21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

Sunday, August 24	*21st Sunday in Ordinary Time*
8:00AM	**Josephine Hosey**
9:30AM	**Filomena Mincone**
11:00AM	**Antonio Ippolito**
	Kelly McGrath-Baratta
	Amato Mirabella
Monday, August 25	*St. Louis*
9:00AM	**Rosemary Lucchino**
Tuesday, August 26	*Weekday*
9:00AM	**Lucchino Family**
Wednesday, August 27	*St. Monica*
9:00AM	**Marie Salamone**
Thursday, August 28	*St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor*
9:00AM	*Of the Church*
	Joseph Salamone
Friday, August 29	*The Passion of St. John*
9:00AM	*the Baptist*
	Victor Salamone
Saturday, August 30	*Blessed Virgin Mary*
9:00AM	**Purgatorial Society**
	Paul Eiaw
5:00PM	**Mrs. Grace Fulop**
Sunday, August 31	*22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*
8:00AM	**For the People of St. Francis Of Assisi**
9:30AM	**Domenic Iacobazzi**
11:00AM	**Frank Pasquorella**

Today's Readings

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 66:18-21
Hebrews 12:5-7,11-13
Luke 13:22-30

Jesus went through one town and village after another, teaching as He made His way to Jerusalem. Someone asked Him, "Lord, will only a few be saved?" He said to them, "Strive to enter through the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able. When once the owner of the house has got up and shut the door, saying, "Lord, open to us," then in reply he will say to you, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will begin to say, "We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets." But he will say, "I do not know where you come from; go away from me, all you evildoers!" There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrown out. Then people will come from east and west, from north and south, and will eat in the kingdom of God. Indeed, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."

Readings For The Week

Monday	***1 Thessalonians 1:1-5,8B-10***
	Matthew 23:13-22
Tuesday	***1 Thessalonians 2:1-8***
	Matthew 23:23-26
Wednesday	***1 Thessalonians 2:9-13***
	Matthew 23:27-32
Thursday	***1 Thessalonians 3:7-13***
	Matthew 24:42-51
Friday	***1 Thessalonians 4:1-8***
	Mark 6:17-29
Saturday	***1 Thessalonians 4:9-11***
	Matthew 25:14-30

22nd Sunday In Ordinary Time

Sirach 3:17-18,20,28-29
Hebrews 12:18-19,22-24A
Luke 14:1,7-14

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

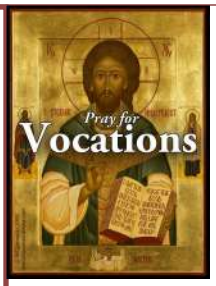
Benedicto Randazzo
Angelo Niakas
Peter Lopez
Rick Simonsen
Aubrey Madden
Madison Millett
Leonardo Di Marco
Michelle Yashita
The Polychronakis Family
Angel Garcia
Geraldine Catoggio
Assunta Di Benedetto
Bob Bala

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:

God offers salvation to all in the person of His only Son.

God's desire is that we love Him and serve Him and are united to Him for eternity. We are called by baptism to the salvation that He offers through His Son. What matters is our response to the loving and life-giving invitation; how we live out our lives as faithful disciples makes the ultimate difference. It is our witness that will encourage others to hear and respond to God's call to them.



21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 24, 2025

"Keep awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming!"

Consider a vocation as a Priest, Deacon, or in the Consecrated Life.

Contact the Vocation Office at (718)-827-2454
Or
Email: vocations@diobrook.org

Memorials for the Week Of August 24, 2025

Altar Bread & Altar Wine

In Loving Memory of:
Filomena Mincone

Requested By:
Sandra Del Greco
Theresa Baranci

Prayer of St. Augustine

Bishop & Doctor of the Church

A.D 354 - A.D. 430

Feast Day: Thursday, August 28, 2025

Lord Jesus, let me know myself and know You,
And desire nothing, save only You.
Let me hate myself and love You.
Let me do everything for the sake of You.
Let me humble myself and exalt You.
Let me think of nothing except You.
Let me die to myself and live in You.
Let me accept whatever happens as from You.
Let me banish self and follow You,
And every desire to follow You.
Let me fly from myself and take refuge in You,
That I may deserve to be defended by You.
Let me fear for myself, let me fear You,
And let me be among those who are chosen by You.
Let me distrust myself and put my trust in You.
Let me be willing to obey for the sake of You.
Let me cling to nothing, save only You,
And let me be poor because of You.
Look upon me, that I may love You.
Call me, that I may see You,
And forever enjoy You.
Amen.

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.

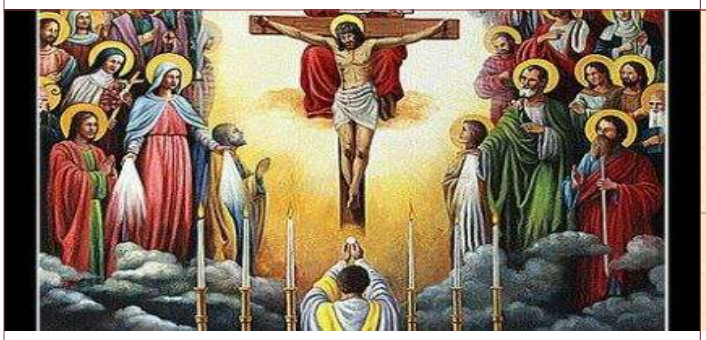
Msgr. Maresca

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

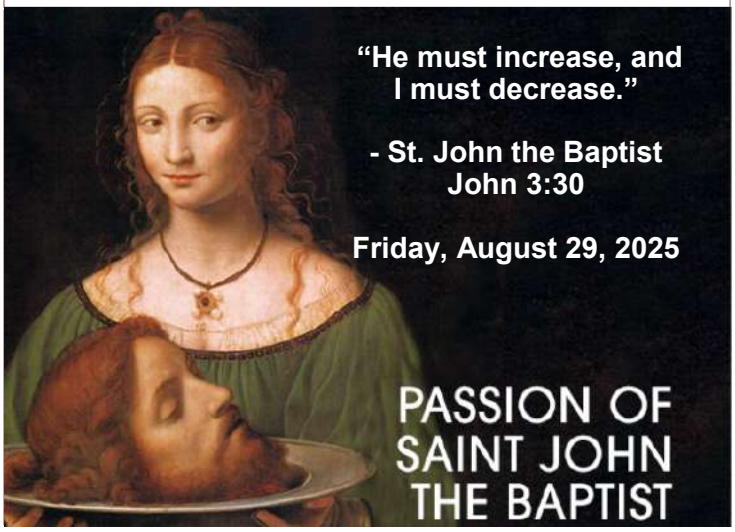
Thank you for your continued generosity of giving each week. Your weekly offering helps us pay our monthly bills.

Sunday 8/16-8/17	**$2,872**
Second Collection for Air Conditioning	**$1,134**
Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary	**$1,055**

Mass Attendance for August 16/17, 2025

5:00PM	**97**
8:00AM	**47**
9:30AM	**79**
11:00AM	**121**

Total: 344



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 **$29,104** 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

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.

Eucharistic Adoration Resumes
Tuesday September 2, 2025
Monday - Saturday 8:00AM - 8:50AM

Eucharistic Adoration will resume Tuesday September 2, 2025, Monday through Saturday from 8:00AM to 8:50AM. As Pope St. John Paul II has said, "Christian life is expressed in the fulfilling of the greatest Commandment, that is to say, in the love of God and neighbor, and this love finds its source in the Blessed Sacrament….Eucharistic worship is therefore precisely the expression of that love which is the authentic and deepest characteristic of the Christian vocation. This worship springs from the love and serves the love to which we are all called in Jesus Christ. A living fruit of this worship is the perfecting of the image of God that we bear within us….We must always have this reality before our eyes."

We encourage everyone to make an effort to spend time with our Lord. It is time well spent in prayer for your own intentions and also for our Parish Family.

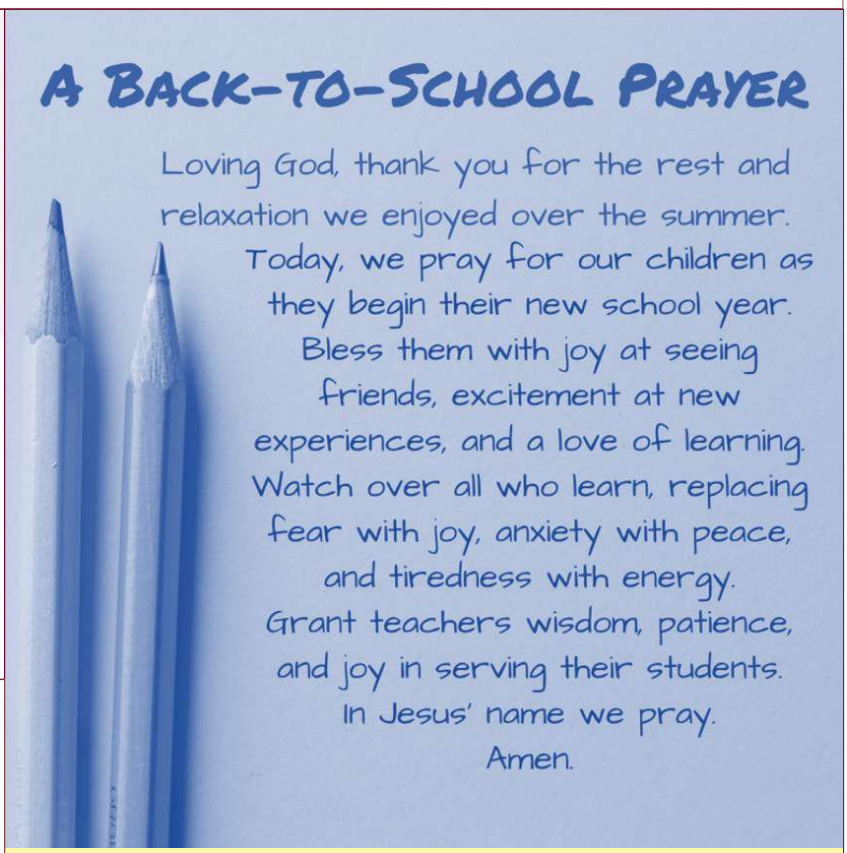
On every First Saturday of the Month, we have our Anointing Mass at 9am. All are invited and we encourage you to bring your loved ones to this very special Mass each Month.

Our upcoming Anointing Mass is next Saturday, September 6, 2025.

Labor Day: Monday September 1, 2025

Next Monday September 1, 2025, the School and Rectory Offices will be closed in observance of the holiday.

The 9:00AM Mass will be celebrated as usual.



Welcome Back to School to All Students, Parents, and Teachers!

We wish to welcome back all of our Students, Parents, and Teachers. We look forward to seeing you in the Classroom and at Mass!

Calendar of Events

This Week

August 24 - August 30

Sunday, August 24

Monday, August 25

Tuesday, August 26
6:30PM AA Meeting—Rectory Basement

Wednesday, August 27
6:00PM Support Group –The Redeemer Center
7:30PM Bereavement Group-ZOOM

Thursday, August 28
10:00AM Legion of Mary

Friday, August 29

Saturday, August 30

The Pharisees challenge Jesus about the Law.

Next Week

August 31 - September 6

Sunday, August 31
12:00PM Baptisms

Monday, September 1
Labor Day
School and Rectory Offices Closed

Tuesday, September 2
8:00AM -8:50AM Morning Eucharistic Adoration Resumes Monday through Saturday
6:30PM AA Meeting—Rectory Basement

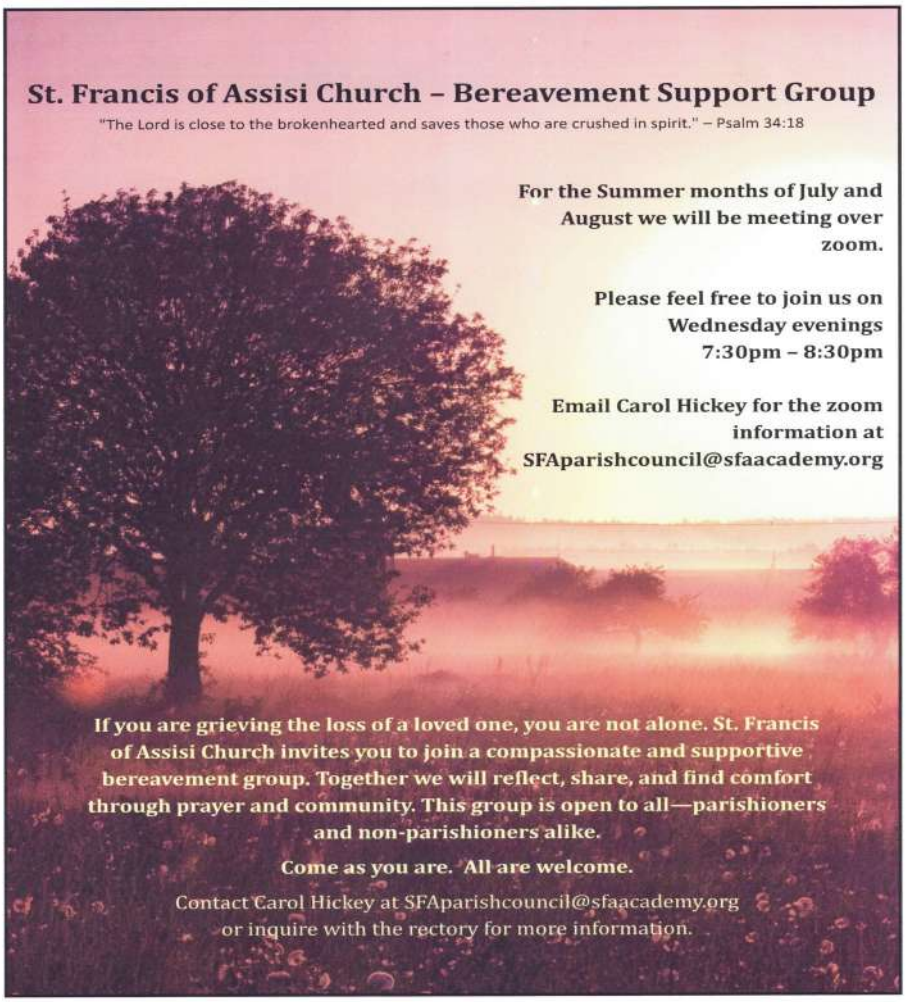
Wednesday, September 3
Classes Begin K-8th Grade
6:00PM Support Group –The Redeemer Center
7:30PM Bereavement Group-ZOOM

Thursday, September 4
First Full Day of School
10:00AM Legion of Mary

Friday, September 5
First Friday

Saturday, September 6
9:00AM Anointing Mass

Jesus drives out the unclean spirit in the synagogue.



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,

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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,

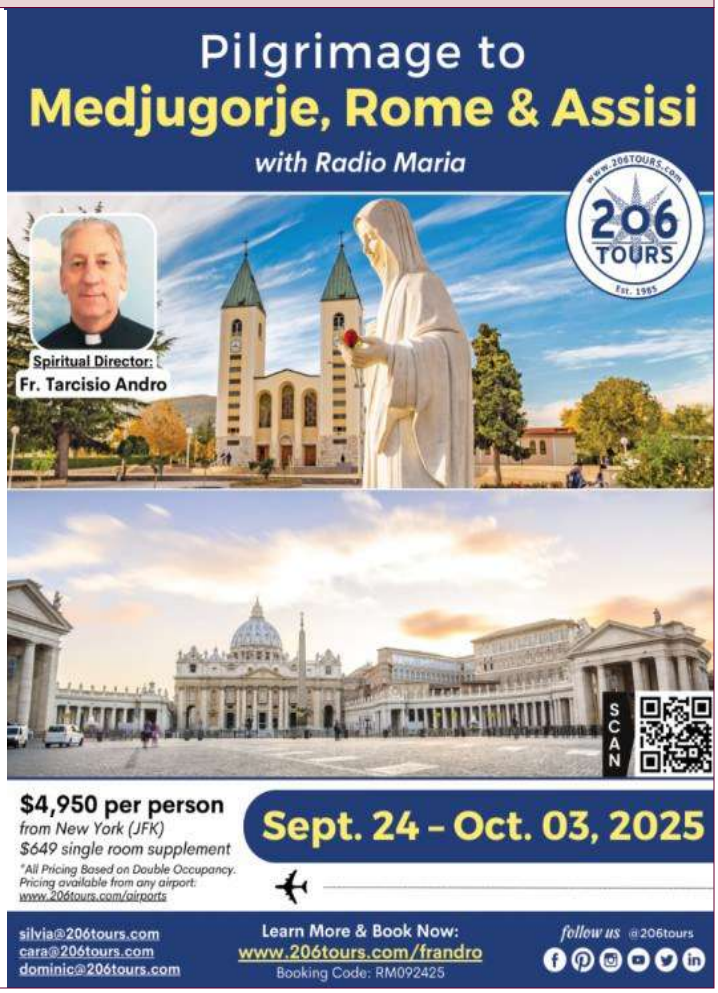
Amen.

2025 - 2026 Calendar Available For Pickup At the Rectory Office

All Society and Church Group Leaders may now come and pick up a copy of the finalized Calendar for the new year at the Rectory Office.

We ask that if any changes, switches, or cancellations need to happen, *they are communicated with Msgr. Maresca for approval before making the change*. Only after approval please communicate the change with our Parish Secretary, Tara Webb, so we can adjust the Online Calendar.

As a reminder, the printed Calendar is only a guide. For the most up to date information please visit our website where our Online Calendar can be found.



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.

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.

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!

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

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.**

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.

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 _____