Sixth Sunday of Easter

Mass Intentions

Sunday, May 10	*Sixth Sunday of Easter*
8:00AM	**Holy Name Mass**
9:30AM	**Patricia Hili**
11:00AM	**Mother's Day Novena**
	Andrew & Concetta Gandolfo
	Gizella Fulop
	David Walsh
	John Mondello
	Assunta Di Benedetto
	Tiziana Bruno
	William Martin
	Cesare Dundara
	David Dundara
Monday, May 11	*Monday of the Sixth Week Of Easter*
9:00AM	**Mother's Day Novena**
Tuesday, May 12	*Tuesday of the Sixth Week Of Easter*
9:00AM	**Mother's Day Novena**
Wednesday, May 13	*Our Lady of Fatima*
9:00AM	**Mother's Day Novena**
Thursday, May 14	***Feast of the Ascension of the Lord***
	Holy Day of Obligation
9:00AM	**Mother's Day Novena**
11:00AM	**Charles Attard**
7:30PM	**Rosalia Valenti**
Friday, May 15	*St. Isidore*
9:00AM	**Mother's Day Novena**
Saturday, May 16	*Saturday of the Sixth Week of Easter*
9:00AM	**Purgatorial Society**
	Mother's Day Novena
	Bishop Thomas V. Daily
5:00PM	**Joseph & Rose Avitabile**
Sunday, May 17	*Seventh Sunday of Easter*
8:00AM	**For the People of St. Francis Of Assisi**
9:30AM	**Rosetta Brucculeri**
11:00AM	**Maria Samu**
	Mary Loud
	John Mondello
	Assunta Di Benedetto
	Pietro Marchini
	Carlos Davila
	Cameron Zappolo
	Rosemarie Razza
	Peter Lucchino

Today's Readings

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:5-8,14-17
1 Peter 3:15-18
John 14:15-21

"If you love Me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him or knows Him. You know Him, because He abides with you, and He will be in you.
I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see Me, but you will see Me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in Me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love Me; and those who love Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love them and reveal Myself to them."

Readings For The Week

Monday	***Acts 16:11-15***
	John 15:26—16:4a
Tuesday	***Acts 16:22-34***
	John 16:5-11
Wednesday	***Acts 17:15,22—18:1***
	John 16:12-15
Thursday	***Acts 1:1-11***
	Ephesians 1:17-23
	Matthew 28:16-20
Friday	***Acts 18:9-18***
	John 16:20-23
Saturday	***Acts 18:23-28***
	John 16:23b-28

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:12-14
1 Peter 4:13-16
John 17:1-11a

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
Joseph & Eunju Carbone

FOCUS:

I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

As Christians we are called to share the Good News. Saint Peter challenges us to be ready to give an account of the hope that we have in Christ, but to do so with gentleness. As the old saying goes, we attract others more easily with honey than with vinegar. But it isn't always easy to evangelize, and we have no guarantee of how we will be received. We need God's love and the power of the Holy Spirit, the promised Advocate, to fulfill this task.

St. Francis of Assisi Scripture Study

"Then he saw wisdom and appraised her, established her, and searched her out. And to mortals he said: See: the fear of the Lord is wisdom; and avoiding evil is understanding." (Job 28:27-28)

Dear SFA Family & Friends,

The Scripture Study Group ***will not*** meet on May 14th in observance of the Feast Day of the Ascension. All are invited to join us on **Thursday, May 21st**, in the St. Joseph Room of the Rectory from 7:20PM to 8:50PM. We will continue our study on **The Book of Job 20-28.**

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 encounters 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.

Memorials for The week of May 10, 2026

Altar Candles
In Loving Memory of
Carmela Dimilta

Requested By:
Rachela &
Mary Ann Filardi

From the Pastor's Desk:

My Dear Parishioners,

The mystery of the Easter event is so great that the Church has set aside an entire Fifty days of the liturgical year to celebrate and savor the Paschal Mystery, the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus. These are joyful days for Christians, days of new birth and renewal in Christ.

The Acts of the Apostles gives witness to the importance of the role of the Holy Spirit in guiding the birth of the Church. According to today's account from Acts, Philip undertook his preaching of the Good News of Jesus to the Gentiles of Samaria with great success. The immediate reception of the Christian message by the Samaritans and signs of healing, which Philip brought about, were clear indications, not of his individual power, but that of the power of the Holy Spirit at work within him. Peter and John were sent from Jerusalem to invoke the Holy Spirit on a new community of believers who had recently been baptized. Even in the face of persecution, signs of the Holy Spirit were found in the courageous efforts of the apostolic community to persevere and joyfully take the message of Jesus into the world. The work of the Spirit was found in their embrace of Christ's suffering, death and resurrection and led to new life and growth in the early Church.

The presence of the Holy Spirit in our own lives today is a reason for us to have hope. Peter reminds us to be ready all the time to give an explanation for the hope we have in Jesus, just in case someone asks. Would we be able to give a reason? Our answer should be that our hope rests in the *Paschal Mystery.* The essence of Peter's message to us is that it is better to suffer for doing *good* than for doing evil. Reflect on your lives and name the sufferings you would like to share with Jesus. It could be chronic pain, depression, fear, lack of self-confidence, alcoholism, personal problems, finances, job loss, laziness or even death. The causes for suffering are as numerous as the stars in the heavens. Our *hope* is that the Holy Spirit will guide us as we embrace the suffering and death with Christ that leads to new life in the Spirit.

Most importantly, we find great hope in the promise of the Holy Spirit in today's gospel message which is permeated with the action verb *will.* Jesus repeatedly uses this verb throughout his instructions to the disciples. If you love me and keep my commandments: I *will* ask the Father; he *will* send you another Advocate; the Spirit *will* be in you; I *will* come back to you; you *will* see me; you *will* live; you *will* know that I am in the Father and you are in me, and I in you. We couldn't ask for any more explicit assurance of Jesus' promise that is found in these words. The only thing that Jesus asks of us is that we love him and treat others with kindness, respect, patience, forgiveness and compassion. And even if people don't ask us for our reason for hope, they will see by our joy that God's Spirit lives in us.

All the Blessings of the Risen Lord,
Msgr. Maresca

Happy Mother's Day

"To be a mother is to nourish and protect true humanity and bring it to development."

St. Teresa Benedicta

Happy Mother's Day to all Mothers, Step-Mothers, Grandmothers, Aunts, Godmothers, and all those in a Motherly Role!

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
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IORIO FAMILY
SONNY & ROSEMARY (COOKIE) RAGONESE
FELIX JOSEPH DE VITO
JOHN PURICH
WILLIAM LEDONE
LOUIS & THERESA FALCO
NICK & MILLIE MISTRETTA
FRANK & ADELINA FALZETTI
VINCENZO & MARIA FALCO
VICTORIA MARINO
JERZY MASLUK
DOLORES & FERDINANDO PRETE

Lovely Lady Dressed In Blue

Lovely Lady dressed in Blue - teach me how to pray!
God was just your little boy, tell me what to say!

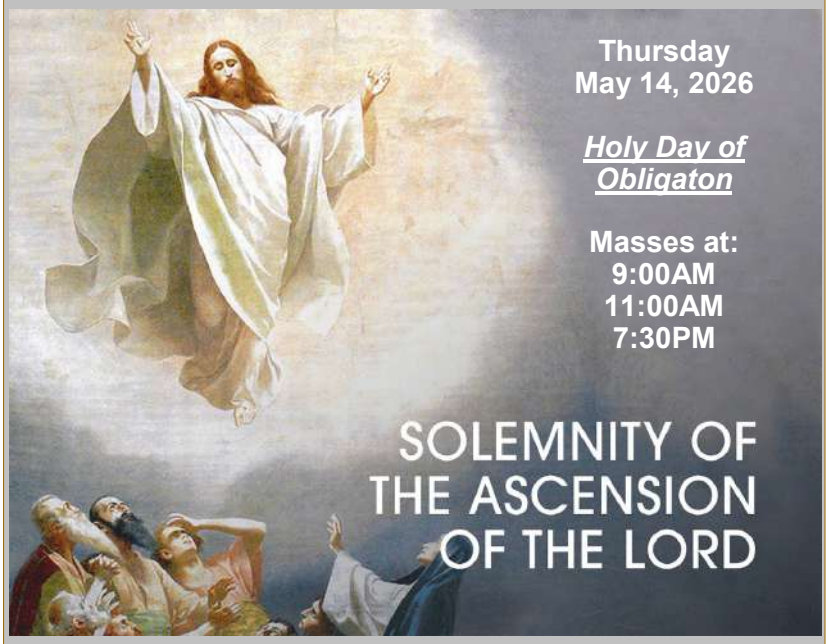
Did you lift Him up, sometimes, Gently on your knee?
Did you sing to Him the way Mother does to me?

Did you hold His hand at night? Did you ever try
Telling stories of the world? O! And did He cry?

Do you really think He cares if I tell Him things -
Little things that happen? And do the Angels' wings

Make a noise? And can He hear Me if I speak low?
Does He understand me now? Tell me - for you know?

Lovely Lady dressed in Blue - teach me how to pray!
God was just your little boy, And you know the way.



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

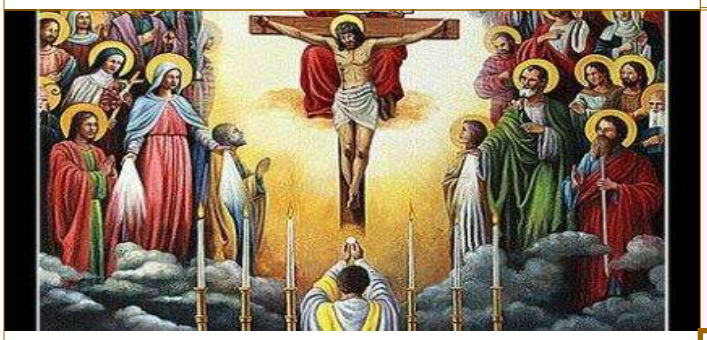
Eucharistic Adoration takes place Monday through Saturday, from 8:00AM to 8:50AM. As Pope St. John Paul II has said, "Christian life is expressed in the fulfilling of the greatest Commandment, that is to say, in the love of God and neighbor, and this love finds its source in the Blessed Sacrament….Eucharistic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

May 10, 2026

"Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves Me. And whoever loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him." Is your love for the Lord leading you to grow in holiness as a priest, deacon, or in the 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.

May 2/3: **$3,267**

School Parents must use Church Envelopes.

Mass Attendance For May 2/3, 2026

5:00PM	**93**
8:00AM	**56**
9:30AM	**223**
11:00AM	**97**
	Total: 469

Mother's Day Novena Masses

Enroll your Mother, living or deceased, in our Mother's Day Novena Masses, which are being celebrated this week.
You may return your envelope in any collection. Envelopes can be found at the back of the Church.

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 **$22,627** pledged towards our goal.

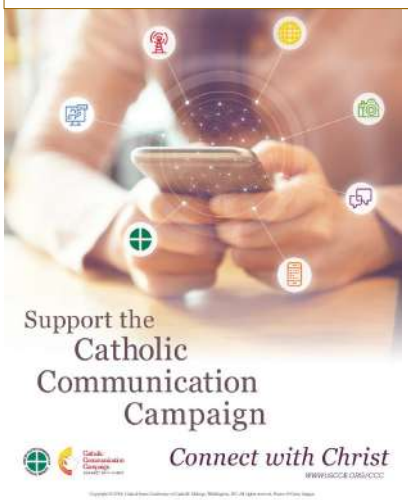
I ask you to prayerfully reflect on what you are able to contribute to support the appeal.
The monies contributed goes to Vocations, Care for retired priest, Faith Formation, Catholic Charities, Chaplaincies, Catholic Migration Services, and Catholic School Tuition Assistance.
Please make every effort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

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.



Second Collection
Next Sunday,
May 16/17, 2026

Next Sunday, May 16th and May 17th, we will have a Second Collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign.

Please be as generous as your means allow.

Calendar of Events

This Week

May 10 - May 16

Sunday, May 10
Mother's Day

Monday, May 11
School Cultural Week
12:00 NOON Golden Age Mass - Church
1:00PM Golden Age Meeting - MCH
3:00PM Children's Choir - Church
7:00PM Adult Choir - Church

Tuesday, May 12
6:30PM AA Meeting - Rectory Basement

Wednesday, May 13
6:00PM ACA Support Group - St. Joseph Room
7:00PM Baptism Class
7:45PM Bereavement Group - St. Joseph Room

Thursday, May 14
Feast of the Ascension of the Lord
Holy Day of Obligation
Masses at 9:00AM, 11:00AM, & 7:30PM
10:00AM Legion of Mary - SFR

Friday, May 15

Saturday, May 16

The Ascension of the Lord into heaven.

Next Week

May 17 - May 23

Sunday, May 17
9:30AM Last Children's Liturgy

Monday, May 18
12:00 NOON Golden Age - MCH
3:00PM Children's Choir Party- Church
7:00PM Adult Choir - Church

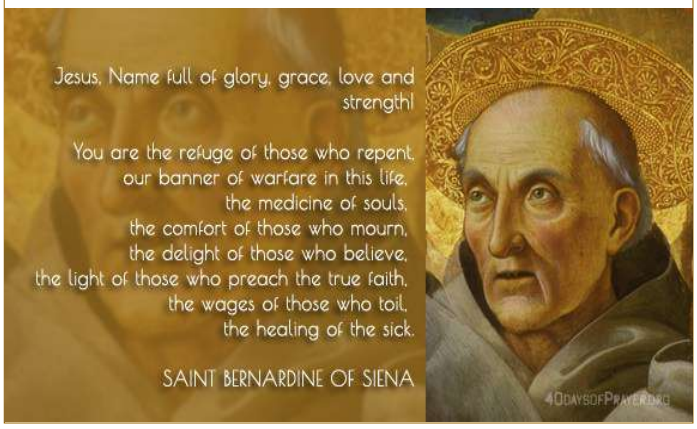
Tuesday, May 19
1:45PM SFACA Student Debate Showcase - MCH
6:30PM AA Meeting - Rectory Basement

Wednesday, May 20
3:00PM Drama Club - MCH
6:00PM ACA Support Group - St. Joseph Room
7:45PM Bereavement Group - St. Joseph Room

Thursday, May 21
10:00AM Legion of Mary - SFR
10:45AM Student Band Concert - MCH
3:30PM Drama Club Performance Rehearsal - MCH
6:00PM IACA - SFR
7:20PM Scripture Study - SFR

Friday, May 22
School Closed

Saturday, May 23



St. Bernardine of Siena, Wednesday May 20th.

SFA YOUTH PAGE

Thank you!

The Youth Group would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the parishioners for their generous support and encouragement. Thanks to their participation in our raffle and through thoughtful donations, we were able to raise a total of $650.

The kindness and willingness to support our efforts mean so much. These funds will help us continue our activities and grow together in faith and community.
We are truly grateful to be part of such a caring and supportive parish family.

Thank you again for making this effort such a success.

If you would like more information about the Youth Group, please email: sfayouthgroup2117@gmail.com.

Congratulations to our Raffle Winners:
Summer Fun Basket: Laura Pomares
Gardening Basket: Nico Oter

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC ACADEMY

CELEBRATE | HONOR | REMEMBER

To recognize and celebrate all of those who have or are serving, we will be displaying American Flags along the gate in front of our school starting on Memorial Day, May 25th through the end of July.

If you would like to memorialize a flag(s), please send the tear-off below by Wednesday, May 20, 2026.

$15 Each

Small messages of dedication will be attached to each flag.

Some examples are:

In Loving Memory of Jane Doe The Smith Family	In Honor of Jane Doe The Smith Family	Thank You for your service Jane Doe United States Navy The Smith Family

The Smith Family

Please return to school with payment by Wednesday, May 20th

Name _____ **Grade** _____

Message (Please Print)

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Message (Please Print)

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Number of Flags _____ **x $15 =** _____ **Enclosed**

Cash or check payable to St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Academy

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GOLF

OUTING 2026

Friday, May 15 2026

Pelham Bay Split Rock Golf Club

Early Bird Special

REGISTRATION INCLUDES:

- 7:00am Hot Breakfast
- 8:00am Shotgun Start
- 1:00 pm Pelham Bay Southern BBQ Lunch
- Parking, Bag Drop, and Refreshments

Individual Golfer: $225
($250 after April 30th)

Foursome (4 golfers): $900
($1,000 after April 30th)

Register Now!
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St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Academy

75th Anniversary Celebration

Celebration & Fundraiser

LIVE MUSIC * GAMES * KIDS ACTIVITES
RAFFLES * MEMORABILIA

Adult Ticket Includes BEER & BITES
Children's Ticket Includes JUICE & SNACKS
Tickets Available at Eventbrite

SUNDAY JUNE 28 - 1pm

Join the 11am Celebratory Mass at St. Francis of Assisi Roman Catholic Church

Scan for Tickets

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

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.

For more information, please contact Sr. Francesca at 718-278-0259, ext. 121, or dre@sfaacademy.org