Thirteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

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**
Monday, June 29	*Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul*
9:00AM	**Samame Wierman (L)**
Tuesday, June 30	*The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church*
9:00AM	**Luca Wierman (L)**
Wednesday, July 1	*St. Junipero Serra, Priest*
9:00AM	**Marie Montana**
Thursday, July 2	*Weekday*
9:00AM	**Ed Emerson**
Friday, July 3	*Feast of St. Thomas, Apostle*
9:00AM	**John Hengl**
Saturday, July 4	*Independence Day*
9:00AM	**Purgatorial Society** **The Living & Deceased Members Of The Legion of Mary and Their Families** **The Da Corta Family** **John Mondello (L)**
5:00PM	**John Marchassalla**
Sunday, July 5	*Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
8:00AM	**Katie Borgia**
9:30AM	**Anna Velluzzi**
11:00AM	**For the People of St. Francis Of Assisi** **John Mondello (L)** **Assunta Di Benedetto** **Joseph & Bridget Dudek** **Ahmar Sein**

Today's Readings

The Thirteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

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

Readings For The Week

Monday	***Acts 12:1-11*** ***2 Timothy 4:6-8,17-18*** ***Matthew 16:13-19***
Tuesday	***Amos 3:1-8; 4:11-12*** ***Matthew 8:23-27***
Wednesday	***Amos 5:14-15,21-24*** ***Matthew 8:28-34***
Thursday	***Amos 7:10-17*** ***Matthew 9:1-8***
Friday	***Ephesians 2:19-22*** ***John 20:24-29***
Saturday	***Amos 9:11-15*** ***Matthew 9:14-17***

The Fourteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Zechariah 9:9-10
Romans 8:9,11-13
Matthew 11:25-30

FOCUS:

Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward.

In the first reading we hear about the woman from Shunem who served God by her hospitality to His servant Elisha. She served Elisha because she knew he was a holy man of God. Jesus promises that whoever receives those He has sent receives not only Him, but His Heavenly Father as well. When we open our hearts to receive the Lord and His messengers, we receive the best reward: God's Divine Presence with us.

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

Thirteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

June 28, 2026

"He that should lose his life for me, shall find it." Find your life by answering God's call in your life. Seek Him as you strive for holiness. If you are discerning your vocation, contact the Vocation Office at:

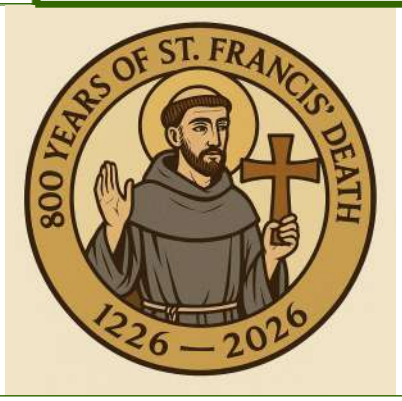
(718)-827-2454
vocations@diobrook.org

Diocese of Brooklyn Vocation Office

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

The July Lector & Minister Schedule **can be found by scanning this QR code, and then selecting the month you wish to view.**



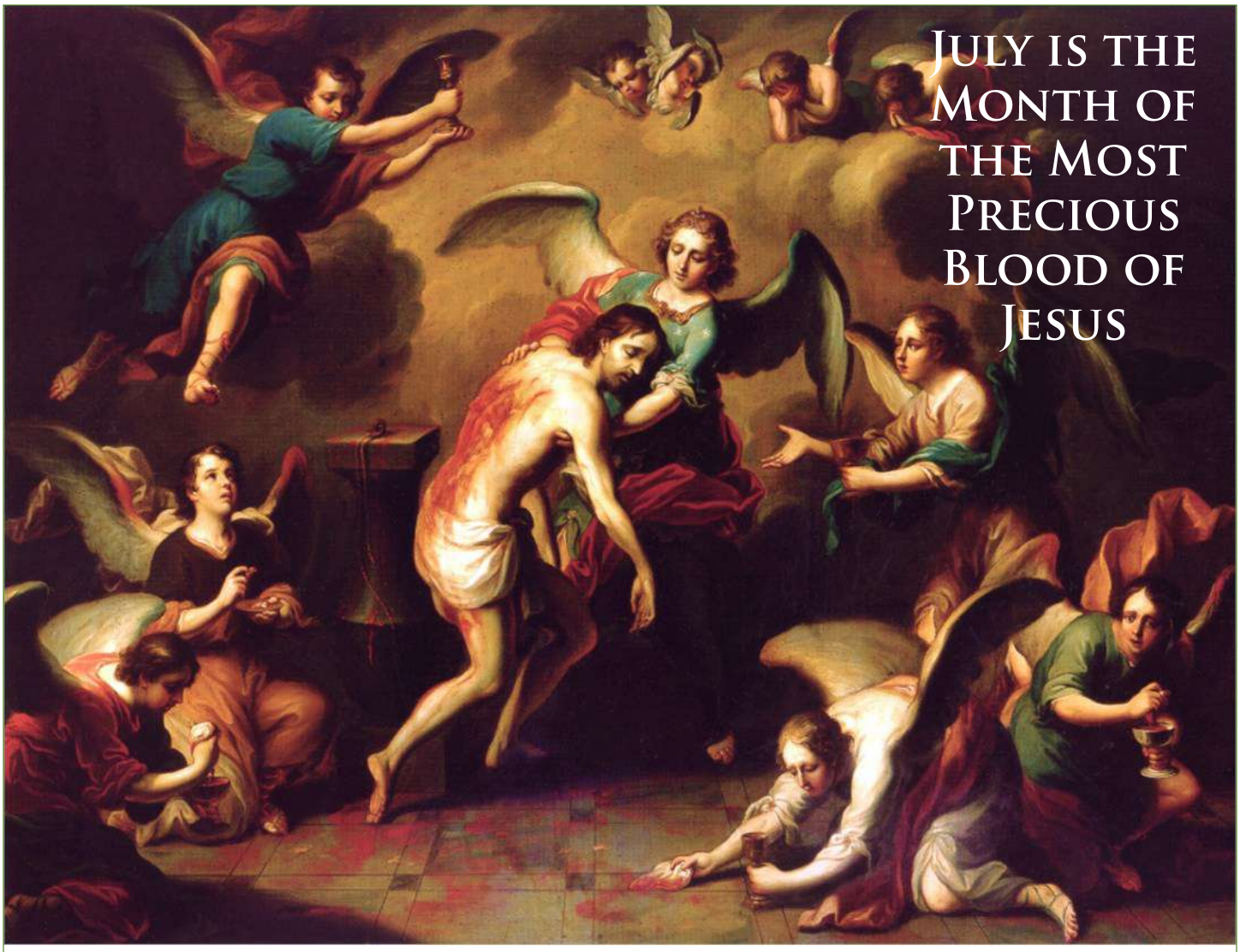
Prayer for the Special Year of St. Francis Provided by Pope Leo XIV

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.



Prayers for The Precious Blood of Jesus

A Powerful Prayer To Be Said Before Praying

"Almighty Father, I place the Precious Blood of Jesus before my lips before I pray, that my prayers may be purified before they ascend to Your divine altar." - St. Mary Magdalen de Pazzi

The "Constant" Prayer of St. Catherine of Siena

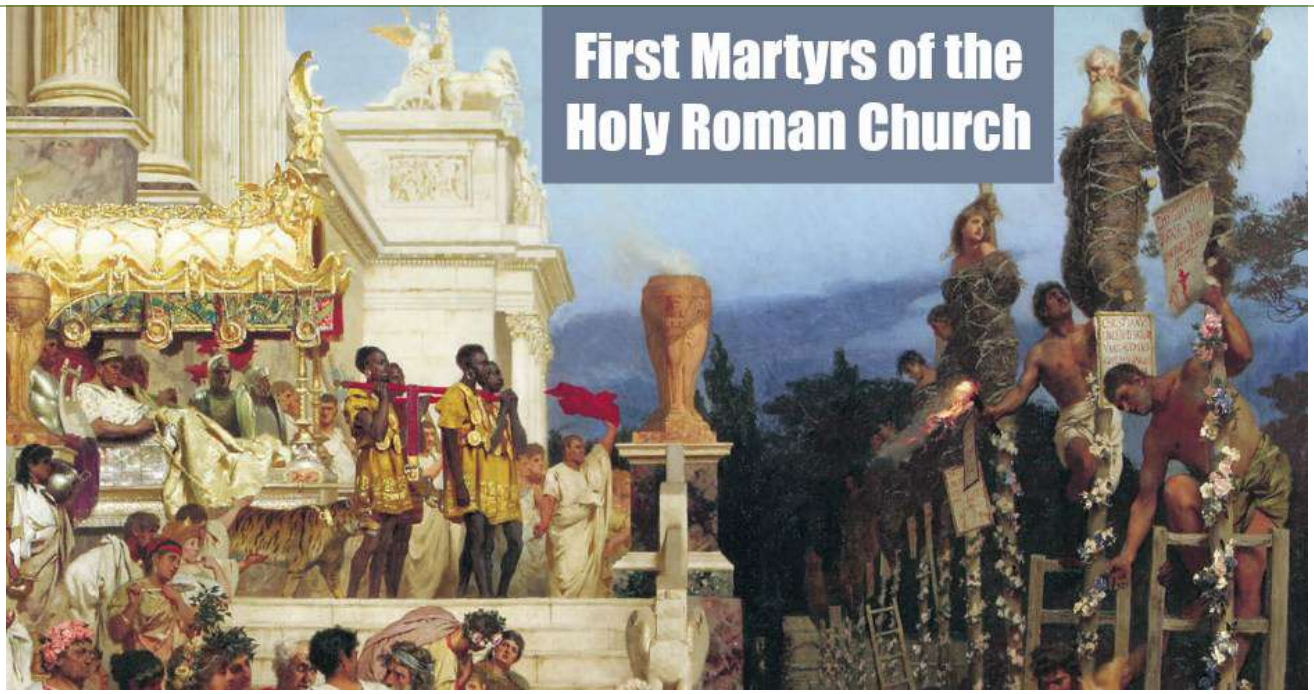
"Precious Blood, ocean of divine mercy: Flow upon us! Precious Blood, most pure offering: Procure for us every grace! Precious Blood, hope and refuge of sinners: Atone for us! Precious Blood, delight of holy souls: Draw us! Amen."

When Blessing Yourself With Holy Water

"By this Holy Water and by Your Precious Blood, Lord Jesus, wash away all my sins."

Prayer of St. Faustina

"O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a Fount of Mercy for us, I trust in You."



Memorial: Tuesday, June 30th

At Rome, in the time of Nero in the 1st Century, the commemoration of many holy martyrs, who were accused of having set fire to the city, were cruelly put to death in various manners by the emperor's order. Some were covered with the skins of wild beasts and lacerated by dogs; others were fastened to crosses, others again were delivered to the flames to serve as torches in the night. All these were disciples of the Apostles, and the first fruits of the martyrs, which the Roman Church, a field so fertile in martyrs, offered to God before the death of the Apostles. - ***Roman Martyrology***

These first Christian martyrs in the city of Rome are remembered and honored by the Church today. Sts. Peter and Paul were among them, but numerous unknown others also gave their lives. The most gruesome and grotesque means of punishment were executed upon them. These persecutions went beyond mere execution for a crime. They manifested an evil of the most diabolical nature.

Though these martyrdoms were expected to eliminate Christianity from the Roman Empire, those expectations were never realized. Instead, the courageous witness of these men and women planted and watered the seeds of faith that would continue to grow, blossom, and produce an abundance of good fruit.

For nearly three centuries, the persecutions of Christians varied under different Roman Emperors. The most severe persecutions within the empire would occur two centuries later during the reigns of Emperors Decius (249-251) and Diocletian (284-305). It was not until the year 313, when Emperor Constantine the Great legalized Christianity with the *Edict of Milan*, that imperial persecutions ceased.

As we ponder these unnamed heroes of our faith, prayerfully unite yourself to them. Look to Sts. Peter and Paul as your chief inspiration and then resolve to become one of these unnamed witnesses who follow behind them. In Heaven, every sacrifice will be known and will become a cause for the glory of God. For now, many of our sacrifices are hidden and known only to us and God. Rejoice in your own hidden sacrifices and know that those sacrifices unite you with those we honor here.

Prayer: Holy First Martyrs of Rome, you each endured much torment, hatred, and abuse, ultimately shedding your blood as the result of your deep courage and love of Christ. Please pray for me, that I may be counted among your numbers in Heaven by manifesting the same depth of love and courage that you did. First Martyrs of Rome, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You. Amen.

*Taken from www.mycatholic.life.com

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 20/21: $4,102

School Parents must use Church Envelopes.

Mass Attendance For June 20/21, 2026

5:00PM	**92**
8:00AM	**60**
9:30AM	**108**
11:00AM	**95**
	Total: 355

The Rectory Office will be closed on Saturday July 4, 2026 in observance of Independence Day.

The Office will reopen on Monday July 6th from 9:00AM - 12NOON & 1:00PM - 5:00PM.

Second Collection
Next Sunday July 4/5, 2026 for
Air Conditioning/Energy

The Second Collection next weekend, July 4th and 5th, is for Air Conditioning & Energy Needs. Please be as generous as your means allow.

Thank you for helping us keep the Church at a comfortable temperature throughout the summer season.

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 **$30,932** 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

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.

Calendar of Events

This 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

Next Week

July 5 - July 11

Sunday, July 5

Monday, July 6

Tuesday, July 7
6:30PM AA Meeting - Rectory Basement

Wednesday, July 8
6:00PM ACA Support Group - SFR
7:00PM Baptism Class - Rectory
7:45PM Bereavement Group - SFR

Thursday, July 9
10:00AM Legion of Mary - SFR

Friday, July 10

Saturday, July 11

Summer Months

As we did last summer, we will be reciting the Gloria and chanting the Our Father from July 1st to September 6th. The Gloria is a beautiful prayer and reciting it will enable us to reflect on the words we pray and come to a better appreciation of this prayer.
Chanting the Our Father will help us appreciate the power of this prayer.

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

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:
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

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	*****	*****	*****	*****

A New Year of Religious Education

Religious Education Registration

Those who have not yet registered for Religious Education classes can do so by using the Registration Form on the next page, or printing off the Registration Form online and bringing it to the Rectory Office. Registration is open for the 26/27 School Year.

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

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.*

Office Use ONLY

Date: _____ Amount: _____ Form of Payment: _____

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Office notes_____