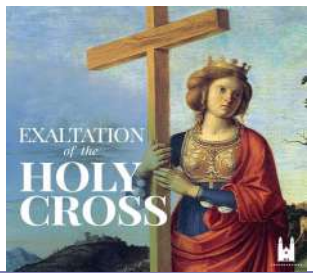
Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Mass Intentions

Sunday, Sept. 14	*Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross*
8:00AM	**Holy Name Mass**
9:30AM	**Carmela Vella**
11:00AM	**For the People of St. Francis Of Assisi**
	Angelo Rosa Sferrazza
Monday, Sept. 15	*Our Lady of Sorrows*
9:00AM	**Mary Cancian**
Tuesday, Sept. 16	*St. Cornelius, Pope, and St. Cyprian, Bishop; Martyrs*
9:00AM	**Marko Marusic**
Wednesday, Sept. 17	*St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor or the Church, and St. Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin and Doctor of the Church*
9:00AM	**David Walsh**
Thursday, Sept. 18	*Weekday*
9:00AM	**Marie Elizabeth Murray**
Friday, Sept. 19	*St. Januarius, Bishop & Martyr*
9:00AM	**Margaret Rose Wolejsza**
Saturday, Sept. 20	*Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, and Paul Chong Ha-Sang, and Companions, Martyrs*
9:00AM	**Purgatorial Society**
5:00PM	**For the People of St. Francis Of Assisi**
Sunday, Sept. 21	*25th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
8:00AM	**Susan Guglielmo**
9:30AM	**Assunta D'Angelo**
11:00AM	**Mario Esposito**
	Janet Landusky



Today's Readings

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Numbers 21:4b-9
Philippians 2:6-11
John 3:13-17

"No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him."

Readings For The Week

Monday	***1 Timothy 2:1-8***
	John 19:25-27
Tuesday	***1 Timothy 3:1-3***
	Luke 7:11-17
Wednesday	***1 Timothy 3:14-16***
	Luke 7:31-35
Thursday	***1 Timothy 4:12-16***
	Luke 7:36-50
Friday	***1 Timothy 6:2c-12***
	Luke 8:1-3
Saturday	***1 Timothy 6:13-16***
	Luke 8:4-15

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Amos 8:4-7
1 Timothy 2:1-8
Luke 16:1-13

Remember in your prayers all those in our parish who are sick, that they may find health and comfort.

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.

Awyn Profit
Jack Orlando
Steven Joyce
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

FOCUS:
In the Cross is our hope.

The cross, a horrible instrument of death, can be celebrated because there is no evil, no pain, no darkness which cannot be transformed by Christ. He enters into whatever we may be confronting to bring His perfect love, goodness, truth, and life to us. Lift high the cross, for through it, God has worked our salvation.

Sunday, September 14, 2025
The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
celebrates two historical events: the discovery of the True Cross by Saint Helena, the mother of the Emperor Constantine, in 320 under the temple of Venus in Jerusalem, and the dedication in 335 of the basilica and shrine built on Calvary by Constantine, which mark the site of the Crucifixion.

The basilica, named the Martyrium, and the shrine, named the Calvarium, were destroyed by the Persians in 614. The Church of the Holy Sepulcher which now stands on the site was built by the crusaders in 1149.

However, the feast, more than anything else, is a celebration and commemoration of God's greatest work: his salvific death on the Cross and His Resurrection, through which death was defeated and the doors to Heaven opened.

The entrance antiphon for the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross is: "We should glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, for He is our salvation, our life, and our resurrection: through him we are saved and made free."

St. Francis of Assisi Scripture Study

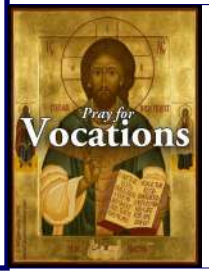
Thursdays from 7:20PM-8:50PM,
Rectory Lower Level, St. Joseph Room

Dear SFA Family & Friends,
The Scripture Study Group is delighted to begin a new study with ***The Gospel According to Matthew***. We will begin our study on Thursday, September 18th, with Chapters 1 and 2 on the origins of Jesus.

"Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means "God is with us." (Matthew 1:23)

Grow in Love & Knowledge of Scripture.
All are invited and all are welcome.

The Gospel readings and study are conducted using the Little Rock Scripture Study program. Study booklets will be provided.



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

From the Pastor's Desk:

"And being found in human form, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross." Philippians 2:8

My Dear Parishioners,

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. St. Paul wrote to the Corinthians that: *The message of the Cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God (1Cor 1:18).* These words are so appropriate to think about as we gather to celebrate this feast. They remind us that God's ways are not our ways, and it is impossible to understand how the Lord works through the application of human wisdom alone. Rather, to come to a deeper knowledge and love for God, we must acknowledge our own limitations, recognize our need for God, and place our faith in his Son Jesus whom he sent to save and redeem us on the Cross.

Beyond these things, if we are serious about continuing to grow in our knowledge and love for God, we must be prepared to allow ourselves to be stretched, to go where the Holy Spirit leads us, even if it goes against the grain. This is because it is the way Jesus himself lived, walking the way of the Cross, and the way we are called to live as his followers.

As our second reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians makes clear, the whole of Jesus' life was marked by the Cross. This is as Christ Jesus, in humble obedience to the will of his Father and out of love for us, freely chose to empty himself of his position in heaven and become one of us for the sake of our salvation. Then Jesus throughout the course of his public ministry poured himself out in humble and loving service to others as he worked to fulfill the saving mission his Father has sent him to accomplish. Then when the time was right Jesus revealed the depth of God's love for us as he freely poured himself out and offered his life as a sacrifice on the Cross to win our salvation, to win forgiveness for our sins. Following this, Jesus then rose from the dead and ascended into heaven to open the way to eternal life.

Tying things together, Jesus embraced the way of the Cross not just to win our salvation but also to reveal that it is the way to salvation. Just as he died so we might live, so must we continually die to sin that we may come to a newer and fuller life in Christ. Our new life will strengthen us as we pour ourselves out more fully in love and service to God and to our neighbor, and lead us to experience the blessings of peace and joy more abundantly in our lives and hearts. This new life in Christ also offers us the promise and hope of coming to share in eternal life in heaven.

All God's Blessings,
Msgr. Maresca

The Seven Sorrows of Mary

September is the Month of Our Lady of Sorrows
Celebrated on Monday, September 15, 2025

"As we are under great obligations to Jesus for His Passion endured for our love, so also are we under great obligations to Mary for the martyrdom which she voluntarily suffered for our salvation in the death of her Son."
- St. Albert the Great

The Seven Sorrows, or "dolors", are particular events in the life of Mary that caused excessive sorrow in her Immaculate Heart, sorrows in which she was especially united to Jesus. We are encouraged to contemplate these events daily:

1) The Prophecy of Simeon (Luke 2:34-35)
2) The Flight into Egypt (Matthew 2:13-21)
3) The Loss of the Child Jesus for Three Days (Luke 2:41-50)
4) The Meeting of Jesus and Mary on the Road to Calvary (John 19:17)
5) The Crucifixion of Jesus (John 19:18-30)
6) Jesus is Taken Down from the Cross (John 19:39-40)
7) Jesus is Laid in the Tomb (John 19:39-42)

*We can honor the Blessed Mother - and learn compassion for her heart and the pain that filled it during her life on earth - through devotion to her title "Our Lady of Sorrows." In particular, she has asked us to pray **seven Hail Mary's daily** in honor of each of her Sorrows.*

Our Lady revealed to St. Bridget seven particular graces that she would grant those who honored her Sorrows:

1) "I will grant peace to their families."
2) "They will be enlightened about the divine Mysteries."
3) "I will console them in their pains and I will accompany them in their work."
4) "I will console them as much as they ask for as long as it does not oppose the will of my Divine Son or the sanctification of souls."
5) "I will defend them in their spiritual battles with the infernal enemy and I will protect them at every instant of their lives."
6) "I will visibly help them at the moment of their death - they will see the face of their Mother."
7) "I have obtained this grace from my Divine Son, that those who propagate this devotion to my tears and dolors will be taken directly from this earthly life to eternal happiness, since all their sins will be forgiven and my Son will be their eternal consolation and joy."

The Seven Prayers to Our Lady Of Sorrows

1) I grieve for you, O Mary most sorrowful, in the affliction of your tender heart at the prophecy of the holy and aged Simeon. Dear Mother, by your heart so afflicted, obtain for me the virtue of humility and the gift of the holy fear of God. *Hail Mary…*

2) I grieve for you, O Mary most sorrowful, in the anguish of your most affectionate heart during the flight into Egypt and your sojourn there. Dear Mother, by your heart so troubled, obtain for me the virtue of generosity, especially towards the poor, and the gift of piety. *Hail Mary…*

3) I grieve for you, O Mary most sorrowful, in those anxieties which tried your troubled heart at the loss of your dear Jesus. Dear Mother, by your heart so full of anguish, obtain for me the virtue of chastity and the gift of knowledge. *Hail Mary…*

4) I grieve for you, O Mary most sorrowful, in the consternation of your heart at meeting Jesus as He carried His Cross. Dear Mother, by your heart so troubled, obtain for me the virtue of patience and the gift of fortitude. *Hail Mary…*

5) I grieve for you, O Mary most sorrowful, in the martyrdom which your generous heart endured in standing near Jesus in His agony. Dear Mother, by your afflicted heart obtain for me the virtue of temperance and the gift of counsel. *Hail Mary…*

6) I grieve for you, O Mary most sorrowful, in the wounding of your compassionate heart, when the side of Jesus was struck by the lance before His Body was removed from the Cross. Dear Mother, by your heart thus transfixed, obtain for me the virtue of fraternal charity and the gift of understanding. *Hail Mary…*

7) I grieve for you, O Mary most sorrowful, for the pangs that wrenched your most loving heart at the burial of Jesus. Dear Mother, by your heart sunk in the bitterness of desolation, obtain for me the virtue of diligence and the gift of wisdom. *Hail Mary…*

Let Us Pray:
Let intercession be made for us, we beseech You, O Lord Jesus Christ, now and at the hour of our death, before the throne of Your mercy, by the Blessed Virgin Mary, Your Mother, whose most holy soul was pierced by a sword of sorrow in the hour of Your bitter Passion. Through You, O Jesus Christ, Savior of the world, Who with the Father and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns world without end. Amen.

Eucharistic Adoration Monday through Saturday 8:00AM to 8:50AM

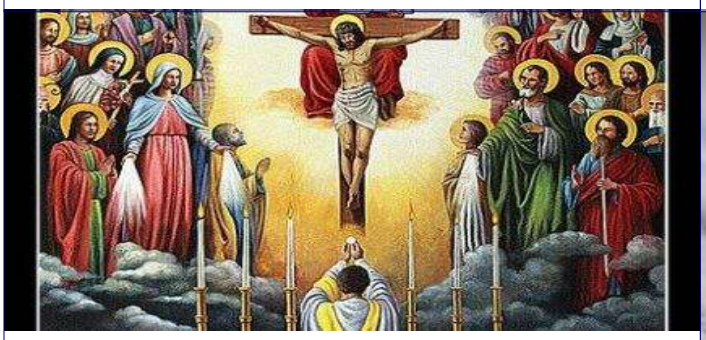
Eucharistic Adoration is celebrated Monday through Saturday, from 8:00AM to 8:50AM. As Pope St. John Paul II has said, "Christian life is expressed in the fulfilling of the greatest Commandment, that is to say, in the love of God and neighbor, and this love finds its source in the Blessed Sacrament….Eucharistic 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.

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

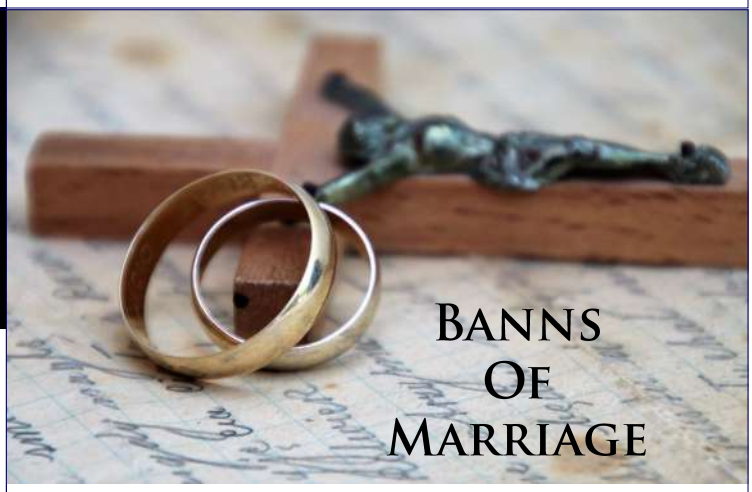
The 2025 Mass Book is now open for the remainder of 2025.

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.



1st Announcement:

Andrew Pacura
St. Francis of Assisi
Astoria, NY

&

Nicole Bianco
St. Francis of Assisi
Astoria, NY

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 9/6-9/7	**$3,503**
Second Collection Air Conditioning	**$675**

Mass Attendance for September 6/7, 2025

5:00PM	**78**
8:00AM	**36**
9:30AM	**98**
11:00AM	**114**
	Total: 326

Rectory Office Hours Are Now Back to our Regular Hours

Monday & Friday: 9AM-12NOON; 1PM-5PM

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday: 9AM-12NOON; 1PM-9PM

Saturday: 9AM-2PM

Closed Sunday and all Holidays

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 **$29,604** 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

Church Envelope Update

In the coming weeks, you will be receiving Church Envelopes from a new company with a new design. This will impact envelopes beginning September 21st, 2025.

There should be no impact to delivery timing or who gets envelopes as the same list currently in use was sent to the new Company.

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

September 14 - September 20

Sunday, September 14
8:00AM Holy Name Mass

Monday, September 15
12:00PM Golden Age - MCH
7:00PM Adult Choir - Church

Tuesday, September 16
6:30PM AA Meeting—Rectory Basement

Wednesday, September 17
6:00PM HA Class Prep Meeting - MCH
6:00PM ACA Support Group - Redeemer Center
7:45PM Bereavement Group - St. Joseph Room

Thursday, September 18
10:00AM Legion of Mary - Rectory Basement
6:00PM IACA - Rectory Basement
7:20PM Scripture Study - Rectory Basement

Friday, September 19
5:00PM School Ice Cream Social - MCH

Saturday, September 20

Jesus chooses His twelve apostles.

Next Week

September 21 - September 27

Sunday, September 21
Catechetical Sunday
10:40AM CCD Class - School

Monday, September 22
12:00PM Golden Age - MCH
7:00PM Adult Choir -Church

Tuesday, September 23
6:30PM AA Meeting—Rectory Basement

Wednesday, September 24
6:00PM ACA Support Group - Redeemer Center
7:45PM Bereavement Group - St. Joseph Room

Thursday, September 25
10:00AM Legion of Mary - Rectory Basement
6:00PM IACA - Rectory Basement
7:20PM Scripture Study - Rectory Basement

Friday, September 26
Fall Festival Set-Up

Saturday, September 27
Fall Festival!

Jesus sends out His twelve apostles to proclaim the kingdom.

For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them.
~ Romans 12:4-7

A Life of Faith and Service: Honoring Theresa Kubina

Theresa Kubina's story is deeply interwoven with the life of St. Francis of Assisi Church. From her earliest days as a student receiving her sacraments, to marrying in the church and baptizing her children here, Theresa's journey is a beautiful reflection of lifelong faith and devotion.

Her service to the parish spans decades and countless roles: "I worked in the Rectory for many years, was the bulletin secretary, the leader of the Youth Group, a Lector, a Eucharistic minister, a Children's Liturgy leader, a volunteer and a teacher in the CCD program," she shares. Today, she continues to serve as a middle school teacher, Parish Council member, and Confirmation prep leader.

Her commitment spans decades, beginning at just 14 years old as a CCD volunteer and becoming a Lector by 16. "It is as if I never left and my role just kept changing," she reflects. Her evolution from student to teacher has been transformative—not just for her, but for the many students she's guided. "I enjoy teaching religion to the middle school students, who have many questions and are eager to learn about their faith," she says. Her students often mention seeing her at Mass with her family, which she says encourages them to stay connected to their faith. Her family shares in her service—her daughter is an altar server, and her husband is a Lector.

One of her most cherished memories is leading the Youth Group to a nursing home at Christmas: "We brought little gifts and treats for the residents... It was a wonderful day for all that were involved."

Theresa lives her faith not only in church but in everyday moments. "I realized that it is how we live our lives that show our faith and who we are, not just in a formal class setting. Anytime of the day is a good opportunity to show kindness and love." This philosophy guides her teaching, her service, and her life.

Through all her roles, Theresa lives by the quote, "Preach the Gospel at all times, and if necessary, use words." Her life of service, both seen and unseen, is a gift to our parish. "St. Francis of Assisi parish has always been part of my life... I feel very blessed to be able to call this my parish, my second home."

We are deeply grateful for Theresa's unwavering commitment, her joyful spirit, and the countless ways she helps our parish grow in faith and love.

Have a suggestion for someone we should highlight in this series?
Please send us an email to sfaparishcouncil@sfaacademy.org

Fall Festival 2025!!

Save the Date: Saturday, September 27, 2025

Come help our Parish AND have fun!

This year the fun includes Rides, Games for Children and Adults, Food, Raffles, Music, Face Painting, Sand Art, Volleyball & Soccer, Prizes, and more!

Raffle Tickets will be sold at all Masses this weekend and next weekend, so be sure to stop by the table to say hello and get your tickets!

If you would like to volunteer or make a donation to support the Festival, please contact:
Anthony Siano
646-831-8582

St. Francis of Assisi Church – Bereavement Support Group

"The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit." – Psalm 34:18

Wednesday evenings
Resuming September 10, 2025
With a new time of
7:45pm – 8:45pm

St. Francis of Assisi Church
Rectory Meeting Room
21-17 45th Street
Astoria, NY 11105

Please enter through
The basement back door.
(Accessible by the side gate. Follow the signs)

If you are grieving the loss of a loved one, you are not alone. St. Francis of Assisi Church invites you to join a compassionate and supportive bereavement group. Together we will reflect, share, and find comfort through prayer and community. This group is open to all—parishioners and non-parishioners alike.

Come as you are. All are welcome.

Contact Carol Hickey at SFAparishcouncil@sfaacademy.org or inquire with the rectory for more information.

ADULT CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS/ DYSFUNCTIONAL FAMILIES

Reclaiming Ourselves: Feel, Talk & Trust in Astoria

Wednesdays 6:00PM –7:15PM

Returning to St. Francis of Assisi Church October 1, 2025 at 6:00 pm

The Redeemer Center
30-14 Crescent Street
Astoria, NY 11102

For more information,

The Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary is a prayer group consecrated to the Blessed Virgin, who is our Mother in the order of grace. Members entrust themselves to Mary to sanctify souls and to better a troubled world, for she is a sure path to Christ. In the words of Pope St. Leo X, we pray that Mary may "restore all things in Christ."

Members meet every Thursday at 10:00AM in the Rectory Basement.
Everyone is welcome to come and join in the Mission and the Fellowship.

Catechetical Sunday is Sunday, September 21, 2025.

CCD Classes also begin on Sunday, September 21st following the 9:30AM Mass.

THE GOLDEN AGE CLUB
MONDAYS FROM 12:00PM TO 3:30PM

If you are 65 years of age or older, we have a great community and we would love for you to join us! Bingo is played each week, and some members play Cards or Pockeno.
Refreshments are served as well. We celebrate all Holidays and Birthdays!
We are celebrating our 54th Year Anniversary Mass and Luncheon in November.

IACA - Italian American Catholic Action
Meeting on Thursdays at 6:00PM in the Rectory Basement

95th Anniversary

The Dinner Dance for the 95th Anniversary is sold out. There are no more tickets available. However, you can still donate to the statue of Mother Theresa or add a name in memory of or in thanksgiving for. Those names will be printed in the program. The deadline for listing names is Friday, September 26th.

On Sunday, October 19th, at the 9:30AM Mass, we will celebrate our 95th Anniversary. Bishop Massa will be here to celebrate with us. Unfortunately Bishop Brennan had a schedule conflict and is not able to be with us.

Join us as we give thanks to God for 95 years of Faith and Family.

A Look Ahead:

On Sunday, October 19th, 2025, there will be *NO 11:00AM Mass* due to our 9:30AM Celebratory Mass and Mother Theresa Statue Dedication. Please plan accordingly.

Parish Lector & Minister Schedule now available on our Website!

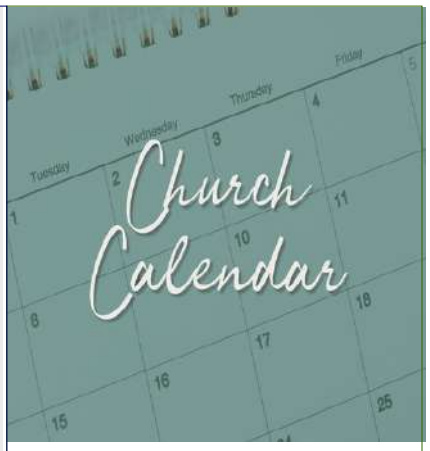
We will still include the schedule in the last and first Bulletin of the Month, but if you have forgotten when you are scheduled, scan this QR Code to take you to the Schedule for September:

Catholic Apologetics

For resources on learning more about the truths of the Faith and how to explain and discuss those with people around you, Catholic Answers is a wonderful resource. Scan the QR code to learn more:

For Young Adults aged 20 to 45, check back for more opportunities within the Parish!

For General Resources for Young Catholic Adults, use the QR Code provided here!



2025 - 2026 Pastoral Year Calendar Is 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 Pastoral 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.

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*

_____ 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.

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

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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 _____