Fourth Sunday of Advent/Nativity of Our Lord

Mass Intentions

Sunday, Dec. 21	*Fourth Sunday of Advent*
8:00AM	**For the People of St. Francis Of Assisi**
9:30AM	**John Richinick**
11:00AM	**Margaret & Amelio Mignanelli**
	Fabrizio Yepez
	Cesar Fernandez
	Victoria Marino
Monday, Dec. 22	*Weekday*
9:00AM	**Mark De Addio, Sr.**
Tuesday, Dec. 23	*Weekday*
9:00AM	**Esperanza Eiaw**
Wednesday, Dec. 24	*Weekday Morning Mass*
9:00AM	**Filomena Elia Cinquemani**
Wednesday, Dec. 24	***Vigil of the Solemnity of the Nativity of Our Lord***
4:00PM	**The Kos Family**
6:00PM	**The People of St. Francis Of Assisi**
Thursday, Dec. 25	***Solemnity of the Nativity of Our Lord***
8:00AM	**Joseph & Bridget Dudek**
9:30AM	**Ana Balint**
11:00AM	**Christmas Novena Mass**
Friday, Dec. 26	*St. Stephen, Martyr*
9:00AM	**Christmas Novena Mass**
Saturday, Dec. 27	*St. John, Apostle & Evangelist*
9:00AM	**Purgatorial Society**
	Christmas Novena Mass
	Terrance McLaughlin
5:00PM	**Donna McLemon**
Sunday, Dec. 28	*Feast of the Holy Family*
8:00AM	**Han Choi Ferguson**
9:30AM	**For the People of St. Francis Of Assisi**
11:00AM	**Jennifer Werner**
	Szetela Family
	Masluk Family
	Jack Lukich
	Joan Carpanini
	Rosalie Irrera
	Mary & Nick Pandone

Today's Readings

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 7:10-14
Romans 1:1-7
Matthew 1:18-24

An angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Joseph, Son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel", which means, 'God is with us.'
(*Matthew 1:20-23*)

Readings For The Week

Monday	***1 Samuel 1:24-28***
	Luke 1:46-56
Tuesday	***Malachi 3:1-4,23-24***
	Luke 1: 57-66
Wednesday	***Weekday Morning Mass***
	2 Samuel 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16
	Luke 1:67-79
	Vigil of the Solemnity of the Nativity Of Our Lord
	Isaiah 62-1-5
	Acts 13:16-17,22-25
	Matthew 1:1-25
Thursday	***Solemnity of the Nativity of our Lord***
	Isaiah 52:7-10
	Hebrews 1:1-6
	John 1:1-18
Friday	***Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59***
	Matthew 10:17-22
Saturday	***1 John 1:1-4***
	John 20:1a,2-8

Feast of the Holy Family

Sirach 3:2-6,12-14
Colossians 3:12-21
Matthew 2:13-15,19-23

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

Advent Candle Memorials

In Loving Memory of Lucia, Ralph, and Domenick Borgia

In Loving Memory of Rose and Denis Sweeney

In Loving Memory of Suzanne Diguglielmo

In Loving Memory of Paul, Esperanza, and Joycelin Eiaw

FOCUS:

Through Jesus we have received the grace of apostleship.

The coming of Jesus Christ is the sign of our salvation. He is "God with us" and has invited us to turn our lives over to Him. Are we ready to accept this sign? Will we, like Joseph, put aside our fears and enter into a completely new reality, a new way of life?

St. Francis of Assisi Scripture Study

On Winter Recess Until January 15, 2026

Dear SFA Family & Friends,
The Scripture Study Group will be on Winter Recess until January 15, 2026. Mark your Calendar and join us in the New Year as we continue our study of Hebrew Chapters 1-4: **God's Son and God's Word**.

"It came upon a midnight clear, that glorious song of old; from angels bending near the earth, to touch their harps of gold: "Peace on the earth, good will to men, from Heaven's all-gracious King." The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing." (Poem by Edmund Sears)

SHALOM

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.

From the Pastor's Desk:

My Dear Parishioners,

"*Do not be afraid."* With these four words- repeated again and again by the Archangel Gabriel, our hope of heaven was born. Gabriel told Joseph to not give into these fears of what others might say, think or do. Previously, Gabriel had spoken these similar words of reassurance to Zechariah when he received news of his wife's miraculous pregnancy. Gabriel would utter these words again, telling Mary, *Do not be afraid,* for she has found favor with God. After Jesus' birth, these same words would be used to beckon the shepherds to come in from the fields, following the light of the star, to adore at the Christ child's crib.

"Do not be afraid." These were the words with which St. John Paul II began his papacy when he emerged from the conclave, under the white smoke of the chimney from the Sistine Chapel. These same words are spoken to us each time we face life's challenges, difficult decisions or even our own sinfulness. Jesus being born among us means we no longer have to be afraid- either to live or to die, for he truly is "God with us." As we prepare for Christmas less than a week away, and buy and wrap our last-minute gifts, let us recall that the greatest gift isn't the one we find under the tree. The greatest gift of Christmas would be wrapped in swaddling clothes not ribbons, and he would one day be found on the tree of the cross- born to die that we might live.

All God's Blessing,
Msgr. Maresca

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

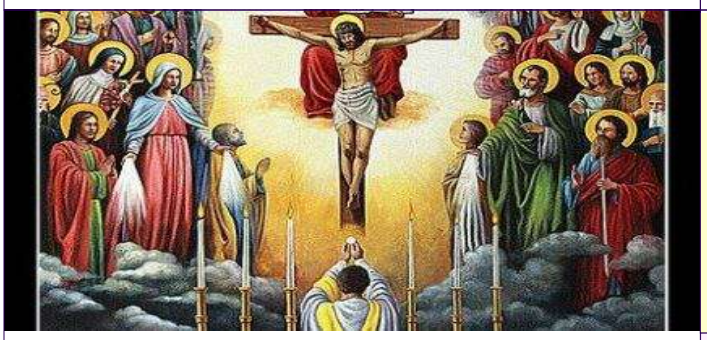
Eucharistic Adoration takes place Monday through Saturday, from 8:00AM to 8:50AM. As Pope St. John Paul II has said, "Christian life is expressed in the fulfilling of the greatest Commandment, that is to say, in the love of God and neighbor, and this love finds its source in the Blessed Sacrament….Eucharistic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

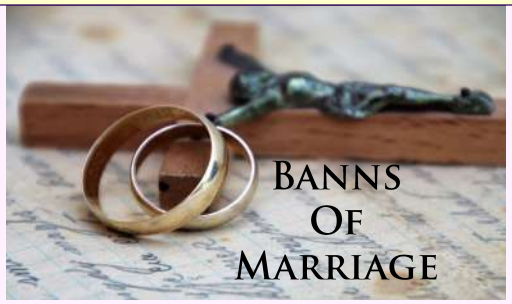
The 2025 Mass Book is open for the remainder of 2025 and the 2026 Mass Book is now open.

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:
Paul Xikes
St. Francis of Assisi
Astoria, NY

&

Paola Sirica
St. Francis of Assisi
Astoria, NY

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Our Christmas Flowers not only add to the beauty of our Parish during this Season of Peace, Hope, Joy, and Faith, 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!

Names for Christmas Flower Memorials will be published in the Bulletin during Christmastide.

Envelopes may be found in the back of the Church.

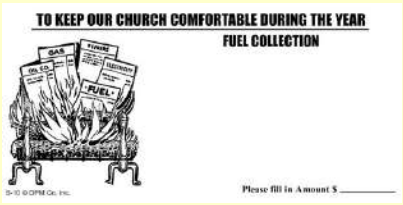
CATHOLIC CHARITIES
ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK
PROVIDING HELP CREATING HOPE
OUR SECOND CENTURY

Second Collection On December 24/25

There will be a second collection on Christmas Eve & Christmas Day, December 24/25, 2025, for Catholic Charities.

Please be as generous as your means allow.

Next Weekend, December 27/28, 2025



Next weekend, there will be a second collection for Fuel.

We thank you for your assistance in keeping our Church at a comfortable temperature throughout the Winter Season.
Please be as generous as your means allow.

Rectory Office Hours for Christmas & New Years

***Wednesday, December 24, 2025*: Rectory Office Closes at 3:00PM**
***Thursday, December 25, 2025*: Rectory Office Closed**
***Friday, December 26, 2025*: Rectory Office Closed**
***Saturday, December 27, 2025*: Rectory Office Closed**

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***Wednesday, December 31, 2025*: Rectory Office Closes at 3:00PM**
***Thursday, January 1, 2026*: Rectory Office Closed**
***Friday, January 2, 2026*: Rectory Office Closed**
***Saturday, January 3, 2026*: Rectory Office Open 9:00AM—2:00PM**

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 12/13-12/14	**$3,950**
Second Collection for Religious Retirement Fund:	**$1,165**

School Parents must use Church Envelopes.

Mass Attendance For December 13/14, 2025

5:00PM	**97**
8:00AM	**36**
9:30AM	**125**
11:00AM	**97**
	Total: 355

Christmas Gift to My Church

"My Christmas Gift to the Church."
Envelopes may be returned in any collection.

In the past, you have been most generous in supporting our Parish and the many programs and services we offer. God has blessed us in so many wonderful ways. We have received many gifts, but the BEST gift we have been given is the gift of Jesus. His unconditional love, His care, and concern for each of us is priceless!

Please take some time to prayerfully reflect on what you are able to give in appreciation for all God's gifts.

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 **$31,204** 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.

Merry Christmas!

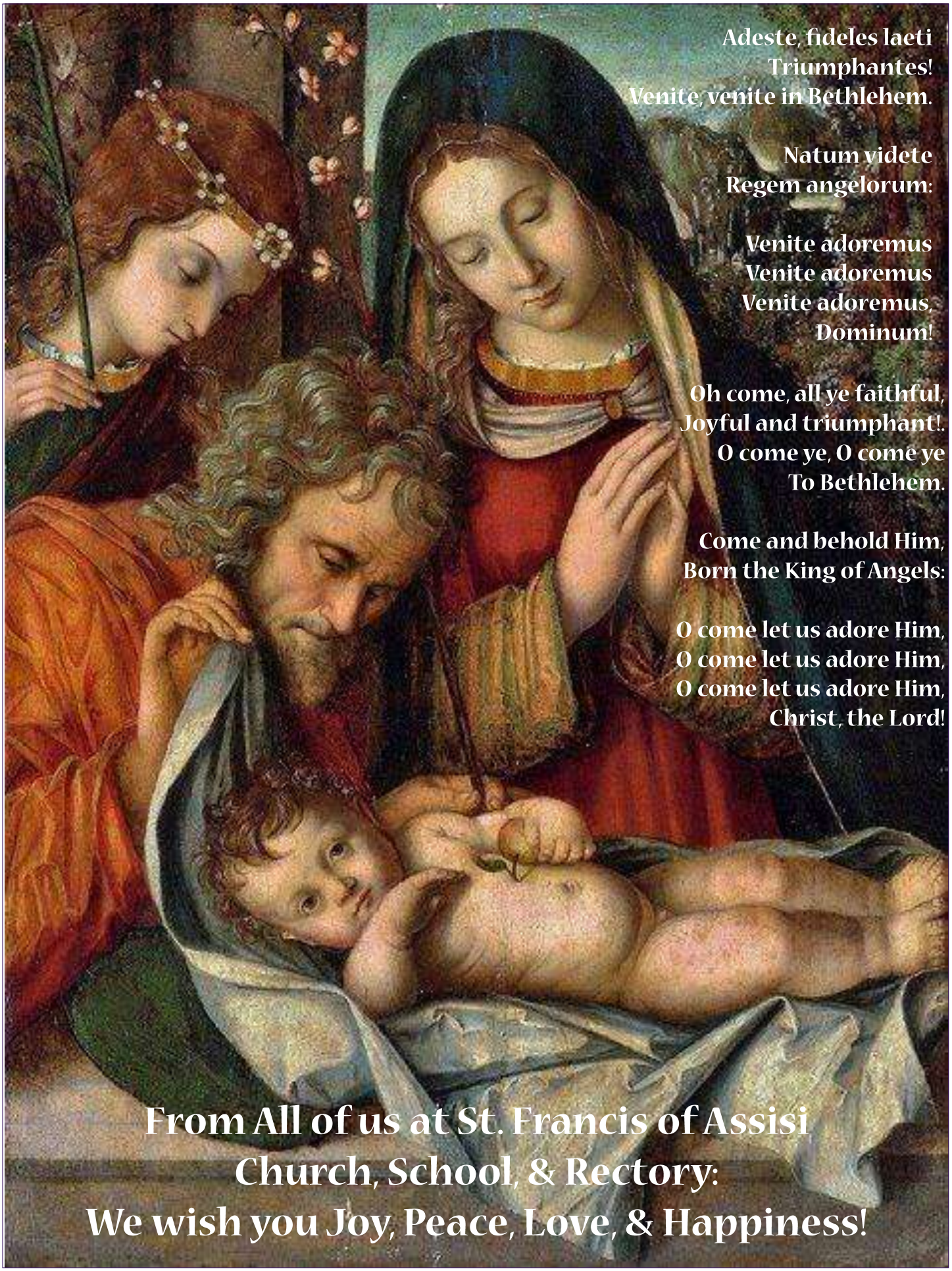
MERRY CHRISTMAS! Today we celebrate Christmas, the birth of Jesus into our lives and into our world. Christmas is unique and special among all of the celebrations during the entire year. The aromas of special foods, family gatherings, gifts, carols, and music all contribute to the wonderful memories of Christmas. Generation after generation has celebrated Christmas over the centuries. That's a long tradition of which we are a part.

The birth of Jesus brought light into the darkness. What great joy and happiness this brings into our lives. We need to find our life in Jesus, to believe in his name, to accept his teachings and his way of life. We need to acknowledge him as our Savior and our Lord, the Prince of Peace, the Light of the World! In this belief and way of life we, too, can be a light in the darkness for all to see. Our lives have meaning only insofar as we believe in Christ and are obedient to his law. This is a challenge for us, but is also a reassurance of eternal joy. Our lives are filled with love and happiness, prayer and praise to God, and forgiveness and acceptance. We are to have the willingness to be of service to one another. Living our lives in this manner will bring about a peace and joy that only God can give.

Today as we celebrate the birth of the Christ child, let us know in our hearts, and be grateful for the many gifts that God has given us, especially his unconditional love. We ask God that our hearts and lives be enriched with the gifts of peace, joy, hope, and love. We ask that we may enrich the lives of others by our thoughtfulness, kindness, generosity, and friendship. Let us join all Christians throughout the world in celebrating the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, the Word of God.

May peace and joy find a home in the hearts of every member of our parish family, and may we celebrate Christmas every day throughout the New Year.

Merry Christmas and God Bless, Msgr. Maresca


Adeste, fideles laeti
Triumphantes!
Venite, venite in Bethlehem.

Natum videte
Regem angelorum:

Venite adoremus
Venite adoremus
Venite adoremus,
Dominum!

Oh come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant!.
O come ye, O come ye
To Bethlehem.

Come and behold Him,
Born the King of Angels:

O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him,
Christ, the Lord!

From All of us at St. Francis of Assisi
Church, School, & Rectory:
We wish you Joy, Peace, Love, & Happiness!

Come And Adore Our Lord
At St. Francis Of Assisi
This Advent and Christmas.

Confessions

Weekly on Saturdays from 4:00PM-4:30PM

Schedule of Masses

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

Christmas Day - Thursday, December 25, 2025
Masses at: 8:00AM, 9:30AM, & 11:00AM

New Year's Eve - Wednesday, December 31, 2025
Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)
5:00PM Vigil Mass

New Year's Day - Thursday, January 1, 2026
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)
Masses at 9:00AM & 11:00AM

Calendar of Events

This Week

December 21 - December 27

Sunday, December 21
9:30AM Children's Liturgy
Pre-Confirmation Name & Robe Measurement
10:40AM CCD Class - School

Monday, December 22
12:00 NOON Golden Age Christmas Party - MCH
3:00PM Children's Choir - Church
7:00PM Adult Choir - Church

Tuesday, December 23
11:00AM School Christmas Mass
6:30PM AA Meeting - Rectory Basement

Wednesday, December 24
School Closed, & Rectory Office Closes at 3:00PM
3:30PM Children's Choir Concert - Church
4:00PM Parish Christmas Eve Pageant and Family Mass
6:00PM Mass with Bishop Massa
6:00PM ACA Support Group - ZOOM
7:45PM Bereavement Group - ZOOM

Thursday, December 25
School & Rectory Office Closed
Masses at: 8:00AM, 9:30AM, and 11:00AM

Friday, December 26
School & Rectory Office Closed

Saturday, December 27
Rectory Office Closed

The Shepherds adore the infant Jesus.

Next Week

December 28 - January 3

Sunday, December 28
Feast of The Holy Family
12:00PM Baptisms

Monday, December 29
School Closed

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

Wednesday, December 31
School Closed, & Rectory Office Closes at 3:00PM
Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
5:00PM Vigil Mass
6:00PM ACA Support Group - ZOOM
7:45PM Bereavement Group - ZOOM

Thursday, January 1
School & Rectory Office Closed
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
(*Holy Day of Obligation*)
9:00AM Mass
11:00AM Mass

Friday, January 2
School & Rectory Office Closed

Saturday, January 3
9:00AM Anointing Mass

The prophecy of Anna in the temple at the Presentation.

Christmas Masses Lector & Minister Schedule

	Christmas Eve Family Mass 4:00PM	Christmas Eve Mass With Bishop Massa 6:00PM	Christmas Day Mass 8:00AM	Christmas Day Mass 9:30AM	Christmas Day Mass 11:00AM
Lectors	Andrew Soltesz	Josephine Corso	Lector Needed	Debbi Skinner	Sharon Costanza
Ministers	******	*****	*****	*****	*****

January Lector & Minister Schedule

	The Epiphany of The Lord January 3-4	The Baptism of The Lord January 10-11	Second Sunday In Ordinary Time January 17-18	Third Sunday In Ordinary Time January 24-25	Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time Jan. 31 - Feb. 1
Lectors					
Saturday 5:00PM	Edward Kubina	Debbi Skinner	Debbi Skinner	Josephine Corso	Debbi Skinner
Sunday 8:00AM	Rob Laucella	Andrew Soltesz	Rob Laucella	Andrew Soltesz	Rob Laucella
Sunday 9:30AM	Josephine Corso	Maria Brooks	Sharon Costanza	Maria Brooks	Sharon Costanza
Sunday 11:00AM	Jane Di Donato	Carol Hickey	Jane Di Donato	Carol Hickey	Jane Di Donato
Ministers					
Saturday 5:00PM	*****	*****	*****	*****	******
Sunday 8:00AM	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Sunday 9:30AM	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Sunday 11:00AM	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****

The Twelve Days of Christmas: A Catholic Tradition

What are the 12 Days of Christmas?

The world starts celebrating Christmas after Thanksgiving (and sometimes even earlier!) but for Catholics the Christmas Season doesn't begin until Christmas Eve. Catholics celebrate the Christmas Season from Jesus' birth, December 25th, until the day before the Epiphany. The Epiphany is the celebration of when the three wise men visited Joseph, Mary, and Jesus in Bethlehem.

What is the meaning of the song "The Twelve Days of Christmas"?

The religious wars in sixteenth century England made it dangerous to be a Catholic. Many people practiced their faith in secret. As the legend goes, Catholic families courageously developed unique ways to pass the faith onto their children, like "The Twelve Days of Christmas." Although the lyrics may sound like nonsense, the song actually contains hidden references.

The 1st Day: A Partridge in a Pear Tree

A partridge is a bird that is known to sacrifice its life for its babies. This bird represents Jesus, and the pear tree symbolizes the Cross.

The 2nd Day: Two Turtle Doves

Turtle Doves often mate for life and are seen as symbols of love, fidelity, and connection. In the song, the two turtle doves represent the Old and the New Testament, which are deeply connected and meaningful.

The 3rd Day: Three French Hens

The three French Hens represent the three theological virtues: Faith, Hope, and Charity.

The 4th Day: Four Calling Birds

The four calling birds symbolize the four Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, which spread the good news of Jesus' life and teachings.

The 5th Day: Five Golden Rings

The five golden rings represent the first five books of the Old Testament, also known as the Pentateuch. These books include Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy.

The 6th Day: Six Geese a-Laying

The six geese a-laying symbolize the six days of creation, emphasizing God's power as creator of the world.

The 7th Day: Seven Swans a-Swimming

The seven swans a-swimming represent the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord.

The 8th Day: Eight Maids a-Milking

The eight maids a-milking symbolizes the eight Beatitudes preached by Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount.

The 9th Day: Nine Ladies Dancing

The nine ladies dancing represents the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

The 10th Day: Ten Lords a-Leaping

The ten lords a-leaping signifies the Ten Commandments, which provide guidance for how to be the best version of yourself.

The 11th Day: Eleven Pipers Piping

The eleven pipers piping represent the eleven faithful disciples of Jesus: Peter, Andrew, James, John, Philp, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James the Younger, Simon, and Jude.

The 12th Day: Twelve Drummers Drumming

The twelve drummers drumming represent the twelve points of doctrine in the Apostle's Creed, which summarizes the core beliefs of Christianity.

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.

Pictured Above: Our Youth Group worked together with Mrs. Kubina to decorate the Christmas Trees.

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Academy

OPEN HOUSE

FOR 3K & PRE-K CLASSES

★ FOR NEW FAMILIES ★

NURTURING BRIGHT MINDS EVERY DAY

Wednesday January 7th

Open house is a great opportunity for new families to see our teachers in action, visit our facility and see what we have to offer your child.

If you would like to attend, kindly RSVP by MONDAY, 12/22 to Mrs. Annunziata at NAnnunziata@sfaacademy.org

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3:30PM-4:30PM @

Monsignor Campbell Hall

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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