Our Lord, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Mass Intentions

Sunday, Nov. 23	*Solemnity of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*
8:00AM	**For the People of St. Francis Of Assisi**
9:30AM	**Harold Brown**
11:00AM	**Larry Williams** **Ed Emerson** **Rose C. Di Virgilio** **Patricia Maugeri**
Monday, Nov. 24	*St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs*
9:00AM	**Gloria Montel**
Tuesday, Nov. 25	*St. Catherine of Alexandria*
9:00AM	**John Finerty**
Wednesday, Nov. 26	*Weekday*
9:00AM	**The Holy Souls in Purgatory**
7:30PM	*Thanksgiving Eve Mass* **Benjamin Gautreau**
Thursday, Nov. 27	*Thanksgiving Day*
9:00AM	**Francis Gauci**
Friday, Nov. 28	*Weekday*
9:00AM	**For Mary, the Mother of God**
Saturday, Nov. 29	*The Blessed Virgin Mary*
9:00AM	**Purgatorial Society**
5:00PM	**Rose Milito**
Sunday, Nov. 30	*First Sunday of Advent*
8:00AM	**Raymond Engelhardt**
9:30AM	**For the People of St. Francis Of Assisi**
11:00AM	**Joseph Spiteri** **Cheong-Nam Won** **Donald Barrett** **Gina Rossi**

Today's Readings

Solemnity of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

2 Samuel 5:1-3
Colossians 1:12-20
Luke 22:35-43

He said to them, "When I send you out without a purse, bag, or sandals, did you lack anything?" They said, "No, not a thing." He said to them, "But now, the one who has a purse must take it, and likewise a bag. And then one who has no sword must sell his cloak and buy one. For I tell you, this Scripture must be fulfilled in me, "And he was counted among the lawless," and indeed what was written about me is being fulfilled." They said, "Lord, look, here are two swords." He replied, "It is enough."
He came out and went, as was His custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed Him. When He reached the place, He said to them, "Pray that you may not come into the time of trial." Then He withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed, "Father, if You are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done." Then an angel from heaven appeared to Him and gave Him strength.

Readings For The Week

Monday	***Daniel 1:1-6,8-20*** ***Luke 21:1-4***
Tuesday	***Daniel 2:31-45*** ***Luke 21:5-11***
Wednesday	***Daniel 5:1-6,13-14,16-17,23-28*** ***Luke 21:12-19***
Thursday	***Daniel 6:12-28*** ***Luke 21:20-28***
Friday	***Daniel 7:2-14*** ***Luke 21:29-33***
Saturday	***Daniel 7:15-27*** ***Luke 21:34-36***

First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 2:1-5
Romans 13:11-14
Matthew 24:37-44

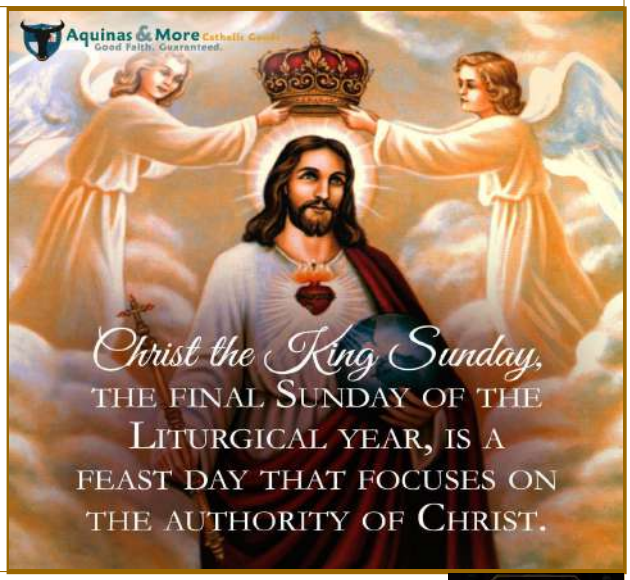
Remember in your prayers all those in our parish who are sick, that they may find health and comfort.

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
Joseph Klos



FOCUS:

Jesus is King of all creation.

Today's solemnity, which marks the close of the liturgical year, reminds us that Christ is King, Judge, and Ruler of all. He is the image of the Invisible God and the firstborn of all creation in whom all power and authority have been invested. By our baptism we share in that royal identity so that we might witness to His glory and Kingship before 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 has completed its study of the Gospel of Matthew. *Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, we will not meet this Thursday, November 27th.* We will begin a new study (to be announced) on Thursday, December 4th.

Thanks be to God... "Hosanna in the highest!" (Matthew 21:9)

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

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 23, 2025

Sanctuary Lamp

In Loving Memory of:
Francis Gauci

Requested By:
The Spiteri Family

From the Pastor's Desk:

My Dear Parishioners,

Today we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. This feast was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925. Europe was still healing from the effects of World War 1. The once great Catholic monarchies of Europe had been replaced by fascists, socialists and communists-all styles of government that are opposed to religious observance. Europe was beginning to turn away from God and his Church. The intent of this feast was to let all people know that the kings of men will never match the great and glorious, merciful and mighty kingship of Jesus Christ. The Church was staking her claim with the powers of heaven.

In the Gospel, Jesus is mocked on the cross, even by those crucified with him. The good thief is aware that they have condemned an innocent man, undeserving of the most cruel punishment to which he was subjected. This thief, known in history as Dismas, is also well aware that he is in the presence of his Lord, Savior and King. His faith motivates his dying wish: *Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.* There on Calvary, as darkness covered the earth and all hope seemed lost, a convicted sinner professed his faith-that Jesus would live again and forever, that he alone had the power to forgive and to grant new life, but most importantly, that his kingship would reign in this world and in the next.

Let us pray in the darkest moments of our life, when we find ourselves like the Good Thief – up against adversity, on the cross, persecuted, left behind – that we, like him, will trust in the Lord who is our friend, confidant and our king. He will set us free and remind us that one day we, too, will be with him in paradise.

All God's Blessings,
Msgr. Maresca

We invite you to come together with us as a Parish Family at our two Thanksgiving Masses:
Wednesday, November 26, at 7:30PM
Or
Thursday, November 27, at 9:00AM

We will be collecting Canned Goods at the Wednesday Mass and Thanksgiving Day Mass to benefit Marguerite's Pantry. Baskets will be in the front of the Sanctuary in which you can place your canned goods. The Collections taken up at our Thanksgiving Masses will go to the St. Vincent de Paul Society to assist the poor and needy.

Thank you for your generosity!

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

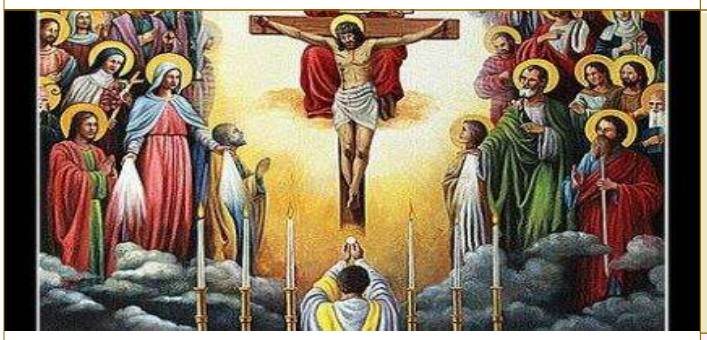
Eucharistic Adoration takes place Monday through Saturday, from 8:00AM to 8:50AM. As Pope St. John Paul II has said, "Christian life is expressed in the fulfilling of the greatest Commandment, that is to say, in the love of God and neighbor, and this love finds its source in the Blessed Sacrament….Eucharistic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

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



The November Lector & Minister Schedule **can be found by scanning this QR code, and then selecting the month you wish to view.**

2025/2026 Mass Book

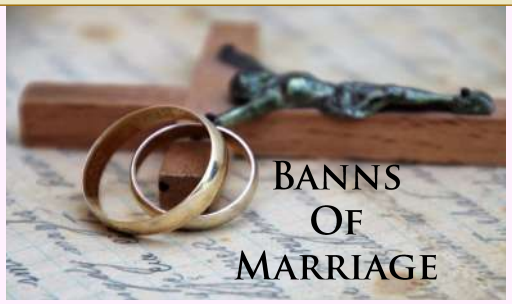
The 2025 Mass Book is open for the remainder of 2025 and the 2026 Mass Book is now open.

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.



2nd Announcement:
Daniel Scavetta
St. Francis of Assisi
Astoria, NY

&

Barbara Bahr
Most Precious Blood
Brooklyn, 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 11/15-11/16	**$4,243**
Second Collection for The Victims of Hurricane Melissa	**$1,230**

Mass Attendance For November 15/16, 2025

5:00PM	**116**
8:00AM	**45**
9:30AM	**230**
11:00AM	**102**
	Total: 493

Thanksgiving November 27th and 28th, 2025

The School and Rectory Office WILL BE CLOSED ALL DAY on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday November 27th, and the following day, Friday November 28th.

The Rectory Office will reopen on Saturday November 29th at 9:00AM.

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 **$31,104** towards our goal.

I am grateful to those who have contributed in the past and thank you for your generosity and support. If you have not contributed, I ask to make every effort to help us reach our goal.

I share with you the words of Jesus to his followers: "The measure you measure with will be measured back to you."

Thank you for all your effort.
God Bless,
Msgr. Maresca

Christmas Flowers & Christmas Mass Novena

You may begin to turn in your Christmas Flowers and Christmas Mass Novena envelopes beginning next weekend, November 29th & 30th in any collection.
Please write legibly so we are able to identify those you wish to remember.

The Christmas Flower Remembrances will be printed in the Bulletin.

The Christmas Novena Mass Envelopes will be placed on the Altar during Christmastide at all Masses.

There will also be envelopes available at the back of the Church.

Calendar of Events

This Week

November 23 - November 29

Sunday, November 23
9:30AM Children's Liturgy
Pre-Confirmation Name & Enrollment Mass
10:40AM CCD Class - School

Monday, November 24
12:00 NOON Golden Age
3:00PM Children's Choir - Church
7:00PM Adult Choir - Church

Tuesday, November 25
3:00PM SFA Singers - MCH
6:30PM AA Meeting - Rectory Basement

Wednesday, November 26
1/2 Day of School
11:00AM School Thanksgiving Mass
6:00PM ACA Support Group - St. Joseph Room
7:30PM Thanksgiving Eve Mass
7:45PM Bereavement Group - St. Joseph Room

Thursday, November 27
Thanksgiving Day
School and Rectory Office Closed
9:00AM Thanksgiving Day Mass

Friday, November 28
School and Rectory Office Closed

Saturday, November 29

Jesus explains the Kingdom of God.

Next Week

November 30 - December 6

Sunday, November 30
12:00 NOON Baptisms

Monday, December 1
12:00 NOON Golden Age
3:00PM Children's Choir - Church
7:00PM Adult Choir - Church

Tuesday, December 2
6:30PM AA Meeting - Rectory Basement

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

Thursday, December 4
10:00AM Legion of Mary - SFR
6:00PM IACA - SFR
7:20PM Scripture Study - St. Joseph Room

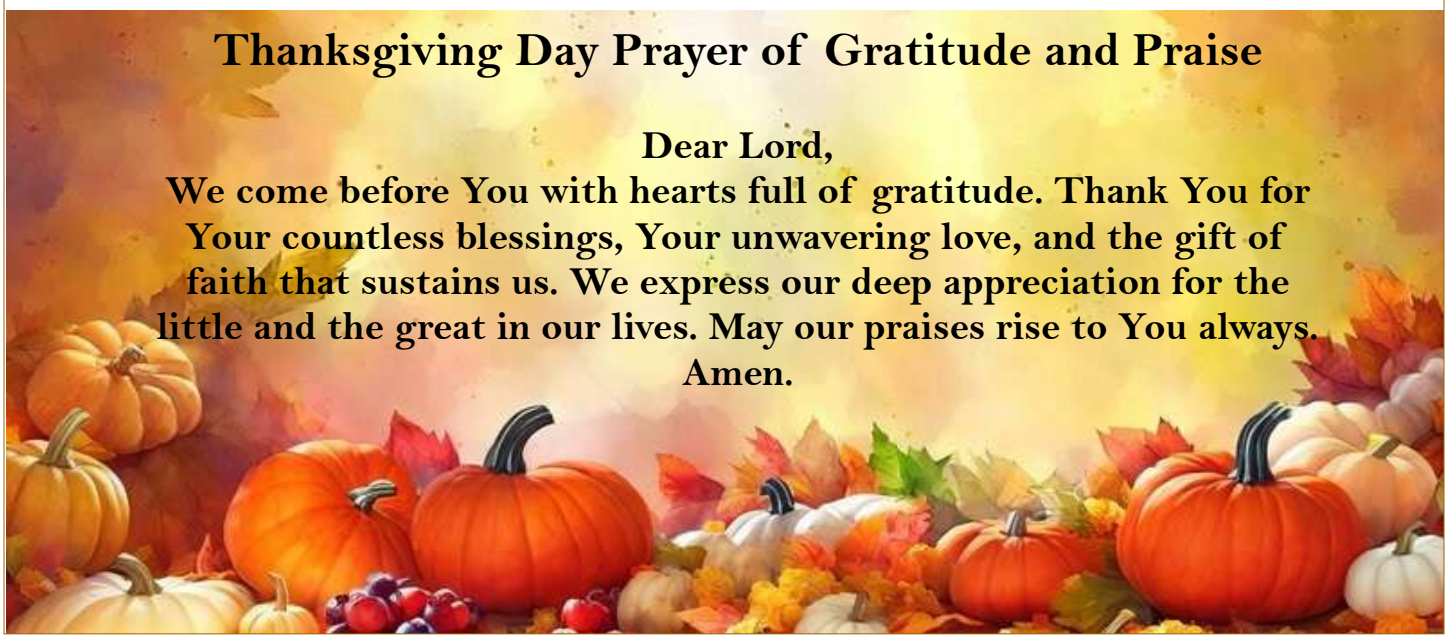
Friday, December 5
1/2 Day of School

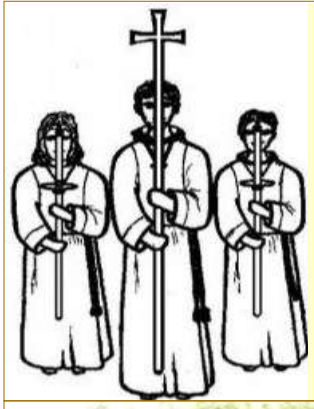
Saturday, December 6
9:00AM Anointing Mass
2:00PM Parish Day of Prayer with Fr. James Price
(See Flyer in Bulletin)

Jesus is recognized by Simeon as the Messiah.

December Lector & Minister Schedule

	2nd Sunday in Advent December 6-7	3rd Sunday in Advent December 13-14	4th Sunday in Advent December 20-21	Feast of the Holy Family December 27-28
Lectors				
Saturday 5:00PM	Edward Kubina	Josephine Corso	Debbi Skinner	Lector Needed
Sunday 8:00AM	Rob Laucella	Andrew Soltesz	Rob Laucella	Andrew Soltesz
Sunday 9:30AM	Sharon Costanza	Maria Brooks	Sharon Costanza	Maria Brooks
Sunday 11:00AM	Jane Di Donato	Carol Hickey	Jane Di Donato	Carol Hickey
Ministers				
Saturday 5:00PM	*****	*****	*****	*****
Sunday 8:00AM	*****	*****	*****	*****
Sunday 9:30AM	*****	Phillip Mincone	*****	*****
Sunday 11:00AM	*****	*****	Theresa Mincone	*****



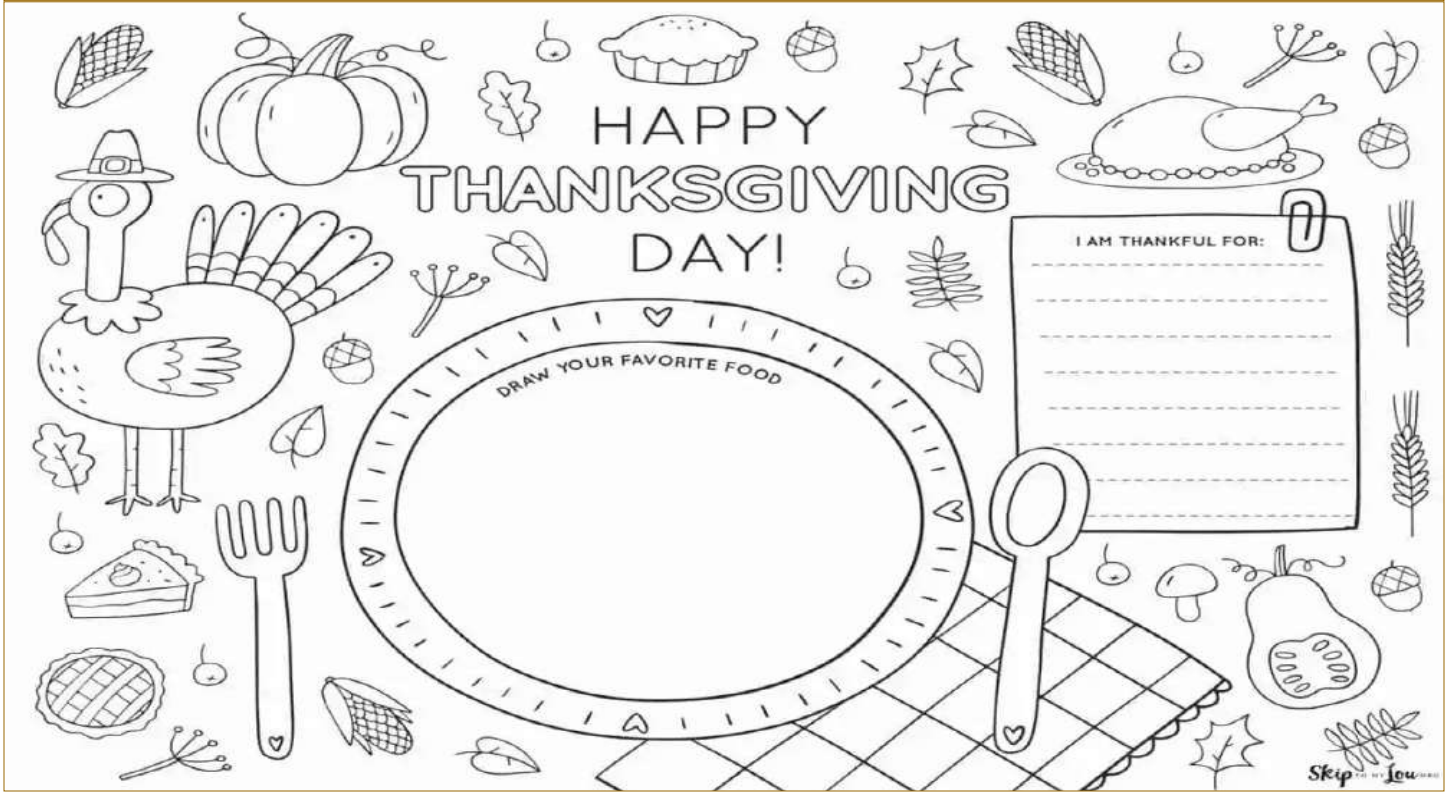


You are Invited to our Altar Servers' Installation!
Please join us as we pray for
and install our Altar Servers.

Sunday, December 14, 2025
9:30AM Holy Mass

A BIG THANK YOU!

WE WANT TO GIVE A BIG THANK YOU TO MRS. KUBINA AND THE YOUTH GROUP FOR SETTING UP OUR ADVENT GIVING TREES THIS WEEKEND!
ALSO, A BIG THANK YOU TO THEM FOR HELPING TO PUT OUT OUR NEW MISSALS IN EACH PEW FOR THE NEW LITURGICAL YEAR.
THANK YOU!!!



Advent Giving Trees

The Advent Giving Trees will be setup in the front and back of church and decorated with colored Tags on Saturday, November 22, 2025.
Each color Tag identifies the charity that will receive the gifts.

Please **tape the Tag to the unwrapped gift** purchased and place it under the Giving Tree before or after any one of the Masses.

Yellow Tags—Catholic Charities
Blue Tags— Hour Children
Green Tags—Marguerite's Pantry
Red Tags—Transfiguration

ALL GIFTS SHOULD BE RETURNED BY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2025.

2025 Advent Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 November Light the first violet candle on the Advent wreath, symbolizing Hope. Reflect on the source of your hope in Christ and what it means in your life.	1 December Be intentional. As soon as your alarm goes off, rise and kneel before a crucifix. Offer your day—and this entire season—to God with purpose and reverence.	2 Decide how you will draw closer to Christ this Advent—through intentional prayer, acts of penance, charitable giving, or participation in the Sacraments.	3 Read Luke 1:26–38, where Mary's "Yes" made way for the coming of Christ. Ask for the grace to respond with your own "Yes" to God's will in your life.	4 Set out your empty nativity scene as a sign of anticipation of the coming of the King. Gradually add the remaining figures throughout the Advent season.	5 Attend First Friday Mass, in honor of Jesus' Sacred Heart. "O Sacred Heart of Jesus, make my heart like yours." And He will.	6 St. Nicholas of Myra Call or visit your parish office and ask who needs help this Christmas. Then do something about it — quietly, as St. Nicholas did.
7 Light the second violet candle for Peace. Pray for the *"peace which surpasses all understanding"* (Philippians 4:7) for yourself and whoever needs it most.	8 Immaculate Conception God preserved Mary from sin so that she could be the mother of Jesus. Attend Mass and pray for our country. It is a holy day of obligation.	9 Make a small sacrifice today, offered solely to God. It is even more meaningful if it's done in secret, as encouraged in Matthew 6:18.	10 Prepare your heart and soul to welcome the King. Participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and encounter the mercy of God.	11 Advent is a busy season for parishes. Consider calling or emailing your parish office to ask how you can offer your time and support.	12 Our Lady of Guadalupe Mary's miraculous image reveals a profound mystery of Christmas (John 1:14). Take time today to pray for expectant mothers and the gift of new life.	13 "If you have two shirts in your closet, one belongs to you and the other to the man with no shirt" (St. Basil the Great). Donate gently used clothing you don't need.
14 *Gaudete Sunday* Light the rose candle for Joy to mark the halfway point to Christmas.	15 Offer the alms of patience when you're irritated, a smile when you're weary, and a kind word in place of judgment. You will touch hearts in ways you'll never fully realize.	16 Harboring unforgiveness burdens the heart and disrupts inner peace. Pray for the grace to let go, so you can move forward in freedom and healing.	17 Only nine days remain until Christmas. Place a lamp or candle in a window as a sign of welcome for the Christ Child.	18 Visit the Blessed Sacrament, where Jesus fulfills His promise to remain with us (Matthew 28:20). Take this time to renew your faith in His unwavering love.	19 Today, refrain from recreational screen use between 12:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Offer this sacrifice for those who struggle with screen-related addictions.	20 Share the joy of the Gospel—gather a group of friends and go caroling to bring the Good News to others through song.
21 Light the final violet candle, symbolizing Love—awaiting the coming of Christ, the ultimate expression of the Father's love (John 3:16).	22 The King is coming—prepare to welcome Him. Take time to ready your home as a reflection of the joy and reverence in your heart.	23 Discern which Advent practices you feel called to carry beyond Christmas. Which ones deepened your relationship with God? Which ones strengthened your capacity for charity?	24 *Rejoice!* Tonight, place the Christ Child in the manger and rejoice!	*"In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town. And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn"* (Luke 2:1-7).		

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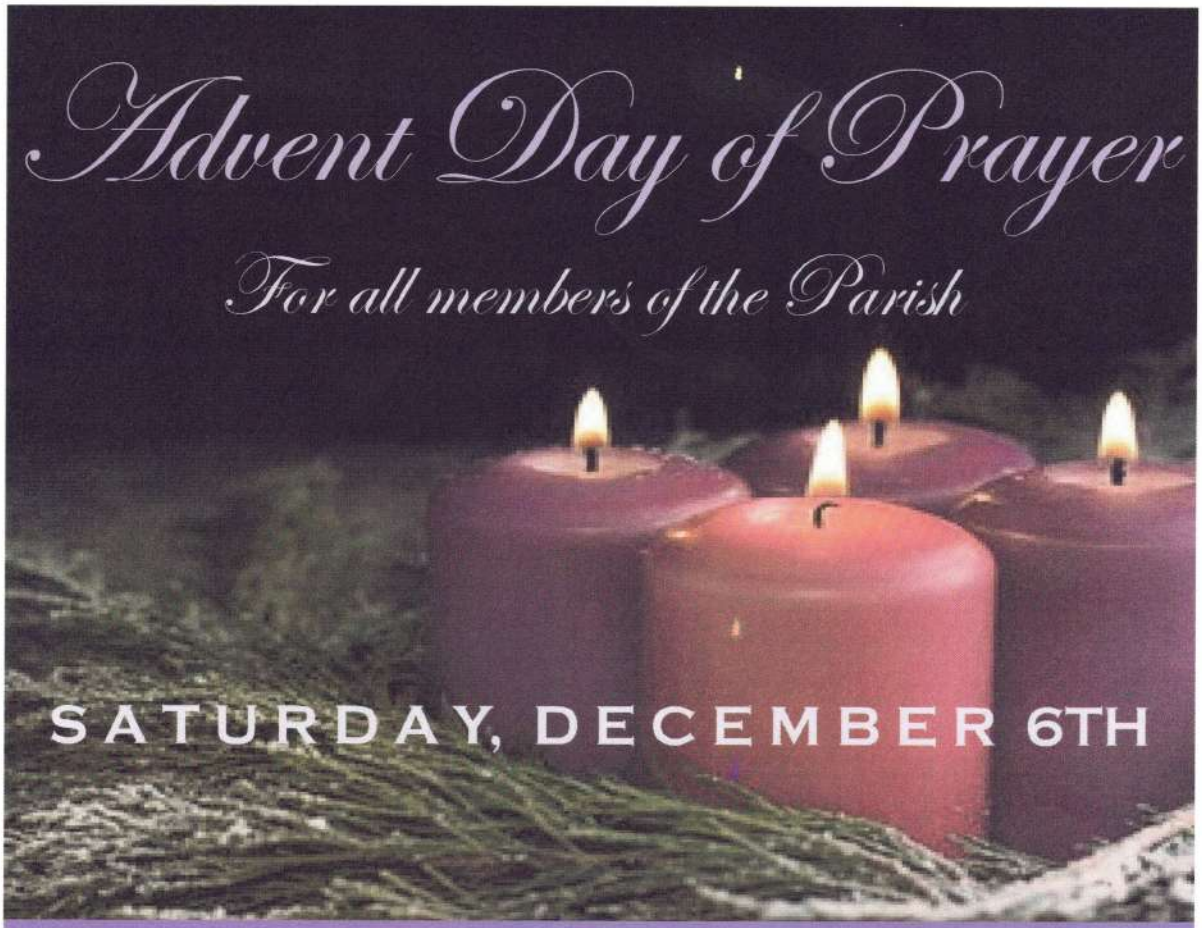
CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Our Christmas Flowers not only add to the beauty of our Parish during this Season of Peace, Hope, Faith, and Joy, but they also help us to remember our loved ones who have been a part of so many St. Francis of Assisi memories of the past. We appreciate your generosity in helping to make those memories!

Advent Wreath Memorial

To Memorialize the Advent Candles, Please stop by the Rectory Office.

The Donation is $100 per Candle.



Join St. Francis of Assisi Parish for our
ADVENT DAY of PRAYER
Saturday, December 6, 2025

Fr. James Price, CF
will lead us in the Day of Prayer

The day will begin at:
2:00pm in the Church
2:45pm Break
3:00pm Holy Hour and talk
4:00pm Rosary and Confession
5:00pm Mass
ALL ARE WELCOME!

Parishioners are invited to participate in decorating

St. Francis of Assisi Church

by memorializing a wreath for the
Christmas season.

Wreaths will adorn the interior walls and
exterior fences surrounding the Church.

A small message of dedication will be attached to each wreath.
ie: In Loving Memory of Jane Doe

Donations required to memorialize a wreath:

Outdoor ~ $65

Indoor ~ $80

Please complete tear-off below,
and submit payments to the rectory by December 10, 2025

Payments should be submitted by 12/10 ~ Cash or Check Payable to St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Please Print

Name _____ *Contact #* _____

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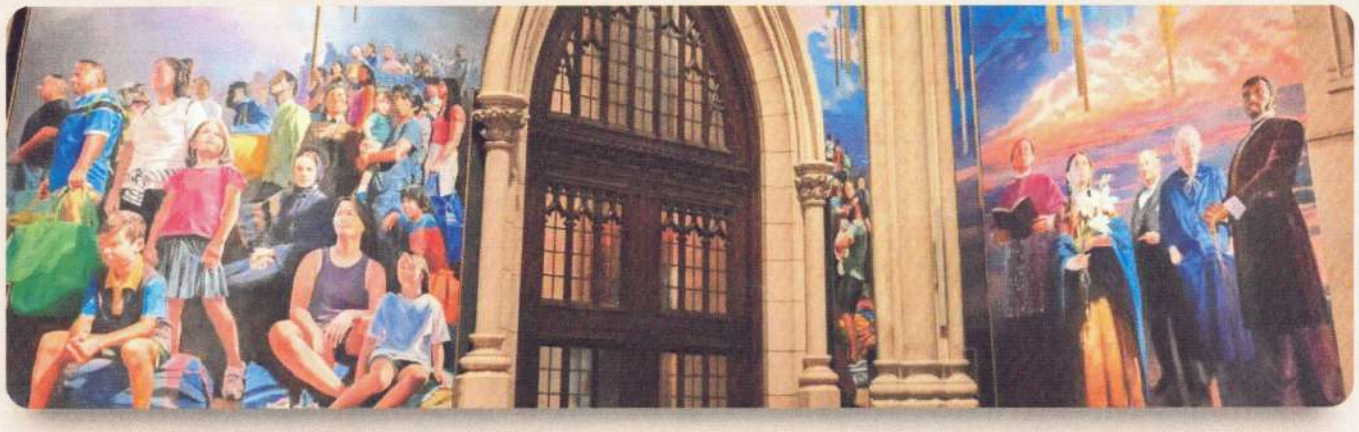
For You Too Were Once Aliens...

A STATEMENT BY THE CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF NEW YORK STATE

November 13, 2025 | Memorial of Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini



Leviticus 19:33-34

"When an alien resides with you in your land, do not mistreat such a one. You shall treat the alien who resides with you no differently than the natives born among you; you shall love the alien as yourself; for you too were once aliens in the land of Egypt."

In September, a striking mural depicting immigrants of the past and present was dedicated at Saint Patrick's Cathedral in Manhattan. Among the multitude of those immigrants now gracing the narthex walls of our venerable metropolitan cathedral – nameless men and women who came to this land often "tired...poor...[and] yearning to be free" – stands a young Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini.

Mother Cabrini, a woman consecrated to the Lord, was an indefatigable advocate, protector, and educator of newly arrived immigrants to New York. A native of Italy, she overcame anti-Italian prejudice in her adopted country of America and established, with God's grace, numerous charitable institutions and schools to serve those finding their way in a new land.

Mother Cabrini reminds us of the Church's longstanding care and concern for immigrants, as the mural itself, stunning in its scope, illustrates an indisputable fact: New York was and is a land of immigrants whose contributions have enriched and transformed, indeed built, our society.

Contemplating this magnificent mural at a moment when our nation considers again the plight of the immigrant, we recall that Christian charity, as lived so powerfully by Mother Cabrini, demands we welcome the stranger and treat every individual with respect and dignity.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* makes this clear.

"The more prosperous nations are obliged, to the extent they are able, to welcome the foreigner in search of the security and the means of livelihood which he cannot find in his country of origin. Public authorities should see to it that the natural right is respected that places a guest under the protection of those who receive him."

"Political authorities, for the sake of the common good for which they are responsible, may make the exercise of the right to immigrate subject to various juridical conditions, especially with regard to the immigrants' duties toward their country of adoption. Immigrants are obliged to respect with gratitude the material and spiritual heritage of the country that receives them, to obey its laws and to assist in carrying civic burdens." (n. 2241)

Pope Leo XIV, like his predecessors, has already taught this truth and shown particular solicitude towards migrant refugees—those who leave their homes not simply to seek a better life abroad, but who are forced to take flight because of violence and oppression in their own nations. In his first apostolic exhortation, *Dilexi Te*, proclaimed on October 4, 2025, the Memorial of Saint Francis of Assisi, he wrote:

"The Church, like a mother, accompanies those who are walking. Where the world sees threats, she sees children; where walls are built, she builds bridges. She knows that her proclamation of the Gospel is credible only when it is translated into gestures of closeness and welcome. And she knows that in every rejected migrant, it is Christ himself who knocks at the door of the community." (Section 75)

In recent years, many such refugee migrants have come to New York. Some have arrived from war-torn countries like Ukraine and Afghanistan; others from Central or South America have fled poverty, authoritarian governments, and drug cartels that made life in their country of origin dangerous for themselves and their families. Some have been granted refugee or temporary protected status, while others have no legal status. Most of these migrants – the majority, our neighbors – are good people who arrived on our shores seeking a better life.

Sadly, as in any group, some have exploited the system and committed serious crimes and other misdeeds. Those immigrants or refugees who commit crimes should face the appropriate criminal and civil penalties, including deportation. At the same time, general enforcement of the immigration laws must be carried out in a humane manner that does not target the hard-working and law-abiding; that does not permit the wanton and unnecessary separation of families; and that does not rely on campaigns of fear that cripple whole communities.

As such, we do not support the sweeping revocation of the temporary protected status that was granted to many migrants who arrived in this country to escape the horrors occurring in their own, and who have justifiably relied upon the legal protections our government offered to them. Such persons should not be subject to the arbitrary cancellation of their legal status and threatened with a sudden return to the troubled and dangerous nations from which they fled. At the same time, while we support the right to peacefully protest and witness opposition to political policies, we can never condone violence against immigration and law enforcement agents.

Before the complex questions of immigration, we maintain, without question, that our government has a duty to secure our borders and ensure that those who wish to enter the United States do so lawfully. In union with our brother Bishops across the United States, we have consistently urged our civil leaders to craft immigration laws that respect our borders and create an orderly process for those who wish to enter our nation, while offering a measure of forgiveness towards those who arrived here without legal status but who have proven their contributions and loyalty to our country over a period of time.

These are all good points to ponder. However, most important to recall is the law of Christ set down in the Great Commandments: To love God with all our hearts and to love our neighbor as ourselves. All other imperatives are subject to this law of charity, and it is concerned neither with legal status nor country of origin. As individuals and as a society, we are bound to follow this supreme command and to make all our actions consistent with it, to the best of our abilities, even in difficult circumstances.

Returning to the example of Mother Cabrini, the Bishops of the United States have called on Catholics in all walks of life to stand in solidarity with immigrants and refugees by signing *The Cabrini Pledge, an Invitation to be Keepers of Hope*. We encourage New York Catholics to sign the pledge. By doing so, you will follow in the footsteps of our beloved Mother Cabrini in acknowledging our duty to welcome, to protect, to promote, and to integrate immigrants in accordance with the guidance proclaimed by Sacred Scripture and the Magisterium of the Church.

The Cabrini Pledge

Sign the pledge today by scanning the QR code or visiting this link: *www.usccb.org/cabrinipledge*. Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini is the patron saint of all migrants. We seek her intercession for the concerns we have mentioned. By joining us in signing the Pledge, you commit your prayers and energy for the welcome, protection, promotion, and integration of migrants.

Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop of New York
Most Reverend Edward B. Scharfenberger, Apostolic Administrator of Albany
Most Reverend Robert J. Brennan, Bishop of Brooklyn
Most Reverend Michael W. Fisher, Bishop of Buffalo
Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley, Bishop of Ogdensburg
Most Reverend Salvatore R. Matano, Bishop of Rochester
Most Reverend John O. Barres, Bishop of Rockville Centre
Most Reverend Douglas J. Lucia, Bishop of Syracuse

And the Most Reverend Auxiliary and Emeritus Bishops of New York State

New York State Catholic Conference
www.nyscatholic.org

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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