Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

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**
12:30PM	**San Antonio Abate Mass**
Monday, Jan. 19	*Weekday*
9:00AM	**Ana Balint**
Tuesday, Jan. 20	*Pope St. Fabian & St. Sebastian, Martyrs*
9:00AM	**Marie Salamone**
Wednesday, Jan. 21	*St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr*
9:00AM	**Joseph Salamone**
Thursday, Jan. 22	*Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children*
9:00AM	**Victor Salamone**
Friday, Jan. 23	*St. Vincent, Deacon & Martyr*
9:00AM	**Mary Di Pietro**
Saturday, Jan. 24	*St. Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church*
9:00AM	**Purgatorial Society**
5:00PM	**Joseph Colombo**
Sunday, Jan. 25	*Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*
8:00AM	**Han Choi**
9:30AM	**For the People of St. Francis Of Assisi**
11:00AM	**Giuseppe Carlino** **Rosalie Irrera** **Wing Lee**

Today's Readings

Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

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

The next day John the Baptist saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is He of whom I said, After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because He was before me. I myself did not know Him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that He might be revealed to Israel.." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on Him. I myself did not know Him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

Readings For The Week

Monday	***1 Samuel 15:16-23*** ***Mark 2:18-22***
Tuesday	***1 Samuel 16:1-13*** ***Mark 2:23-28***
Wednesday	***1 Samuel 17:32-33,37,40-51*** ***Mark 3:1-6***
Thursday	***1 Samuel 18:6-9, 19:1-7*** ***Mark 3:7-12***
Friday	***1 Samuel 24:3-21*** ***Mark 3:13-19***
Saturday	***2 Samuel: 1:1-4,11-12,19,23-27*** ***Mark 3:20-21***

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 8:23—9:3
1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17
Matthew 4:12-23

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
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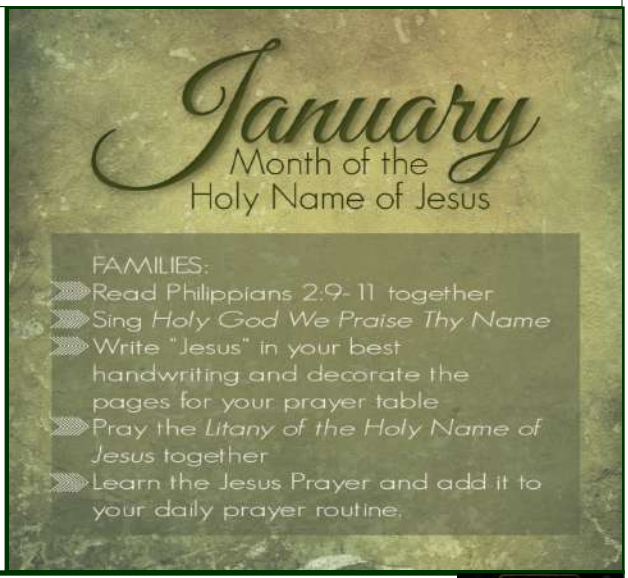


FOCUS:

We must bring the light of Christ to the world.

The servants of God are lights to the world. There is no way to serve God without bringing light to others. Isaiah and John the Baptist were both called lights. Jesus is, of course, the light of the world, but He also desires that His followers bring His true light to the world.

St. Francis of Assisi Scripture Study

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

Dear SFA Family & Friends,

The Letter to the Hebrews

The Scripture Study Group will be studying Hebrews 3:1—4:13, **God's Son and God's Word**, and Hebrews 4:14—5:10, **The Priesthood and Sacrifice of Christ**.

"He once more set a day, "today", when long afterwards he spoke through David, as already quoted: "Oh, that today you would hear his voice: Harden not your hearts." (Heb 7)
"Therefore, a sabbath rest still remains for the people of God. And whoever enters into God's rest, rests from his own works as God did from his." (Heb 9-10)

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 January 18, 2026

Sanctuary Lamp
In Loving Memory of
Anne & William Thompson

Requested By
The Thompson Family

From the Pastor's Desk:

My Dear Parishioners,

As we begin our post-Christmas observance of Ordinary Time, which we lead us into the beginning of Lent, the Church invites us to look more closely at the public life of Jesus. While this year we will hear from the Gospel of Matthew most Sundays, today we hear from John, telling us about John the Baptist identifying Jesus as the *Lamb of God.* It is largely from this gospel passage that we speak of Jesus as the *Lamb of God* in our liturgy. Why the word *Lamb?*
After all, a lamb is a young sheep, and the term could be used to indicate a simple person.

But a lamb is also known as a gentle or innocent person, and that truly describes Jesus. Jesus could relate to people at all levels and from all walks of life. So, it is the gentleness and innocence that fits his title as Lamb of God. Even more, the prophecies proclaimed that the Messiah would be like a *lamb led to the slaughter or a sheep before the shearers (Is 53:7).*
Jesus would be the Lamb that would be sacrificed for the sins of the world. John the Baptist announced to his followers, and all the world, that Jesus was that Lamb.

John went on to testify to what he saw when he baptized Jesus in the Jordan River. He saw the Spirit of God descend upon Jesus, making it clear that this was truly the Son of God. In today's Gospel, John is telling his followers to become followers of Jesus, for he will truly lead them to the path of eternal life.

John acknowledges that he is God's servant, and that he has been called to share this message with the world. Yes, John's message is given specifically to the Jews, but it is the whole world that will be saved by Jesus. We hear this prophesied in today's first reading, in which Isaiah speaks of the servant of God, who will bring back the Israelites to faithfulness, but also be a *light to the nations.* He will bring the message of salvation to a world in need of hope.

Bringing the good news of salvation to the world is also a focus of today's second reading. This is part of the introduction of Paul's first Letter to the Corinthians. In it, he speaks of his own call to be an Apostle-one sent by Jesus to carry the gospel message. Paul identifies himself as a spokesperson for God, bringing to many the message of salvation in Christ. As we know, Paul went to many different communities and wrote a number of letters to them, identifying himself as Apostle. He taught them how to live according the Christ's teachings.

What do these readings say to us? They tell us that we are also called, by virtue of our Baptism, to share the teachings of Christ and to bring the good news of salvation to others. We do this by the spoken word and by how we live our lives. We are called to be examples of Christian living for others, that they might see that all of us can come to Christ, the Lamb of God, and be saved. May we, as John the Baptist preached, strive to follow the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ. It is only He who can take away our sins and the sins of the world, and give us the peace for which we long.

All God's Blessings,
Msgr. Maresca

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

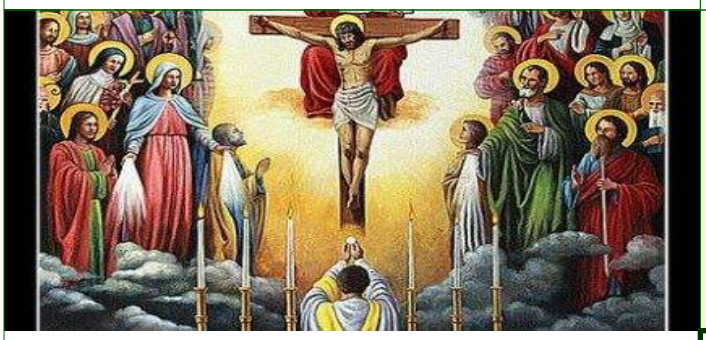
Eucharistic Adoration takes place Monday through Saturday, from 8:00AM to 8:50AM. As Pope St. John Paul II has said, "Christian life is expressed in the fulfilling of the greatest Commandment, that is to say, in the love of God and neighbor, and this love finds its source in the Blessed Sacrament….Eucharistic 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 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 18, 2026

"To you who have been consecrated in Christ Jesus and called to be a holy people." Could it be that you or someone in your family is being called to consider priesthood or consecrated life? 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 10/11: $4,084

School Parents must use Church Envelopes.

Mass Attendance For January 10/11, 2026

5:00PM	**66**
8:00AM	**54**
9:30AM	**291**
11:00AM	**130**
	Total: 541

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children Thursday, January 22, 2026

Did you know? This Thursday, January 22nd, the Church in the United States observes the annual "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children." We are called to observe this day through prayer and penance.
For more information:
Respectlife.org/January-22

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 **$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 24/25

There will be a Second Collection next weekend for Catholic Schools Week.

Please be as generous as your means allow.

Monday, January 19, 2026 Martin Luther King Jr. Day

The School and Rectory Office are closed on Monday, January 19, 2026 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

The 9:00AM Mass will be celebrated as usual.

Calendar of Events

This Week

January 18 - January 24

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

Monday, January 19
Martin Luther King Jr. Day
School & Rectory Office Closed

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
Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection Of Unborn Children
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.

Next Week

January 25 - January 31

Sunday, January 25
11:00AM Catholic Schools Week Opening Mass
Open House
12:00PM Baptisms

Monday, January 26
12:00 NOON Golden Age - MCH
3:00PM Children's Choir - Church
7:00PM Adult Choir - Church

Tuesday, January 27
6:30PM AA Meeting - Rectory Basement

Wednesday, January 28
3:00PM Drama Club - MCH
6:00PM ACA Support Group - St. Joseph Room
7:45PM Bereavement Group - St. Joseph Room

Thursday, January 29
10:00AM Legion of Mary - SFR
3:30PM Jiu Jitsu - MCH
5:30PM Mites Soccer Practice - MCH
6:00PM IACA - SFR
7:20PM Scripture Study - St. Joseph Room

Friday, January 30

Saturday, January 31

Jesus heals a man with a withered hand on the Sabbath.

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Catholic Schools
United in Faith and Community

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Academy Celebrates Catholic Schools Week
January 25th – January 30th 2026

The national theme for Catholic Schools Week is "Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community." Catholic schools have an irreplaceable role in the Church's evangelizing mission. Building on the central goal of Catholic schools to form saints, Catholic schools teach and embrace the whole person, body, mind and spirit. The fact that all members of a Catholic school community share the Christian vision of faith that Christ is the foundation of Catholic education, is what unites the school as a faith-filled community.

While faith is the binding element in Catholic schools, the Church reiterates that parents are the first teachers of their children. Holding this tenet, Catholic school communities expand beyond the walls of school buildings to envelop the family as an integral part of the school community. Together teachers, administrators, staff, students and parents fuel the light of faith by integrating culture with faith and faith with living. The CSW logo symbolizes the United Community of Catholic schools – not a building or an institution, but people of faith serving God and others. Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community is a theme on which to build a spirit of the gospel to benefit the human family.

Our SFACA Catholic Schools Week theme is inspired by *The Magical Yet*, a story that highlights the power of persistence. This inspiring tale transforms "I can't" into "I can't yet," introducing children to a growth mindset where mistakes are not failures, but meaningful opportunities to learn and try again. Through its message, students are encouraged to face challenges with courage, patience, and hope. At SFACA, we believe that with time, practice, and a little bit of "Yet," our potential to learn and grow is truly limitless.
Please plan on visiting us at one of our Open Houses and see all the wonderful things our students are involved in. We look forward to celebrating and sharing our school and students with you.

Sunday, January 25
We begin Catholic Schools Week with Sunday Mass, bringing together the members of our parish and school community. SFACA is blessed throughout the year by the religious guidance, prayers, and unwavering support of our parish. Please join us for our **Catholic Schools Week Opening Liturgy at 11:00 a.m.**, as we proudly honor this year's **Distinguished Graduate, Mrs. Kelsey Mistretta, Class of 2008**. The donations received in today's second collection will support the renovations to the bathrooms in the Msgr. Maresca Center. We are now in the second year of this campaign and are well on our way toward our $70,000 goal. Thank you in advance for your continued generosity. Please give as your means allow. **Students who attend today's Mass in their school uniform will receive a special dress-down day just for them, to be decided by the school, in the coming weeks.**

Immediately following the 11:00 a.m. Mass, we invite you to our **SFACA Open House from 12:30–1:30 p.m.** Enjoy light refreshments and be sure to visit our **SFACA Magical Yet display** in the Msgr. Maresca Center. In addition, new families may tour the school with a Home and Academy Representative immediately after Mass. Parents interested in our **Summer Enrichment Program** are invited to meet with Camp Director **Maura Hili** in the Faculty Room at **1:30 p.m.** (Parents of students in Grades 3K–2).

Monday, January 26

A central aspect of Catholic Education is learning the importance of service to others. When students take part in service activities - both local and beyond - they demonstrate the values and faith they gain through their Catholic education and learn how to make the world a better place.
For our service project this year, our school will be donating to Beyond Bedtime.org. This national nonprofit is dedicated to help children discover and experience the "superpower" of sleep so they can wake up ready to learn, grow, and thrive. In the New York City area, Beyond Bedtime works with hundreds of city schools and community organizations—such as shelters, foster care agencies, and family programs—bringing bedtime essentials and education directly to children in need throughout the five boroughs. **St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Academy is proud to support this mission by collecting new pajamas and storybooks**. Please see separate flyer for complete details. **Today, both new and current families may join us for an Open House for all grades from 9:05 - 9:45am to visit their child's classroom for next year.**

Tuesday, January 27

Today is **National Appreciation Day for Catholic Schools**. We pray for the continued success of Catholic schools across our nation. In a special way, we pray for our own school community as we strive to prepare students to appreciate the value of service to others. As part of this mission, we ask for your support in our fundraising efforts this week as we continue to collect new pajamas and storybooks for Beyond Bedtime.org. **Please join us in Msgr. Campbell Hall at 10:00 a.m. for our Poetry Presentation. Students in Grades 1-5 will present poems inspired by the attributes of courage, patience, and hope. Friends and family are warmly invited. Immediately following is our Math Bee featuring students in Grades 3, 4, and 5. Parents of students competing will receive an individual invitation.** We look forward to celebrating this special day together!

Wednesday, January 28

Today, **Student Appreciation Day**, Catholic schools prepare children to succeed by using their God-given talents to the fullest extent throughout their lives. CSW offers an opportunity for students to explore the many life paths that enable them to use their talents well.
Today, we celebrate Career Day. Selected parents will visit classrooms to share their work experience with our students. Students will also be treated to a "Breakfast for Lunch" and may dress in pajamas. Please see separate flyer for complete details. In celebration of Student Appreciation Day students in all grades enjoy a day of No Homework!

Thursday, January 29

Today, we encourage our students to shine by engaging in the meaningful activities thoughtfully planned by their teachers. Come and see our students shine! **Students in Grades 6, 7, and 8 will present their Living Wax Museum creations in their classrooms, and friends and families are invited to view the exhibit from 8:30 a.m.–9:00 a.m. Our Second Grade students will dress as Saints, visit grades K-4, and participate in a Parade of Saints throughout the school. We also welcome new families to join us for our Open House from 1:30 p.m.–2:00 p.m. as we share the wonderful things happening at our Academy.**

Friday, January 30

Today, we celebrate our teachers, assistants, and administration, the true backbone of Catholic education. On this special day, schools across the nation honor those people who support and sustain the vital mission of forming young minds and hearts. We thank God for our talented and dedicated faculty and staff whose commitment enriches our school each day**. Please join us at the 11:00 a.m. Mass as we pray for our faculty and staff, and for the continued growth and prosperity of our school. We also pray in a special way for Msgr. Maresca as he celebrates 48 years of priesthood**. **Dismissal for Grades K–8 will be at 12:30 p.m., and dismissal for 3K and Pre-K will be at 1:00 p.m**. We extend heartfelt gratitude to the many parents, grandparents, alumni, parishioners, Home & Academy Members, and Academy Board Members who give so generously of their time in volunteer service. We are truly grateful for each one of you.

New student registration for the 2026 -27 school year is ongoing.
Please call the office for an appointment.

REGISTRATION DOCUMENTS REQUIRED

Necessary documents include: Birth Certificate, Baptismal Certificate, and current Immunization Record. A copy of the student's current report card, and most recent NYS Test scores and standardized test scores, IEP or IESP are also required, if applicable.

REGISTRATION FEE REQUIRED

non-refundable registration fee TBD

This fee includes application processing, Home Academy dues, and student insurance. This fee is payable by check or money order to St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Academy. **Cash cannot be accepted**.

3-K FOR ALL PRE-K FOR ALL

Registration for St. Francis of Assisi Free 3K For All Full Day Program

Children must be born in 2023 and turn 3 years old by 12/31/2026
Kindly create an account now on
NYC DOE WEBSITE: MySchools.nyc.
The portal is currently open for registration and closes on Feb. 27.

Registration for St. Francis of Assisi Free Pre-K For All Full Day Program

Children must be born in 2022 and turn 4 years old by 12/31/2026
Kindly create an account now on
NYC DOE WEBSITE: MySchools.nyc.
The portal is currently open for registration and closes on Feb. 27.

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children | January 22

(Other options for readings are listed here.)

First Reading: Genesis 1:1 – 2:2

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15

Second Reading: 1 John 3:11-21

Gospel Acclamation: Psalm 119:88

Gospel: Luke 1:39-56

Today, all dioceses in the United States are called to observe a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. January 22 is the anniversary of the 1973 Supreme Court decisions that legalized abortion throughout our nation. And while, on June 24, 2022, the *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* decision overturned *Roe v. Wade*, right now state and federal laws, in many instances, are still hostile to preborn children. So, great prayer and advocacy is very needed.

The Church sets today aside as day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life. It is also a day of penance for all violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion. To help us in this observance, today we celebrate the *Mass for Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life*. As individuals, we are each called to observe this day through the penitential practices of prayer, fasting and/or almsgiving.

In the First Reading, we hear the beautiful story of creation. We hear how God created the night and the day, the earth and the sky, the land and the waters, and all the creatures of the earth. And God saw that it was *good*.

But creation was not yet complete. Genesis tells us:

> *God created man in his image;*
> *in the image of God he created him;*
> *male and female he created them.*
>
> *God blessed them, saying: "Be fertile and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it. Have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and all the living things that move on the earth."*

By creating man and woman in His own image, God endowed the human race with a dignity that no other creature can claim and that can never be taken away. Therefore, human life must be cherished, valued, and protected above all else.

Today's Psalm expounds on that creation story as we are told how God lovingly knits each of us together in our mother's womb. It is ultimately God who forms our fingers and our toes, our hearts and souls. He therefore knows our inmost being and the depths of our hearts. We are *fearfully* and *wonderfully* made by God as the crown of creation. And for this we offer God our praise.

By virtue of this dignity with which we have been endowed by God, we are called to love one another as brothers and sisters. In the Second Reading, St. John recalls the story of Cain and Abel, which comes shortly after the story of creation. This is the first occasion in Scripture in which we see a person take the life of another human being. We are told that Cain allowed his heart to be hardened by anger and jealousy. Sin crept into his soul, preventing Cain from recognizing the dignity of his brother. The story of Cain demonstrates how those who allow sin to find a place in their hearts are blinded to the truth.

Abortion is an example of how we, as individuals and as a society, fail to recognize the dignity of each child, knit within the womb of his or her mother. We allow our hearts to be hardened to the truth. Our culture either fails to recognize the undeniable humanity of unborn children, who deserve our love and protection, or disregards it.

But the Gospel reveals how we *should* respond to the gift of new life. In the story of the Visitation, we see Mary, an unmarried woman who is newly pregnant with the Infant Jesus, going in haste to the aid of her cousin Elizabeth, who is herself six months pregnant. Luke tells us that at the very moment that Elizabeth heard the sound of Mary's voice, the infant in Elizabeth's womb *leaped for joy*. From the womb of his own mother, John the Baptist recognizes the presence of Jesus, hidden within the womb of Mary. And Elizabeth

responds with those familiar and beautiful words: *"Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?"* Both John and Elizabeth recognize the life hidden within Mary's womb, the one who is their Savior.

This Gospel passage so tenderly illustrates the humanity of all unborn children, created in God's own image and likeness. Every new life should be greeted with the same joyful enthusiasm that led John the Baptist to literally leap in the womb of Elizabeth.

While God's gift of new life is always something to be celebrated, we must also recognize that a pregnancy, especially when unexpected, can bring with it many challenges. Mothers too often find themselves afraid, vulnerable, abandoned, and in need. And God calls us to respond in love. We are called to go in haste, as the Blessed Mother did, to offer expectant mothers the support, encouragement, and love that they deserve. Mary's example should inspire us to serve mothers and families, even amidst our own needs.

On this day, may we join the Church in continued prayer for the legal protection of all unborn children. May we offer penance for all violations against the dignity of human life. In a special way, may we also pray for all women and men who suffer from participation in abortion, that they may find healing, peace, and reconciliation with God.

And may we recommit ourselves to supporting all expectant mothers. May we never fail to *set out ... in haste.* As the child in Elizabeth's womb leaped for joy, so may our hearts leap with joy at the wonders of new life in every expectant mother.

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Thank you for your generosity this year!

Christmas Flower Remembrances 2025

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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:
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