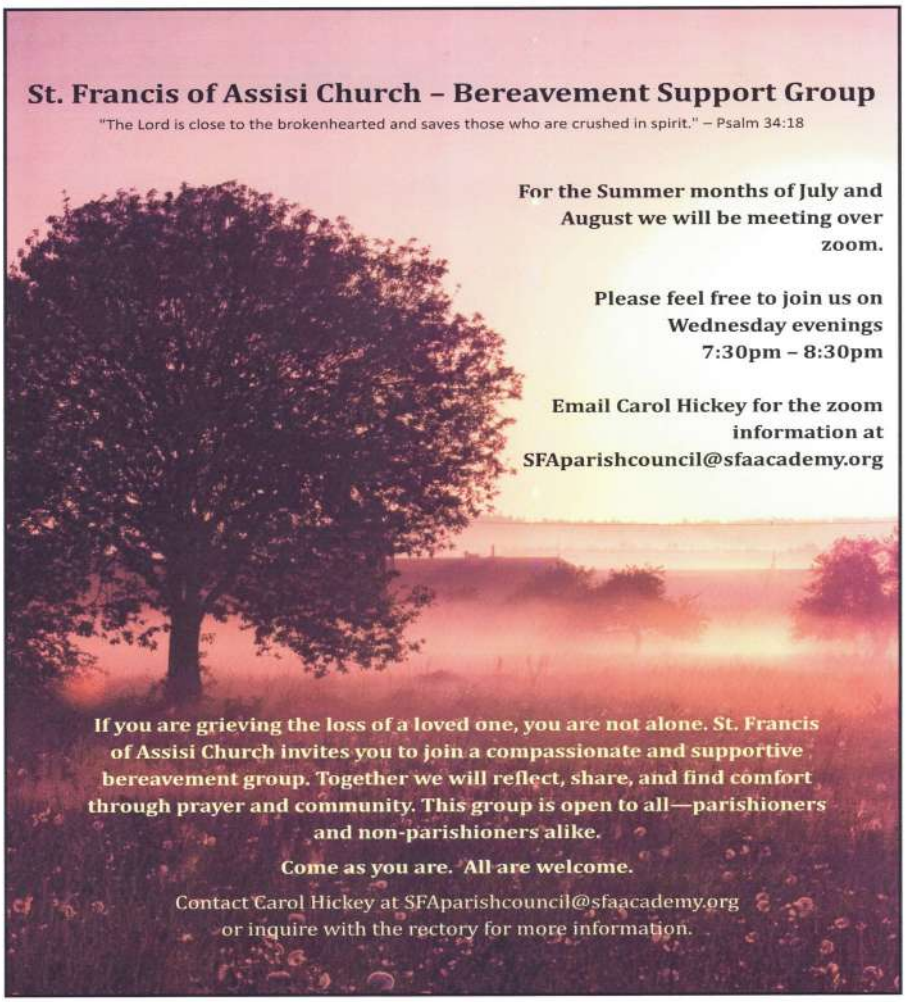
1) Make the First Five Saturdays - receive the Eucharist, pray the Rosary, and meditate for 15 minutes with the intention of reparation.
2) Read about the devotion - deepen your understanding through trusted Catholic sources.
3) Pray traditional prayers, such as:
Prayer to the Immaculate Heart of Mary
Novena to the Immaculate Heart of Mary
Litany of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
4) Consecrate yourself and your home to her Heart - a beautiful act of surrender.
5) Pray the Rosary with intention - meditate on Mary's joys and sorrows as you reflect on her life.

Mary still calls: Will you answer her?

The world needs Mary's help now more than ever. She calls to us from Heaven, asking us to pray to her and beseech her intercession. Our Mother cares about us, and she wants to help us.

By keeping well the month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, we not only please the Virgin Mary, but we also please her Son. There's no better way to honor the Lord than by honoring His Mother.

May her Heart, full of grace and sorrow, lead ours ever closer to her Son.



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*

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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.**

Save The Date!

Our Fall Festival Will Be Held On:

Saturday, September 27, 2025

The Next Fall Festival Meeting Will Be Held On Tuesday, September 9th, at 7:00PM.

Youth Minister Needed!

We are currently looking for a Youth Minister for our Youth Group.
The Youth Group meets once each month after the 5:00PM Saturday Vigil Mass.

If you are interested in growing our Youth program, please contact us at 718-728-7801, or
Email us at rjmpastor@sfaacademy.org.

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

OCIA
Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

Are you someone, or do you know someone who:

...has expressed interest in becoming Catholic?

...was baptized as a Catholic as a child but never received the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion, or Confirmation?

The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) focuses on learning about the Church and teachings of the Faith to prepare individuals to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation during the Easter Season.

For more information, 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 _____