Commemoration of All Souls

Mass Intentions

Sunday, Nov. 2	*Commemoration of All Souls*
8:00AM	**Joseph Cseri**
9:30AM	**For the People of St. Francis Of Assisi**
11:00AM	**All Souls' Day Mass** **Ana Balint** **Donald & Mabel Chiossone** **Charles & Josephine Formosa**
Monday, Nov. 3	*St. Martin de Porres, Religious*
9:00AM	**Maria Calogero Restivo**
Tuesday, Nov. 4	*St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop*
9:00AM	**Vlakancic Family**
Wednesday, Nov. 5	*Weekday*
9:00AM	**All Souls' Novena**
Thursday, Nov. 6	*Weekday*
9:00AM	**Joycelin Eiaw**
Friday, Nov. 7	*Weekday*
9:00AM	**John Hengl**
Saturday, Nov. 8	*Blessed Virgin Mary*
9:00AM	**All Souls' Novena** **Purgatorial Society**
5:00PM	**Steve Fulop**
Sunday, Nov. 9	*The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica*
8:00AM	**Holy Name Mass**
9:30AM	**Saverio Giordano**
11:00AM	**All Souls' Novena** **For the People of St. Francis Of Assisi**

Today's Readings

Commemoration of All Souls

Wisdom 3:1-9
Romans 5:5-11
John 6:37-40

"Everything that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and anyone who comes to Me I will never drive away; for I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that I should lose nothing of all that He has given to Me, but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in Him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day."

Readings For The Week

Monday	***Romans 11:29-36*** ***Luke 14:12-14***
Tuesday	***Romans 12:5-16b*** ***Luke 14:15-24***
Wednesday	***Romans 13:8-10*** ***Luke 14:25-33***
Thursday	***Romans 14:7-12*** ***Luke 15:1-10***
Friday	***Romans 15:14-21*** ***Luke 16:1-8***
Saturday	***Romans 16:3-9*** ***Luke 16:9-15***

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Ezekiel 47:1-2,8-9,12
1 Corinthians 3:9c-11,16-17
John 2:13-22

Parish Prayer Intentions

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
Anthony Fiorino

FOCUS:

Hope and Trust in the Lord ease our sorrow for the loss of our loved ones.

The loss of a loved one brings with it sorrow due to a deeply felt absence in our daily life. We mourn the separation, even when it was not unexpected. But the pain of our loss is tempered and eased by our hope and trust in the Lord, in His mercy, and in His promise to grant eternal life to those who believe in Him. We cooperate with Him by praying for those who have died and asking the Lord to bring them swiftly to Himself.

St. Francis of Assisi Scripture Study

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

Dear SFA Family & Friends,
The Scripture Study Group is delighted to continue our study with ***The Gospel According to Matthew***. Join us on Thursday, November 6th, for this week's study of Matthew Chapters 23-25: Jesus' Final Days of Teaching in the Temple.

"But the one who perseveres to the end will be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached throughout the world as a witness to all nations, and then the end will come." (Matthew 24:13-14)

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. If you are interested in joining the Study Group, please call the Rectory Office at (718)-728-7801.

Memorials for the Week of November 2, 2025

Altar Bread & Altar Wine

In Loving Memory of:
Marina & Fiorello Pinotti

Requested By:
Giuseppina Carullo

From the Pastor's Desk:

My Dear Parishioners,

If you are a parent, think about the time your child learned to walk. You would patiently support your child, giving the toddler a sense of balance. When you let go, the child would take a few steps and usually plop down to the floor. Did you say, *You'll never get this right! Just forget it!* And walk away in disgust because your child fell? Of course not! You most likely applauded the efforts, went over, helped them up and started again. That's the way God is with us-ever patient, ever wanting us to get it.

And in the wonderful story of Zacchaeus the tax collector, he *got it.* Although tax collectors were Jewish, they were considered lowest of the low. Many times they would pilfer some of the revenues for themselves. But it seems that Zacchaeus was about to change his label.

As Jesus was passing through Jericho, a crowd gathered around him, no doubt curious about this preacher; that did not exclude the tax collector Zacchaeus. We are told he was quite a short guy, but we soon learn he was very proactive about his height. He found a sycamore tree and climbed up it just so he could see Jesus. There was something about Jesus that made Zacchaeus risk his reputation. And indeed, his reputation would be changed in a wonderful way.

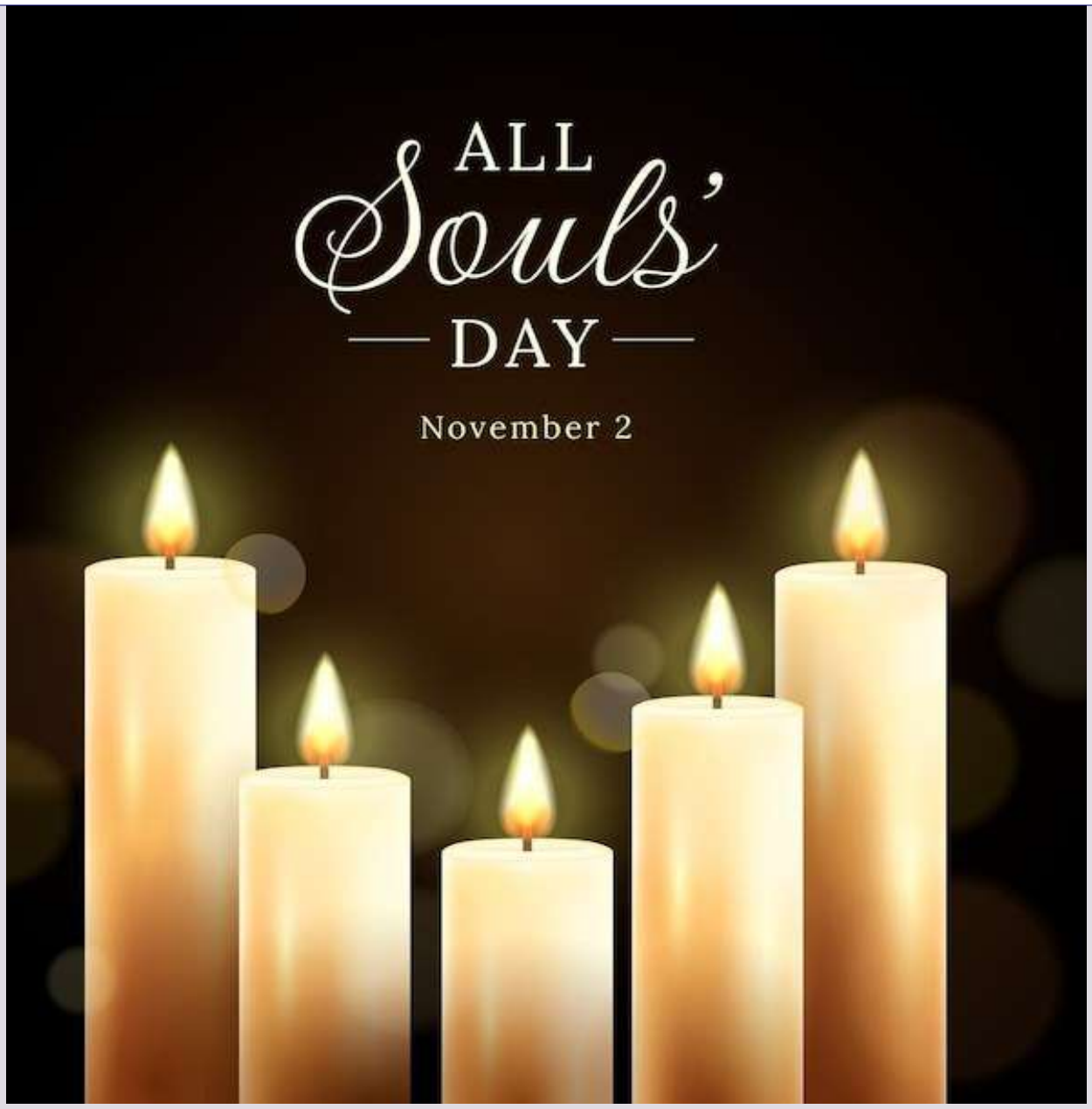
Jesus called him by name and told Zacchaeus to come down from the tree because Jesus was going to his house right away. Zacchaeus was transformed that day as evidenced by his statement to our Lord. He said, *Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I shall give to the poor, and if I have extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over.*

Jesus proclaimed that salvation had come to Zacchaeus' home that day for *The Son of Man has come to seek and save the lost.* God's never-ceasing love had come to that home because Zacchaeus had opened himself to Jesus and a new way of life and found wholeness in that new life.

This lesson is applicable to all of us. If we are open to seeking Jesus and strive to get as close as possible to him, we are going to find that we, too, can be transformed. The challenge today then is this: Are we willing to risk everything, as Zacchaeus did, in order to find ourselves enveloped in the love of God, who waits so patiently for all, to lay our lives in his hands?

What does that mean? Can you let go of the anger and bitterness you have held toward someone in your circle of friends, family or parishioners? Can you forgive yourself for an action that has haunted you for years? Is it possible to allow God's mercy and love to flow through you to another person who desperately needs to know God cares for him? Then you, too, can be like Zacchaeus who was substantially changed by his encounter with Jesus and in turn, wanted to pass that same mercy and love onto others.

All God's Blessings,
Msgr. Maresca



Annual All Souls Day Mass of Remembrance
November 2, 2025
11:00AM

Let us come together as a Parish Family to remember our loved ones who have passed away this year, and pray for them and their families.

*Programs Available at the Back of the Church

Prayers for Every Day of the Week in Aid of the Poor Souls in Purgatory

From the Saints:

"**To assist the souls in Purgatory** is to perform the most excellent of the works of mercy, or rather it **is to practice in a most sublime manner all the works of mercy together**; it is to visit the sick; it is to give drink to those who thirst for the vision of God; it is to feed the hungry, to ransom prisoners, to clothe the naked, to procure for poor exiles the hospitality of the Heavenly Jerusalem; it is to comfort the afflicted, to instruct the ignorant—in fine, to practice all works of mercy in one."
(*St. Francis de Sales*)

Sunday

O Lord God almighty, I pray Thee, by the Precious Blood which Thy divine Son Jesus shed in the garden, deliver the souls in purgatory, and especially that soul amongst them all which is the most destitute of spiritual aid; and vouchsafe to bring it to Thy glory, there to praise and bless Thee forever. Amen.
Our Father, Hail Mary, De Profundis & Eternal Rest (to be found at the end)

Monday

O Lord God almighty, I pray Thee, by the Precious Blood which Thy divine Son Jesus shed in His cruel scourging, deliver the souls in purgatory, and especially that soul amongst them all which is nearest to its entrance into Thy glory; that it may forthwith begin to praise and bless Thee forever. Amen.
Our Father, Hail Mary, De Profundis & Eternal Rest

Tuesday

O Lord God almighty, I pray Thee, by the Precious Blood which Thy divine Son Jesus shed in His bitter crowning with thorns, deliver the souls in purgatory, and in particular that one amongst them all which would be the last to depart out of those pains, that it may not tarry so long a time before it comes to praise Thee in Thy glory and bless Thee forever. Amen.
Our Father, Hail Mary, De Profundis & Eternal Rest

Wednesday

O Lord God almighty, I pray Thee, by the Precious Blood which Thy divine Son Jesus shed in the streets of Jerusalem, when He carried the Cross upon His sacred shoulders, deliver the souls in purgatory, and especially that soul which is richest in merits before Thee; that so in that throne of glory which awaits it, it may magnify Thee and bless Thee forever. Amen.
Our Father, Hail Mary, De Profundis & Eternal Rest

Thursday

O Lord God almighty, I pray Thee, by the Precious Body and Blood of Thy divine Son Jesus, which He gave with His own hands upon the eve of His Passion to His beloved apostles to be their meat and drink, and which He left to His whole Church to be a perpetual sacrifice and the life-giving food of His own faithful people, deliver the souls in purgatory, and especially that one which was most devoted to this mystery of infinite love that it may with Thy divine Son, and with Thy Holy Spirit, ever praise Thee for Thy love therein in eternal glory. Amen.

Our Father, Hail Mary, De Profundis & Eternal Rest

Friday

O Lord God Almighty, I pray Thee, by the Precious Blood which Thy divine Son shed on this day upon the wood of the Cross, especially from His most sacred hands and feet, deliver the souls in purgatory, and in particular that soul for which I am most bound to pray: that no neglect of mine may hinder it from praising Thee in Thy glory and blessing Thee forever. Amen.

Our Father, Hail Mary, De Profundis & Eternal Rest

Saturday

O Lord God almighty, I beseech Thee by the Precious Blood which gushed forth from the side of Thy divine Son Jesus in the sight of, and to the extreme pain of His most holy Mother, deliver the souls in purgatory, and especially that one amongst them all which was ever the most devout to the holy Mother of God: that it may soon attain unto Thy glory, there to praise Thee in her and her in Thee, world without end. Amen.

Our Father, Hail Mary, De Profundis & Eternal Rest

Psalm 129

De Profundis. A prayer of a sinner, trusting in the mercies of God.
The sixth penitential psalm.

Out of the depths, I have cried unto Thee, O Lord:
Lord hear my voice. Let Thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.
If Thou, O Lord, shalt mark our iniquities: O Lord, who can abide it?
For with Thee there is mercy: and by reason of Thy law I have waited on Thee, O Lord. My soul hath waited on His word: my soul hath hoped in the Lord.

From the morning watch even unto night: let Israel hope in the Lord. For with the Lord there is mercy: and with Him is plenteous redemption. And He shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

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V. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.
R. And let perpetual light shine upon them.
V. May they rest in peace.
R. Amen.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.
R. And let my cry come unto Thee.

Let us pray:
O God, the Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful; grant to the souls of Thy servants and handmaidens departed the remission of all their sins, that by our pious supplications they may obtain that pardon which they have ever desired. Who livest and reignest world without end. Amen.

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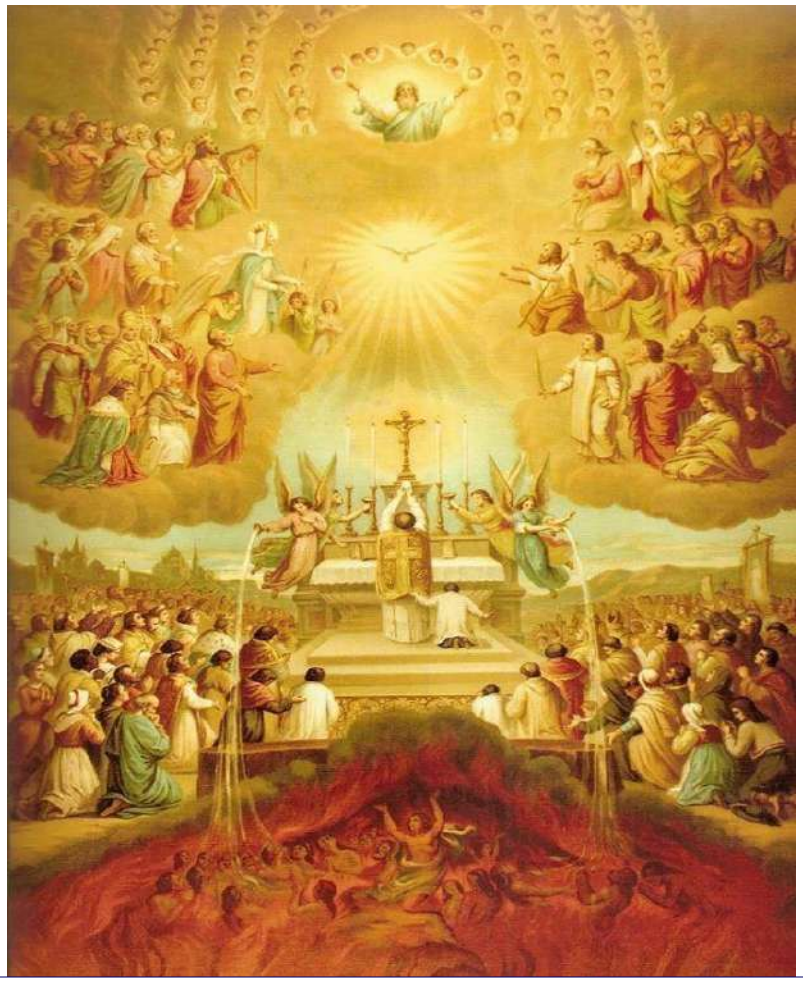
R. And let perpetual light shine upon them.
V. May they rest in peace.
R. Amen.



New Parishioners

We Welcome our New Parishioners:

Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Avitabile
The Greene/Kadar Family
The Alvarez/Almonte Family

Baptisms

We celebrate our newly baptized:

Eileen Theresa Mistretta
Tadgh Michael Burke
Finley Fiadh Murtagh
Quintyn Alexander Greene
Kayden Maverick Greene

Recently Deceased

We pray for our recently deceased:

Han Choi Ferguson

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

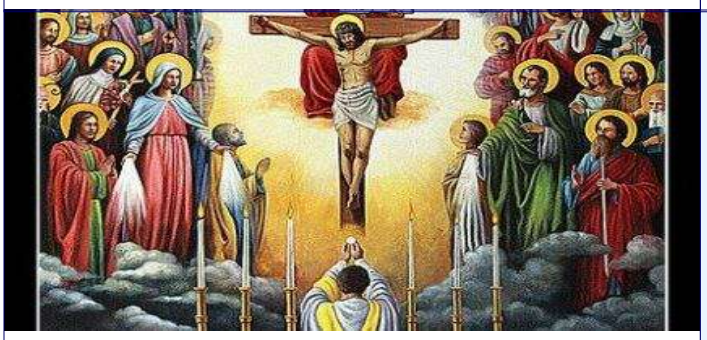
Eucharistic Adoration is celebrated Monday through Saturday, from 8:00AM to 8:50AM. As Pope St. John Paul II has said, "Christian life is expressed in the fulfilling of the greatest Commandment, that is to say, in the love of God and neighbor, and this love finds its source in the Blessed Sacrament….Eucharistic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



2025/2026 Mass Book

The 2025 Mass Book is open for the remainder of 2025 and the 2026 Mass Book is now open.

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.

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:

The Holy Name Society

Sunday, November 9, 2025

The Mission of the Holy Name Society is to promote devotion and reverence for the Holy Name of God and Jesus.

All are invited for this celebration of the Most Holy Name of Jesus. It is a wonderful way to come closer to our Lord.

The Holy Name Mass is held the 2nd Sunday of each month at 8:00AM.

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 10/25-10/26 **$3,239**

Mass Attendance For October 25/26, 2025

5:00PM	**83**
8:00AM	**49**
9:30AM	**254**
11:00AM	**107**
	Total: 493

All Souls Day Remembrance Novena Masses

Sunday, November 2, 2025

You may drop your *All Souls Day Remembrance Novena Mass* Envelopes in any collection this weekend or next weekend.

You may also find extra envelopes at the back of the church.

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 **$30,444** 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

October's Monthly 50/50 Winners are:

1st Place: Mrs. Letizia Mohr
2nd Place: Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Roeder
3rd Place: Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Viola

Congratulations to the Winners!

Welcome to Our Church

If you wish to register as a parishioner of St. Francis of Assisi Church, please stop by the Rectory Office during regular business hours. There you can pick up a census card which can be filled out at that time, returned by mail, or in the Sunday Collection Basket. You can even download the census card online. Just check our website at:
stfrancisofassisiastoria.org
You will then begin to receive weekly offering envelopes.

Calendar of Events

This Week

November 2 - November 1

Sunday, November 2
All Souls Day
9:30AM CYO Mass
10:40AM CCD Class
11:00AM All Souls Day Remembrance Mass

Monday, November 3
12:00PM Golden Age
3:00PM Children's Choir - Church
7:00PM Adult Choir - Church

Tuesday, November 4
3:00PM SFA Singers - MCH
6:30PM AA Meeting - Rectory Basement
6:30PM Grocery Bingo Sales - MMC

Wednesday, November 5
3:00PM Drama Club - MCH
6:00PM ACA Support Group - St. Joseph Room
7:45PM Bereavement Group - St. Joseph Room

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

Friday, November 7
9:00AM Ring Day Mass

Saturday, November 8

All Souls Day. Painting by Jakub Schikaneder, 1888

Next Week

November 9 - November 15

Sunday, November 9
8:00AM Holy Name Mass
Grocery Bingo Sales - MMC

Monday, November 10
12:00PM Golden Age
3:00PM Children's Choir - Church
7:00PM Adult Choir - Church

Tuesday, November 11
Veterans Day
School and Rectory Office Closed
6:30PM AA Meeting - Rectory Basement

Wednesday, November 12
Veterans Day Ceremony 8th Grade - Schoolyard
3:00PM Drama Club - MCH
6:00PM ACA Support Group - St. Joseph Room
7:45PM Bereavement Group - St. Joseph Room
7:00PM Baptism Class - Rectory

Thursday, November 13
10:00AM Legion of Mary - Rectory Basement
6:00PM IACA - Rectory Basement
7:20PM Scripture Study - Rectory Basement

Friday, November 14
Girl Scout Mother Event

Saturday, November 15

Jesus reminds the disciples of the times of Noah and Lot.

Lector & Minister Schedule November 2025

	All Saints Day & All Souls Day November 1-2	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica November 8-9	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time November 15-16	Solemnity of Christ the King November 22-23	1st Sunday in Advent November 29-30
Lectors					
Saturday 5:00PM	Josephine Corso	Debbi Skinner	Dolores Ratkowski	Edward Kubina	Debbi Skinner
Sunday 8:00AM	Rob Laucella	Lector Needed	Rob Laucella	Andrew Soltesz	Rob Laucella
Sunday 9:30AM	Sharon Costanza	Patrick O'Toole	Josephine Corso	Martha O'Toole	Maria Brooks
Sunday 11:00AM	Jane Di Donato	Carol Hickey	Jane Di Donato	Carol Hickey	Jane Di Donato
Ministers					
Saturday 5:00PM	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Sunday 8:00AM	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Sunday 9:30AM	*****	Theresa Mincone	*****	*****	*****
Sunday 11:00AM	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****

As a reminder, our Lector & Minister Schedules can be found online by scanning this QR Code below and then selecting the Month you would like to view!

SFA YOUTH PAGES

The Catholic Kid

VOTIVE CANDLE WRAP

Color the wrap below. Cut along the dotted line. Place glue on the overlap area and wrap your candle.

Personalize Your Candle Wrap

xxx Overlap Area - Glue Stick Over Shaded Area xxx

Prayer for the Faithful Departed

V. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.
R. And let the perpetual light shine upon them.

May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
- Amen

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LEGION OF MARY
JUNIOR LEAGUE

WANTED: SFA YOUTH
AGES: 8 TO 18 YEARS

WHAT DO WE DO?

1) Develop a Sacramental life, a love for the Holy Trinity, the Church, our Blessed Mother, Mary, and the Saints.
2) We perform a variety of works including: praying together, making cards, and other crafts for Seniors, those who are sick, and other people.
3) Giving out Sacramentals and literature at fairs, bazaars, and other places alongside Senior Legionaires.

HOW DO I JOIN THE JUNIOR LEGION OF MARY?

Please call us at the Rectory Office at (718)-728-7801.

Spend time helping others through our Blessed Mother Mary!

*All Junior Legion activities are supervised directly by adults who are completely cleared and trained within the Safe Environment Policy. Parents are welcome to attend meetings and participate.

SFA YOUTH PAGES

Young Saint Spotlight: St. Agnes of Rome

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St. Agnes of Rome was a young Roman virgin and martyr, known for her beauty, purity, and strong devotion to Christ. Martyred at age 12 or 13 during Diocletian's persecution of Christians, she is honored as the patron saint of girls and chastity. Her Feast Day is celebrated on January 21.

St. Agnes lived during a time of intense persecution for Christians under the Roman Empire. She was raised in a society where marriage was often used for social or political advantage. However, from a young age, she made a vow of chastity, declaring her unwavering commitment to Christ as her only spouse.

Her striking beauty attracted many suitors, but Agnes rejected them all, explaining that she had consecrated her virginity to God. One of the rejected suitors, who was the son of a Roman prefect, retaliated by reporting her as a Christian - a dangerous accusation at the time, particularly under Emperor Diocletian, who was notorious for his brutal crackdowns on Christians. Agnes was arrested and brought before Roman authorities. Despite threats and persuasion, she remained firm in her faith.

In an attempt to break her resolve and humiliate her, officials ordered that she be stripped and dragged to a brothel. According to tradition, a miraculous event occurred: her hair grew rapidly, covering her body to protect her modesty. Furthermore, any man who attempted to approach her was struck blind or fell down.

Unable to sway her faith, the authorities condemned her to death. She met her fate with remarkable peace and courage, praying and praising God until the end.

Her burial site became a place of pilgrimage, and over her tomb, the Basilica of Saint Agnes was built, which still stands today in Rome. Each year on her Feast Day, January 21, two lambs are blessed in her honor. Their wool is used to make the pallium– a special liturgical vestment worn by archbishops - symbolizing unity with the Pope and the Church of Rome. The symbolism of the lamb also ties back to her name, "Agnes", which resembles the Latin word "agnus" meaning lamb, a universal Christian symbol of purity and sacrifice.

O Father, in Your grace and mercy, we humbly seek the intercession of St. Agnes, a beacon of Faith and Courage.
May her unwavering devotion inspire us to stand firm in our beliefs. Guide us in our trials, strengthen our spirits, and lead us closer to You through her holy example.
Amen.

Catholic Trivia!

1.Who is the patron saint of nurses?
A: St. Catherine of Siena

2. In what year did Vatican City become an independent state?
A: 1929

3. Which pope was reigning during World War II?
A. Pope Pius XII

4. What is the first book of the Old Testament?
A: Genesis

5. Who was the mother of John the Baptist?
A. Elizabeth

6. What was Jesus' first miracle?
A. Turning water into wine at the wedding in Cana

7. What prayer is known as the "Angelic Salutation"?
A. Hail Mary (Ave Maria)

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!

www.catholicyoungadults.com

SFACA HAA PRESENTS

GROCERY BINGO

FRIDAY: NOVEMBER 21, 2025

MSGR CAMPBELL HALL

DOORS OPEN AT 6PM

BINGO BEGINS AT 7:30PM

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF FUN AND GREAT PRIZES!

DRESS TO IMPRESS IN YOUR BEST COUNTRY WESTERN ATTIRE! THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL AWARD FOR THE BEST TABLE!

ADVANCE TICKET SALES ONLY!!

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 4TH 6:30-8:30PM

*IF NECESSARY: SUNDAY NOVEMBER 9TH 10:30AM-12:30PM

@SFACA MSGR. MARESCA CENTER

$45
PER PERSON

*LIMIT ONE TABLE OF 10 PER PURCHASE

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

Join us anytime.

All are welcome.

St. Francis of Assisi Church
St. Joseph Room in the Rectory

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.

DO YOU LOVE TO SING?
WE HAVE CHILDREN'S AND ADULTS' CHOIR ON MONDAYS IN THE CHURCH!

3:00PM CHILDREN'S CHOIR
7:00PM ADULT CHOIR

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

Religious Education Registration

Those who have not yet registered for Religious Education classes can do so Sunday at the School. Classes have begun but registration is open.

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.

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