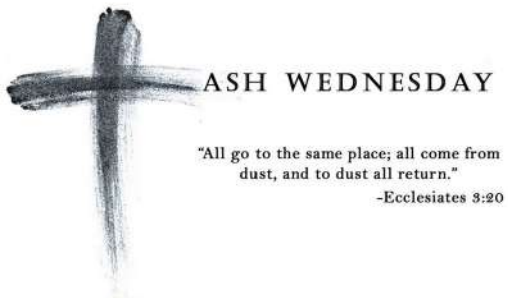
Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

Sunday, Feb. 15	*Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
8:00AM	**For the People of St. Francis Of Assisi**
9:30AM	**Michael Cilia**
11:00AM	**John Izzard**
	Francesco Tenaglia
Monday, Feb. 16	*Weekday*
9:00AM	**Dr. Joseph Ewy**
Tuesday, Feb. 17	*Weekday*
9:00AM	**Lt. Robert B. Cruz**
Wednesday, Feb. 18	*Ash Wednesday*
7:00AM Mass	
9:00AM Mass	**Nori Zorovich**
12:00 NOON	**Prayer Service Only**
3:00PM	**Prayer Service Only**
7:30PM Mass	**Aron Scott**
Thursday, Feb. 19	*Thursday After Ash Wednesday*
9:00AM	**Beatrice Tedesco**
Friday, Feb. 20	*Friday After Ash Wednesday*
9:00AM	**Richard Conlon**
Saturday, Feb. 21	*St. Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor of the Church*
9:00AM	**Purgatorial Society**
5:00PM	**Joseph & Rose Avitabile**
Sunday, Feb. 22	*First Sunday of Lent*
8:00AM	**Cseri Family**
9:30AM	**For the People of St. Francis Of Assisi**
11:00AM	**Timothy Lyons**
	Flora Ruffini



Today's Readings

Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sirach 15:15-20
1 Corinthians 2:6-10
Matthew 5:17-37

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish the law but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 5:17-20)

Readings For The Week

Monday	***James 1:1-11***
	Mark 8:11-13
Tuesday	***James 1:12-18***
	Mark 8:14-21
Wednesday	***Joel 2:12-18***
	2 Corinthians 5:20—6:2
	Matthew 6:1-6,16-18
Thursday	***Deuteronomy 30:15-20***
	Luke 9:22-25
Friday	***Isaiah 58:1-9a***
	Matthew 9:14-15
Saturday	***Isaiah 58:9b-14***
	Luke 5:27-32

First Sunday of Lent

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7
Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11

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
Mary Loud

FOCUS:

Seek God's wisdom and follow His commandments.

As disciples, we strive to follow God's wisdom, and yet we are presented with so many other competing claims of "wisdom" in our world. Our readings today enlighten us on what God's wisdom is and what it is not. May Jesus' wise teachings in the Sermon on the Mount help us grow closer to God.

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

Due to bad weather conditions and holidays, the SFA Scripture Study Group will not meet again until February 26th, in the St. Joseph Room of the Rectory from 7:20PM to 8:50PM. We will resume with the study of Hebrews 8:1—10:18, "Jesus' Eternal Priesthood and Eternal Sacrifice."

"This is the covenant I will establish with them after those days, says the Lord: 'I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them upon their minds.' He also says: 'Their sins and their evildoing I will remember no more.' Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer offering for sin." (Hebrews 10:16-18)

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 February 15, 2026

Sanctuary Lamp
In Loving Memory of
Dr. Rosario &
Mrs. Stella Gualtieri

Requested By:
The Thompson Family

From the Pastor's Desk:

My Dear Parishioners,

Many people, when facing a major problem or difficulty in their lives, will seek the assistance of someone who has expertise in that area. For example, a person who is facing financial problems may turn to a financial advisor for help in developing a plan that will address their problems. People who seek help from others when facing difficult situations show both wisdom and humility, as none of us, alone, has all the answers to life.

Along with the problems and difficulties we will face, there are also basic questions we must answer about life. Such as: What is the meaning and purpose of life? Does God exist? How can I know and choose right from wrong? How we choose to answer these questions affects how the course of our lives will unfold. And, while these questions might appear daunting, God offers us the assistance of many people, such as priests, deacons, pastoral ministers, Christian friends, along with a host of others, to assist us.

Now, it is obvious that we believe in God, believe in Jesus, and believe that there is right and wrong. Otherwise, we would not be here today. Although we hold these beliefs in common, it is another thing altogether to make the choice to live them anew each day. To ensure we are staying on the right road and walking in the ways of the Lord, it is important to have sources of expertise we can draw on for guidance and direction. The insights offered to us by today's readings provide such expertise.

Our first reading, from Sirach, reminds us that God's Commandments are not a burden we are simply to abide by and bear. Rather, they are a blessing and a gift. They guide us in the way of right living; of what it means to walk in the ways of the Lord. The teachings of Jesus and those of the Church should also be seen in the same light. They, too, are meant to give us further guidance and instruction in how we are to live, so we can keep our feet on the path of life.

The teachings of Jesus found in today's Gospel are a wonderful example of this. Specifically, they remind us that there is more to living rightly than having the right intentions. We need to pay attention to the desires of our hearts, for they play an important role in determining how we choose to live. My friends, though life presents us with its share of trials and tribulations, we need not fear because God, in his goodness, provides all the help we need to stay on the path of life. God also provides the wisdom of Sacred Scripture, his Commandments, the teachings of Jesus, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit to make sure we do not veer off that path.

All God's Blessings,
Msgr. Maresca

What Are You Doing For Lent?

To help us in our Lenten journey, the following opportunities will take place in our parish:

1. **Daily Mass** is celebrated each morning at 9:00AM Monday through Saturday.

2. **Eucharistic Adoration** occurs Monday through Saturday, 8:00AM to 8:50AM. We encourage everyone to make an effort to spend time in the presence of our Lord. The Blessings are countless.

3. **Stations of the Cross** will be held every Friday of Lent at 7:30PM. Make it a family event or come as you are to walk in the footsteps of our Lord's journey to the Cross.

4. Our **Parish Mission** will take place Monday, March 16th through Wednesday, March 18th. Fr. Frank De Siano will be joining us to preach at all Masses on Sunday March 15th. The Mission will take place at the 9:00AM Mass and again at 7:30PM on March 16th, 17th, & 18th. All are invited to join us as we renew our Spiritual Life.

5. **Our Parish is one of the Diocesan Station Churches during Lent**. Join us on Saturday, March 28th. The day will consist of Morning Mass at 9:00AM, the Rosary, Eucharistic Adoration, Stations of the Cross, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and Confessions. All are welcome at the 5PM Mass followed by Benediction to conclude the day.

6. **Reconciliation Monday** will be Monday, March 30, 2026. What a wonderful experience to meet Christ, who forgives our sins, who calls us to repentance, and loves us as His followers. Confessions will be heard from 2:00PM to 4:00PM & 6PM to 9PM.

In addition, confessions are heard every Saturday from 4:00PM to 4:30PM.

7. All are welcome to join the **Scripture Study** group which meets every Thursday from 7:20PM to 8:50PM. The group is for everyone who wishes to more fully understand the Word of God.

8. Download the **Lenten Pilgrimage App** from the App Store on your phone (both Apple and Android) and track your visits to the Stationary Churches in our Diocese. Visit 20 or more Churches and you will receive a special certificate in the mail from Bishop Brennan!

Lenten Pilgrimage
DeSales Media Group

A Prayer for Lent

Prayer Before a Crucifix

Said to have been written by St. Francis of Assisi, a plenary indulgence is granted each Friday of Lent to the faithful who, after receiving Holy Communion, devoutly recite this prayer before an image of Christ crucified. On other days of the year, the indulgence is partial.

Look down upon me, good and gentle Jesus
while before Your face I humbly kneel,
and, with burning soul, pray and beseech You
to fix deep in my heart lively sentiments of
Faith, Hope, and Charity; true contrition for my sins,
and a firm purpose of amendment,
while I contemplate, with great love and tender pity,
Your five most precious wounds,
pondering over them within me
and calling to mind the words which David,
Your prophet, said to You, my Jesus:
"They have pierced my hands and my feet,
They have numbered all my bones."
Amen.

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

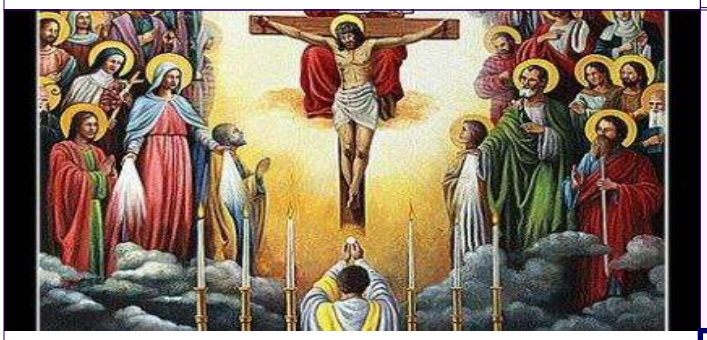
Eucharistic Adoration takes place Monday through Saturday, from 8:00AM to 8:50AM. As Pope St. John Paul II has said, "Christian life is expressed in the fulfilling of the greatest Commandment, that is to say, in the love of God and neighbor, and this love finds its source in the Blessed Sacrament….Eucharistic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

Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

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"What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love him, this God has revealed to us through the Spirit."
Are you considering following the will of God in the consecrated life or priesthood?
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.

February 7/8: **$3,145**
Second Collection
For The Tablet: **$350**

School Parents must use Church Envelopes.

Mass Attendance For February 7/8, 2026

5:00PM	**66**
8:00AM	**32**
9:30AM	**182**
11:00AM	**96**
	Total: 376

Monday, February 16
The School & Rectory Office will be closed in observance of Presidents' Day.

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

Annual Catholic Appeal

The Annual Catholic Appeal for 2026 has begun in our Diocese. I first want to thank all those who supported the appeal last year. I appreciate your generosity.
This year our goal has been reduced to **$33,760.** The theme is: ***"One Church, Diverse Ministries. United Mission."***

I ask you to prayerfully reflect on what you are able to contribute to support the appeal.
The monies contributed goes to Vocations, Care for retired priest, Faith Formation, Catholic Charities, Chaplaincies, Catholic Migration Services, and Catholic School Tuition Assistance.
Please make every effort to support this appeal and help us reach our goal.

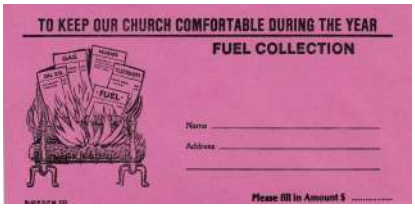
I share the words of Jesus to His followers: "The measure you measure with will be measured back to you."

THANK YOU for all your effort.
God Bless,
Msgr. Maresca

Second Collection Next Weekend, February 21/22

There will be a second collection next weekend for
Fuel Costs.

Please be as generous as your means allow.



Monday, February 16th Through Friday, February 20th

The Rectory Office will close at 5PM each day due to Winter Break. There will be no Evening office hours.

Calendar of Events

This Week

February 15 - February 21

Sunday, February 15

Monday, February 16
President's Day
School and Rectory Office Closed

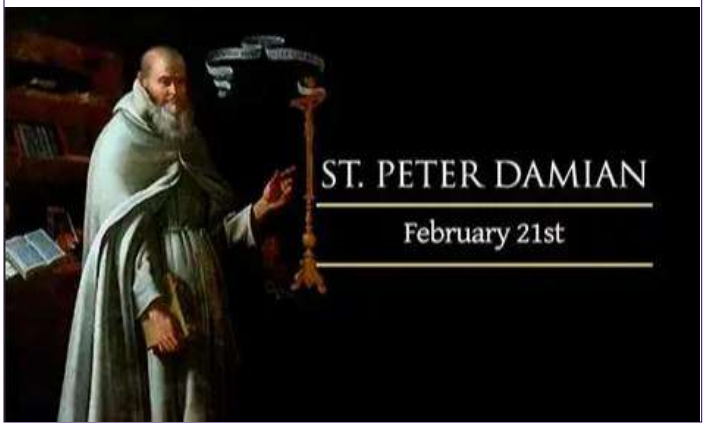
Tuesday, February 17
School Closed
6:30PM AA Meeting - Rectory Basement

Wednesday, February 18
Ash Wednesday
Masses at 7:00AM, 9:00AM & 7:30PM
Prayer Services at 12:00 NOON & 3:00PM
School Closed
6:00PM ACA Support Group - ZOOM
7:45PM Bereavement Group - ZOOM

Thursday, February 19
School Closed
10:00AM Legion of Mary - SFR

Friday, February 20
School Closed
7:30PM Stations of the Cross - Church

Saturday, February 21



St. Peter Damian, Patron of the Church and Reformer

Next Week

February 22 - February 28

Sunday, February 22
12:00 NOON Baptisms

Monday, February 23
School Resumes
12:00 NOON Golden Age - MCH
3:00PM Children's Choir - Church
7:00PM Adult Choir - Church

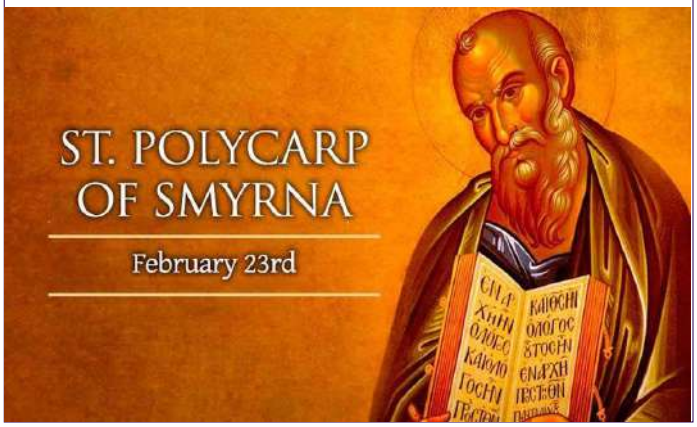
Tuesday, February 24
6:30PM AA Meeting - Rectory Basement

Wednesday, February 25
3:00PM Drama Club - MCH
6:00PM ACA Support Group - ZOOM
7:45PM Bereavement Group - ZOOM

Thursday, February 26
School Stations of the Cross - Church
10:00AM Legion of Mary - SFR
3:00PM Jiu Jitsu - MCH
5:30PM Mites Division Soccer Practice - MCH
6:00PM IACA - SFR
7:20PM Scripture Study - St. Joseph's Room

Friday, February 27
7:30PM Stations of the Cross - Church

Saturday, February 28



St. Polycarp, Early Church Father & Martyr

This Wednesday, February 18th is Ash Wednesday and our Lenten journey begins. It is a time to reflect on our relationship with the Lord. Also, it is a time to look into how we might change through repentance, fasting and prayer. We recall our humble beginnings and look forward to our promised end.

Lent is especially important because all of us sin. Still we have the capacity and ability to repent, to seek forgiveness, to turn back and return to God. In a word, we possess ***HOPE*** that we can be reconciled with God. We put ashes on our forehead because of that hope. These ashes signify to us that, even though we sin, we also repent of those sins and seek forgiveness. In addition, the ashes are a sign of our desire for conversion. We wear ashes as a sign of our desire to be purified from sin. They are our recognition that we need to be reconciled to God and now is the time to do it!

The cross of ashes on our foreheads is an outward mark, but we must also trace that cross inwardly on our hearts, as we pursue our conversion, turning back to God. These ashes mark the beginning of our Lenten journey that will take us to the celebration of Easter joy in a little more than forty days from now. More importantly, these ashes signify the journey we are making in the hope that someday we will share in the Resurrection, and experience everlasting joy in heaven.

A Blessed Lenten journey to all,
Msgr. Maresca

St. Francis of Assisi Parish
Msgr. Ralph J. Maresca V.F., Pastor

Lent 2026

= a day of fasting and abstinence from meat = a day of abstinence from meat

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
February "Lent is the liturgical season of forty days which begins with Ash Wednesday and ends with the celebration of the Paschal Mystery (Easter Triduum). Lent is the primary penitential season in the Church's liturgical year, reflecting the forty days Jesus spent in the desert in fasting and prayer" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*).			18 *Ash Wednesday* Attend Mass and receive the cross of ashes — a sign of humility and repentance.	19 Fast from social media for one evening each week.	20 Remember to abstain from meat today. Pray for those who can't afford to have meat.	21 Spend five minutes in silent prayer each morning or night during Lent.
22 Stay after Mass and pray for a spiritually fruitful Lent.	23 Pray the Morning Offering before checking your phone.	24 "Peace begins with a smile" (Mother Teresa). Resolve to smile at everyone.	25 Pray for one specific person by name today.	26 Worry closes the heart. Replace it with trust, "Jesus, I trust in You."	27 Even when things go wrong, be patient, starting with yourself.	28 Fulfill a commitment or promise you've been putting off.
1 **March** Read Matthew 17:1-9. Where does God want to transform your heart, prayer, and life?	2 Today, pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory, who always need our prayers.	3 Read the daily Gospel and meditate on one line that stands out to you.	4 Today, choose silence instead of complaining.	5 Pray for Christians experiencing persecution. Pray for a conversion of heart for the persecutors.	6 Return love for Love. Visit Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, where He waits in love.	7 Avoid gossip and change the subject when it starts. If it's untrue, unkind, or confidential, don't say it.
8 Read John 4:5–42. Where do you go when life feels messy? What if Jesus met you there?	9 If your responsibilities permit it, choose one weekday this week to attend Daily Mass.	10 Practice patience intentionally with one difficult person.	11 Skip a meal and donate the money saved from fasting to the poor box.	12 First thing today, tell God, "Thy Will be done!" — and really mean it!	13 Give up a small luxury - drive-thru coffee, streaming, take-out meals - just for today for God.	14 Do a hidden act of service without seeking thanks.
15 *Laetare Sunday* The priest wears rose for the halfway point of Lent. Enjoy a small treat to celebrate.	16 Holy Week and Easter are busy times for parishes and ask how you can help.	17 *St. Patrick's Day* Pray for missionaries and catechists who, like St. Patrick, bring the faith to every corner of the world.	18 Experience God's mercy and attend Confession this week.	19 *St. Joseph's Day* Say an extra prayer for your father. Don't forget the priests — spiritual fathers.	20 Buy food or hygiene items for a local pantry.	21 Take a mini-retreat. Reserve time to silence your phone, light a candle, and be with Jesus.
22 Stay after Mass and pray for the intentions of the Pope and your bishop.	23 Give the gift of a spiritual bouquet — a note recording prayers said for someone who needs them.	24 Think before you speak, especially before responding in annoyance or anger. recall the presence of God.	25 *The Annunciation* We celebrate Mary's "yes," which opened the way for Christ's coming. Pray the Rosary in her honor.	26 Set out a box and fill it with gently used items, books, or clothes. When it's full, bring it to its destination.	27 Abstain from recreational screen-use between 12:00pm and 3:00pm in honor of Jesus' final hours on the Cross.	28 Visit a church or chapel for 10 minutes of quiet if possible.
29 *Palm Sunday* Read Matthew 27:11-54, accompanying Jesus through His trial, Passion, and Death.	30 This whole week, practice the Heroic Minute and get up the moment your alarm rings.	31 Say grace slowly and intentionally, with gratitude, before meals today.	1 **April** Today is the day, Judas plotted to betray Christ. Take time to seek forgiveness or to extend it, if needed.	2 *Holy Thursday* Visit Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Thank Him for the Eucharist, the Mass, and the Priesthood.	3 *Good Friday* Pray the Stations of the Cross. Your presence and love today consoled Him then.	4 *Holy Saturday* Thank God for His blessings this Lent. Consider which practices you will continue.

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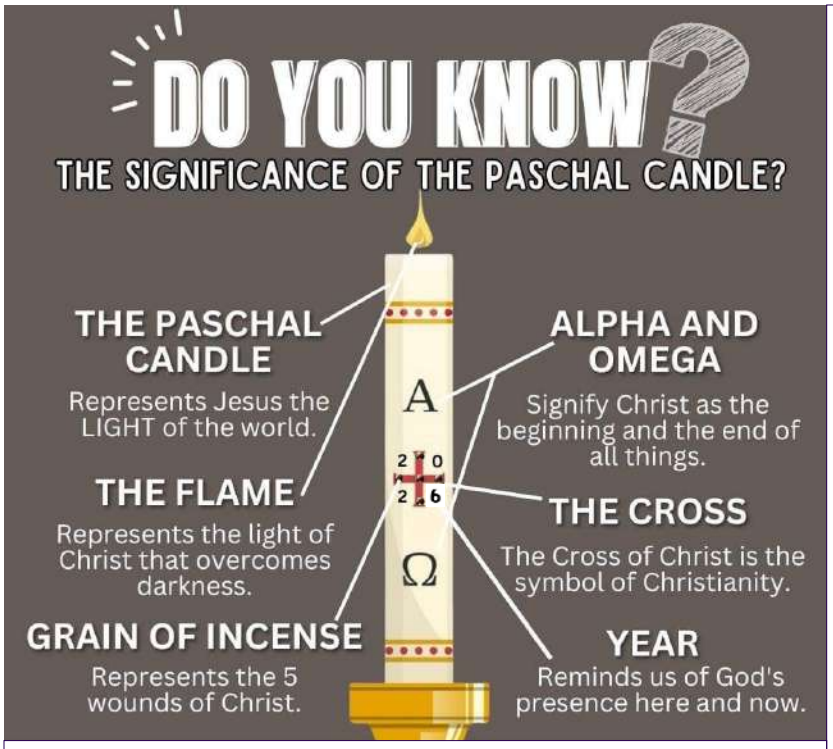
Ash Wednesday 2026

This year Lent begins on Wednesday, February 18th with Ash Wednesday. It is a day of fasting and abstinence. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms for fasting are obligatory from age 18 to age 59. We also do not eat meat, which is obligatory from age 14 onwards.

Ashes will be distributed at the following Services:

7:00AM Mass
9:00AM Mass
12:00 NOON Prayer Service
3:00PM Prayer Service
7:30PM Mass



Paschal Candle

If anyone would like to make a donation and memorialize the Paschal Candle, please come to the Rectory and speak with Tara.

All Paschal Candle memorials will be listed in the Bulletin throughout the Lenten & Easter Seasons.

Lent 2026

The Secretariat for Evangelization and Catechesis warmly invites you to join us for our **4th Annual Lenten Pilgrimage!**

To make the most of your journey, download the **Lenten Pilgrimage App** (in the App Store for both Apple & Android), where you'll find the full list of station churches along with their daily schedules throughout Lent, beginning on Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2026.

Visit **20 or more churches**, and you'll receive a special certificate from **Bishop Brennan** in recognition of your pilgrimage.

As a special highlight, **Our Lady of Mt. Carmel (Brooklyn)** will host their annual **Shadow Box Stations of the Cross on Monday, March 16th at 7:00PM.**

We hope that you will join us for this prayerful and inspiring experience.

The Three Pillars of Lent

The Church encourages three key practices during this season: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. These aren't just traditions; they are ways to strengthen your relationship with God and live out His love in daily life.

Prayer

Lent is a powerful time to reconnect with God through prayer. You might try setting aside time each day to read Scripture, pray the Rosary, or simply sit in silence and reflect. Attending daily Mass or meditating on the Stations of the Cross can also deepen your understanding of Christ's sacrifice. Prayer does not have to be long or complicated. Even pausing for a few moments each morning to ask, "Lord, how can I serve you today?" can help bring a sense of peace and purpose to your day. The goal is to be intentional, allowing prayer to shape your thoughts, actions, and heart.

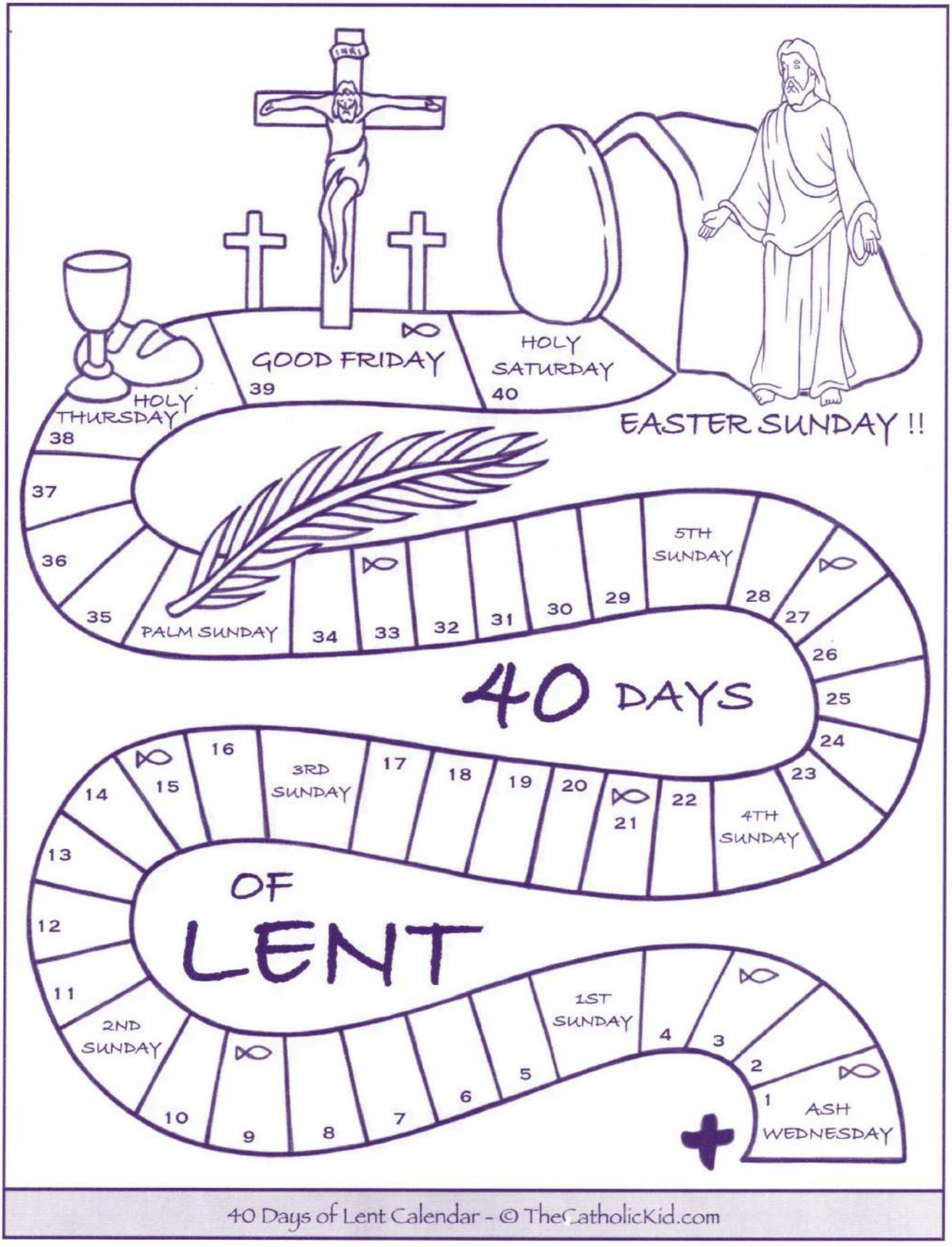
Fasting

Fasting is not just about self-denial. It is about making space for God. Catholics traditionally fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday and abstain from meat on Fridays during Lent, but many choose to go further. Giving up coffee, social media, or a favorite snack can be meaningful, but fasting can also mean stepping away from the things that distract you from God. Consider fasting from negativity by cutting out gossip or complaining. Try limiting screen time to be more present with loved ones. The purpose of fasting is not to prove self-control but to turn away from things that pull you away from God and toward what truly matters.

Almsgiving

Lent is also a time to care for others. Almsgiving is about generosity, but it does not always mean donating money. It can be giving your time, attention, or compassion to someone in need. You might volunteer at a Food Pantry, visit a lonely neighbor, or simply be more intentional about helping those around you. If you do save money from fasting, consider donating it to a cause that supports the poor or vulnerable. Almsgiving challenges us to see beyond our own struggles and recognize Christ in those who need help.

SFA Youth Page - Your Map to Easter!



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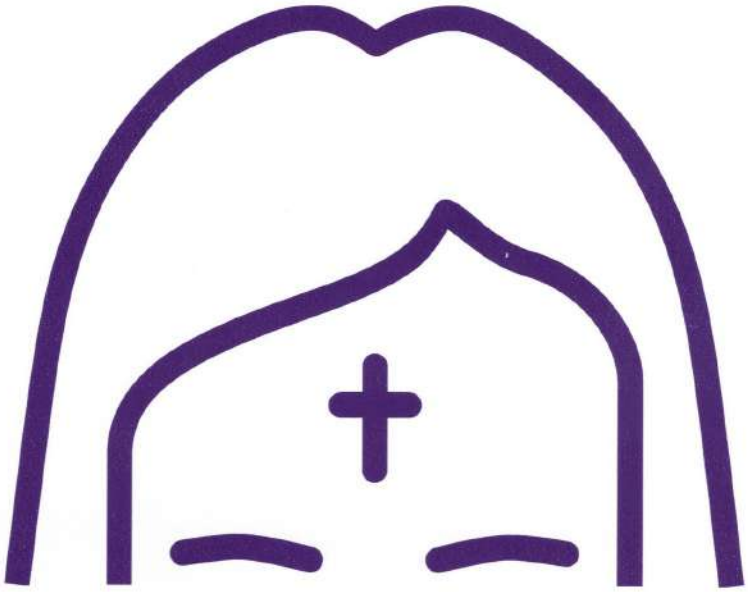

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Little Learners

Please join us for a special program geared towards children ages 18-32 months.

All you need to know.....

Who?

Your child and a special adult in their life will gather to play, learn and explore at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Academy.

When?

2 sessions are available:

Monday 12-1:30pm:
2/23, 3/2, 3/16, 3/23, 3/30, 4/13, 4/20, 4/27, 5/4, 5/11, 5/18, 6/1

Thursday 9-10:30am:
2/26, 3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26, 4/16, 4/23, 4/30, 5/7, 5/14, 5/21, 5/28

What is the cost?

All families will pay a 1 time registration fee of $25. The sessions will cost $350, paid prior to the first class.

Participation in our Little Learners program gives you priority seating for our 3K enrollment.

Priority given to families registered at SFA Parish

What will the students do?

Children will enjoy a read-aloud, craft, snack time, music, movement and more. An adult is required to remain with the child at all times. Changing areas are available.

How do I register?

Please contact ereilly@sfaacademy.org or call (718) 726-9405 with questions.

Sample schedule:

Arrival & Free Play, 15 minutes:

- Greet friends and teacher
- Choice play
- Soft transition

Morning Circle, 15 minutes:

- Welcome song
- Name recognition
- Short story

Centers/Guided Play, 15 minutes:

- Sensory Table, Art, Fine motor activities
- Teacher interaction
- Language development

Snack/Social Time, 15 minutes:

- Handwashing
- Snack
- Social conversation

Gross Motor Play, 15 minutes:

- Indoor movement activities

Story & Music, 15 minutes:

- Read aloud
- Songs
- Goodbye

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT

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THIS IS TO CERTIFY

That _____

Address _____

Donated to this Parish

The Sum of $ _____ In the Year ended _____

Rev. _____

Church of _____

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Contribution Statements for 2025

If you are in need of a Contribution Statement for 2025, please contact Tara at the Rectory by phone or by email.

Phone: 718-728-7801
Email: chsecy@sfaacademy.org

Please kindly allow up to 48 hours for processing, and be sure to give your Envelope Number, First & Last Name, Current Address and preferred Contact Phone Number.

Thank you for your generosity this year!

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.

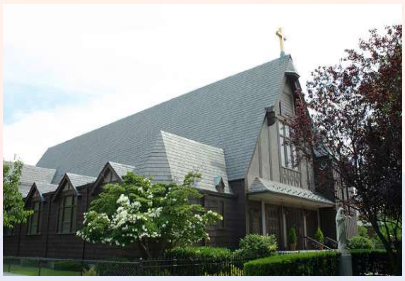
ADULT CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS/ DYSFUNCTIONAL FAMILIES

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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