Twelfth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

Sunday, June 21	*Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
8:00AM	**For the People of St. Francis Of Assisi**
9:30AM	**Pawla Vella**
11:00AM	**Father's Day Novena** **John Mondello (L)** **Assunta Di Benedetto** **Andrew & Concetta Gandolfo** **Giuseppe Carlino** **Domenick Di Donato**
Monday, June 22	*Saints John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs*
9:00AM	**Father's Day Novena**
Tuesday, June 23	*Weekday*
9:00AM	**Father's Day Novena**
Wednesday, June 24	*The Solemnity of The Nativity of St. John the Baptist*
9:00AM	**Father's Day Novena**
Thursday, June 25	*Weekday*
9:00AM	**Father's Day Novena**
Friday, June 26	*Weekday*
9:00AM	**Father's Day Novena**
Saturday, June 27	*St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop & Doctor of the Church*
9:00AM	**Purgatorial Society** **Father's Day Novena** **Michael Bartolo** **Leticia G. Morales**
5:00PM	**For the People of St. Francis Of Assisi**
Sunday, June 28	*Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
8:00AM	**Natale Palazzolo**
9:30AM	**Cecilia Espinoza**
11:00AM	**School 75th Anniversary Mass**
4:00PM	**San Antonio Abate Mass**

Today's Readings

The Twelfth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 20:10-13
Romans 5:12-15
Matthew 10:26-33

So Jesus said to the Twelve: "Fear no one. Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known. What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light; what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna. Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge. Even all the hairs of your head are counted. So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father. But whoever denies me before others, I will deny before my heavenly Father."

Readings For The Week

Monday	***2 Kings 17:5-8,13-15a,18*** ***Matthew 7:1-5***
Tuesday	***2 Kings 19:9b-11,14-21, 31-35a,36*** ***Matthew 7:6,12-14***
Wednesday	***Isaiah 49:1-6*** ***Acts 13:22-26*** ***Luke 1:57-66,80***
Thursday	***2 Kings 24:8-17*** ***Matthew 7:21-29***
Friday	***2 Kings 25:1-12*** ***Matthew 8:1-4***
Saturday	***Lamentations 2:2,10-14,18-19*** ***Matthew 8:5-17***

The Thirteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

2 Kings 4:8-11,14-16a
Romans 6:3-4,8-11
Matthew 10:37-42

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
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Jan Hengl
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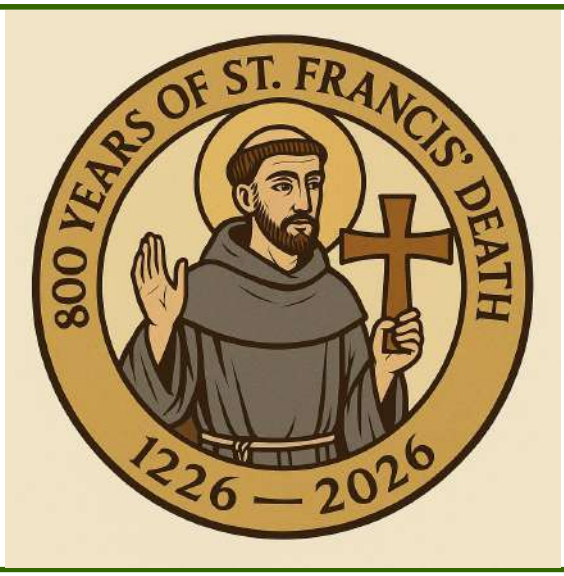
Joseph & Eunju Carbone



FOCUS:

The Gospel calls us to acknowledge Christ without fear.

The Gospel calls us to acknowledge Christ without fear. It might seem that there is a good reason to be afraid, but God is on our side as a mighty champion. Protected by His almighty power, we have no cause for fear. His providence covers all things, from the little birds we hear about in today's Gospel to the grand sweep of salvation history outlined in the second reading.

Peace Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

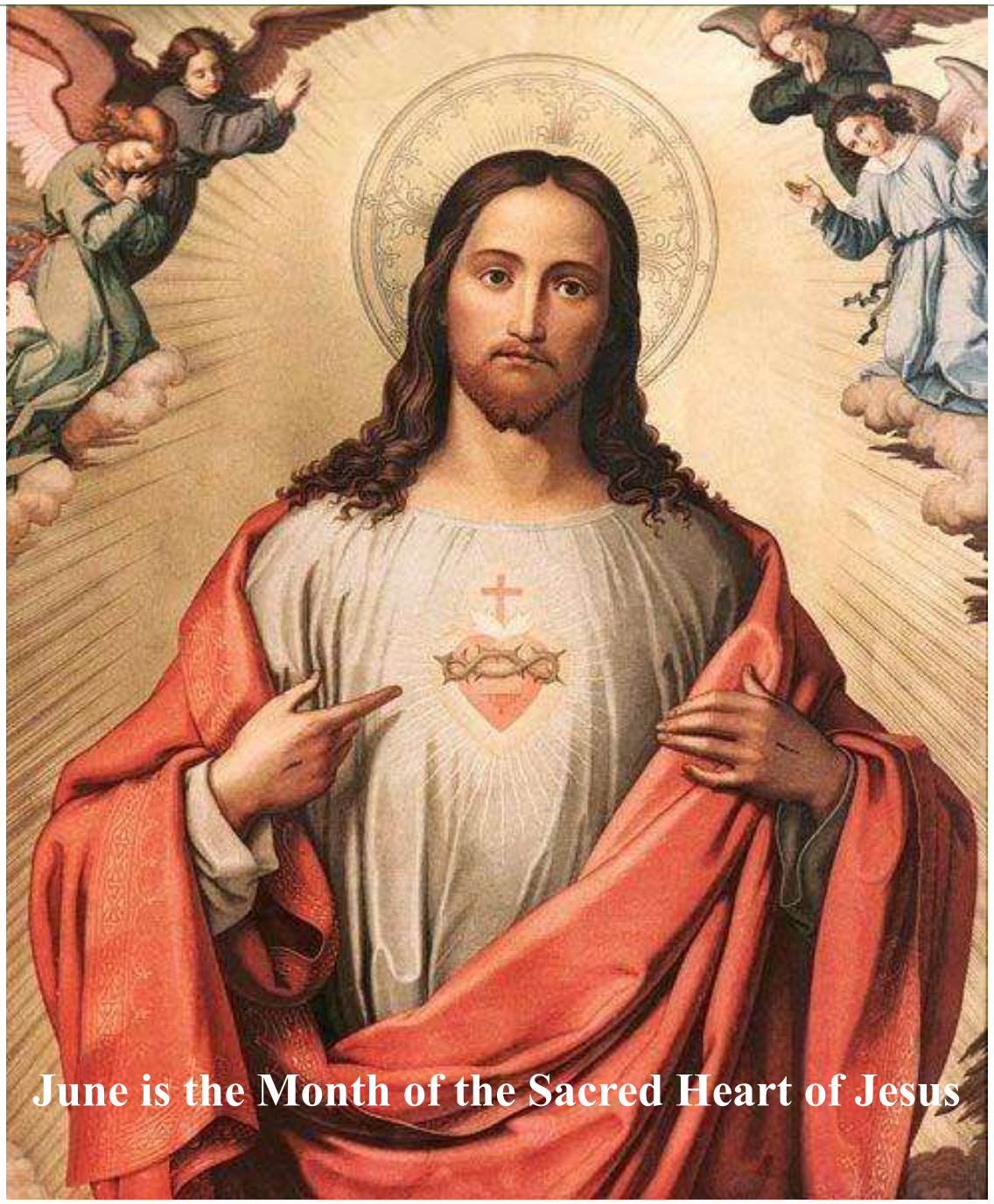
Prayer for the Special Year of St. Francis Provided by Pope Leo XIV

Saint Francis, our brother, you who eight hundred years ago went to meet Sister Death as a man at peace, intercede for us before the Lord.

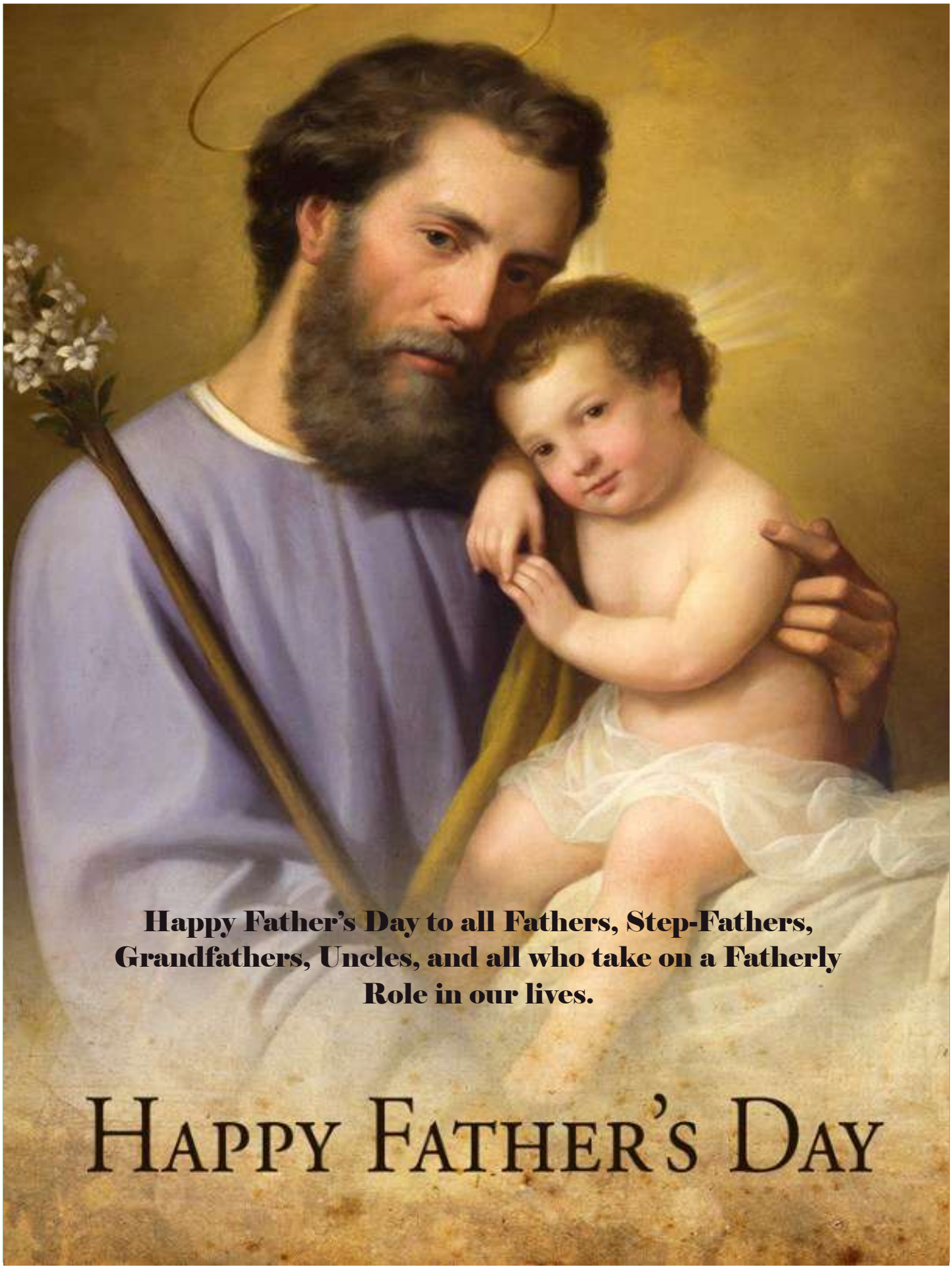
You recognized true peace in the Crucifix of San Damiano, teach us to seek in Him the source of all reconciliation that breaks down every wall.

You who, unarmed, crossed the lines of war and misunderstanding, give us the courage to build bridges where the world raises up boundaries.

In this time afflicted by conflict and division, intercede for us so that we may become peacemakers: unarmed and disarming witnesses of the peace that comes from Christ.
Amen.



O most Sacred Heart of Jesus: You know the longings of our hearts, and You desire that we enjoy friendship with You. From Your pierced side, You have poured out the wellspring of life, for which we thirst. You heart burns with a love for all people to return to a right relationship with You. We celebrate the abundant gifts You have given this nation, founded on the self-evident truths that our Creator has endowed all people with the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We make reparation for the offenses against You and against human dignity that have taken place in this nation. May our hearts be united to Yours, so that our families and communities enjoy peace and happiness; may broken relationships be reconciled, injustices repaired, and the wounds of our land be healed. May Your holy Catholic Church serve as a sign, pointing all people to Your infinite love. O Desire of Nations and Center of History, we ask You to bless these United States of America. Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.
Amen.


Happy Father's Day to all Fathers, Step-Fathers, Grandfathers, Uncles, and all who take on a Fatherly Role in our lives.
HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Summertime

As the Summer is upon us, many go away or are out of town for the weekends. May I ask you to please continue your weekly offering. Your support is essential for the parish during the summer months. As you know, like yourselves, we still have our monthly bills to be paid. I appreciate your attention to this important matter. If you plan to go away for the summer, please hand in your envelopes before you leave. For your information our fiscal year ends August 31st, and the new fiscal year begins September 1st.
I want to wish each of you a restful and relaxing summer.
THANK YOU for all you do in supporting our parish.
Msgr. Maresca

Summer Church & Rectory Hours

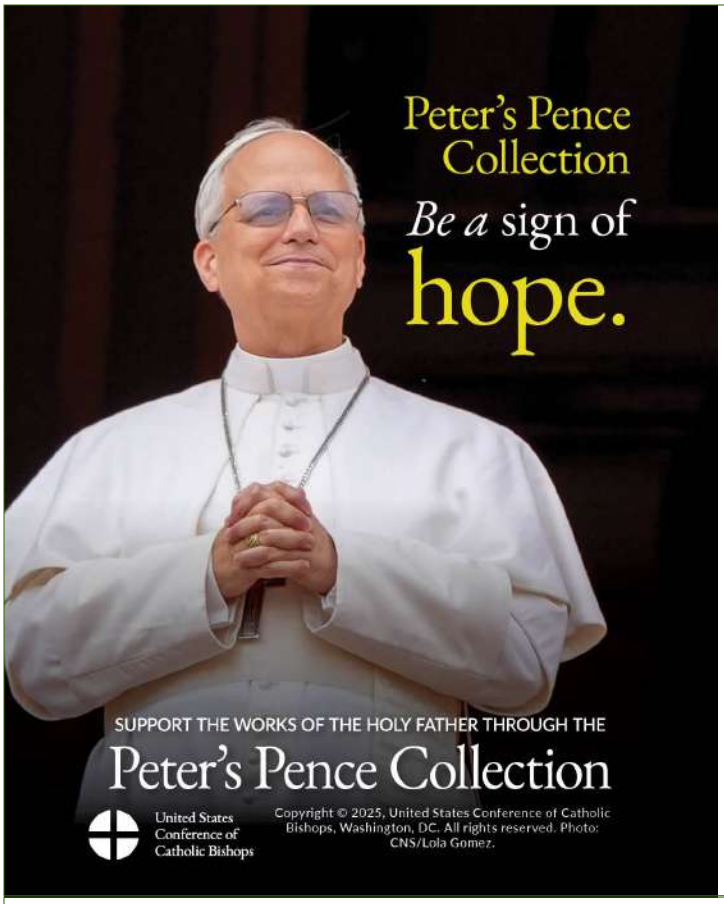
Summer Church Hours:
Monday through Saturday: Church will open at 8:00AM
Sunday: Church will open at 7:30AM

Summer Rectory Office Hours will begin on Monday, June 22nd:
Monday through Thursday:
9:00AM to 12:00NOON; 1:00PM to 5:00PM
NO EVENING HOURS

Friday:
9:00AM to 3:00PM
NO EVENING HOURS

Saturday:
9:00AM to 2:00PM

Sundays and Holidays: CLOSED



Peter's Pence Collection Next Weekend, June 27/28, 2026

"Together, as one people, as brothers and sisters, let us walk towards God and love one another."

- Pope Leo XIV, Homily at Mass for the Beginning of the Pontificate of Pope Leo XIV, May 18, 2025

For centuries, Catholics have expressed our unity with the Pope by giving to the Peter's Pence Collection, which supports his mission to proclaim Christ's message of unity and peace with the world. Our gifts to the Holy Father are "concrete signs of hope" to Pope Leo XIV that fulfill the two aims of Peter's Pence: **1) To support the Holy Father's mission**, which extends throughout the entire world, from the proclamation of the Gospel to the promotion of integral human development, education, peace, and brotherhood among peoples: thanks also to the many activities of service carried out by the dicasteries, bodies and organs of the Holy See that assist him every day; and **2) To support the numerous charitable works** in aid of people and families in difficulty, populations afflicted by natural disasters and wars, or who are in need of humanitarian assistance or support for development.

For more information on Peter's Pence, please visit the Vatican's Peter's Pence website: www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html.

Be a sign of hope with your generosity.

*Taken from the USCCB website

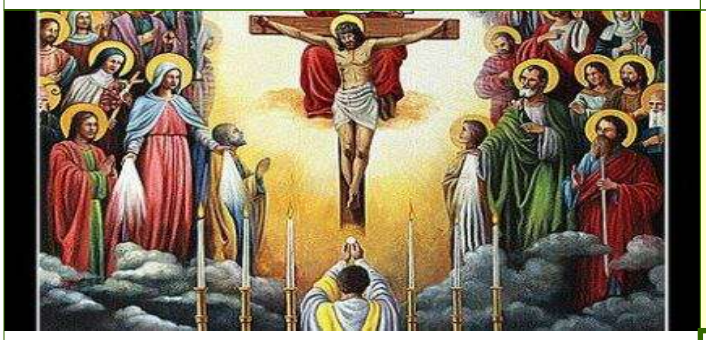
Monthly Baptisms:

Beginning next month, Monthly Baptisms which takes place on the last Sunday of each month will move to 12:30PM.

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 June 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.

Twelfth Sunday In Ordinary Time
Father's Day

June 21, 2026

"Be not afraid." Do not fear how Jesus is calling you to build His Church. If you are discerning your vocation, 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.

June 13/14: **$2,882**

School Parents must use Church Envelopes.

Mass Attendance For June 13/14, 2026

5:00PM	**69**
8:00AM	**53**
9:30AM	**89**
11:00AM	**118**
	Total: 329

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND JUNE 27/28, 2026

Our Second Collection next weekend is for Peter's Pence.

The Peter's Pence Collection is a gesture of solidarity through which every member of the faithful can participate in the activity of the Pope as Pastor of the Universal Church.
The faithful's offerings to the Holy Father through the Peter's Pence Collection are destined to Church needs, to humanitarian initiatives and social promotion projects, as well as to support the Holy See.

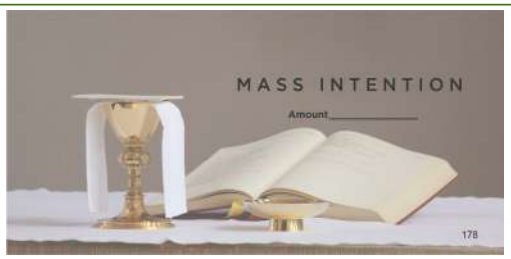
Annual Catholic Appeal

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 **$30,482** 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



Father's Day Novena Masses

Father's Day Novena Masses begin on Sunday June 21, 2026. You may return your envelopes in any collection. These envelopes will remain on the Altar at all Masses during the week.

These Masses are celebrated to remember our Living and Deceased Fathers, Grandfathers, Step-Fathers, Uncles, Godfathers, and all those Men who have been a fatherly figure in our lives.

Additional envelopes may be found at the back of the Church.

Calendar of Events

This Week

June 21 - June 27

Sunday, June 21
Father's Day

Monday, June 22
1/2 Day of School
Summer Rectory Office Hours Begin
10:00AM Kindergarten Graduation

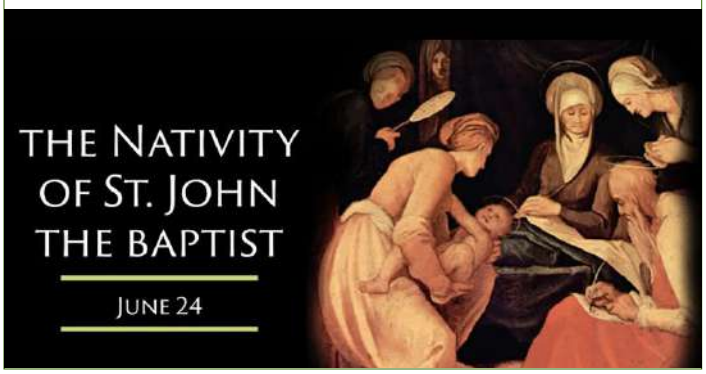
Tuesday, June 23
1/2 Day of School
6:30PM AA Meeting - Rectory Basement

Wednesday, June 24
Last Day of School
9:00AM Closing School Mass
6:00PM ACA Support Group - SFR
7:45PM Bereavement Group - SFR

Thursday, June 25
10:00AM Legion of Mary - SFR

Friday, June 26

Saturday, June 27



The Nativity of St. John the Baptist, Wednesday June 24th.

Next Week

June 28 - July 4

Sunday, June 28
11:00AM School 75th Anniversary Mass
12:30PM Baptisms
4:00PM San Antonio Abate Mass

Monday, June 29

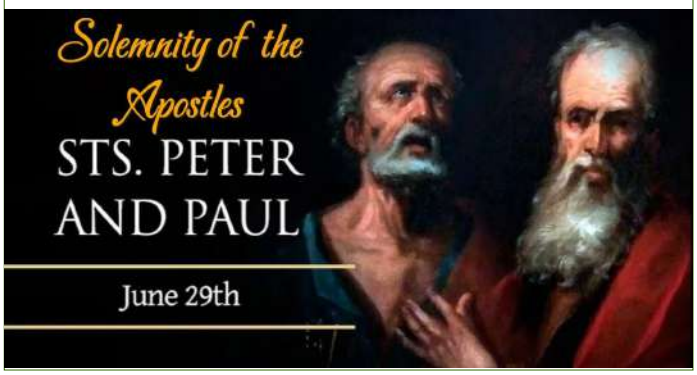
Tuesday, June 30
6:30PM AA Meeting - Rectory Basement

Wednesday, July 1
6:00PM ACA Support Group - SFR
7:45PM Bereavement Group - SFR

Thursday, July 2
10:00AM Legion of Mary - SFR

Friday, July 3

Saturday, July 4
Independence Day
Rectory Office Closed
9:00AM Anointing Mass



Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul, Monday June 29th.

July 2026

Lector & Minister Schedule

	14th Sunday in Ordinary Time	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
	July 4/5	July 11/12	July 18/19	July 25/26
Lectors				
Saturday 5:00PM	Debbi Skinner	Josephine Corso	Edward Kubina	Josephine Corso
Sunday 8:00AM	Rob Laucella	Andrew Soltesz	Rob Laucella	Andrew Soltesz
Sunday 9:30AM	Sharon Costanza	Maria Brooks	Sharon Costanza	Maria Brooks
Sunday 11:00AM	Jane Di Donato	Carol Hickey	Jane Di Donato	Carol Hickey
Ministers				
Saturday 5:00PM	*****	*****	*****	*****
Sunday 8:00AM	*****	*****	*****	*****
Sunday 9:30AM	*****	*****	*****	*****
Sunday 11:00AM	*****	*****	*****	*****

SFA WILDCATS CYO

Soccer Playoff Results!

Subnovice Boys beat St. Mel's 2-1: Goals made by Joseph Maerkle and the game winner by Sebastian Lena! They advance to the finals on Wednesday 6/17.

PeeWee Boys lost to RA 4-1: PeeWee Boys put in a great effort this season and finished in 3rd Place! The semi-final was a tough game against a strong opponent. There was a great performance all around. Francesco LoGiudice scored as forward alongside Leo Cotas; John Spero and Amadeo Buja took turns at goalie and defense; Stefano LoGiudice, Thomas Randazzo, and Niko Gevrekis were strong defenders; and Daniel Mura, Theo Coats, Aris Taylor, Giuseppe Cinquemani, Jace Hili, and Alex Moore did great work in the midfield.

Intermediate Boys made it to the finals but lost to Holy Child 4-1, ending a great season.

Bantam Boys won the semifinal game against Blue Lightning on Saturday, 6/13: The team showed extreme determination throughout the game including in overtime. The game was tied 1-1 at the end of regulation and after OT. The game then went into penalty kicks with a 5-4 win. Penalty kicks taken by Giorgio Marchesi, Christian Gomez, Matthew Mura, Ethan Vella, and Lorenzo Pirecca. Great performance by goalie Evan Vagelatos.

Bantam Boys lost the finals to Holy Child 2-1 on Sunday, 6/14: They pushed hard but unfortunately lost a close game. The only goal was scored by Ethan Vella. The team should be proud of their performance throughout this season and be ready for next season!

For more information, please contact: contactus@sfawildcats.org.

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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

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Are you someone, or do you know someone who:

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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

St. Francis of Assisi Office of Religious Education

REGISTRATION FORM – 2026-2027

Student Full Name	Date of Birth	Circle if Completed
1. _____	[_____]	_____ Baptism Communion

2. School Attending and Grade in September 2026:

_____

3. Sacrament needed: [circle please] *Baptism Communion Confirmation*

Father's Name:

_____ Living/Deceased ***(Circle one)*** Religion: _____

Mother's Name:

_____ Living/Deceased ***(Circle one)*** Religion: _____
Include maiden name

Phone 1: _____ Phone 2: _____
(Cell, Home, Mother, Father) *(Cell, Home, Mother, Father)*

Email 1: _____ Email 2: _____
(Mother) *(Father)*

Home Address _____
Street Town State Zip

EMERGENCY CONTACT: In case of emergency who should we contact other than Parent/s.

Name: _____ Relationship: _____ Contact Number: _____

Is there any additional information we should know? (Family situations. Medical conditions. Allergies. Special needs or other accommodations) If "NO" please write "NONE".

_____

Language spoken at home: English ____ Spanish ____ Italian ____ Other _____

Are you registered in the Parish? _____ If yes, envelope number: _____

I am interested in volunteering as a catechist, hall monitor, office assistant, or class parent. Please contact me. ☐

Tuition for the 2026-2027 Year

Registration Fee for Grades 1-8: **1 child** $100 **2 children or more** $175

Additional Fees: Grade 2: **First Communion Fee - $150.00** Grade 8: **Confirmation Fee - $150.00**

Family Name: _____

Grades: _____

Information Date added: _____

Registration remains open all year. *If you have any financial questions or scheduling conflicts, please do not hesitate to call our office so we can discuss your situation and work together to find a solution.*

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24 @ 7:00PM

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