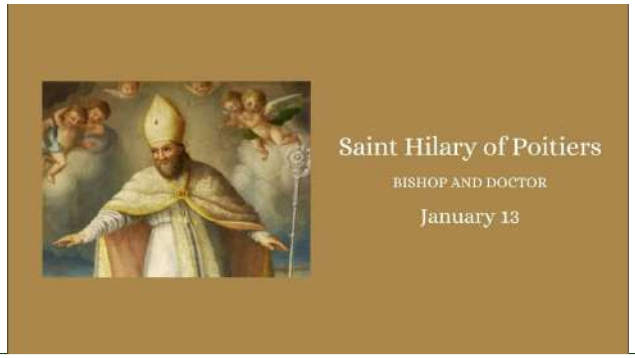
The Baptism of the Lord

Mass Intentions

Sunday, Jan. 11	*The Baptism of the Lord*
8:00AM	**Holy Name Mass**
9:30AM	**Maryellen Richinick**
11:00AM	**Josephine & Charles Formosa**
	Iolanda Scire-Banchitta
	Victor A. Di Donato
	Flora Ruffini
Monday, Jan. 12	*Weekday*
9:00AM	**Mary Giambrone**
Tuesday, Jan. 13	*St. Hilary, Bishop & Doctor Of the Church*
9:00AM	**Maria LoManto**
Wednesday, Jan. 14	*Weekday*
9:00AM	**Yolanda Palazzolo**
Thursday, Jan. 15	*Weekday*
9:00AM	**Frank Meditz**
Friday, Jan. 16	*Weekday*
9:00AM	**John Purich**
Saturday, Jan. 17	*St. Anthony, Abbot*
9:00AM	**Purgatorial Society**
	John Hengl
5:00PM	**Anne Thompson**
Sunday, Jan. 18	*Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*
8:00AM	**For the People of St. Francis Of Assisi**
9:30AM	**Geatana Hili**
11:00AM	**Jerzy Masluk**
	Flora Ruffini



Today's Readings

The Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7
Acts 10:34-38
Matthew 3:13-17

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by You, and so you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as He came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on Him. And a voice form heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

Readings For The Week

Monday	***1 Samuel 1:1-8***
	Mark 1:14-20
Tuesday	***1 Samuel 1:9-20***
	Mark 1:21-28
Wednesday	***1 Samuel 3:1-10,19-20***
	Mark 1:29-39
Thursday	***1 Samuel 4:1-11***
	Mark 1:40-45
Friday	***1 Samuel 8:4-7,10-22a***
	Mark 2:1-12
Saturday	***1 Samuel 9:1-4,17-19,10:1a***
	Mark 2:13-17

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 49:3,5-6
1 Corinthians 1:1-3
John 1:29-34

Parish Prayer Intentions

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

Also remember in your prayers all the deceased of the Parish. Please remember to pray for vocations to the priesthood, religious life, diaconate, and married life.

Awyn Profit
Jack Orlando
Steven Joyce
John Wrenn
Augustin Cisneros
James Nunez
Vincent Wytak
John & Carol Ross
Jeffrey Hyans
Marie LoVolpe
Jessica St. Preux
Al Ciani
Alesha Moses
Nancy McCaffrey
Christoper Wojtalik
Theresa Pacheco
William Goss
Luke Pacheco

Vincenza Papa
Jim Schneggenburger
Anthony Criscuolo
Samantha O'Sullivan
Marilyn Miller
Pat Gravino
John Carmody
Rosario Duran
Vivian Papa
Joel Steinmann
Anna Governali
Tim Graham
Antonio Postiglione
Mario Tamburello
Christopher Araimo
Charles Principato
Jim Kreitler
Humberto Cordova

John Schakir
Margaret Culhane
Benedicto Randazzo
Angelo Niakas
Peter Lopez
Rick Simonsen
Aubrey Madden
Madison Millett
Leonardo Di Marco
Michelle Yashita
The Polychronakis Family
Angel Garcia
Geraldine Catoggio
Assunta Di Benedetto
Bob Bala
Anthony Fiorino
Joseph Klos

FOCUS:

Jesus was anointed with the Holy Spirit and power at His baptism.

The prophet Isaiah says that God's chosen one is called to be a light for the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to bring out prisoners from confinement, and from the dungeon, those who live in darkness. When the Spirit descended upon Christ at His baptism, these promises were fulfilled. But these promises aren't only for Jesus; we, too, are called to be signs and instruments of God's presence in 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 begun a new gospel study on The Letter to the Hebrews. You are invited to join us this Thursday, January 15th, for the study of Hebrews 1-2: God's Son and God's Word.

"...therefore, he had to become like his brothers in every way, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest before God to expiate the sins of the people." (Heb 2:17)

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. John the Baptist, pray for us.

"I am not worthy to carry His sandals."

(Matthew 3:11)

From the Pastor's Desk:

My Dear Parishioners,

Today we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord by John in the Jordan. In this event, Jesus was declared by the heavenly Father to be his Son and favored servant. Such an event and solemn declaration marked the beginning of the public life of Jesus. As the only-begotten Son and Servant, Jesus was to bring to perfect realization the Old Testament virtue of justice, namely, *the acceptance of God's holy will.* It was in being baptized by John that Jesus expresses his willingness to respond to and accept his Father's will and mission for him.

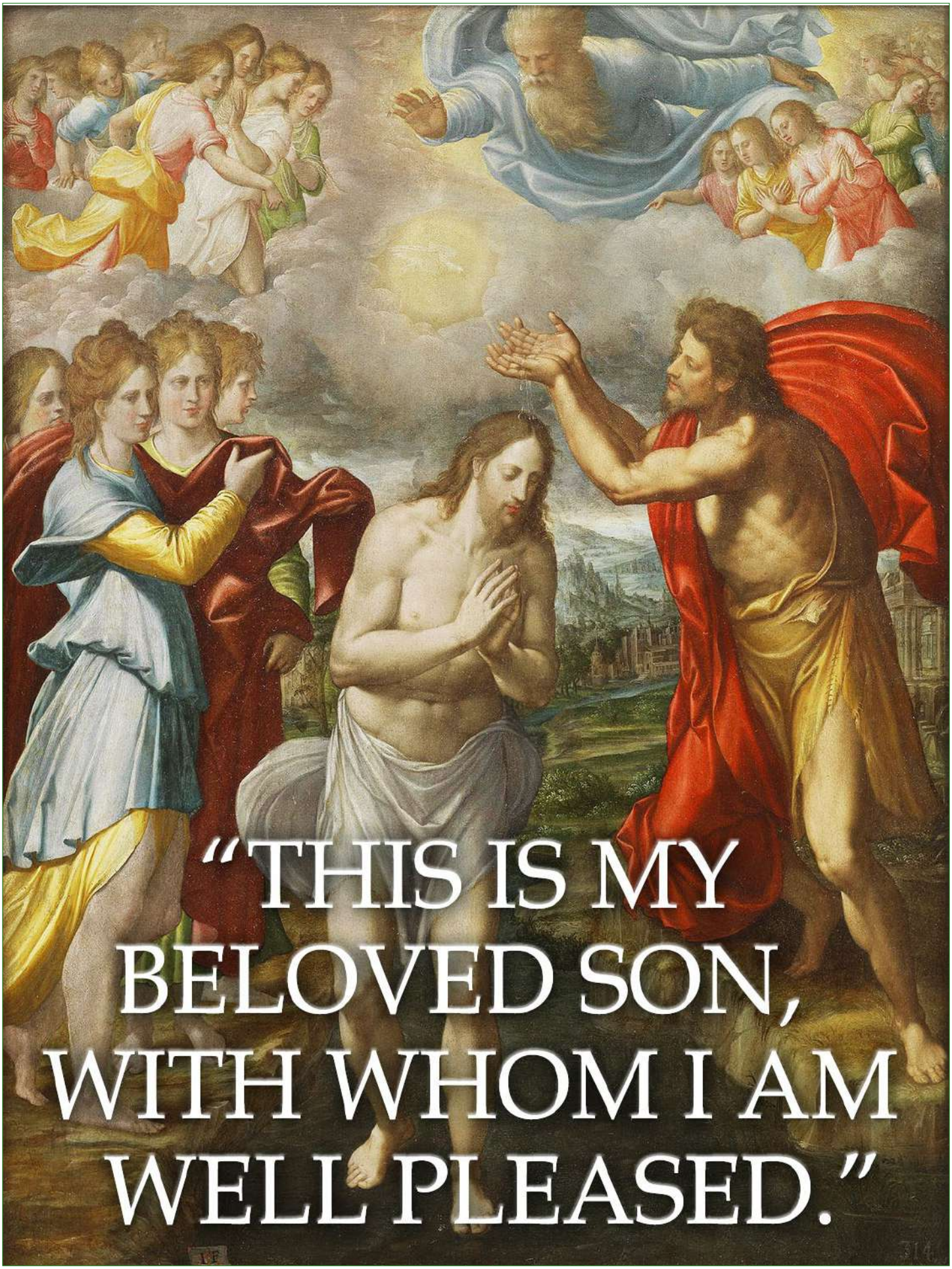
This momentous event in the life of Jesus prompts us to reflect on our own baptism and its significance for our lives. To be baptized means to be *born again.* It is a new birth-birth by water and the Spirit, a birth which introduces us into a new life. Through our baptism we share the life of Jesus Christ-a life of intimacy with the divine family of the Trinity. To be baptized means to be *washed clean;* to be freed from sin. We become a *new creation* washed clean in the blood of the Lamb. To be baptized, then, means to be plunged into the paschal mystery of Christ's life, death, and resurrection-to live a *new life.*

Through our baptism we are welcomed into the Christian community. Baptism is a sacrament of reception, of initiation into a faith community where there is one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, one God and Father of us all. We assume a role within this community, that of the body of Christ, as we share in the sacramental life of the Church. We also share in the prophetic and kingly role of Christ to the degree that we witness openly to the faith, hope, and love within us. We witness to the kingdom of God, and to God's presence within us.

Finally, to be baptized means to be engaged in a victorious but continual struggle. All the meaning of this sacrament passes dynamically into the daily living of the Christian people. Our lives need to reflect and express its meaning. We are to know God and grow in our knowledge and love of him. We are to exercise our priestly, prophetic, and kingly roles in the Christian community, and live in faith, hope and love, sharing in Christ's dying and rising. In the true sense of the word, we are to live as God's beloved daughters and sons upon whom his favor rests and to whom his Spirit has been given.

My friends in Christ, today's feast prompts us to consider anew our baptism, not as an isolated single moment but as a *significant event* which has meaning for our lives today if lived in the way Christ intended.

All God's Blessings,
Msgr. Maresca


"THIS IS MY
BELOVED SON,
WITH WHOM I AM
WELL PLEASED."

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

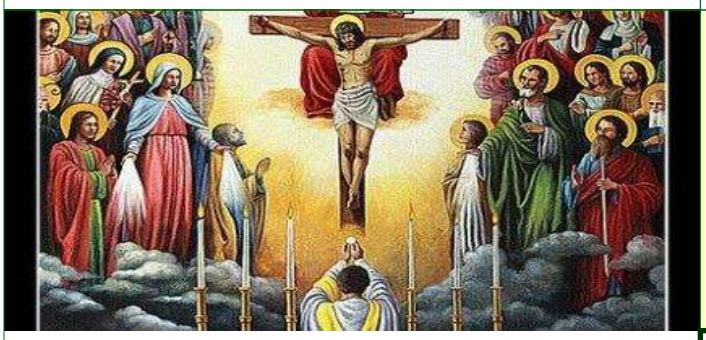
Eucharistic Adoration takes place Monday through Saturday, from 8:00AM to 8:50AM. As Pope St. John Paul II has said, "Christian life is expressed in the fulfilling of the greatest Commandment, that is to say, in the love of God and neighbor, and this love finds its source in the Blessed Sacrament….Eucharistic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

2026 Mass Book

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.

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January 11, 2026

Do you recognize Christ in your life and hope to make Him known to others? Perhaps you are being called to the priesthood or consecrated life. If you are considering this possibility, contact the Vocation Office at:

(718)-827-2454
vocations@diobrook.org

Diocese of Brooklyn Vocation Office

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.

January 3/4:	**$5,075**
Second Collection For Diocesan Missions:	**$603**
Christmas Gift to My Church To Date:	**$7,564**

School Parents must use Church Envelopes.

Mass Attendance For January 3/4, 2026

5:00PM	**95**
8:00AM	**54**
9:30AM	**80**
11:00AM	**116**
	Total: 345

Sunday, January 18, 2026

The San Antonio Abate Mass will be held at 12:30PM on Sunday, January 18th. All are welcome!

Annual Catholic Appeal 2025
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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 **$34,437** 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

Second Collection Next Weekend, January 17/18

There will be a Second Collection next weekend for Fuel Costs. We thank you for your generosity in keeping our Church at a comfortable temperature through the Winter.

Calendar of Events

This Week

January 11 - January 17

Sunday, January 11
8:00AM Holy Name Mass

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

Tuesday, January 13
6:30PM AA Meeting - Rectory Basement

Wednesday, January 14
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, January 15
10:00AM Legion of Mary - SFR
3:30PM Jiu Jitsu - MCH
6:00PM IACA - SFR
7:20PM Scripture Study - St. Joseph Room

Friday, January 16

Saturday, January 17

The Baptism of the Lord.

Next Week

January 18 - January 24

Sunday, January 18
12:30PM San Antonio Abate Mass

Monday, January 19
12:00 NOON Golden Age - MCH
3:00PM Children's Choir - Church
7:00PM Adult Choir - Church

Tuesday, January 20
6:30PM AA Meeting - Rectory Basement

Wednesday, January 21
3:00PM Drama Club - MCH
6:00PM ACA Support Group - St. Joseph Room
7:45PM Bereavement Group - St. Joseph Room

Thursday, January 22
10:00AM Legion of Mary - SFR
3:30PM Jiu Jitsu - MCH
6:00PM IACA - SFR
7:20PM Scripture Study - St. Joseph Room

Friday, January 23

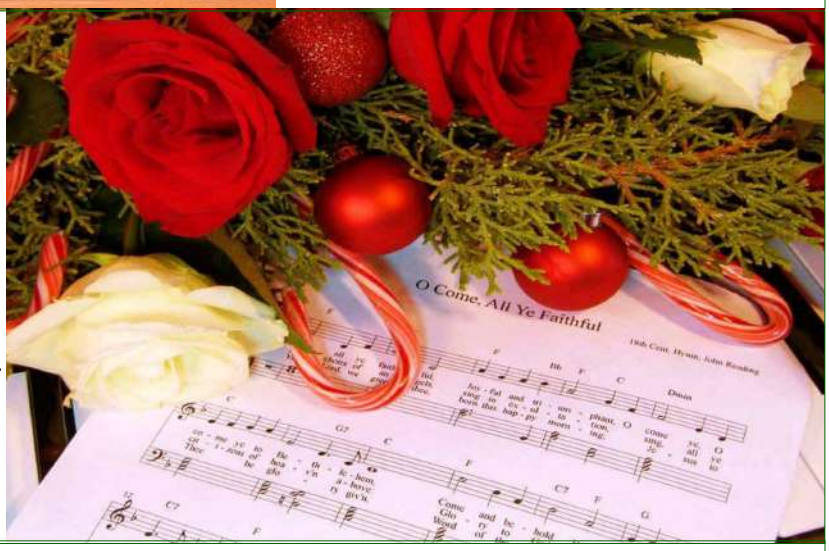
Saturday, January 24

John the Baptist points to Jesus as the Lamb of God.

Thank You

We wish to thank our Parishioners who contributed their time to decorate our Church.

We look forward to our Christmas Decorations every year, and it would not be possible without our parishioners' helping hands!

Also, Many Thanks to our Music Director, Marina Struleva, our Cantors, and our Choirs for making beautiful Music for us for the Christmas Season. We appreciate the hard work that goes in to make the Season holy and beautiful.

And many thanks to everyone else who made possible a very special Christmas Season this year including Church Staff, Ushers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Academy Teachers, Parents, Students, and everyone else working behind the scenes!

We also thank you, our Parish Family, for coming together to celebrate the Birth of Our Lord. May the peace of the Christ Child be with each of your families.

The Month of the Holy Name of Jesus

St. Thomas Aquinas once said about the Name of Jesus:
"Truly...this name of Jesus is of great and manifold power; for it is a refuge for the penitent, a remedy for the sick, a strength for those struggling, a support for those praying, because it confers pardon from sin, the grace of health, victory to those tempted, the power and confidence to obtain salvation…"

Refuge...Remedy...Strength...Support
How can it be all these things at once?

Specific devotion to the Name of Jesus began in the early Middle Ages, when Pope Gregory X called for the Universal Church to worship Jesus' name in 1274. The Dominicans preached on the devotion and built altars where Catholics could venerate the Holy Name of Jesus. In 1530, the feast of the Holy Name of Jesus was granted to the Franciscans.

Many saints had a strong devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus including St. Francis of Assisi, St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Ignatius of Loyola, St. Jane Frances de Chantal, and St. Gemma Galgani. They adored His Name, revered It, and put their trust in It.

Most significantly, God Himself made honoring His Name a commandment. "Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord they God in vain." Devotion to His Name makes amends for the improper use of It, which happens all too frequently. Reparation is an act of love, not just correction.

5 Ways to Honor the Holy Name of Jesus

1. Repeat His Name lovingly. One of the simplest ways to honor Jesus is to utter "I love You, Jesus," or "My Jesus" throughout the day. You can even set reminders to help you develop a habit.
2. Make Acts of Reparation. Any time you hear Jesus' Name taken in vain or blasphemed, say, "Blessed be God. Blessed be His Holy Name."
3. Meditate on His Name. Spend time contemplating the Name of Jesus and the power It holds. Let it fill you and bring you peace.
4. Pray The Litany of the Most Holy Name of Jesus. This litany honors and invokes Jesus through His many titles.
5. Obey the Second Commandment. God forbid us from taking His Name in vain, and doing so is a grave sin.

The Name of Jesus is not something we should ever take lightly. Throughout Church history, the Bible, and the lives of the saints, we see boundless love, honor, and respect for Jesus' Name. Those examples show us how important this devotion is, especially now, when it's so commonplace to swear using God's Name.

We have the power to atone for the sins committed against the Name of Jesus. God also gives us power to do great things in His Name. Let's all honor the Holy Name of Jesus this month so that He receives the homage He is due.

Blessed be God. Blessed be His Holy Name.

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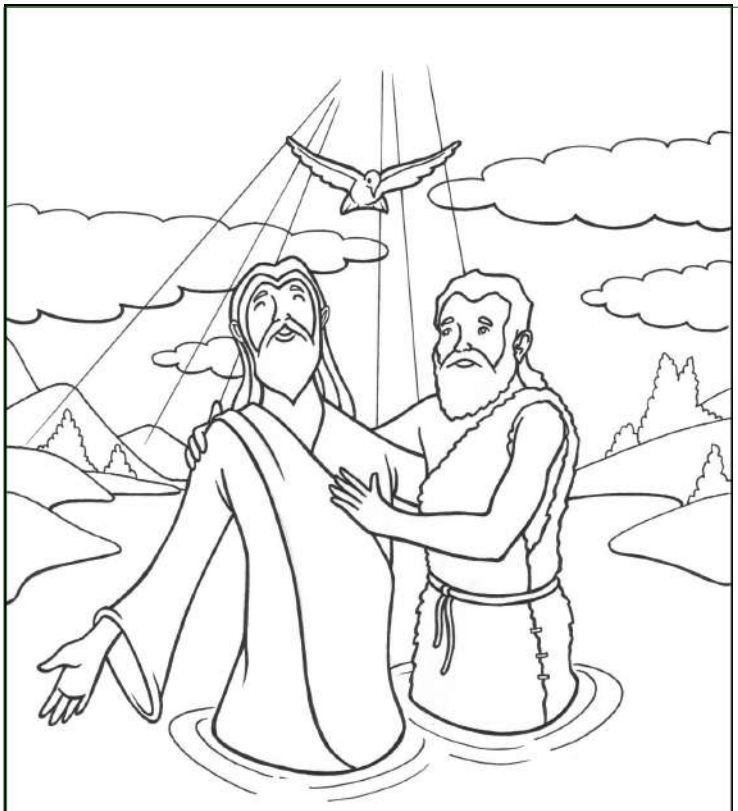

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Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

The feast of the Baptism of the Lord celebrates the baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist. We know that, since Jesus was born without sin, he did not really need to be baptized. And yet, Jesus welcomes His own baptism as an example for the rest of us and as a sign of His true identity. He is God's Son, the living presence of God on earth.

What do you know about your own baptism? Take some time this week to ask your parents about your baptism!

Who was there?
How were your godparents chosen?
Who was the priest or deacon who baptized you?
Did anything funny happen at your baptism?
What Church was your baptism at?
Are there any pictures that your parents could show you?

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:

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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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Christmas Flower Remembrances 2025

A
Acquista, Calogero & Grazia
Argiropoulos, John
Autuoro, Gaetano
Autuoro, Mary
Avitabile, Joseph & Rose
Avitabile, Mr. & Mrs. Dennis
Ayoub, Edward
B
Baffuto, Domenica
Barrett, Dana & David
Battista, Leo & Clara
Beglin, Barbara & Martin
Berhau, Zachary
Bernheine; Mrs. Frances
Bernheine, Otto (Chip)
Biancospino, Mr. Aldo
Biancospino, Paul
Biancospino, Vito & Liliana
Bieganski, Teresa & Bogustan
Bleckman Family
Bogumila
Borg, Anthony & Mary Rose
Borg, Charles & Anna
Borg, Mr. & Mrs Joseph
Boylston, Lori
Bradley, Nancy
Brodsky, Estelle
Bromley Family
Bromley Family
Bruno, Antonio
Bruno, Mrs. Antonio
Buccholz, Awilda
C
Camastra, Mr. Dominic
Camastra, Mr. Dominic
Camilla Family
Canaran, Mary
Carbone, Sarina
Carone, Angela
Carroll, Carol & Lawrence
Cassano, Anna
Castellisi, Lilly & Giuseppe
Cervegnano Family
Cervegnano Family
Cervegnano, Mr. & Mrs. Nick
Cervegnano, Mr. & Mrs. Nick
Charlton, Walter, Frances, & Walter Jr.
Chiarelli, Angela
Chiarelli, Giovanni
Christmas, Charles, Theresa, & Victoria
Ciangiola Family
Ciangiola, Mildred T.
Ciangiola, Mr. Thomas
Ciangiola, William A.
Ciangiola, William A.
Ciangiola, William R.
Ciangiola, William R.
Cinquemani, Elia Filomena
Cinquemani, G.
Cinquemani, Leo
Cinquemani, Mr. & Mrs. Giuseppe
Clayton, Jack & Rose
Commordore, Helen & Lester
Conlon, Ray & Mary
Conroy, Rosemarie
Constanza, Mr. & Mrs. Vincent
Contino, Louie
Corso, Mrs. Josephine
Corvinelli, Antonietta
Crespo, Nilsa
Cucciniello, Edith
Custodio, Mary Helen
D
Da Corta, Ms. Elaine
Da Corta, Ms. Elaine
Daniele, Grazia
Daniels, Patricia
De Luise, Ben & Natalie
De Luise, Mr. & Mrs. Salvatore
De Vito, Felix
Del Carro, Mrs. Rino
Del Carro, Rino
Delgos, Ana
Della Vecchia, Anthony
Devane, Michael & Kathleen
Devane, Miss Kathleen
Devivo Family
Di Biase, Mr. & Mrs. Rocco
Di Donato, Frank
Di Donato, Mrs. Jane
Di Donato, Rose
Di Donato, Victor A.
Di Giacomo, Margaret
Di Gravino, Domenick, Maria, & Florrie
Di Piazza, Daniel
Donata, Angelina
Donato, Mr. Aldo

Please Note:
Every effort has been made to list the names accurately. However, some handwriting is illegible and some names may be inaccurate. We apologize for any misspelling.

Thank You For Your Generosity!

Christmas Flower Remembrances 2025

Donato, Patricia
Douvelis, Gregory
Dunstan, Norman
E
Edenhofer, Marie
Elmendorf, Harold
Elmendorf, Mr. & Mrs. James
Emanuelson, George, Joan, & Mark
Emerson, Ed
Enukidze, Vazhe
Esposito Family
Esposito, Mario
Esposito, Mrs. Mario J.
F
Farrell, Mrs. Mary Ann
Farrell, Patrick
Ferguson, Barry
Ferguson, Earl
Ferguson, Edward
Ferguson, Han Choi
Ferguson, Helen & Harry
Ferguson, Jean
Filion, Claudio
Filion, G.
Filion, Mrs. Maria Nunez
Filion, Paula
Filion, R.
Frank, Henry
Frias, Fr. Raymond C., OFM. Cap
Fulop, Grace & Steve
Fulop, Grace A.
Furey, Donna
Furey, Patricia
G
Gallagher, Kevin
Gandhi Family
Gandolfo, Andrew & Concetta
Gandolfo, Giuseppe & Anna
Gangi, Donna & John
Gangi, John & Rose
Gangi, Vincent & Maryann
Garcia Family
Garcia, Mr. & Mrs. Elia
Gaviglia, Inga
Gaviglia, Joseph
Gaviglia, Ms. Carol
Geraci, Peter & Betty
Giacchina Family
Gioino, Teresa
Gioino, Teresa & Caterina
Golodner, Ben, Lina, & Susan
Granelli, Rose
Grech, Wendy
Grigas, Joseph
Gualtieri, Dr. Rosario & Mrs. Stella
Gualtieri, Roberta
Guerriero, Iorio, & DeCicco Family
Guerriero, Sylvester & Marie
H
Hale, Martin & Rose Ann
Harris, Bruce
Hengl, John
Hengl, Mrs. John
Hernandez, Cecilia
Hernandez, Ernesta & Joan
Hernandez, Mr. Cesar
Hosey, Josephine
Hosey, Michael
Hosey, Mr. & Mrs. Kevin
Hoyt, Marie & William
Hubert, Frank
Hubert, Ms. Diane
Hughes Family
Hughes, Edward G.
Hughes, John J.
Hughes, Mr. & Mrs. J.
Humen, Alex
Humen, William & Julia
Humen-Pike, Karianne
I
Iacobazzi, Nicola
Iadovito, Antonio & Angela
Iadovito, Giovanna
Ianora, Angelina & Dominick
Ianora, Gloria & Armand
Imperatrice, Vincent
Irrera, Lee Rosalie
J
Jackson, Sonia
Jacoby, Paul & Sophie
K
Kalandranis, Mr. & Mrs. George
Kamitsis, Ms. Maureen
Kcira, Lazer
Kean, Mrs. John
Kells, John
Kelly, Maureen
Kuhnle, Glenn

Christmas Flower Remembrances 2025

Kurth, Thomas
L
La Forgia, Louis
La Rosa, Alfred & Elanor
Langone, Margaret
Lanzara, Albert & Lillian
Lazarowitz, Shirley & Jacob
Legion of Mary (living & deceased)
Levine, Marlene
Lilli Family
Lopez, Beatrice
Lopez, Dariel
Lopez, Ernest
Lopez, Kathy
Lopez, Mr. & Mrs. Peter
Loud, Mrs. Mary
Lukich, Jack
Lukich, Ms. Mary Ann
Lynch, Diane
Lynch, Thomas
M
Machado, Angela
Machado, Carmela
Machado, Carmela
Mancuso, Leo
Mancuso, Mr. & Mrs. Salvatore
Manocchio, Liberato & Elenora
Manzo, Michael & Joanna
Marchassalla, Mrs. Michael
Marchassalla, Mrs. Michael
Marchesi, Mr. & Mrs. Louis
Marchianni, Cesare & Emma
Marchisella Family
Marcucci, Louis & Antoinette
Marino, Carol
Marino, Pasquale
Marusic, Dana
McLernon Jr., Jeanne and William
McLernon, Donna
McNamara, Mr. & Mrs. Patrick
McNamara, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas
McNamara, Virginia
McNulty, Agnes
Medina, Maximina & Juan
Mendez, Ermy & Mario
Mincone, Mr. & Mrs. Anthony
Mincone, Mr. & Mrs. Phillip
Mirabella, Amato
Mohr, Mrs. Letizia
Murphy, Rosalie
N
Napoli, Joseph & Mary
Niakas, Mr. & Mrs. Angelo
O
O'Donnell, Mr. & Mrs. Charles
P
Paleologos, Nick
Palladino, Mr. & Mrs. Richard
Palladino, Simba, Tabitha, Topaz, & Ashley
Papanicolaou, Kyriacos & Mary
Papanicolaou, Maryellen
Papanicolaou, Mr. & Mrs. Michael
Pellerzi, Ann
Pellerzi, Ida & August
Pellerzi, John C.
Pequemo Family
Peri & Sangirardi Families
Petosa, Antonio & Carmela
Petosa, Rita
Pettofrezzo, Philomena
Piazzola, Ellen
Piazzola, Lee Ann
Piazzola, Michael
Poggio, Carlo & Antoniette
Pomares, Laura
Profeta, Eda
Purich, Mrs. Maria
Purich, Mrs. Maria
Q
Qualtrocohi, Philip & Filippa
Quinn, Mary
Quinn, Raymond & Eileen
R
Rallis, Mary
Rama Family
Rama, Mr. & Mrs. Jose
Ratkowski & Sophie Families
Ratkowski, Dolores K.
Richter, Lynn
Rosulo, Domenica
Ruffini, Flora
Russack, Barbara
Russack, Paul
S
Saccone Family (deceased)
Salerno, Anthony
Salerno, Charles & Pearl
Salerno, Laura

Christmas Flower Remembrances 2025

Salerno, Michael
Salvio, John
Sandor, Robert
Sangirardi, Mr. & Mrs. J.
Sauci, Carmen & Francis
Sawka, Joseph & Anna
Schinco Family
Schinco, Giacomo
Schinco, Maria
Schinco, Teresa
Scilla, Angela
Sferrazza, Calogero & Angela
Sferrazza, Mr. & Mrs. C.
Shea, Martin
Siano Family
Siano, Mr. & Mrs. Anthony
Simeone Family
Simeone, Miss Carolyn
Simone, Francesco & Maria
Skinner Family (deceased)
Skinner, Mr. & Mrs. William
So Manto, Maria
Sokolovic, Helen & Dominick
Sparks, Karen
Spiteri Family
Spiteri, Marie Assunta & Joseph
Spiteri, Mr. & Mrs Charlie
Spiteri, Mr. & Mrs. Michael
Spuler, Joseph
Staviau, B.
Steeneck, Gilda
Suppa, Olga
T
Teta, Mr. & Mrs. Antonio
Thompson, Anne & William
Thompson, Mary & Wm Reuben
Thompson, Ms. Mary
Tierney & Conlon Families
Toto, Mary
Toto, Mr. & Mrs. Louise
Traina, Angelina & Joseph
V
Vigano, Ambrose
Vigano, Ines
Villavez, Cosme & Sotera
Viola, Mr. & Mrs. Vincent
Viscovich, Domenico
Viscovich, Maria
Viscovich, Mrs. Silvia
Vitale, Faro & Frances
Vitale, Franca
Vlacich, Maria
Vlakancic, Josip
Vlakancic, Mrs. Liljana
Vollaro Family
Volpe, Delia & Leonard
W
Walsh, Daniel E.
Ward, Michael & Hannah
Ward, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph
Wood, Christopher
Wytak, Mrs. Marie
X
Xuereb, Mr. & Mrs. Arthur
Xuereb, Mr. & Mrs. Paul
Y
Yepez, Juan Francisco
Z
Zilinski, Maureen
Zilinski, Mr. & Mrs. Walter
Zoeller, Dawn
Zoeller, Maura
Zuliani, Linda
Zuliani, Mrs. Pietro

Please Note:
Every effort has been made to list the names accurately. However, some handwriting is illegible and some names may be inaccurate. We apologize for any misspelling.

Thank You For Your Generosity!

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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.

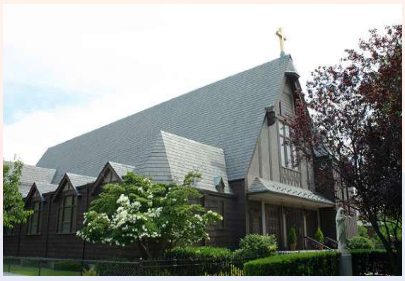
ADULT CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS/ DYSFUNCTIONAL FAMILIES

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 celebrated 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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