Third Sunday of Easter

Mass Intentions

Sunday, April 19	*Third Sunday of Easter*
8:00AM	**For the People of St. Francis Of Assisi**
9:30AM	**Joan Carpanini**
11:00AM	**Maria Assunta Spiteri**
	Albina Kersul
	Antonio Bruno
	John Mondello
	Carmela Dimilta
	Assunta Di Benedetto
	Lorraine Sanvucci
Monday, April 20	*Monday of the Third Week Of Easter*
9:00AM	**Marie Salamone**
Tuesday, April 21	*St. Anselm, Bishop & Doctor Of the Church*
9:00AM	**Joseph Salamone**
Wednesday, April 22	*Wednesday Of The Third Week Of Easter*
9:00AM	**Victor Salamone**
Thursday, April 23	*St. George, Martyr*
9:00AM	**Mary Di Pietro**
Friday, April 24	*St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest & Martyr*
9:00AM	**Dr. Joseph Ewy**
Saturday, April 25	*Feast of St. Mark, Evangelist*
9:00AM	**Purgatorial Society**
	Assunta Di Benedetto
5:00PM	**Ambrose Vigano**
Sunday, April 26	*Fourth Sunday of Easter*
8:00AM	**Ricardo Despojo & Fidela Aviso**
9:30AM	**For the People of St. Francis Of Assisi**
11:00AM	**John S. Mondello**
	John Finerty
	Amy Baiamonte
	Emilia Bertolo
	Andrea & Maria Mastrocola
	Assunta Di Benedetto

Today's Readings

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14,22-33
1 Peter 1:17-21
Luke 24:13-35

As they came near the village to which they were going, He walked ahead as if He were going on. But the two disciples urged Him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over. So He went in to stay with them. When He was at the table with them, He took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized Him; and He vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while He was talking to us on the road, while He was opening the scriptures to us? That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and He has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how He had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread. (Luke 24:28-35)

Readings For The Week

Monday	***Acts 6:8-15***
	John 6:22-29
Tuesday	***Acts 7:51—8:1a***
	John 6:30-35
Wednesday	***Acts 8:1b-8***
	John 6:35-40
Thursday	***Acts 8:26-40***
	John 6:44-51
Friday	***Acts 9:1-20***
	John 6:52-59
Saturday	***1 Peter 5:5b-14***
	Mark 16:15-20

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Acts 2:14a,36-41
1 Peter 2:20b-25
John 10:1-10

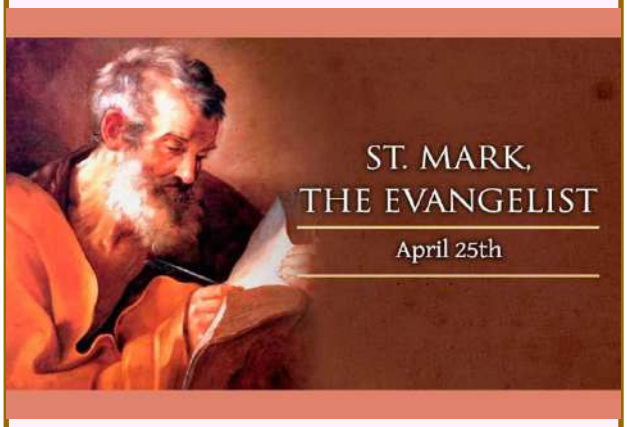
Remember in your prayers all those in our parish who are sick, that they may find health and comfort.

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
Jan Hengl
John Mondello



FOCUS:

God raised this Jesus; of this we are all witnesses.

Perhaps we can identify with the two disciples who were on the road to Emmaus. They most likely felt despair and discouragement, but when Jesus revealed Himself to them that despair was turned to joy and they rushed to tell the other disciples. If we today continue to open ourselves to God's movement in our lives, we can feel that same joy and be energized to share the Good News with others.

St. Francis of Assisi Scripture Study

"The Lord said to the satan, 'Have you noticed my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him, blameless and upright, fearing God and avoiding evil.'" (Job 1:8)

Dear SFA Family & Friends,
The Scripture Study Group has begun a new study on **The Book of Job**. All are invited to join us on Thursday, April 23rd, in the St. Joseph Room of the Rectory from 7:20PM to 8:50PM. This week's study will be on Job 1-3: The Prologue and First Cycle of Speeches.

The Book of Job: Faith Amidst Trials. Why does God allow human suffering? ….Job is a righteous man, stripped of all he holds dear, who engages in a powerful dialogue with his friends on the nature and cause of suffering. Job's friends struggle to justify Job's suffering, determined to find fault with Job rather than God. Job counters their arguments and then turns his attention to God in a desperate plea for justice. When God's answer comes from the whirlwind, it is not what we expect. (The Book of Job: Little Rock Scripture Study, Liturgical Press)

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 April 19, 2026

Sanctuary Lamp
In Loving Memory of
Maria Assunta Spiteri

Requested By:
The Spiteri Family

From the Pastor's Desk:

My Dear Parishioners,

The Gospel today describes the appearance of Jesus to two travelers. The two had just come from Jerusalem and are heading to Emmaus, a village seven miles away. As the two are walking, they are sharing their thoughts about the recent events that took place in Jerusalem, surrounding the death and reported Resurrection of Jesus. Jesus joins them as they walk, and begins to converse with them. We are told that *their eyes were prevented from recognizing him.*
Eventually, they did recognize him, and the manner in which they did so is significant.

As Jesus joined the travelers, he asked them what they were discussing. His prompting was enough to send them into a long explanation about the events leading up to the Crucifixion, and then the reports of the Resurrection. Then Jesus chided the men for their lack of faith and reminded them of the prophets who foretold the coming of the suffering Messiah. In great detail, Jesus interpreted the Scripture to show how he had fulfilled all that had been written. The men invited this wise stranger to have dinner with them. While they did not recognize Jesus when he was explaining the Scriptures to them, they did recognize him at the breaking of the bread.

The Gospel tells us the Jesus *Vanished from their sight* once they recognized him as he blessed the bread, broke it and gave it to them. They were shocked to realize that their unknown guest was actually Jesus. Can you imagine how they felt? All that had just happened in Jerusalem and they, personally, walked and talked with Jesus and sat at table with him! Their amazement is clear in the Gospel, as they ask themselves, *Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?* They seemed to be asking, *How could we not have known?*

The lack of recognition on the part of these men is really not so extraordinary, however, when we look into our own lives and examine ourselves. We might ask whether we, too, meet Jesus without recognition. If we are totally honest, we would probably have to say that we are not so unlike the two travelers. We know Scripture, we have heard it explained, and still we often fail to fully realize that Jesus is truly present at all times, and in a special way whenever we participate at Mass or receive Holy Communion.

We also should not overlook another very important element of this passage. Do you remember what the travelers did once they recognized Jesus? They did what you and I are called to do-they recounted their experience! They returned to Jerusalem, found the eleven Apostles, and told about their encounter with Christ. Their experience added to the growing awareness that Jesus, indeed, was raised from the dead. If you and I truly believe in the Risen Jesus, we, too, will happily testify about him. We will share with others our own encounters with Jesus, who fulfilled the promises made through the prophets and brought us the hope of life everlasting in heaven. My dear friends, do not hesitate to do this, for our world today needs disciples who willingly give witness to their faith.

All the Blessings of the Risen Lord,
Msgr. Maresca

Be known to us in breaking bread,
But do not then depart;

Savior, abide with us, and spread
Your table in our heart.

EASTER CANDLE DONATIONS

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

ANTONIO CARULLO
MARIO CARULLO
ANTHONY CARULLO
MARINA & FIORELLO PINOTTI
ROSA & ANTONIO FILETTO
MARY K. LOUD
RITA & RALPH MARESCA
BISHOP THOMAS V. DAILY
REV. PETER D. GILLEN
EILEEN JASINSKI
UNCLE MARIO ESPOSITO
ANTONINA & JOHN KOS
GABRIELLA KOS
LILIANA & VITO BIANCOSPINO
SYLVESTER & MARIE GUERRIERO
HAROLD ELMENDORF
DE CICCO FAMILY
IORIO FAMILY
JOHN PURICH
WILLIAM LEDONE

EASTER PRAYER OF POPE ST. GREGORY THE GREAT

It is only right, with all the powers of our heart and mind,
to praise You Father and Your Only-Begotten Son,
Our Lord Jesus Christ.
Dear Father,
By Your wondrous condescension of
Loving-Kindness toward us,
Your servants, You gave up Your Son.
Dear Jesus,
You paid the debt of Adam for us to the Eternal Father
by Your Blood poured forth in Loving-Kindness.
You cleared away the darkness of sin by Your magnificent
and radiant Resurrection.
You broke the bonds of death and rose from the grave
as a Conqueror.
You reconciled Heaven and Earth.
Our life had no hope of Eternal Happiness before
You Redeemed us.
Your resurrection has washed away our sins,
restored our innocence and brought us joy,
How inestimable is the tenderness of Your Love!

We pray You, Lord,
to preserve Your servants in the peaceful enjoyment
of this Easter happiness.
We ask this through Jesus Christ Our Lord,
Who lives and reigns with God the Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
forever and ever.
Amen.

Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper
Photo Credit: Carol Marino

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

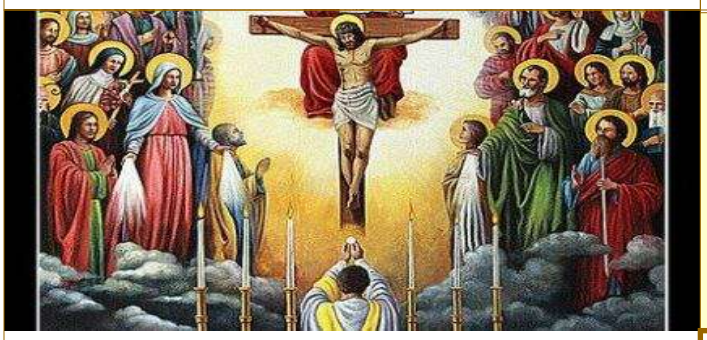
Eucharistic Adoration takes place Monday through Saturday, from 8:00AM to 8:50AM. As Pope St. John Paul II has said, "Christian life is expressed in the fulfilling of the greatest Commandment, that is to say, in the love of God and neighbor, and this love finds its source in the Blessed Sacrament….Eucharistic 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 April 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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Do you recognize Christ in your life and hope to make Him known to others? Perhaps you are being called to the priesthood or consecrated life. If you are considering this possibility, contact the Vocation Office at:

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

Diocese of Brooklyn Vocation Office

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Weekly Offering

Thank you for your continued generosity of giving each week. Your weekly offering helps us pay our monthly bills.

April 11/12: $3,260

School Parents must use Church Envelopes.

Mass Attendance For April 11/12, 2026

5:00PM	**101**
8:00AM	**70**
9:30AM	**110**
11:00AM	**131**
	Total: 412

Second Collection Next Weekend April 25/26, 2026

Catholic Home Missions

There will be a Second Collection next weekend for Catholic Home Missions. Please be as generous as your means allow.

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."*** *So far we have **$15,209** pledged towards our goal.*

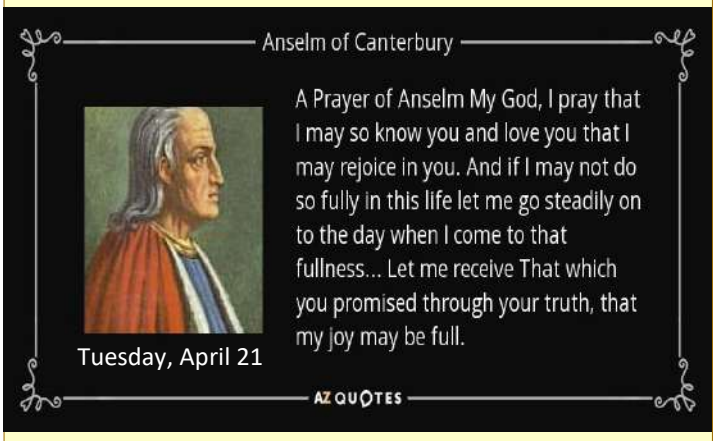
I ask you to prayerful reflect on what you are able to contribute to support the appeal.
The monies contributed goes to Vocations, Care for retired priest, Faith Formation, Catholic Charities, Chaplaincies, Catholic Migration Services, and Catholic School Tuition Assistance.
Please make every effort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

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.



Calendar of Events

This Week

April 19 - April 25

Sunday, April 19
9:30AM Pre-Communion Mass
10:40AM CCD Class - School

Monday, April 20
12:00 NOON Golden Age - MCH
3:00PM Children's Choir - Church
7:00PM Adult Choir - Church

Tuesday, April 21
6:30PM AA Meeting - Rectory Basement

Wednesday, April 22
3:00PM Drama Club - MCH
6:00PM ACA Support Group - St. Joseph Room
7:45PM Bereavement Group - St. Joseph Room

Thursday, April 23
10:00AM Legion of Mary - SFR
6:00PM IACA - SFR
7:20PM Scripture Study - St. Joseph Room

Friday, April 24

Saturday, April 25
9:30AM Holy Communion Retreat

Jesus travels the road to Emmaus with the disciples.

Next Week

April 26 - May 2

Sunday, April 26
9:30AM Children's Liturgy
12:00PM Baptisms

Monday, April 27
12:00 NOON Golden Age - MCH
3:00PM Children's Choir - Church
4:00PM First Communion Rehearsal - Church
7:00PM Adult Choir - Church

Tuesday, April 28
6:30PM AA Meeting - Rectory Basement

Wednesday, April 29
3:00PM Drama Club - MCH
6:00PM ACA Support Group - St. Joseph Room
7:45PM Bereavement Group - St. Joseph Room

Thursday, April 30
10:00AM Legion of Mary - SFR
6:00PM IACA - SFR
7:00PM First Communion Rehearsal - Church
7:20PM Scripture Study - St. Joseph Room

Friday, May 1
1/2 Day of School
6:00PM Youth Group Meeting - MCH

Saturday, May 2
9:00AM Anointing Mass
11:00AM Celebration of First Holy Communion

Jesus is the Good Shepherd.

Easter Flower Remembrance

A

Acquisto, Calogero & Grazia
Alexiou, Elpida
Annunziata, Dawn
Annunziata, Nancy
Argiropoulos, John
Attard, Mr. & Mrs. Emanuel
Attard, Petra & Cory
Attard, Valerie
Autuoro, Mary & Gaetano
Avitabile, Dennis
Avitabile, Rose
Ayoub, Edward

B

B. Bogustan, Teresa
Bacalso, Benjima
Bacalso, Juan
Baffuto, Domenica
Balint, Ana
Balint, Daniela
Baronci, Mrs. Theresa
Barrett, Dana & David
Battista, Leo & Clara
Belanich, Mary
Berhau, Zachary
Bernheine, Mrs. Frances
Bernheine, Otto J. (Chip)
Betancourt, Mr. & Mrs. John
Biancospino, Liliana & Vito
Biancospino, Mr. Aldo
Biancospino, Paul
Borg, Anna
Borg, Charles
Borg, Mary Rose & Anthony
Borg, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph
Boylston, Lori
Bradley, Nancy
Bratti, R & L
Briscelli, Lorraine
Brodsky, Estelle
Bruno, Antonio
Bruno, Mrs. Maria
Buccholz, Awilda
Burke, Ms. Kathleen
Buttner, John G.
Buttner, Mrs. John G.

C

Camastra, Angelina
Camastra, Mr. Dominic
Cancian, M.
Carbone, Sarina
Carolini, Alfonso
Carolini, Mrs.
Carpanini, Gino & Joan
Carroll, Carol & Lawrence
Cassano, Anna
Castellisi, Lilly & Giuseppe
Cervegnano, Mr. & Mrs. Nick
Cesareo, Mario & Jocelyn
Charlton, Walter, Frances, & Walter Jr.
Christmas, Charles, Theresa, & Victoria
Cinquemani, Filomena Elia
Cinquemani, Leo
Clayton, Jack & Rose
Commodore, Helen & Lester
Conlon, Dorothy
Conlon, John
Conlon, Mr. & Mrs. Alphonsus
Connick, TJ
Corso, Josephine
Corvinelli, Antonietta
Crespo, Nilsa
Cucciniello, Edith
Custodio, Mary Helen

D

Da Cora, Ms. Elaine
Daniele, Grazia
De Grandis, Cesare & Concetta
De Grandis, Rocco
De Luise, Ben & Natalie
De Luise, Mr. & Mrs. Salvatore
De Silva, William
Deceased Members - Bleckman Family
Dee, Sandra
Del Carro, Mrs. Anna Maria
Dela Cruz, Mr. & Mrs. Flor Paul
DellaVecchia, Anthony
D'Ercole, Marie & Salvatore
Despojo, Ms. Marie Theresa
Devane, Michael & Kathleen
Devane, Ms. Kathleen
Di Biase, Mr. & Mrs. Rocco
Di Donato, Mrs. Jane
Di Donato, Victor A.
Di Donato, Vio & Frank
Di Gravino, Domenick, Maria, & Florrie
Di Piazza, Daniel
Diaz, Henry

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Thank You For Your Generosity!

Easter Flower Remembrance

Diguglielmo, Suzanne
Donato, Anna
Donato, Matthew
Donato, Mr. Aldo
Donato, Patricia
Douvelis, Gregory
Dr. Rosario & Mrs. Stella Gualtieri
Dudek, Joseph & Bridget
Dudek, Miss Mary T.
Dundara, Cesare
Dunstan, Norman

E

Eiaw, Paul, Esperanza, & Joycelin
Elmendorf, Harold
Elmendorf, Mr. & Mrs. James
Emanuelson, George, Joan, & Mark
Emerson, Edward
Emerson, Mr. & Mrs. Edward
Enukidze, Vazhe
Esposito, Louise & Frank
Esposito, Mario
Esposito, Mrs. Mario J.

F

Farina, Anna
Farina, Anthony
Farrell, James
Farrell, Mrs. Mary Ann
Farrell, Patrick
Ferguson, Barry
Ferguson, Edward & Jean
Ferguson, Han & Earl
Ferguson, Helen & Harry
Frank, Henry
Frias, Fr. Ramon C. OFM Cap.
Fulop, Grace & Steve
Fulop, Ms. Grace A.
Furey, Donna
Furey, Patricia

G

G., Philip & Filippa
Galano, Mary Jane
Galante, Mr. & Mrs. Aldo
Galante, Vee & Jack
Gallagher, Kevin
Gallagher, Neil
Gallagher, Noreen
Gandolfo, Andrew & Concetta
Gandolfo, Giuseppe & Anna
Gangi, John & Donna
Gangi, John & Rose
Gangi, Maryann
Gangi, Vincent
Garcia, Mr. & Mrs. Elia
Gasttricchi, Philip & Filippa
Gauci, Francis & Carmen
Gaviglia, Anna
Gaviglia, Inga
Gaviglia, Ms. Carol
Giacomo Schinco, Maria
Gioino, Mrs. Teresa
Gioino, Teresa & Caterina
Giordano, Francesco & Maria
Giordano, Mrs. Anna
Giordano, Saverio
Golodner, Ben, Lina & Susan
Granelli, Rose
Grazia, Daniele
Grech, Wendy
Grifonetti, Giuseppe
Gualtieri, Dr. Arthur
Gualtieri, Roberta
Guerriero, Marion
Guerriero, Raffaele & Lucia
Guerriero, Sylvester & Marie

H

Hengl, John
Hengl, Mrs. Jan
Hernandez Sr., Cesar A.
Hernandez, Mr. Cesar
Hernandez, Paquita
Hickey, Carol
Hickey, Charles
Higgins, Mr. & Mrs. Daniel
Hoyt, Marie & William
Hubert, Frank
Hubert, Ms. Diane
Hughes, John J.
Hughes, Mr. & Mrs. J.
Humen, Alex
Humen-Pike, Karrianne

I

Ianora, Angelina & Dominick
Ianora, Carmine
Ianora, Gloria & Armand
Iorio, Pasquale & Christina
Iorio, Vincent

J

Jackson, Sonia

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Jacoby, Paul & Sophie

K

Kalandranis, Mr. & Mrs. George
Kamitsis, Ms. Maureen
Kcira, Lazer
Kean, John
Kean, Mrs. Ann
Kerins, Ms. Deanna
Ketcham, Mr. John
Kos, Antonina & John
Kuhnle, Glenn
Kuljanic, Maria
Kurth, Thomas

L

L., Fidela
L., Ricardo
La Rosa, Eleanor & Alfred
Lamzara, Albert & Lillian
Langone, Margaret
Lanzara, Albert & Lillian
Lazarowitz, Shirley & Jacob
Lenzo, Teresa
Levine, Marlene
Lista, Dominick
Lopez, Mr. & Mrs. Peter
Lorenzo, Dominick
Lorenzo, Larry
Lorenzo, Mrs. Charlotte
Loud, Mary
Lukich, Jack
Lukich, Mary Ann
Lynch, Diane
Lynch, Thomas

M

M. Gurnick Family
M., Peter & Betty
Machado, Angela
Machado, Carmela
Malvermi, Vittoria
Mancuso Family
Mancuso, Frank
Mancuso, Mr. & Mrs. Salvatore
Manzo, Michael & Joanna
Marchassalla, Mrs. Michael
Marchesi, Ennio
Marchesi, Ennio & Rose
Marchesi, Mr. & Mrs. Louis
Marchesi, Mr. & Mrs. Steven
Marchesi, Rose
Marcucci, Louis & Ann
Marino, Carol
Marino, Victoria
Marusic, Dana
Masluk, Jerzy
Masluk, Mrs. Helena
Massimo, Theresa
McCann, Joseph Anthony
McCann, Mary Ethel
McCarthy Jr., Michael
McLernon, Donna
McLernon, Jeanne & William Jr.
McNamara, Mr. & Mrs. Patrick
McNamara, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas
McName, Gerry
Mecca, Margaret
Medina, Juan
Medina, Maximina
Melnick, Ann
Melnick, George
Melnick, William
Meola, Marion
Meraci, Peter & Betty
Messina, Carmela
Messina, Giovanni & Michelina
Messina, Mr. & Mrs. Giovanni
Mihelakelis, Helen & Charles
Mincone, Mr. & Mrs. Phillip
Mincone, Phyliss & Anthony
Mohr, Mrs. Letizia
Mohr, Richard
Murphy, Rosalie
Muzic, Alizilija
My Intention

N

Nagy, Vilma & Jozsef
Napoli, Mary & Joseph
Nebbari, Mrs. Maria
Niakas, Mr. & Mrs. Angelo
Niakas, Olga & Christos
Nieman, Michael
Nikac, Djusta
Nunez Filion, Mrs. Maria

O

O'Connor, Mary
O'Connor, Mr. & Mrs. Michael
O'Connor, Patrick
O'Donnell, Mr. & Mrs. Charles

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P

Palazzolo, Yolanda & Natale
Paleologos, Nick
Palladino, Mr. & Mrs. Richard
Papanicalaou, Kyriacos & Mary
Papanicalaou, Mr. & Mrs. Michael
Pellerzi, Ida & Augusto
Pellerzi, John C.
Pellerzi, Mrs. Ann
Petosa, Antonio & Carmela
Petosa, Rita
Pettofrezzo, Philomena
Piazzola, Ellen
Piazzola, Michael
Poggio, Carlo & Antonietta
Pomares, Laura
Prete, Ferdinando
Profeta, Eda
Purich, Mrs. Maria

Q

Quaresimo, Mr. & Mrs. Rob
Quinn, Raymond & Eileen

R

Rallis, Mary
Rama, Mr. & Mrs. Jose
Ramirez, Carlos
Ratkowski, Ms. Dolores K.
Richter, Lynn
Riviello, Angela
Riviello, Antonia
Rivillo, Domenico
Rogers, Irma
Russack, Barbara
Russack, Paul

S

Sacramone, Serafina
Sakatos, Stephen
Salas, Carmen
Salerno, Anthony
Salerno, Charles & Pearl
Salerno, Laura
Salerno, Michael
Salvatore, Nina
Salvio, John
Sandor, Robert
Sangirardi, Joseph
Santoro, Elena
Saraceni, Giuseppe & Concetta
Sawka, Joseph & Anna
Scavetta, Paul
Schinco, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph
Schinco, Teresa
Sferrazza, Calogero & Angela
Sferrazza, Mr. & Mrs. C.
Siano, Mr. & Mrs. Anthony
Silletti, Vito & Ottavia
Simeone, Carolyn
Simone, Francesco & Maria
Skinner, Mr. & Mrs. William
Soberal, Mr. & Mrs. Isaac
Sokolovic, Helen & Dominick
Spiteri, Joseph & Maria Assunta
Spiteri, Mr. & Mrs. Charlie
Spiteri, Mr. & Mrs. Michael
Spuler, Joseph
Steeneck, Gilda
Storou, Nina & Caesar
Sultana, Joseph & Carmela
Suppa, Olga

T

Tabone, Vincent
Taglioni, Bruno
Taglioni, Mrs. Lina
Tanalski, Josephine & Walter
Teta, Maria
Teta, Mr. & Mrs. Antonio
The Bleckman Family
The Bromley Family
The Camilla - DeVivo Family - Living
The Cervegnano & Giacchina Family
The Conlon & Tierney Family
The Da Corta Family
The Decicco Family
The Esposito Family
The Forgotten Deceased
The Garcia Family
The Hughes Family
The J. Sophie Family
The Lilli Family
The M. Gurnick Family
The Marchassalla Family
The Marchisella Family
The N. Pomares Family
The Papa Family
The Peri & Sangirardi Families
The Purich Family
The Rama Pequemo Family
The Saccone & Skinner Families

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

Thank You For Your Generosity!

EASTER FLOWER REMEMBRANCE

The Santagoto Family
The Sferlazza Family
The Sferrazza Family
The Siano Family
The Simeone Family
The Trentacosti Family
Thompson, Andrew & Marie
Thompson, Mrs. Mary
Thomspon, Anne & William
Thomspon, Mary & Wm Reuben
Toto, Louise
Toto, Mary
Traina, Angelina & Joseph
Trentacosti, Michael
Trentacosti, Mrs. Mary

U

Ulmschneider, Thomas
Urem, Ms. Marie

V

Varenne, Henry
Verde, Diane
Vigano, Ambrose & Ines
Viola, Mr. & Mrs. Vincent
Viscovich, Mrs. Silvia
Vitalie, Faro & Frances
Vlakancic, Mrs. Liljana
Vollaro Sr., Anthony
Vollaro, Annette
Vollaro, Helen
Volpe, Delia & Leonard

W

Walsh, Daniel E.
Walsh, Mae & John F.
Ward, Michael & Hannah
Ward, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph
Wile, Jean Marie
Wood, Christopher
Wright, Arthur
Wytak, Mr. & Mrs. George

X

Xuereb, Mr. & Mrs. Arthur
Xuereb, Mr. & Mrs. Paul

Y

Yopez, Fabrizio

Z

Zilinski, Maureen
Zilinski, Mr. & Mrs. Walter
Zoeller, Maura
Zucchelli, Ottorino Livio
Zuliani, P.
Zuliani, Pietro

Christus Resurrexit!

Sic, Resurrexit!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Christ is Risen!
Indeed, He is risen!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

SFA YOUTH PAGE

REGINA COELI

O QUEEN OF HEAVEN

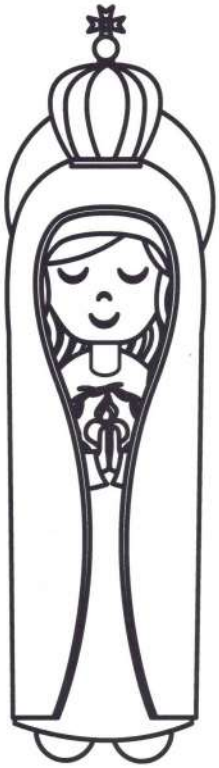
V/. Queen of Heaven, rejoice, *alleluia*.
R/. For He whom you did merit to bear, *alleluia*.

V/. Has risen, as he said, *alleluia*.
R/. Pray for us to God, *alleluia*.

V/. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, *alleluia*.
R/. For the Lord has truly risen, *alleluia*.

Let us pray. O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord.

R/. Amen.



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What is the Regina Coeli?

The Regina Coeli means "*Queen of Heaven*" in Latin. It is an ancient antiphon (a short prayer sung or recited) addressed to the Blessed Virgin Mary during the Easter Season.

The prayer celebrates the resurrection of Jesus and invites Mary to rejoice with the whole Church because her Son has risen from the dead, just as He promised.

The Regina Coeli has been part of Catholic Tradition since at least the 12th Century. According to a beautiful legend, Pope St. Gregory the Great heard angels singing this prayer in Rome during a plague—and when he joined in, the plague ended.

During Eastertide, the Catholic Church replaces the Angelus with this special prayer. It is one of the most joyful Marian prayers in the entire Catholic Tradition.

Youth Group Meeting!

When:
Friday May 1st, 2026

Time:
6:00PM-7:30PM

Where:
Monsignor Campbell Hall

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PROUDLY PRESENTS

RADIO BINGO

FRIDAY - MAY 8, 2026

DOOR PRIZES!!

RAFFLES 50/50!

DOORS OPEN 6:00PM
BINGO STARTS AT 7:00PM

ADVANCED TICKETS SALES ONLY $50
INCLUDES BINGO TICKETS, DJ, AND ENTRY TO DOOR PRIZES!

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15TH & FRIDAY, APRIL 17TH 6:30-8:30PM
AT SFACA MSGR. MARESCA CENTER

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI LOWER CHURCH - MSGR. THOMAS P. CAMPBELL HALL

21ST AVENUE & 46TH STREET - ASTORIA - 718-726-9405

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Join us for the best party in town! There's awesome music, people, raffles and games that are guaranteed to get you in your party mood . Don't miss out and we will see you there!

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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