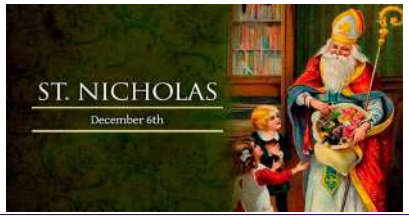
First Sunday of Advent

Mass Intentions

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**
Monday, Dec. 1	*Weekday*
9:00AM	**Ed Emerson**
Tuesday, Dec. 2	*Weekday*
9:00AM	**Alex Humen**
Wednesday, Dec. 3	*St. Francis Xavier, Priest*
9:00AM	**Jennie Laucella**
Thursday, Dec. 4	*St. John Damascene, Priest & Doctor of the Church*
9:00AM	**Joan Carpanini**
Friday, Dec. 5	*Weekday*
9:00AM	**John Hengl**
Saturday, Dec. 6	*St. Nicholas, Bishop*
9:00AM	**Purgatorial Society** **Antonina Kos** **The Living & Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary And Their Families**
5:00PM	**Richard Mohr**
Sunday, Dec. 7	*Second Sunday of Advent*
8:00AM	**Fortunata Di Lorenzo**
9:30AM	**Frances Wytak**
11:00AM	**For the People of St. Francis Of Assisi** **Patricia Goodwin** **John Collins**



Today's Readings

First Sunday of Advent

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

"For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

Readings For The Week

Monday	***Isaiah 4:2-6*** ***Matthew 8:5-11***
Tuesday	***Isaiah 11:1-10*** ***Luke 10:21-24***
Wednesday	***Isaiah 25:6-10a*** ***Matthew 15:29-37***
Thursday	***Isaiah 26:1-6*** ***Matthew 7:21,24-27***
Friday	***Isaiah 29:17-24*** ***Matthew 9:27-31***
Saturday	***Isaiah 30:19-21,23-26*** ***Matthew 9:35—10:1,5a,6-8***

Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 11:1-10
Romans 15:4-9
Matthew 3:1-12

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:

Stay awake, for you do not know when the Lord will come.

The four weeks of Advent are meant for us to prepare our hearts for three comings of Christ: His birth in Bethlehem (which we celebrate on Christmas); His return at the end of time; and His coming to us here and now. Our preparations include prayer, reception of the sacraments, good works, and sacrifices. Although everyone's preparations will look different, they are all meant to cleanse us from sin and teach us to welcome Christ with love.

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 on the Gospel of Matthew. We will begin a new study (to be announced) in December. You are invited to join us on December 4th in the St. Joseph Room in the Rectory from 7:20pm-8:50pm.

"In times past, God spoke in partial and various ways to our ancestors through the prophets; in these last days, He spoke to us through a Son, whom He made heir of all things and through Whom He created the universe." (Hebrews 1:1-2)

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 30, 2025

Sanctuary Lamp

In Loving Memory of:
Joseph Spiteri

Requested By:
The Spiteri Family

From the Pastor's Desk:

My Dear Parishioners,

It is worth noting that today's psalm is the same one that was used for the feast of Christ the King: *Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.* This is no coincidence. The Church wants us to see that the ultimate goal of faith is that, when our lives are over, we might be found worthy -in the words of Isaiah- *to climb the Lord's mountain.*

As we begin Advent, our Scriptures invite us to reflect on this truth, and place before us a selection of images: from the pilgrim people ascending the Lord's mountain to the light and dark of Paul's Letter to the Romans. Even the very sobering Gospel reference to Noah and the great flood is heavy with meaning and worthy of reflection. Jesus doesn't mince his words! We need to be vigilant and prayerful- *to stay awake.* There is going to be a judgement and, like the master who expects his house to be broken into, we need to be prepared.

But let us remember that the idea of final judgment is not limited to Advent. Each week, in our Creed, we express the belief that Christ *will come to judge the living and the dead.* That judgment will be real-a review of life with its many choices and decisions, laid out before us in the light of God's revelation. We can find it hard to reconcile this part of faith with our view of God as loving and forgiving, especially as many have a distorted understanding of God as being indulgent and accepting of all types of behavior.

How easy it is to be like the people at the time of Noah, indifferent to what was about to take place. How many hear the message, but prefer to discount it or to ignore it and so lose the opportunity to be prepared? Paul puts it so well-*our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed.* Our Gospel challenges us to stay awake, to be like that good master. Paul exhorts us *to put on Christ:* a wonderful image to reflect upon as we begin Advent, for this season is more than just the run-up to the holidays!

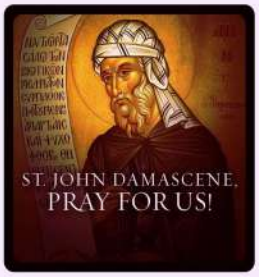
We know the final outcome in the conflict between good and evil: the victory of Christ! Our task is to ensure that we are on the victorious side by living lives worthy of him. We ought not to take eternal life for granted but, each day, renew our commitment to the Gospel and the hope that our baptism offers. As Christians, we are called to be realistic, to face the fact that our world is broken and in need of healing. Yet we are never without hope. Indeed, the Christian view is to see worldly imperfection not as a lost cause but as an opportunity for improvement and redemption. This is what we celebrate in this Advent time of preparation and anticipation. We look forward to the coming of Christ, striving to be vigilant and worthy to stand before the Son of Man.

All God's Blessings,
Msgr. Maresca

Anointing of the Sick

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

Our upcoming Anointing Mass is Saturday December 6, 2025.



Feast Day:
Thursday,
December 4th

"The whole earth is a living icon of the face of God."

The Season of Advent begins the weekend of November 29th/30th. It is a four week period of waiting and preparing for the Feast of Christmas. During the Season of Advent, one of the beautiful signs we have in our church is the Advent Wreath. The wreath, which has four candles, is placed in the church and each week a candle is lit to remind us of our waiting and preparing for the Birth of Christ.

You are invited to be part of the Candle Lighting Ceremony. You can sign up individually or as a family. The Candle Lighter should sit toward the front of the church and at the beginning of each Mass, the priest will call you up to light the Candle(s) for that week of Advent.

There will be a sign in the back of the Church this weekend. Any families, individuals, or groups are invited to sign up at any of the Masses to light the Advent Wreath.

Please sign up for one of the weekend Masses to participate in the Advent Wreath Lighting Ceremony. Join us as we renew our desire, anticipation, and hope for Christ's coming again.

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

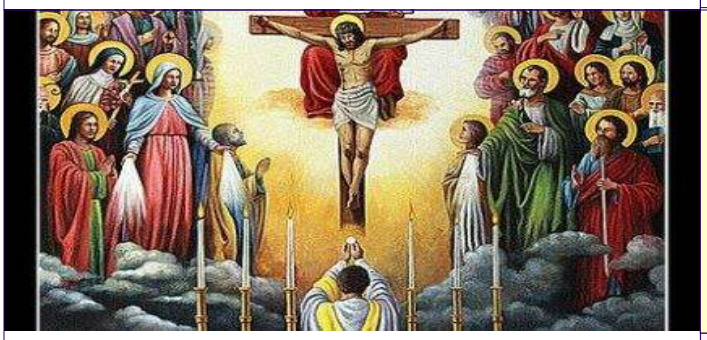
Eucharistic Adoration takes place Monday through Saturday, from 8:00AM to 8:50AM. As Pope St. John Paul II has said, "Christian life is expressed in the fulfilling of the greatest Commandment, that is to say, in the love of God and neighbor, and this love finds its source in the Blessed Sacrament….Eucharistic 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 December Lector & Minister Schedule **can be found by scanning this QR code, and then selecting the month you wish to view.**

2025/2026 Mass Book

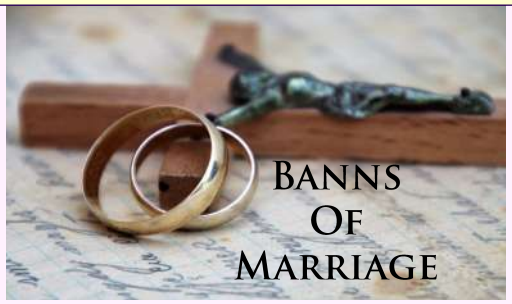
The 2025 Mass Book is open for the remainder of 2025 and the 2026 Mass Book is now open.

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.



3rd 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.

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, you will see these numbers published next weekend.

Mass Attendance For November 22/23, 2025

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, you will see these numbers published next weekend.

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Of Mary

Holy Day of Obligation

Monday, December 8, 2025 is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.
Envelopes may be dropped in any collection next week.

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 return your Christmas Flowers and Christmas Mass Novena envelopes 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 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.

Next Week

December 7 - December 13

Sunday, December 7
9:30AM Children's Liturgy
Pre-Communion Banner Mass
10:40AM CCD Class - School

Monday, December 8
Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary
Holy Day of Obligation
School Closed
9:00AM Mass
11:00AM Mass
7:30PM Mass
12:00 NOON Golden Age - MCH

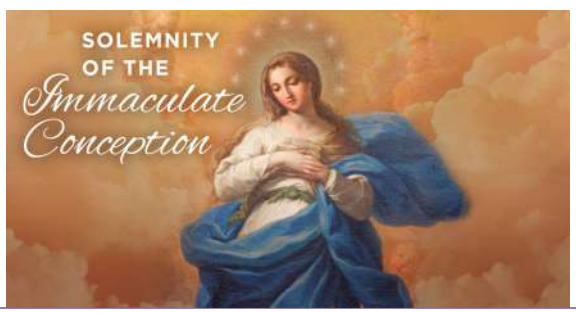
Tuesday, December 9
3:00PM SFA Singers - MCH
6:30PM AA Meeting - Rectory Basement

Wednesday, December 10
3:00PM Christmas Pageant Rehearsal - Church
3:00PM Drama Club - MCH
6:00PM ACA Support Group - St. Joseph Room
7:00PM Baptism Class
7:45PM Bereavement Group - St. Joseph Room

Thursday, December 11
1/2 Day of School - Parent/Teacher Conferences
10:00AM Legion of Mary - SFR
6:00PM IACA - SFR
7:20PM Scripture Study - St. Joseph Room

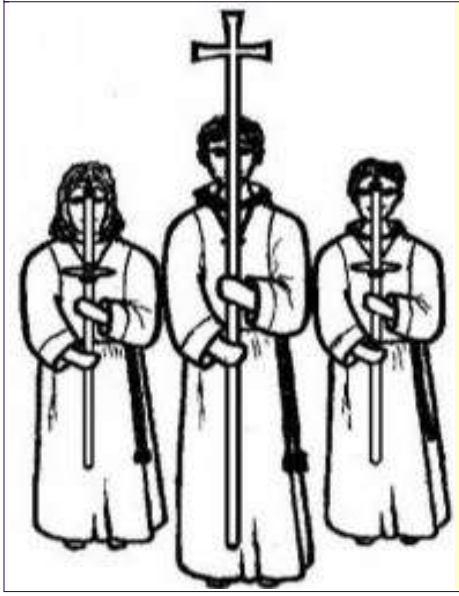
Friday, December 12
3K/PreK Winter Celebration - MCH

Saturday, December 13



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 Family Mass

Come and Adore our Lord at St. Francis of Assisi this Christmas

Special Masses and Activities

December 6th, 2025
2:00PM Parish Day of Prayer
With Fr. James Price
(See flyer in this bulletin for details)

December 8, 2025
Solemnity of the
Immaculate Conception
Of the Blessed Virgin Mary
(Holy Day of Obligation)
Masses at: 9:00AM, 11:00AM, and 7:30PM

December 15, 2025
Reconciliation Monday
Confession Times:
3:00PM-5:00PM & 6:00PM-8:00PM

December 20, 2025
Christmas Tree Lighting -
Following 5:00PM Mass

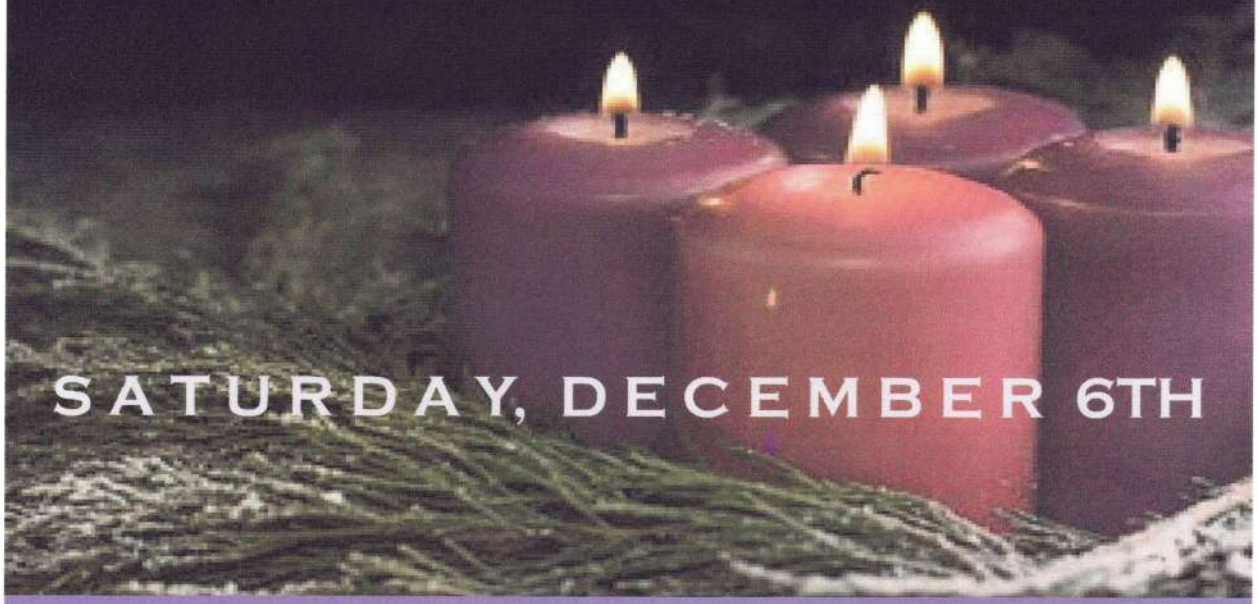
December 24, 2025
3:30PM Children's Choir Concert
4:00PM Parish Christmas Eve Pageant &
Family Mass
6:00PM Mass with Bishop Massa

December 25, 2025
8:00AM Mass
9:30AM Mass
11:00AM Mass

December 31, 2025/January 1, 2026
Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God
(Holy Day of Obligation)
5:00PM Vigil Mass on 12/31/2025
Masses at 9:00AM & 11:00AM on 1/1/2025

Advent Day of Prayer

For all members of the Parish



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6TH

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!

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, Joy, and Love, 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.

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.

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 #* _____

Email _____

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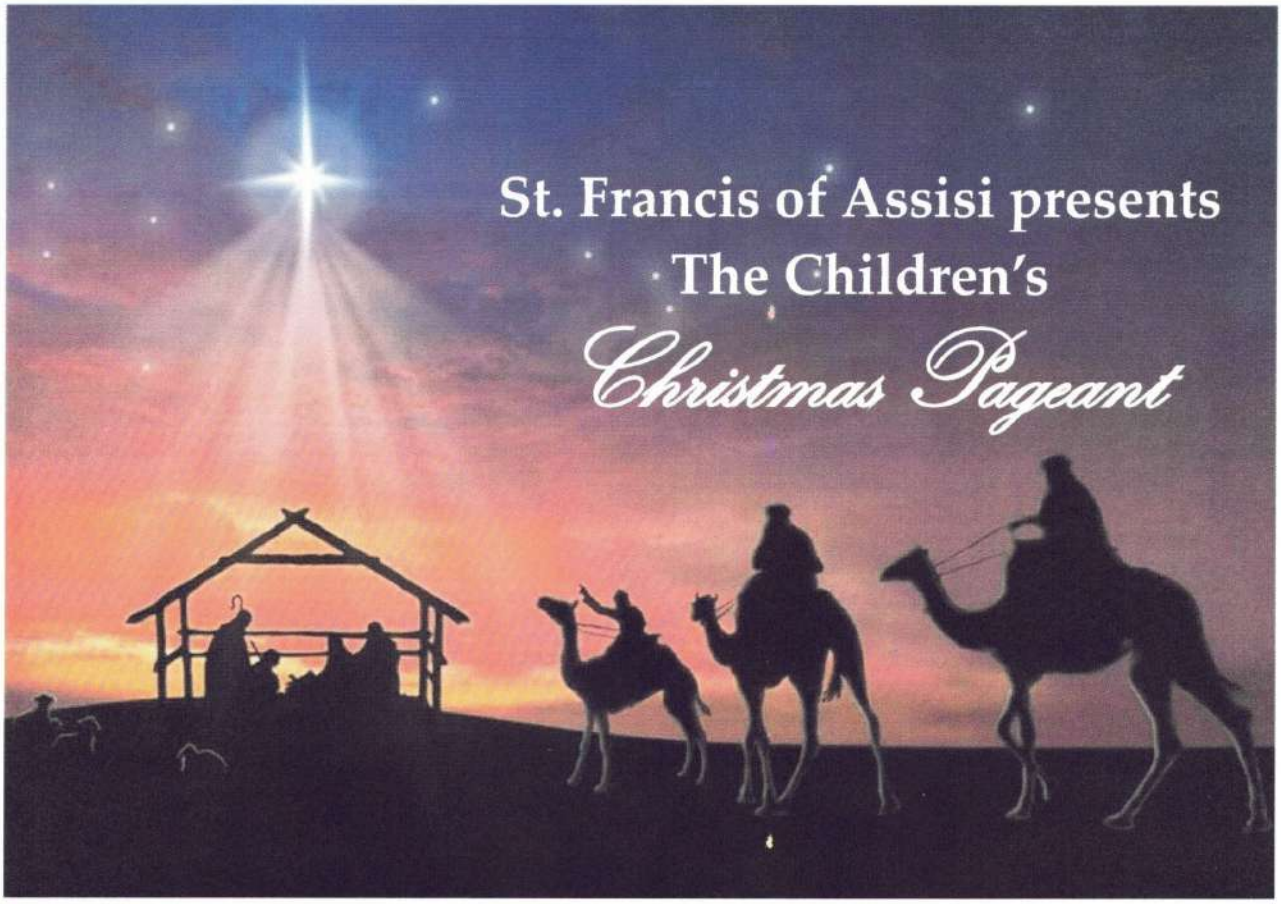


Pageant Performed at Christmas Eve Family Mass
December 24th at 4:00pm

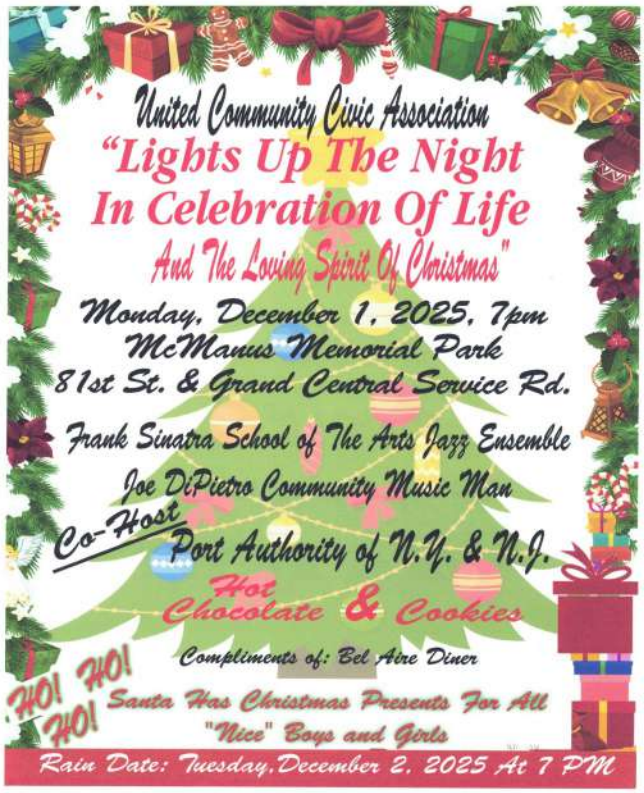
If you would like your child to take part in this special liturgy, or if you have any questions,please email Mr. Dan Higgins at DHiggins@sfaacademy.org by **Tuesday, December 9, 2024**
Make sure to leave your child's name, grade & parent's cell number. We are also in need of narrators (Grade 6 and above) for our pageant.

REHEARSALS ARE SCHEDULED FOR:

Wednesday, December 10, 2024, 3 - 4:00pm
Wednesday December 17, 2024 3 - 4:00pm

All school age children, including Pre-K 3 and 4 year-olds, are welcomed to participate!
Rehearsals will be held in the church.

"And you will have joy and gladness; and many will rejoice at His birth"



HOLIDAY MUSICAL SPECTACULAR

2025

ITALIAN AMERICAN CATHOLIC ACTION
St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Join us on Saturday December 20th at 11:00am

Hunterdon Hills Playhouse
88 Route 173 West
Hampton, New Jersey

Tickets Price$175.00 includes

Transportation, Lunch, and Show

Don't hesitate to contact

Giuseppina Sferrazza at 718 808-2097 or
Maria Bruno at 917 943-7156

Only 40 tickets available. Tickets are non-refundable! All money due
December 8th, 2025
Make check payable to I.A.C.A

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Siete tutti invitati ad una

GIORNATA DI SPIRITUALITA'
SABATO 13 DICEMBRE, 2025
10:00 am - 3:30 pm
Sara' una giornata di preghiera
e di riflessione
in preparazione per il Santo Natale

PROGRAM
10:00 am - Rosario
11:15 am - Santa Messa
11:50 - 1:15 pm - Lunch
1:15 - 2:30 pm - Presepe Vivente
2:30 - 3:30 pm - Adorazione Eucaristica
3:30 pm - Ritorno
Coach Bus: $40.00
Partenza: **8:00 am** dalla Chiesa di San Francesco D'Assisi, Astoria 21-45th St
Anna Maria (347) 448-1136
8:30 am St.Luke Church
Angela Masullo (347) 828-0921
Marianna Guardi (718) 256-7916

Church of Saint Rocco
18 3rd St, Glen Cove, NY 11542
(516) 676-2482

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Durante la celebrazione ci saranno sacerdoti a disposizione per le confessioni

St. Nicholas
Feast Day:
Saturday, December 6th

St. Nicholas Prayer for Children

God our Father we pray, that through the intercession of Saint Nicholas, You will protect our children. Keep them safe from harm, and help them grow and become worthy of Your sight.
Give them strength to keep their faith in You, and to keep alive their joy in Your creation. Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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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