Twenty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

Sunday, August 30	*22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*
8:00AM	**For the People of St. Francis Of Assisi**
9:30AM	**Joe Buhagiar**
11:00AM	**John Mondello (L)** **Assunta Di Benedetto** **Arthur Xuereb** **Theresa Tropeano** **Stella Limbus** **Victor A. Di Donato** **Frank T. Di Donato**
Monday, August 31	*Weekday*
9:00AM	**Rachel Vella**
Tuesday, Sept. 1	*Weekday*
9:00AM	**Jorge Enrique Mesa**
Wednesday, Sept. 2	*Weekday*
9:00AM	**Michael Finnerty**
Thursday, Sept. 3	*Pope St. Gregory the Great, Doctor of the Church*
9:00AM	**Michael Finnerty**
Friday, Sept. 4	*Weekday*
9:00AM	**John Hengl**
Saturday, Sept. 5	*St. Teresa of Calcutta, Virgin*
9:00AM	**Purgatorial Society** **The Living & Deceased** **Members of The Legion of Mary And Their Families** **Michael Finnerty** **Mary Ethel McCann**
5:00PM	**Ines Vigano**
Sunday, Sept. 6	*23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*
8:00AM	**James & Flora O'Rear (L)**
9:30AM	**For the People of St. Francis Of Assisi**
11:00AM	**John Mondello (L)** **Assunta Di Benedetto** **Ahmar Sein** **Michael Finnerty** **Ernest Dimonte**

Today's Readings

The Twenty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 20:7-9
Romans 12:1-2
Matthew 16:21-27

Readings For The Week

Monday	***1 Corinthians 2:1-5*** ***Luke 4:16-30***
Tuesday	***1 Corinthians 2:10b-16*** ***Luke 4:31-37***
Wednesday	***1 Corinthians 3:1-9*** ***Luke 4:38-44***
Thursday	***1 Corinthians 3:18-23*** ***Luke 5:1-11***
Friday	***1 Corinthians 4:1-5*** ***Luke 5:33-39***
Saturday	***1 Corinthians 4:6b-15*** ***Luke 6:1-5***

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Ezekiel 33:7-9
Romans 13:8-10
Matthew 18:15-20

FOCUS:

Only by embracing the sacrifice of discipleship will we experience the fullness of joy and life.

Jesus reminds us that if we wish to follow Him on the path of discipleship, we will have to pick up and carry our own cross. Just as Jesus was willing to give His all to fulfill the Father's will, we must be willing to give our all to fulfill His will in our lives. It is only through such sacrifice that we will experience the fullness of joy and life.

Parish Prayer Intentions

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
Alice Santelli

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August 30, 2026

"What profit would a man show if he were to gain the whole world and ruin himself in the process." Are you being called to be a priest, deacon, brother, or sister?

Contact the Vocation Office at:

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

Diocese of Brooklyn Vocation Office

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.

The September Lector & Minister Schedule

can be found by scanning this QR code, and then selecting the month you wish to view.

Banns Of Marriage

1st Announcement

Thomas Scavetta
St. Francis of Assisi
Astoria, NY

&

Deanna Kerins
St. Francis of Assisi
Astoria, NY

Pope St. Gregory the Great: The Golden Legend and Seven Prayers

Thursday, September 3

A certain woman used to bring altar breads to Gregory every Sunday morning, and one Sunday, when the time came for receiving communion and he held out the Body of the Lord to her, saying "May the Body of our Lord Jesus Christ benefit you unto life everlasting," she laughed as if at a joke. He immediately drew back his hand from her mouth and laid the consecrated Host on the altar, and then, before the whole assembly, asked her why she had dared to laugh. Her answer: "Because you called this bread, which I made with my own hands, the Body of the Lord." Then Gregory, faced with the woman's lack of belief, prostrated himself in prayer, and when he rose, he found the particle of bread changed to flesh in the shape of a finger. Seeing this, the woman recovered her faith. Then he prayed again, saw the flesh return to the form of bread, and gave communion to the woman.

The following seven prayers are attributed to Pope St. Gregory the Great and associated with the Eucharistic miracle detailed above. Though the prayers have fallen into disuse today, the faithful continued to use them during the late medieval period, when the Franciscans preached devotion to the human suffering of Christ.

1) O Lord Jesus, I adore You hanging on the Cross, bearing the thorny crown on Your head. I beg You, that Your Cross may free me. Amen. (Our Father, Hail Mary)
2) O Lord Jesus, I adore You wounded on the Cross, having drunk vinegar and gall. I beg You, that Your wounds may be the remedy of my soul. Amen. (Our Father, Hail Mary)
3) O Lord, Jesus, I ask by that bitterness of Your Passion, which You underwent in the hour of Your death, especially at that time when Your most Holy Soul departed from Your blessed body, to have mercy on my soul in its departure from my body, and lead it into eternal life. Amen. (Our Father, Hail Mary)
4) O Lord Jesus, I adore You placed in the tomb, embalmed with myrrh and spices. I beg You, that Your death may be my life. Amen. (Our Father, Hail Mary)
5) O Lord Jesus, I adore You descending into hell and freeing Your captives from that place. I beg You, that You never allow me to enter there. Amen. (Our Father, Hail Mary)
6) O Lord Jesus, I adore You rising from the dead, and ascending into heaven, and sitting at the right hand of the Father. I beg You, that I may merit to follow You there and to be presented to You. Amen. (Our Father, Hail Mary)
7) O Lord Jesus, Good Shepherd, preserve the just, pardon sinners, have mercy on all the faithful, and be well-disposed to me, a wretched and unworthy sinner. Amen. (Our Father, Hail Mary)

Prayer:
Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, place Your Passion, Cross, and Death between Your judgment and my soul, now and in the hour of my death.

Deign to grant grace and mercy to me, pardon to the living, rest to the dead, peace to Your Church, and life and eternal glory to all sinners. You who live and reign forever and ever. Amen.

*taken from the Dominicana Journal: The Seven Prayers of St. Gregory the Great; written by Br. Maximilian Maria Jaskowak, O.P., September 3, 2018

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.

August 22/23: **$4,158**

School Parents must use Church Envelopes.

Mass Attendance For August 22/23, 2026

5:00PM	**75**
8:00AM	**29**
9:30AM	**74**
11:00AM	**115**
	Total: 293

Second Collection
Next Sunday September 5/6, 2026
for Air Conditioning

The Second Collection next weekend, September 5th and 6th, is for Air Conditioning Expenses. Please be as generous as your means allow.

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

Catch-Up Envelope!

In your envelope packet, you will find a Catch-Up envelope for next weekend, September 5th and 6th. This is great to use if you have been away this summer or if you would like to give an additional offering. All offerings received are much appreciated.

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 **$32,642** 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 30 - September 5

Sunday, August 30
12:30PM Baptisms

Monday, August 31

Tuesday, September 1
6:30PM AA Meeting - Rectory Basement

Wednesday, September 2
6:00PM ACA Support Group - SFR
7:45PM Bereavement Group - SFR

Thursday, September 3
10:00AM Legion of Mary - SFR

Friday, September 4

Saturday, September 5
9:00AM Anointing Mass

Parish Leaders: 2026/2027 Calendar Available for Pick-Up

All Society and Church Parish leaders may come and pick up a copy of the finalized Calendar for the new year at the Rectory Office.

We ask that if any changes, switches, or cancellations need to happen, ***they are communicated with Msgr. Maresca for approval before making the change.*** Only after approval please communicate the change with our Parish Secretary, Tara Webb, so we can adjust the Online Calendar

As a reminder, the printed Calendar is only a guide. For the most up-to-date information please visit our website where our Online Calendar may be found.
www.stfrancisofassisiastoria.org

Next Week

September 7 - September 13

Sunday, September 6

Monday, September 7
Labor Day - School & Rectory Office Closed

Tuesday, September 8
6:30PM AA Meeting - Rectory Basement

Wednesday, September 9
Classes Begin K-8: 1/2 Day
3K & PK Orientation Sessions
6:15PM ACA Support Group - SFR
7:00PM Baptism Class - Rectory
7:45PM Bereavement Group - SFR

Thursday, September 10
First Full Day K-8
10:00AM Legion of Mary - SFR
6:30PM IACA - SFR
7:20PM Scripture Study - StJoR

Friday, September 11

Saturday, September 12

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

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.

Labor Day
Monday,
September 7, 2026

In observance of Labor Day, the School & Rectory Office will be closed on Monday, September 7th.
The Rectory Office will reopen on Tuesday, September 8th from 9:00AM-12:00Noon; 1:00PM-9:00PM.

Save The Date!
Fall Festival:
Saturday, October 3, 2026

Next Fall Festival Meeting:
Tuesday September 15, 2026
7:00PM in the Rectory Basement
ALL ARE WELCOME!

SEPTEMBER 2026
LECTOR & MINISTER SCHEDULE

PLEASE NOTE
CHANGES IN SCHEDULE.

	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time September 5/6	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 12/13	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 19/20	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 26/27
Lectors				
Saturday 5:00PM	Debbi Skinner	Edward Kubina	Josephine Corso	Debbi Skinner
Sunday 8:00AM	Rob Laucella	Andrew Soltesz	Rob Laucella	Andrew Soltesz
Sunday 9:30AM	Maria Brooks	Sharon Costanza	Maria Brooks	Sharon Costanza
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	*****	*****	*****	*****

Thank you, Sr. Francesca!

Thank you to Sister Francesca for her time here with us. She has been transferred to an Administrative Position in her community, which requires her to travel a few times a month. We wish her well in her new position and assure her of our prayers.

Welcome, Sr. Domitilla!

Welcome to Sister Domitilla. She is a member of the Handmaids of the Divine Redeemer. Sister has been here during the summer to become familiar with our Religious Education program. We wish her well and look forward to working with her.

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. Domitilla 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. Domitilla 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 _____