Eighteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

Sunday, August 2	*18th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
8:00AM	**For the People of St. Francis Of Assisi**
9:30AM	**Carmelo Vella**
11:00AM	**Alfredo D'Angelo** **John Mondello (L)** **Assunta Di Benedetto** **Fortunata Di Lorenzo** **Ahmar Sein**
Monday, August 3	*Weekday*
9:00AM	**Richard Polizio**
Tuesday, August 4	*St. John Vianney, Priest*
9:00AM	**Giuseppe Caputo**
Wednesday, August 5	*The Dedication of the Basilica Of St. Mary Major*
9:00AM	**John Hengl**
Thursday, August 6	*Feast of the Transfiguration of The Lord*
9:00AM	**Arthur Xuereb**
Friday, August 7	*Saint Sixtus II, Pope, & Companions, Martyrs*
9:00AM	**Joan Carpanini**
Saturday, August 8	*St. Dominic, Priest*
9:00AM	**Purgatorial Society** **Philip Renne**
5:00PM	**James & Flora O'Rear (L)**
Sunday, August 9	*19th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
8:00AM	**Holy Name Mass**
9:30AM	**For the People of St. Francis Of Assisi**
11:00AM	**John Mondello (L)** **Assunta Di Benedetto** **Rachel Vella** **Michael Finnerty** **Mary Ethel McCann** **Raquel Fruchter**

Today's Readings

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Isaiah 55:1-3
Romans 8:35,37-39
Matthew 14:13-21

Readings For The Week

Monday	***Jeremiah 28:1-17*** ***Matthew 14:22-36***
Tuesday	***Jeremiah 30:1-2,12-15,18-22*** ***Matthew 14:22-36***
Wednesday	***Jeremiah 31:1-7*** ***Matthew 15:21-28***
Thursday	***Daniel 7:9-10,13-14*** ***2 Peter 1:16-19*** ***Matthew 17:1-9***
Friday	***Nahum 2:1,3; 3:1-3,6-7*** ***Matthew 16:24-28***
Saturday	***Habakkuk 1:12—2:4*** ***Matthew 17:14-20***

The Nineteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

1 Kings 19:9a,11-13a
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:22-33

FOCUS:

Nothing can separate us from God's love.

Daily life brings with it both blessings and trials. It is easy to think we walk alone when we are in the midst of especially difficult times. This is when it is most important to remember that Jesus is with us always: *nothing will be able to separate us from His love*. Our challenge is to remain rooted in our faith and trust this promise.

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

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August 2, 2026

"Many are called, but few are chosen." Consider following Christ more closely as a priest, deacon, or in consecrated life.

Contact the Vocation Office at:

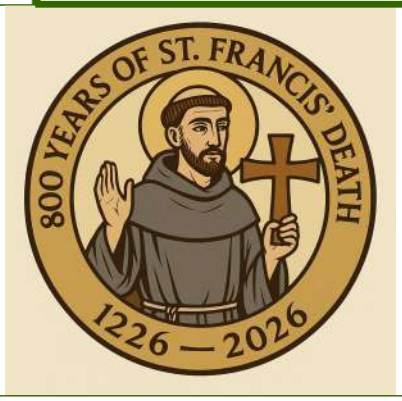
(718)-827-2454
vocations@diobrook.org

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



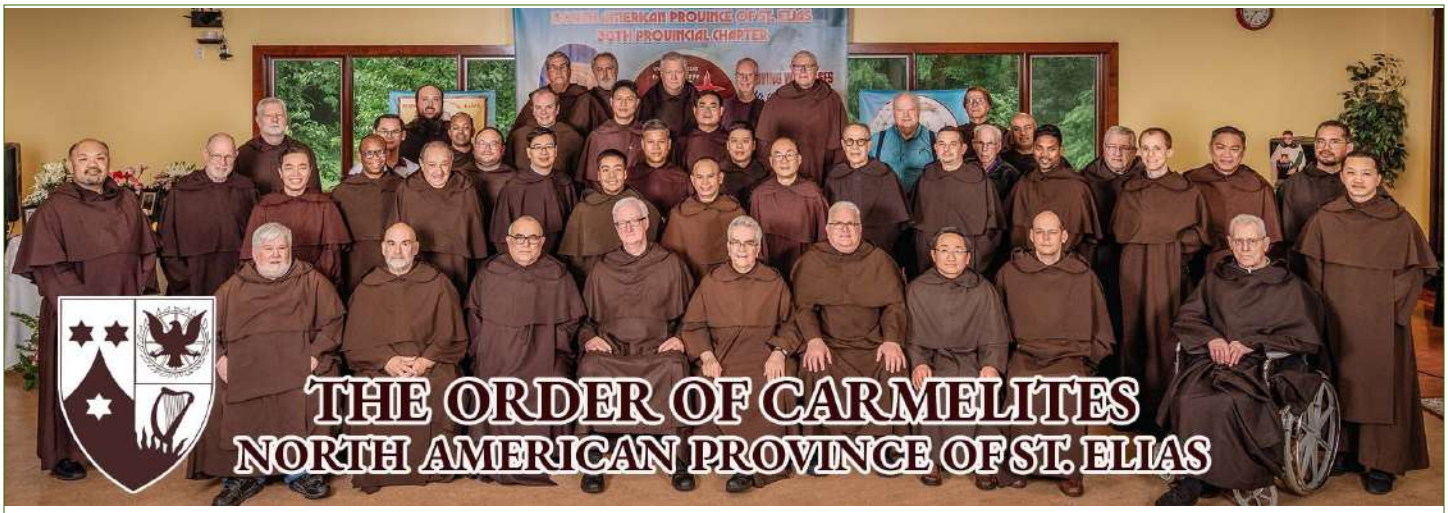
Prayer for the Special Year of St. Francis Provided by Pope Leo XIV

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.



Mission Appeal Second Collection August 1/2, 2026
(No Envelopes for this Collection)

The first Carmelites were hermits who came together in order to live a communal life around the year 1206. Founded on Mount Carmel in the Holy Land, they embraced a life of silence and solitude. Eventually, they moved to Europe adopting an active, mendicant lifestyle where they served in the Church in various ministries while making prayer the center of their day. Carmelite saints include Teresa of Avila, John of the Cross, and St. Therese of Liseux who is patron of the Missions.

Although few in number, the mission outreach of the Carmelite Friars, St. Elias Province, New York, is quite extensive. For over sixty years, we have been providing manpower and financial assistance to Africa, specifically in Zimbabwe (formerly Southern Rhodesia). More recently, we have been aiding Carmelite Missions in Mozambique, Kenya, and the Republic of the Congo. And within the past thirty years, we have been helping the Carmelite Missions in India, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, the Philippines, Argentina, and Colombia. Our province has also been providing whatever help we can to the Carmelite Missions in Poland and the Czech Republic. It is not always possible for us to send Friars on a full-time basis, and so we try to help financially through funds raised mostly in the Mission Cooperative Appeal and with whatever part-time help or administrative help we can provide.

Responding to the needs of the Church, and the call of the Holy Spirit through the local Bishops, the Carmelite Friars, St. Elias Province, have recently begun our own missions in Trinidad and Vietnam. Since we have already attracted many vocations in each place, we are also trying to establish formation programs in these countries. This has placed a considerable burden on our finances and on our ability to continue helping our other missionary endeavors.

The Carmelites respond to the call to love one another through prayer and action by establishing ministries where there is the greatest need. They create humanitarian programs to relieve the suffering of the poor, minister to those in hospitals and prisons, provide education, and conduct spiritual and religious formation in almost 40 countries on five continents. This year we are hoping to be of continued help to the victims of the war in Ukraine. Your generosity in the Second Collection will support the Carmelite Friars' missionary work and is greatly appreciated.

The Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

Thursday August 6, 2026

On August 6, we celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord. This event is significant in Jesus' life and ministry because it confirms His divinity and demonstrates how He fulfills the Old Testament scriptures.

Jesus Fulfills the Old Testament

The presence of Moses and Elijah shows how Jesus fulfills the Law and the Prophets. In the Old Testament, the Levitical law was given to God's people as a temporary administration, demonstrating their need for a Savior. Later, the prophets told of a coming Messiah, who would mend the rift between God and man that had been caused by sin. Jesus was the only man able to satisfy the Law, the perfect, sinless sacrifice.

Jesus is the Glorious Son

In this passage God affirms Jesus as His Son, confirming His deity, and telling the disciples to listen to Him. Peter, James, and John now see a glimpse of Jesus' true glory: God the Son, who reigns eternal, and against whom the gates of hell shall not prevail. God the Father shows Himself as He appeared to the Israelites of the Old Testament: in a cloud, because His glory is too great to be witnessed. That same glory is reflected on Jesus, whose clothes become dazzling white. This event emphasizes both the mystery and necessity of the Incarnation—in order for man to be made right with God, God had to become a man, because we in our finite and sinful state are unable to behold His full glory.

Jesus Tells of His Coming Triumph over Death

This is also one of the multiple instances in which Jesus points His disciples to His future resurrection: *"As they were coming down from the mountain, He charged them not to relate what they had seen to anyone, except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what rising from the dead meant." Mark 9:9-10* Though the disciples do not understand His meaning, the Transfiguration and Jesus' charge to the disciples present a promise of what is to come. There is hope, because He will soon triumph over sin and death, and be raised in the fullness of glory—the glory of which they have been given a glimpse.

*taken from www.nationalshrine.org, website of The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.

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.

July 25/26:	**$2,957**
Second Collection for Air Conditioning/Energy Needs	**$1,093**

School Parents must use Church Envelopes.

Mass Attendance For July 25/26, 2026

5:00PM	**67**
8:00AM	**53**
9:30AM	**89**
11:00AM	**131**
	Total: 340

Second Collection
Next Sunday August 8/9, 2026 for
Victims of the Earthquakes in Venezuela.
(No Envelope for this Collection)

The Second Collection next weekend, August 8th and 9th, is a Diocesan Collection for the victims of the earthquakes in Venezuela. Please be as generous as your means allow.

The monies collected will be sent by our Diocese to Catholic Relief Services (CRS), which is working through Caritas Venezuela, for distribution and direct assistance with shelter, food, and other humanitarian aid to the affected in Venezuela.

REMINDERS

PLEASE keep the Church doors closed with the air conditioning on. Let's keep the cool air inside.

Also, when parking in the lot, please park in one spot only.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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 **$32,432** 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

August 2 - August 8

Sunday, August 2

Monday, August 3

Tuesday, August 4
6:30PM AA Meeting - Rectory Basement

Wednesday, August 5
6:00PM ACA Support Group - SFR
7:45PM Bereavement Group - SFR

Thursday, August 6
10:00AM Legion of Mary - SFR

Friday, August 7

Saturday, August 8

Next Week

August 9 - August 15

Sunday, August 9
8:00AM Holy Name Mass

Monday, August 10

Tuesday, August 11
6:30PM AA Meeting - Rectory Basement
7:00PM Baptism Class - Rectory

Wednesday, August 12
6:00PM ACA Support Group - SFR
7:45PM Bereavement Group - SFR

Thursday, August 13
10:00AM Legion of Mary - SFR

Friday, August 14

Saturday, August 15

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

July's Monthly 50/50 Winners are:

1st Place: Carol Marino
2nd Place: Marie Urem
3rd Place: Nanci Mignanelli

Congratulations to the Winners!

August 2026

Lector & Minister Schedule

	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time August 1/2	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time August 8/9	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time August 15/16	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time August 22/23	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time August 29/30
Lectors					
Saturday 5:00PM	Debbi Skinner	Josephine Corso	Debbi Skinner	Josephine Corso	Edward Kubina
Sunday 8:00AM	Rob Laucella	Andrew Soltesz	Rob Laucella	Andrew Soltesz	Rob Laucella
Sunday 9:30AM	Sharon Costanza	Maria Brooks	Sharon Costanza	Maria Brooks	Sharon Costanza
Sunday 11:00AM	Carol Hickey	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: _____

Date: _____ Amount: _____ Form of Payment: _____

Office notes_____