First Sunday of Lent

Mass Intentions

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** **Mary Ethel McCann** **Emil Sorrento**
Monday, Feb. 23	*St. Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr*
9:00AM	**Francis Gullotti**
Tuesday, Feb. 24	*Weekday*
9:00AM	**Charles Attard**
Wednesday, Feb. 25	*Weekday*
9:00AM	**Francesco Tenaglia**
Thursday, Feb. 26	*Weekday*
9:00AM	**Jack Zorovich**
Friday, Feb. 27	*St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot & Doctor of the Church*
9:00AM	**Francesco Tenaglia**
Saturday, Feb. 28	*Saturday of the First Week of Lent*
9:00AM	**Purgatorial Society**
5:00PM	**Rose & Denis Sweeney**
Sunday, March 1	*Second Sunday of Lent*
8:00AM	**Joseph Cseri**
9:30AM	**Joan Carpanini**
11:00AM	**For the People of St. Francis Of Assisi** **Patrick Farrell**

Today's Readings

First Sunday of Lent

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

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards He was famished. The tempter came and said to Him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But He answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Then the devil took Him to the holy city and placed Him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to Him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command His angels concerning you', and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord you God to the test.'"

Again, the devil took Him to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor, and he said to Him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only Him.'"

Then the devil left Him, and suddenly angels came and waited on Him.

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
Bob Bala
Anthony Fiorino
Joseph Klos

FOCUS:

Jesus is the obedient Son.

Throughout the Old Testament, the Scriptures use metaphorical language to speak of Israel as God's son. Yet like us today, the Israelites persist in disobedience, straying from their Father's will. God thus sends Jesus, who is tempted in the desert to disobey God. Jesus' example of obedience reveals what true sonship requires.

Readings For The Week

Monday	***Leviticus 19:1-2,11-18***
	Matthew 25:31-46
Tuesday	***Isaiah 55:10-11***
	Matthew 6:7-15
Wednesday	***Jonah 3:1-10***
	Luke 11:29-32
Thursday	***Esther C:12,14-16,23-25***
	Matthew 7:7-12
Friday	***Ezekiel 18:21-28***
	Matthew 5:20-26
Saturday	***Deuteronomy 26:16-19***
	Matthew 5:43-48

Second Sunday of Lent

Genesis 12:1-4a
2 Timothy: 1:8b-10
Matthew 17:1-9

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

You are invited to join us on Thursday, February 26, 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...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.

"You Shall Love Your Neighbor As Yourself. "

"I Am The Lord."

From the Pastor's Desk:

My Dear Parishioners,

I think we can all agree that God is very good to us. This comes across clearly in today's first reading. The Genesis story unfolds as an environment which shows God's love for us, his creation. It is the story about each of us. We were nothing but dust, and then God breathed into us his very life, making us into his image and likeness. You would think that the story might end there, but it takes a turn for the worse. Evil makes its presence felt, and we succumb to its powerful and manipulative tactics. I say we because Adam and Eve stand for all of us. The dynamics of the Genesis story is played out over and over again each and every time we sin.

As we celebrate this First Sunday of Lent, we are reminded that no one is spared from temptation, not even Jesus. We hear this in today's Gospel. The desert experience of Jesus is a far cry from the paradise experience of Adam and Eve. While our first parents gave in to the evil of their day, Jesus was victorious in defeating the tactics of Satan. No evil would take hold of Jesus even as he fasted and prayed during those forty days in the desert. Jesus is more powerful than the evil of Satan and he remains true to obedience of the will of his Father. This is why Jesus is often referred to as the *new Adam,* for, whereas Adam sinned, Jesus did not. Adam separated himself from God, Jesus refused to allow Satan to separate him from his heavenly Father.

How well do any of us deal with temptation? Are we able to be strong and stand up to its power? Lent is the perfect time to look at ourselves and face those temptations which can jeopardize our very life with the Lord, as well as separate us from Him. Lent reminds us that God is good. However, we realize that we are not always as good as God calls us to be, and, for that, we repent and seek God's mercy. Just as Jesus entered the desert to fast and pray for forty days, so we, as his disciples, do likewise. We enter into the mystery of Jesus in the desert, and we pray that, like Jesus, we, too, will triumph over the power of Satan. Father…lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

A Blessed Lenten Journey to All,
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 & 6:00PM to 9:00PM.

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!

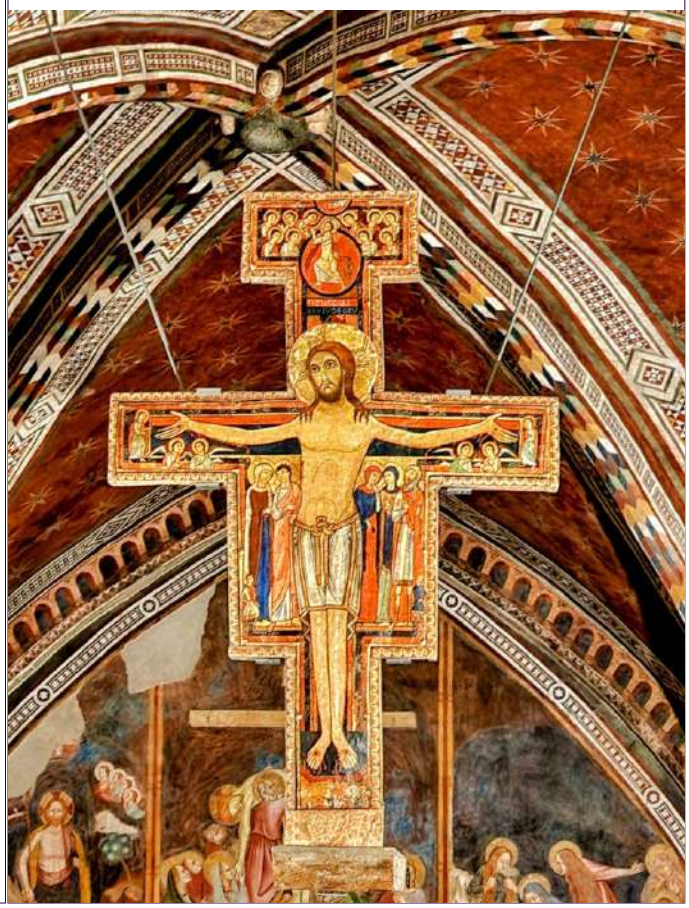
Lenten Pilgrimage
DeSales Media Group

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

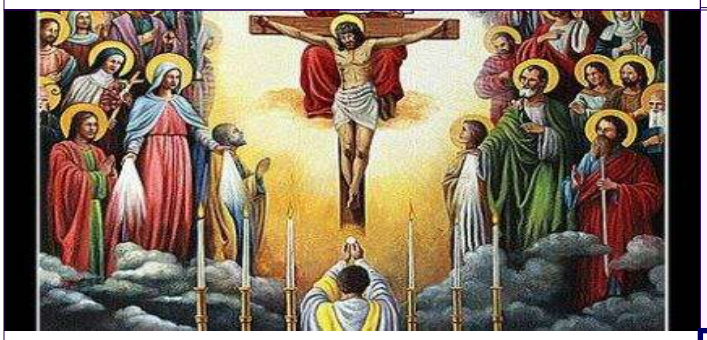
Eucharistic Adoration takes place Monday through Saturday, from 8:00AM to 8:50AM. As Pope St. John Paul II has said, "Christian life is expressed in the fulfilling of the greatest Commandment, that is to say, in the love of God and neighbor, and this love finds its source in the Blessed Sacrament….Eucharistic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

First Sunday Of Lent

February 22, 2026

Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the state in life God has prepared for you? If you are considering a vocation to the 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.

February 14/15: **$4,153**
Second Collection
For Black & Native Missions **$495**

School Parents must use Church Envelopes.

Mass Attendance For February 14/15, 2026

5:00PM	**103**
8:00AM	**32**
9:30AM	**79**
11:00AM	**105**

Total: 319

Parish Mission Statement

St. Francis of Assisi Parish is a Catholic community that is centered in Jesus, gathers in worship and witnesses the Gospel message. The parish values and welcomes each person's gift of time, talent and treasure. As a faith-filled community, we are committed to minister to the spiritual, educational and material needs of all people.

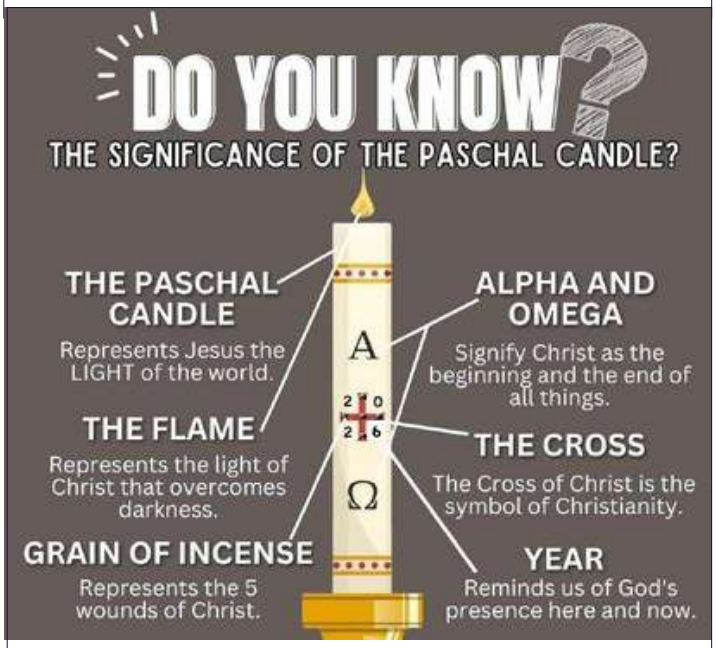
Annual Catholic Appeal

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 prayerful 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



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.

Calendar of Events

This 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

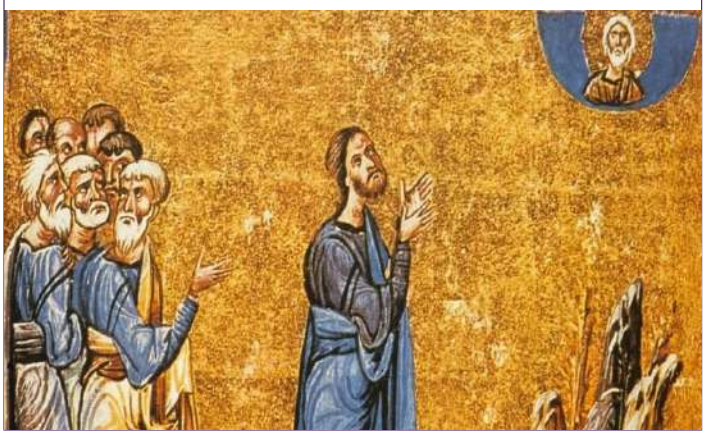
Tuesday, February 24
6:30PM AA Meeting - Rectory Basement

Wednesday, February 25
3:00PM Drama Club - MCH
6:00PM ACA Support Group - St. Joseph Room
7:45PM Bereavement Group - St. Joseph Room

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
6:30PM Youth Group Meeting - MCH



Jesus teaches His disciples to pray.

Next Week

March 1 - March 7

Sunday, March 1
10:15AM First Communion Parents' Meeting
10:40AM SFACA & CCD Joint Confirmation Class

Monday, March 2
12:00 NOON Golden Age - MCH
3:00PM Children's Choir - Church
7:00PM Adult Choir - Church

Tuesday, March 3
6:30PM AA Meeting - Rectory Basement

Wednesday, March 4
3:00PM Drama Club - MCH
6:00PM ACA Support Group - St. Joseph Room
7:45PM Bereavement Group - St. Joseph Room

Thursday, March 5
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, March 6
7:30PM Stations of the Cross - Church

Saturday, March 7
9:00AM Anointing Mass
9:45AM Penance Retreat & First Penance

Jesus condemns the Pharisees.

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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Lenten Prayer for Spiritual Renewal

God, heavenly Father, look upon me and hear my prayer during this holy Season of Lent. By the good works You inspire, help me to discipline my body and to be renewed in spirit.

Without You I can do nothing. By Your Spirit help me to know what is right and to be eager in doing Your will. Teach me to find new life through penance. Keep me from sin, and help me live by Your commandment of love. God of love, bring me back to You. Send Your Spirit to make me strong in faith and active in good works. May my acts of penance bring me Your forgiveness, open my hear to Your love, and prepare me for the coming feast of the Resurrection of Jesus.

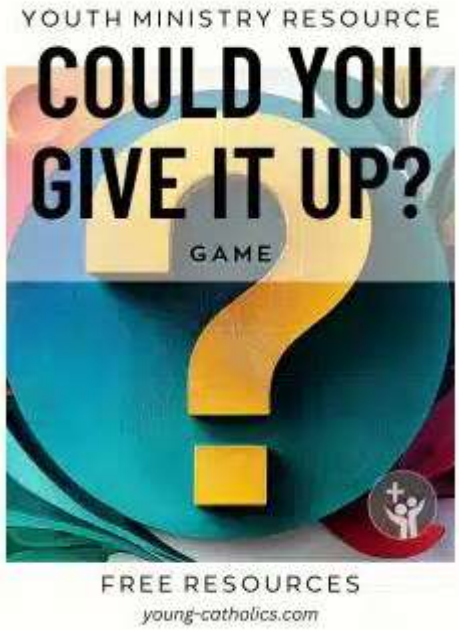
Lord, during this Lenten Season, nourish me with Your Word of life and make me one with You in love and prayer.

Fill my heart with Your love and keep me faithful to the Gospel of Christ. Give me the grace to rise above my human weakness. Give me new life by Your Sacraments, especially the Mass.

Father, our source of life, I reach out with joy to grasp Your hand; let me walk more readily in Your ways. Guide me in Your gentle mercy, for left to myself I cannot do Your Will.

Father of love, source of all blessings, help me to pass from my old life of sin to the new life of grace. Prepare me for the glory of Your Kingdom. I ask this though our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

SFA Youth Page



How much do you know about Lent?

True or False

1. Lent starts on Ash Wednesday.
T or F

2. The color of Lent is green.
T or F

3. Lent is considered a time of penance and discipline.
T or F

4. No Mass is celebrated on Good Friday.
T or F

5. Lent is a time to prepare for Jesus' Ascension.
T or F

6. We are supposed to do almsgiving during Lent, which is giving to the poor.
T or F

7. The Last Sunday in Lent begins Holy Week.
T or F

*Answers found on Page 11

The "Could You Give It Up" Game

Play as a family or amongst your friends!

Setup:

1. Gather all players in a circle.
2. Make sure everyone can see and hear each other.
3. Explain the rules before starting.

Game Play:

1. Each player holds up all ten fingers.
2. Choose a player to go first. They say, **"I could give up ____ for Lent. Could you give it up?"**
3. All players who could not give up that item lower one finger.
4. The next person in the circle takes a turn and makes a new statement.
5. Play continues around the circle. Each time a player cannot give something up, they lower a finger.
6. When a player lowers all ten fingers, they are out of the game.
7. The game continues until only one player has fingers still raised. That player is the winner.

Notes:

- Players must be honest when lowering fingers. This is an honor system game.
- Encourage fun but also reflection. Ask players why certain things are harder to give up.
- For a shorter game, start with fewer fingers (five instead of ten).

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.

Answers to "What do you know about Lent"? SFA Youth Page
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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.

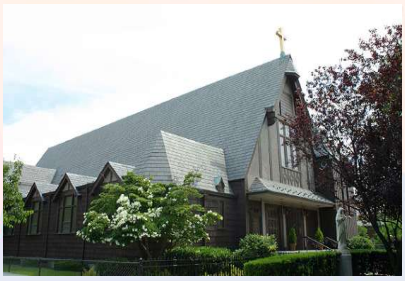
ADULT CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS/ DYSFUNCTIONAL FAMILIES

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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