Fourteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

Sunday, July 5	*14th 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
	Han Choi Ferguson
	James Casey
Monday, July 6	*St. Maria Goretti, Virgin & Martyr*
9:00AM	**Mila Wierman (L)**
Tuesday, July 7	*Weekday*
9:00AM	**August Rocconi-Smith (L)**
Wednesday, July 8	*Weekday*
9:00AM	**Rakella Vella**
Thursday, July 9	*Weekday*
9:00AM	**Connie & Ralph Campisi**
Friday, July 10	*Weekday*
9:00AM	**John Kos**
Saturday, July 11	*St. Benedict, Abbot*
9:00AM	**Purgatorial Society**
	Michael Trizulino
	Anthony Castiglione
	Michele Castiglione
5:00PM	**Joseph & Rose Avitabile**
Sunday, July 12	*15th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
8:00AM	**Holy Name Mass**
9:30AM	**For the People of St. Francis Of Assisi**
11:00AM	**Antonio Ippolito**
	John Mondello (L)
	Assunta Di Benedetto
	Elsie Carola
	Angelo Brucculeri

Today's Readings

The Fourteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

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

Readings For The Week

Monday	***Hosea 2:16,17c-18,21-22***
	Matthew 9:18-26
Tuesday	***Hosea 8:4-7, 11-13***
	Matthew 9:32-38
Wednesday	***Hosea 10:1-3,7-8,12***
	Matthew 10:1-7
Thursday	***Hosea 11:1-4,8e-9***
	Matthew 10:7-15
Friday	***Hosea 14:2-10***
	Matthew 10:16-23
Saturday	***Isaiah 6:1-8***
	Matthew 10:24-33

The Fifteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Isaiah 55:10-11
Romans 8:18-23
Matthew 13:1-23

FOCUS:

Our Rest comes in walking side-by-side with Christ.

The God who defeated death—this mighty one whose dominion shall be from sea to sea—promises to carry our burdens with us, to never leave us alone in our struggles, to humble Himself to walk beside us in our smallness and our need. Our rest comes in walking side-by-side with Christ.

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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"You are in the spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you." Is the Holy Spirit leading you or someone you know to serve Christ and His Church as a priest or in the consecrated life? If you are discerning your vocation, contact the Vocation Office at:

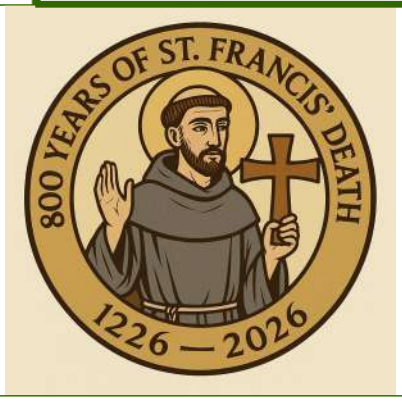
(718)-827-2454
vocations@diobrook.org

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.**



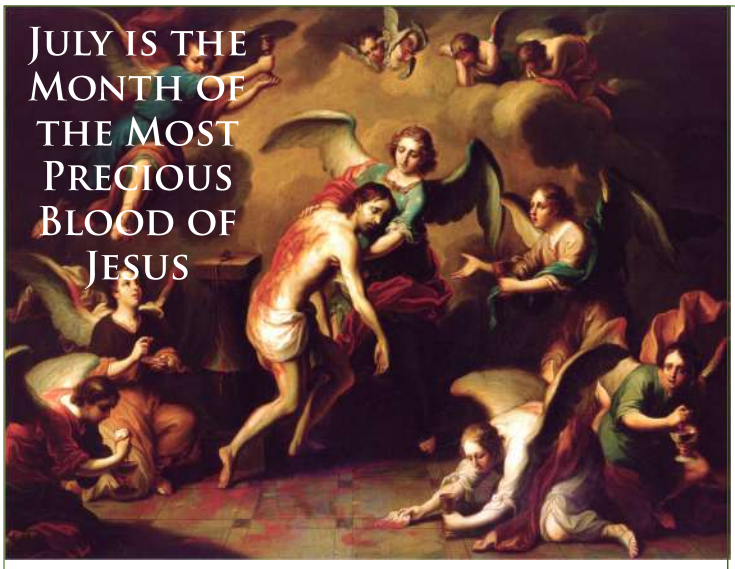
Prayer for the Special Year of St. Francis Provided by Pope Leo XIV

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.



Litany of the Most Precious Blood of Jesus

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us.

God, the Father of Heaven, have mercy on us.
God the Son, Redeemer of the World, have mercy on us.
God, the Holy Spirit, have mercy on us.
Holy Trinity, One God, have mercy on us.

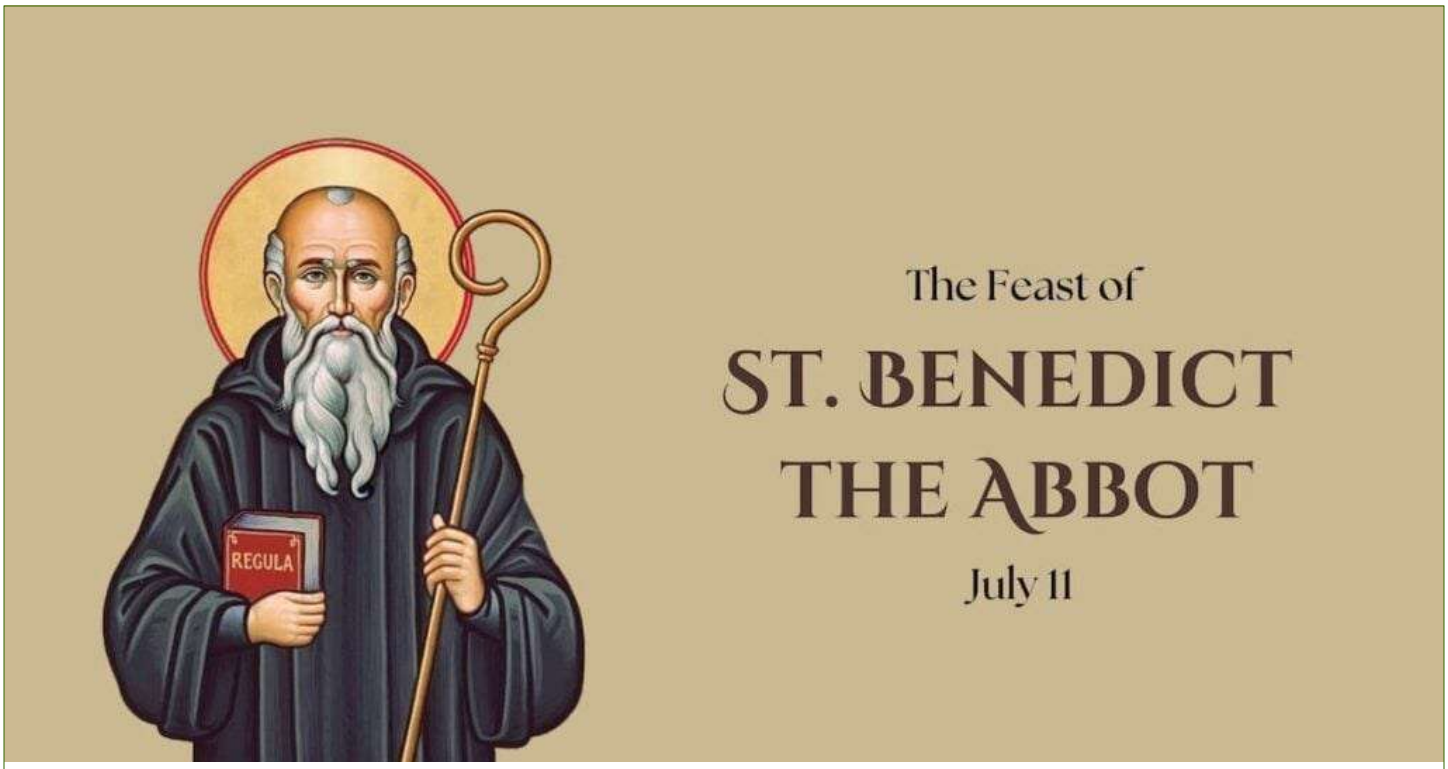
Blood of Christ, only-begotten Son of the Eternal Father,
Save us.
Blood of Christ, Incarnate Word of God,
Save us.
Blood of Christ, of the New and Eternal Testament,
Save us.
Blood of Christ, falling upon the earth in the Agony,
Save us.
Blood of Christ, shed profusely in the Scourging,
Save us.
Blood of Christ, flowing forth in the Crowning with Thorns,
Save us.
Blood of Christ, poured out on the Cross,
Save us.
Blood of Christ, Without Which there is no forgiveness,
Save us.
Blood of Christ, Eucharistic drink and refreshment of souls,
Save us.
Blood of Christ, stream of mercy,
Save us.
Blood of Christ, Victor over demons,
Save us.
Blood of Christ, courage of Martyrs,
Save us.
Blood of Christ, strength of Confessors,
Save us.
Blood of Christ, bringing forth Virgins,
Save us.
Blood of Christ, help of those in peril,
Save us.
Blood of Christ, relief of the burdened,
Save us.
Blood of Christ, solace in sorrow,
Save us.
Blood of Christ, hope of the penitent,
Save us.
Blood of Christ, consolation of the dying,
Save us.
Blood of Christ, peace and tenderness of hearts,
Save us.
Blood of Christ, pledge of eternal life,
Save us.
Blood of Christ, freeing souls from purgatory,
Save us.
Blood of Christ, most worthy of all Glory and Honor,
Save us.

Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world,
Spare us, O Lord!
Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world,
Graciously hear us, O Lord!
Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us, O Lord!

Thou hast redeemed us, O Lord, in Thy Blood.
And made us, for our God, a Kingdom.

Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, Thou hast appointed Thine only-begotten Son the Redeemer of the world, and willed to be appeased by His Blood. Grant we beg of Thee, that we may worthily adore this price of our salvation, and through its power be safeguarded from the evils of the present life, so that we may rejoice in its fruits forever in Heaven.
Through the same Christ our Lord.
Amen.



St. Benedict: Patron Saint of Europe

The thought of St. Benedict is the lifeblood of Europe.

Born in the central Italian mountain town of Norcia (Nursia) around 480 AD, St. Benedict became one of the most important catalysts for the creation of a new European culture after the fall of the Roman Empire in the West (traditionally dated to 476 AD). The system of monastic life he developed and nourished spread centers of prayer and hospitality throughout the continent. Benedictine monasteries were not only spiritual and cultural centers, but also a source of sustenance and relief for pilgrims and the poor.

Bright Star in a Dark Century

St. Gregory the Great—who wrote the only ancient biography of St. Benedict that we have—called St. Benedict "a bright light" in an age marked by the most serious crisis. From his youth, Benedict's life was marked by prayer. His wealthy parents sent him to Rome to provide him with adequate training. There, however, Benedict found young people shaken, ruined by the ways of vice. So, he left Rome for a place called Enfide (modern day Affile in central Italy), and hen lived as a hermit for three years in a cave at Subiaco, which would become the heart of the Benedictine Monastery Sacro Speco. This period of solitude preceded another crucial milestone on Benedict's journey: his arrival at Monte Casino, There, among the ruins of an anciet pagan acropolis, St. Benedict and some of his disciples built their first abbey.

The Rule

Benedict composed his Rule around 530 AD. It is essentially a manual, a code for monastic life. Written in a familiar style, Benedict throughout the prologue and 73 chapters of the Rule exhorts his monks to reach out with "the ear of the heart" to "never despair the mercy of God": "Listen carefully, my child, to your master's precepts, and incline the ear of your heart. (Proverbs 4:20) Receive willingly and carry out effectively your loving father's advice, that by the labor of obedience you may return to Him from whom you had departed by the sloth of disobedience."

Ora et Labora—Pray and Work

"Idleness," writes St. Benedict in the Rule, "is an enemy of the soul; That is why the brothers have to devote themselves to manual work, in some hours, in others, to reading books containing the word of God." Prayer and work are not in opposition, but establish a symbiotic relationship. Without prayer, it is not possible to encounter God. The monastic life, however, defined by Benedict as "a school of the service of the Lord," cannot be without concrete commitment. Work is an extension of prayer. "The Lord," St. Benedict reminds us, "expects us daily to respond with facts to the doctrines of his holy teachings."

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 27/28:	**$4,036**
Second Collection Peter's Pence:	**$1,651**

School Parents must use Church Envelopes.

Mass Attendance For June 27/28, 2026

5:00PM	**71**
8:00AM	**47**
9:30AM	**110**
11:00AM	**193**
4:00PM	**350**

Total: 771

Second Collection Next Weekend For Maintenance Fund

There is a Second Collection next weekend, July 11/12, 2026 for Maintenance.

This Collection goes towards the many maintenance expenses that arise including Groundskeeping, Boiler Repairs, AC Maintenance, Cleaning, and more. Please be as generous as your means allow.

June's Monthly 50/50 Winners are:

1st Place: Mr. & Mrs. Terence Sweeney
2nd Place: Claude Vella
3rd Place: Dariel Lopez

Congratulations to the Winners!

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

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

Next Week

July 12 - July 18

Sunday, July 12
8:00AM Holy Name Mass

Monday, July 13

Tuesday, July 14
6:30PM AA Meeting - Rectory Basement

Wednesday, July 15
6:00PM ACA Support Group - SFR
7:45PM Bereavement Group - SFR

Thursday, July 16
10:00AM Legion of Mary - SFR

Friday, July 17

Saturday, July 18

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 July 4/5	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 11/12	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 18/19	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time 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_____