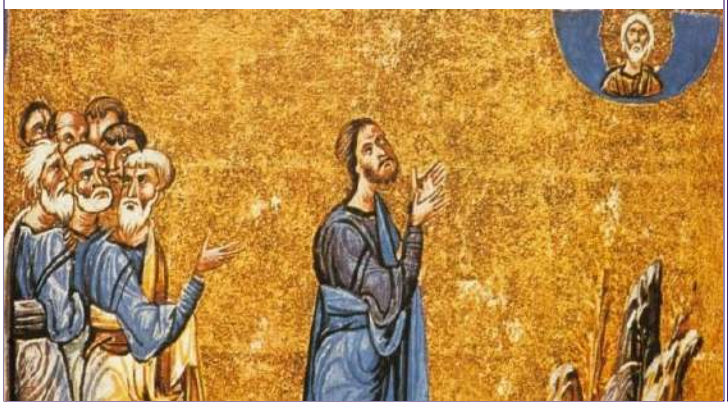
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

Sunday, Oct. 12	*28th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
8:00AM	**Holy Name Mass**
9:30AM	**Phyllis Rose Yada**
11:00AM	**For the People of St. Francis Of Assisi**
Monday, Oct. 13	*Weekday*
9:00AM	**Marie Salamone**
Tuesday, Oct. 14	*Pope St. Callistus I, Martyr*
9:00AM	**Joseph Salamone**
Wednesday, Oct. 15	*St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and*
9:00AM	*Doctor of the Church*
	Mary Di Pietro
Thursday, Oct. 16	*St. Margaret Mary Alacoque*
9:00AM	*St, Hedwig*
	Victor Salamone
Friday, Oct. 17	*St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop*
9:00AM	*And Martyr*
	Joseph Ewy
Saturday, Oct. 18	*Feast of St. Luke, Evangelist*
9:00AM	**Purgatorial Society**
5:00PM	**For the People of St. Francis Of Assisi**
Sunday, Oct. 19	*29th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
8:00AM	**Patrick E. McMahon**
9:30AM	**95th Anniversary Mass with Bishop Massa/Dedication of the Mother Theresa Statue**

No 11:00AM Mass celebrated.



Today's Readings

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kings 5:14-17
2 Timothy 2:8-13
Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As He entered a village, ten lepers approached Him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When He saw them, He said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked Him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then He said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

Readings For The Week

Monday	***Romans 1:1-7***
	Luke 11:29-32
Tuesday	***Romans 1:16-25***
	Luke 11:37-41
Wednesday	***Romans 2:1-11***
	Luke 11:42-46
Thursday	***Romans 3:21-30***
	Luke 11:47-54
Friday	***Romans 4:1-8***
	Luke 12:1-7
Saturday	***2 Timothy 4:10-17b***
	Luke 10:1-9

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 17:8-13
2 Timothy 3:14—4:2
Luke 18:1-8

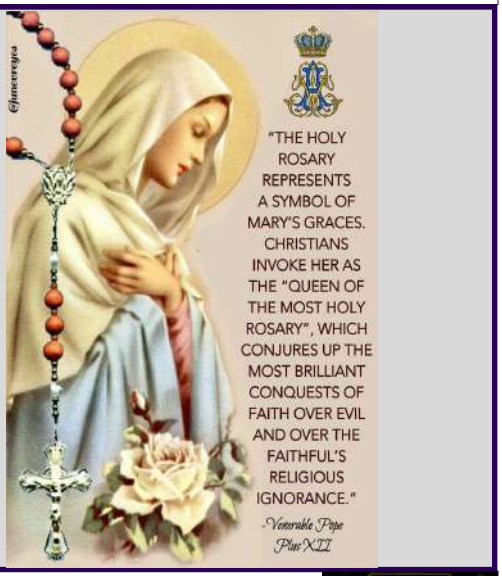
Remember in your prayers all those in our parish who are sick, that they may find health and comfort.

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:

If we persevere, we shall also reign with Him.

Today's readings feature those in extremely difficult circumstances finding hope and new life in their faith. Naaman is cleansed, Paul hopes in God in the face of trial, and desperate lepers are completely healed. In each of these examples, we see the transformative power of faith and the abundant power and grace of God. May the Lord increase and sustain us in faith so as to be strident witnesses of His love and mercy to the world.

St. Francis of Assisi Scripture Study

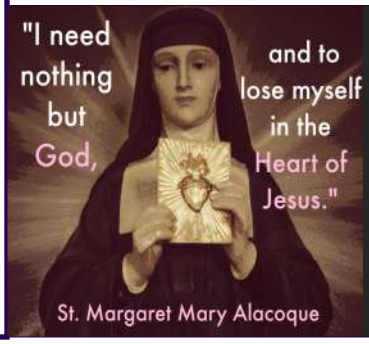
Thursdays from 7:20PM-8:50PM,
Rectory Basement, St. Joseph Room

Dear SFA Family & Friends,
The Scripture Study Group is delighted to continue our study with ***The Gospel According to Matthew***. Join us on Thursday, October 16th for this week's study on Matthew Chapters 13-16.

"But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred, or sixty, or thirtyfold." (Matthew 13:23)

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



St. Margaret Mary Alacoque
Feast Day: Thursday, October 16

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, pray for us and inspire in us the love of the most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Amen.

From the Pastor's Desk:

"Get up and go your way. Your faith has made you well."
(Luke: 17:19))

My Dear Parishioners,

Saint Damien of Molokai, is known as the leper priest. Damien, as an adamant missionary, did not want people to convert simply because they could receive the approval of the Westerners who had taken over the Hawaiian Islands, or for the sake of food, work, and a decent standard of living. He wanted the faith of converts to be pure, sincere, and especially permanent.

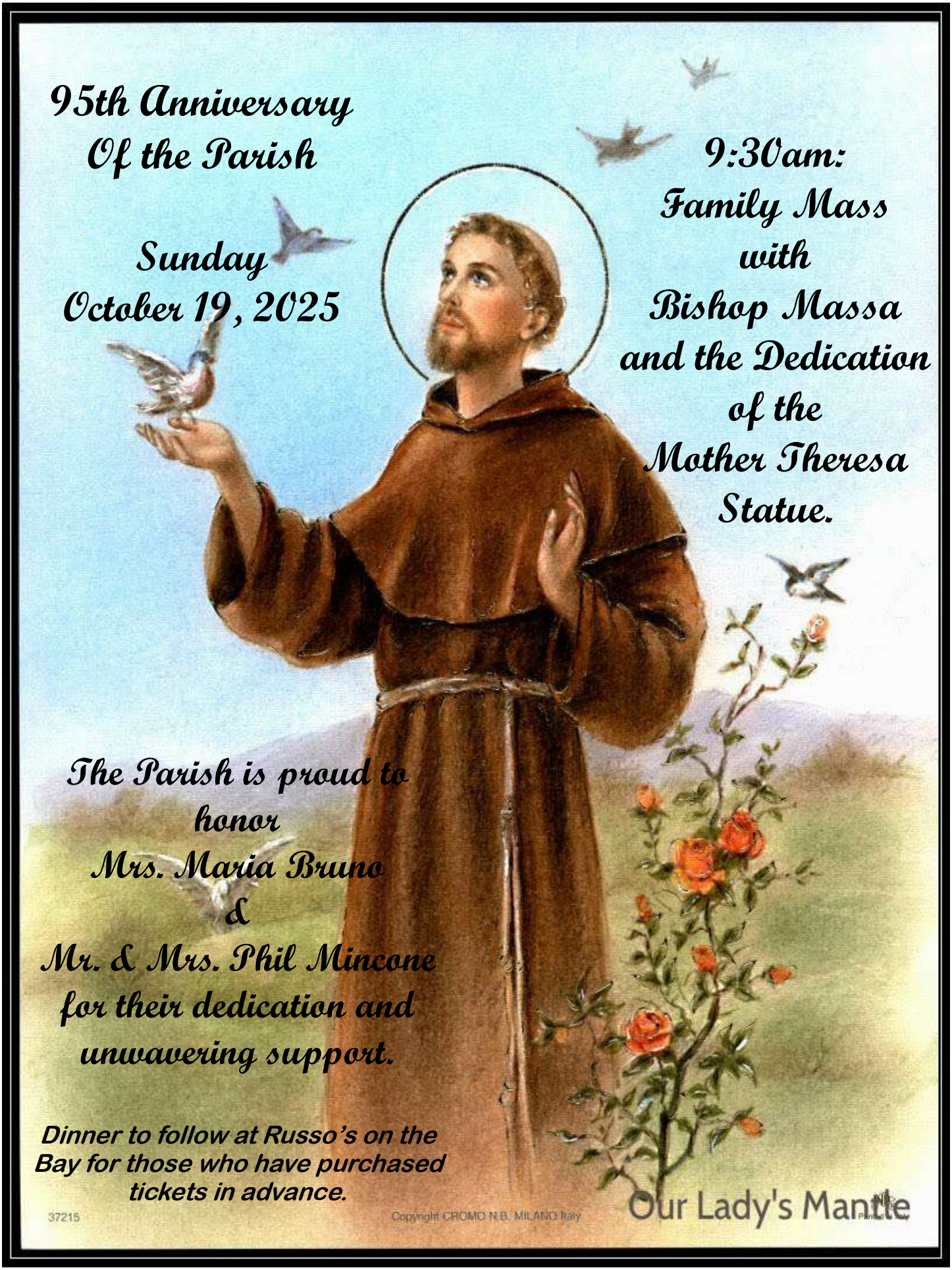
He volunteered to go to Molokai, to the leper colony to serve the outcasts, the poorest of the poor, who needed Christ's presence. During his time there, he turned what was almost an animal-like existence of the lepers into that of a loving Christian community.

Because of his close contact with the lepers, Damien contracted Hansen's disease himself, but he rejoiced. Yes, he rejoiced since now he could be one with the lepers, just as Christ took on our humanity to be one like us. In doing so, Christ allowed us to become like him, sharing in his divinity and eternal salvation. It is sometimes easy to see everything that happens to us in a negative way or as a curse from God. However, Damien taught us such things can be blessings in disguise, if we approach them in the right way.

Those ten lepers in today's Gospel surely considered, justifiably so, their conditions as outcasts a cure. Yet if they had not been lepers, they might never have had an encounter with Jesus himself. It was their need that brought Christ to them, and them to Christ. It was then that Christ reached out to them the most, and they were cured of their affliction.

Only one, sadly, recognized the blessing that came from their curse. Only one returned to thank God, rather than having the attitude of, *It was about time, or, I deserved it.* Only one is praised by Jesus. May we never fail to find the ***blessing*** in our difficulty or fail to ***thank*** God when we have been healed of our affliction, whatever it may be.

All God's Blessings,
Msgr. Maresca


95th Anniversary
Of the Parish
Sunday
October 19, 2025
9:30am:
Family Mass
with
Bishop Massa
and the Dedication
of the
Mother Theresa
Statue.
The Parish is proud to
honor
Mrs. Maria Bruno
&
Mr. & Mrs. Phil Mincone
for their dedication and
unwavering support.
Dinner to follow at Russo's on the
Bay for those who have purchased
tickets in advance.
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Our Lady's Mantle

The San Damiano Cross & St. Francis of Assisi

The San Damiano Cross is the one St. Francis was praying before when he received the commission from the Lord to rebuild His Church. All Franciscans cherish his cross as the symbol of their mission from God.

It is an icon cross, meant to teach the meaning of the crucifixion, death, resurrection and ascension of Christ - thereby strengthening the faith of the people at a time when most were illiterate. The painter is unknown, but the tradition of such crosses began in the Eastern Catholic Church and was transported by monks to the region of Umbria in Italy in the 12th century.

An icon is a representation of the living God, and by coming into its presence it becomes a personal encounter with the sacred, through the grace of the Holy Spirit. The San Damiano Cross is then a personal encounter with the transfigured Christ - God made man. It contains the story of Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension into glory. It expresses the total and universal Paschal Mystery of Christ. It invites us all to take part in it with a lively and lived faith, just as St. Francis did.

The icon has 33 figures, representing the 33 years of Christ's earthly life: two Christ figures, one Hand of the Father, five major figures, two smaller figures, 14 angels, two unknown at His hands, one small boy, and six unknown saints at the bottom of the cross. There are also 33 nail heads along the frame, just inside the shells, and seven around the halo.

The most striking element of the San Damiano Cross is the figure of Christ. It is not the body of a corpse, but of God Himself, incorruptible unto eternity and the source of life, radiating the hope of the Resurrection. The Savior looks directly at us with a compassionate gaze, regal, triumphant, and strong. He does not hang on the cross, but rather seems to be supporting it, standing upright. His hands are not cramped from being nailed to the wood, but rather spread out serenely in an attitude of both supplication and blessing. This crucifix does not express the horror of death by crucifixion, but rather the nobility and gentleness of eternal life.

The central figure of Christ also dominates because Christ is a figure of light dominating the scene and giving light to the other figures: "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life" (John 8:12). The eyes of Jesus are open, and He looks out to the world, which He has saved. He is alive, the One who is eternal. Jesus' vestment is a simple loincloth - a symbol of both High Priest and Victim. His chest, throat, and neck are very strong. The shadow over His face is increased by the fact the halo and face are tilted forward. The humanity of Christ veils the true glory of the Word, who lives in the super luminous darkness of the Godhead.

*Taken from Fr. Michael Scanlan, T.O.R., Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Province, USA; Real Men Pray the Rosary: A Practical Guide to a Powerful Prayer.

Novena Prayer to St. Hedwig

(to be said for 9 days)

Say one Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be each day.
O St. Hedwig, in this world you rejected the honors of the Court, its pomp, luxury, and pleasures, and went to be with the poor to help them in the destitution and misery of life. There in Heaven, cast a kind look on us poor mortals, and obtain for us the grace (mention your request) and that of living in the peace and friendship of God. Amen.
V. Pray for us, St. Hedwig!
R. So that we may be worthy of the promises of Christ.
Let Us Pray: O God, You taught Blessed Hedwig to prefer, with all her heart, the humble road of Your Cross to the pomp of the world. Through her merits and example, grant that we may learn to reject the ephemeral delights of this world, and, embracing Your Cross, may we overcome the adversities to come. You who live and reign, one God, forever and ever.

Saint Hedwig was born in Germany and became a duchess in Poland. She had 7 children and retired to a monastery after the death of her husband. She is considered the patron saint and protector of the poor, those in debt, and brides.

Feast Day: Thursday, October 16th

*Source: www.sthedwigfloralpark.org

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 Lifetime of Service, A Heart Full of Faith: Deacon John Sucich

For over 50 years, Deacon John Sucich has been a part of the heart and soul of St. Francis of Assisi Parish. He and his wife Sandra joined the parish in 1972, raising their daughter and two sons here, all baptized at St. Francis. Over the years, their family has grown to include six grandchildren, some of whom Deacon John has had the joy of baptizing right here in our church.

Ordained a Permanent Deacon in 1993, Deacon John has faithfully served our parish family for more than three decades. Though the Diocese officially considers him retired after his 75th birthday last December, he continues to serve joyfully. As he humbly puts it, "At this point in my ministry in retirement at St. Francis, I serve at the pleasure of Monsignor Maresca."

His ministry has touched so many corners of parish life. For over 30 years, he taught religious education to children from 3rd through 8th grade. He has served on the parish finance committee, been a trustee under four pastors, and brought Christ's presence to the altar as lector and minister of Holy Communion—both at Mass and to the homebound. He also led the Holy Name Society for 20 years and moderated the lectors and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion.

But his service hasn't stopped at the doors of St. Francis. Deacon John has also embraced diocesan assignments, supporting ministries throughout Brooklyn and Queens that benefit the wider community. "I stand in awe of some of the bishops, priests, religious sisters, laymen and laywomen who form the backbone of our diocese," he reflects.

When asked what has been most fulfilling, Deacon John's answer is simple and profound: "Continuing to come in contact with families whom I have ministered with and ministered to in the past, in their marriages, baptisms, confirmations, and at the loss of loved ones."

Yet, for all his service, Deacon John never forgets the foundation of his ministry—his family. He acknowledges, "No married deacon can go through the formation program and diaconal ministry without the cooperation and sacrifice of spouse and children. It is my hope that, in retirement, I may be able to make up for some of those difficult times through my added presence to family." His gratitude to Sandra and their children is a reminder that ministry is always a shared vocation.

We are so grateful for all that Deacon John has given to our parish and our diocese. His faith, his service, and his love for God's people have left an incredible impact on generations of parishioners. Please join us in thanking Deacon John for his many years of devotion—and in praying that God continues to bless him and his family in this next chapter of his ministry.

May the Lord continue to bless Deacon John and his family for the gift they are to us.

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

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

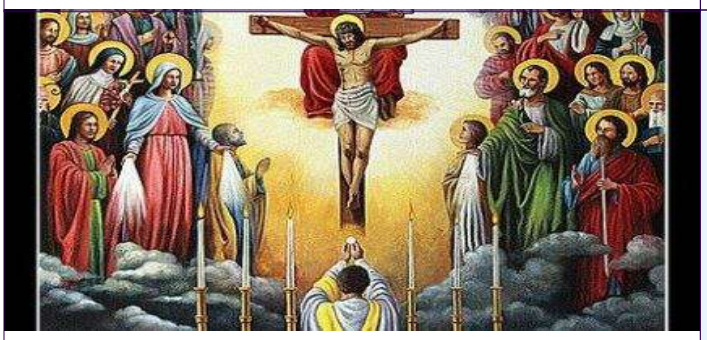
Eucharistic Adoration is celebrated Monday through Saturday, from 8:00AM to 8:50AM. As Pope St. John Paul II has said, "Christian life is expressed in the fulfilling of the greatest Commandment, that is to say, in the love of God and neighbor, and this love finds its source in the Blessed Sacrament….Eucharistic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

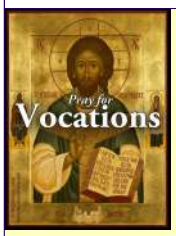
Altar Flowers are $100.

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:

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.



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

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 10/4-10/5 **$4,257**

Mass Attendance for October 4/5, 2025

5:00PM	**125**
8:00AM	**51**
9:30AM	**165**
11:00AM	**135**

Total: 476

Second Collection Next Saturday & Sunday, October 18/19, 2025 For World Mission Sunday

Please be as generous as your means allow.

Columbus Day Monday, October 13, 2025

The School and Rectory Office will be closed in observance of the holiday.
The 9AM Mass will be celebrated as usual.

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 **$30,364** 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

Lector & Minister Schedule

Our Lector and Minister Schedule is available online. It's as easy as scanning the QR Code to take you to the Main Schedule Page, and then Select the Month that you would like to view.

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

October 12 - October 18

Sunday, October 12
8:00AM Holy Name Mass
NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY
NO CCD CLASS

Monday, October 13
Columbus Day
School and Rectory Office Closed

Tuesday, October 14
6:30PM AA Meeting - Rectory Basement

Wednesday, October 15
3:00PM Drama Club - MCH
6:00PM ACA Support Group - St. Joseph Room
7:45PM Bereavement Group - St. Joseph Room

Thursday, October 16
10:00AM Legion of Mary - Rectory Basement
6:00PM IACA - Rectory Basement
7:20PM Scripture Study - Rectory Basement

Friday, October 17

Saturday, October 18

Jesus cleanses ten lepers.

Next Week

October 19 - October 25

Sunday, October 19
9:30AM 95th Anniversary Family Mass with Dedication of the Mother Theresa Statue
NO 11AM MASS
NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY
NO CCD CLASS

Monday, October 20
12:00PM Golden Age
3:00PM Children's Choir - Church
7:00PM Adult Choir - Church

Tuesday, October 21
6:30PM AA Meeting - Rectory Basement

Wednesday, October 22
3:00PM Drama Club - MCH
6:00PM ACA Support Group - St. Joseph Room
7:45PM Bereavement Group - St. Joseph Room

Thursday, October 23
10:00AM Legion of Mary - Rectory Basement
6:00PM IACA - Rectory Basement
7:20PM Scripture Study - Rectory Basement

Friday, October 24
4:00PM Trunk Or Treat - Parking Lot

Saturday, October 25

Moses keeps his hands raised while Joshua is in Battle.

SFA YOUTH PAGES

Church of
Saint Francis of Assisi
Altar Server Application

We're looking for Altar Servers, boys and girls (beginning in Grade 4),who would share their time and talent serving at Holy Masses during the weekend and special liturgies throughout the year.

PLEASE PRINT

_____
First Name **Last Name**

_____ _____
Grade Level **School Name**

_____
Parent/Guardian First and Last Names

_____
Home Address

_____
City **State** **Zip**

_____
Mobile Telephone Number **Home Telephone Number**

_____
Email Address

I hereby grant permission for my child to serve as an Altar Server.

_____
Signature of the Parent/Guardian

DUE DATE: Friday, 10 October 2025

Please return this application to your child's Catechist - Teacher or to the Rectory Office.

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MY WEEKLY MASS JOURNAL

DATE: _____

TODAY'S LITURGICAL SEASON/FEAST DAY IS...

_____

GOD'S WORD

One thing I remember from the readings is:

_____

_____

A word or phrase that stayed with me:

_____

HOMILY REFLECTION

The priest talked about:

_____

Something I want to keep in my heart:

_____

MY PRAYER AFTER MASS

Today I thank Jesus for:

_____

I pray for:

_____

I ask God to help me with:

_____

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TAKEAWAY FOR THE WEEK

Something I can do at home, school, or with my family:

_____

MY PICTURE

DRAW AND COLOR SOMETHING FROM MASS – THE GOSPEL STORY, THE ALTAR, THE PRIEST'S VESTMENTS, OR HOW YOU FELT TODAY.

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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.

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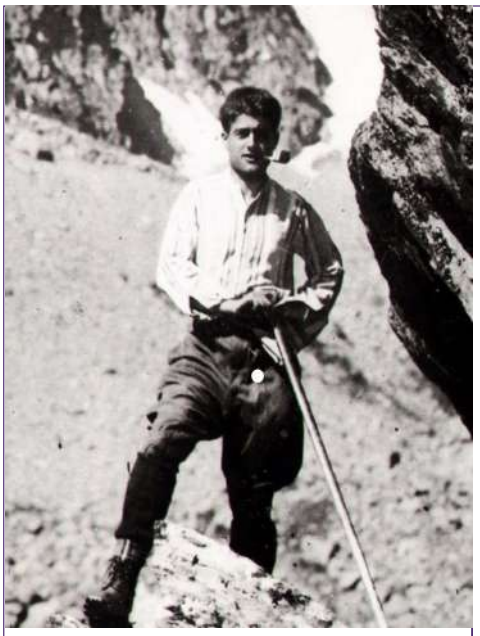

Young Saint Spotlight:
St. Pier Giorgio Frasatti
1901-1925

Pier Giorgio Frasatti was born in Turin, Italy on April 6, 1901. His mother was a painter and his father was the founder and director of a newpaper and influential in Italian politics.

At an early age, Pier Giorgio joined the Marian Sodality and the Apostleship of Prayer, and obtained permission to receive daily Communion (which was rare at that time!).

He developed a deep spiritual life which he never hesitated to share with his friends. The Holy Eucharist and the Blessed Virgin were the two poles of his world of prayer. At the age of 17, he joined the St. Vincent de Paul Society and dedicated much of his time to serving the sick and needy and caring for orphans.

He decided to become a mining engineer so he could "serve Christ better among the miners," he told a friend. In 1919, he joined the Catholic Student Foundation and the organization known as Catholic Action. He became a very active member of the People's Party, which promoted the Catholic Church's social teaching based on the principles of Pope Leo XIII's encyclical letter, *Rerum Novarum*.

What little he did have, Pier Giorgio gave help to the poor, even using his bus fare for charity and then running home to be on time for meals. His charity did not simply involve giving to others, but giving completely of himself. This was fed by daily communion with Christ in the Holy Eucharist and by frequent nighttime Eucharistic Adoration. He often sacrificed vacations because, as he said, "If everybody leaves Turin, who will take care of the poor?" Mountain climbing was one of his favorite sports. Outings, which he organized with his friends, also served as opportunities for his apostolic work. He never lost the chance to lead his friends to Mass, to the reading of Scripture, and to praying the Rosary.

The writings of St. Catherine of Siena and St. Paul impelled him in 1922 to join the Third Order of St. Dominic, the Lay Dominicans. Just before receiving his University Degree, he contracted poliomyelitis, which doctors later speculated he caught from the sick whom he tended. After six days of terrible suffering, Pier Giorgio died at the age of 24 on July 4, 1925.

Pray this Prayer to Seek the Courage & Humility of Pier Giorgio:

Heavenly Father, Give me the courage to strive for the highest goals, to flee every temptation to be mediocre. Enable me to aspire to greatness, as Pier Giorgio did, and to open my heart with joy to Your call to holiness. Free me from fear of failure. I want to be, Lord, firmly and forever united to You. Grant me the graces I ask You through Pier Giorgio's intercession, by the merits of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Catholic Trivia!

1.Who is the patron Saint of television?
A: St. Clare of Assisi

2. Who was the first Catholic President of the United States?
A: John F. Kennedy

3. What does the word "Catholic" mean?
A. Universal

4. What is the last book of the Bible?
A: Revelation

5. What is the term used for the bread used in the Eucharist?
A. Host

6. What prayer is said before the Gospel reading at Mass?
A. "Glory to You, O Lord."

7. Who was the youngest elected Pope in History?
A. Pope John XII (John the 12th), 18 years of age. He was Pope from the year 955-964, over 1,000 years ago!!

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

Catholic Youth Organization
Children are at the heart of our mission

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The Newest Scores Are In!

Saturday 10/4/2025

Mites beat St. Mel's W 6-0.
The Mites had their first win of the Season! Goals were scored by Alexander Pardo, Domenica Bulone (2), Penelope Aspenleiter, and Emanuel Kakaounakis (2).

PeeWee Girls beat Holy Child 4-0.
The PeeWee Girls played a great game and applied pass routes from practice. Great development! Goals were scored by Avery Vagelatos and Ameila Beilin (3).

SubNovice Boys tied Holy Child 1-1.

Bantam Boys lost to OLBS 1-2.
The Bantam Boys suffered an unfortunate loss, 2-1. However the boys played hard and will continue to gain momentum as they learn to work as a team. Our goal was scored by Gabriele Scrozzo. Great defensive work by Radek Slachetka, Ethan Vella, and newcomer, Theodore Polatsidis.

Bantam Girls beat OL Hope 6-2.
Goals were made by Cory Soberol (2), Colette Longuinho, Lea Ciccimarra, Arden Geiger, and Rosie Meliak. Assists by Enessa Hamitaj, Thalia Siafos (2), Grace Pietranico, and Valentina Pirreca.

PeeWee Boys lost to St. Andrew 5-1.
The PeeWee Boys gave it their all. Our goal was scored by John Spero off of Leo Coats' corner kick. Jace Hili continues to have great saves as our keeper.

Intermediate Boys lost to Anastasia 3-1.
A goal was made by Lucas Benson and the strongest game of the season from George Sfirogianakis.

Sunday 10/5/2025

PeeWee girls lost to SFDS 1-3.

Mites lost to St. Mel R 0-4.

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

95th Anniversary

Donations can still be made to the statue of Mother Theresa and the Memorial Plaque which will accompany it.

On Sunday, October 19th, at the 9:30AM Mass, we will celebrate our 95th Anniversary. Bishop Massa will be here to celebrate with us.
Join us as we give thanks to God for 95 years of Faith and Family.

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.**

Religious Education Registration
CLASSES START SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 21, 2025
Those who have not yet registered for Religious Education classes are kindly asked to pick up a Registration Form from the Rectory and return it as soon as possible or scan the QR Code to fill out our Online Registration Form.

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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