

# 2023 Commemorative Journal *St. Joseph & St. Patrick's* *Annual Gala*

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## Message from the Pastor

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

How good it is for us to gather as a parish family, to celebrate our patronal feast day of Saint Joseph. This beautiful parish has been serving the people of Astoria for over 146 years! Founded by German immigrants it was built with the love and dedication of the people of God. Over the years the parish has seen many changes as all parishes do, but what remains constant is the love and dedication of the people of God. In my short time as Pastor, I have met so many good people that truly love their parish. We are blessed to have such a culturally diverse parish. On any given weekend we celebrate Mass in English, Spanish, and Italian. I see great signs of hope for our parish. Like the many young faces that come through our doors each weekend looking for Jesus. We are blessed with a robust religious education program, and a Catholic Academy. My vision for Saint Joseph's is that people find a loving community of believers centered on the Eucharist. We want people to feel like they belong when they come here. With my staff, and the parish council, we work on building community. In just a brief time we started a Youth group, a Golden Age Club, Men's Group, Saint Sharbel Healing Masses, Saint Joseph's Radio, Girl Scouts, Movie Club, and Bereavement Group. My second

goal is to celebrate the Eucharist prayerfully and deepen our faith around the Eucharist. The Eucharist is the source and summit of our Catholic faith and has to be at the center of all that we do. Our Sunday celebrations as well as our weekday celebrations have to inspire us to live out our faith more deeply. I am very proud that our Adoration Chapel is doing so well, and that so many people stop in for quiet time with Jesus. It is yet another sign of a healthy parish. As we celebrate two of our beloved Saint's Joseph, and Patrick let us continue to build up the body of Christ here on 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

**Rev. Vincent Chirichella, MA, M.Div., M. Psych, BS, RT**

**Pastor Saint Joseph Church, Astoria NY**

**God is love, and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him. 1John 4:16**





## Evangelization Award: Delia Lili Chirinos

*The Evangelization Award is for those parishioners who exemplify excellence in bringing other parishioners closer to the faith.*

Delia Lili Chirinos, was born Delia Lili Mejia Espinoza on September 4, 1960, in La Ceiba, Honduras. She migrated with her son, Oscar, and eldest daughter, Tesla, to the United States in 1983. She started her life in the states living with her mother in Astoria, New York and working in a factory making light switches. It is there where she met her husband, Jesus Manuel Chirinos.

They were married in 1987 and welcomed their daughter, Annie, in 1988. Delia worked her whole adult life. After the factory she cared for the elderly and was a housekeeper. In the late nineties and early 2000s, she went to night school to earn her college degree. She graduated from Monroe College in 2001 with an almost perfect GPA score. After graduation, she started her career in the accounting field where she continues to work today.

Throughout her life she has always been involved with the church. She started her service at Most Precious Blood and subsequently came to St. Joseph's parish. Delia has served in many capacities: she is a Eucharist Minister; she teaches RCIA preparing adults to receive their sacraments; She has been instrumental in teaching English Language classes; She is a Virtus certified trainer; She is active in organizing fundraisers and church events; and she is the Leader of the Hispanic Pastoral Council. In 2022, Delia coordinated the Passion of Christ production. Most recently, she coordinated and lead a Bi-lingual Nativity production that brought Christmas cheer to our parishioners.

Delia has a "can-do" spirit that makes things happen. While she has accomplished many things in her life, she humbly will say that her greatest accomplishments are her 3 children and 4 grandchildren.



## Service Award: Joe DiPietro

Joseph DiPietro was elected President of the Federation of Italian American Organizations of Queens Inc in 2006. He was born in Sicily, Italy and has resided in Astoria, New York since 1966. He married Linda Petraccione on September 4<sup>th</sup>, 1971. They have two lovely daughters, Michele, and Laura, who gave them 5 beautiful grandchildren: Matteo, Angelina, Sophia, Serina and Lorenzo.

Joe's passion for his community led him to get involved with the Federation and St Joseph Church in 1992. Joe has held a variety of positions: He was the chairman of the 5K run to help fight drug abuse in 1992; he worked on Italian Sports Day at Randall's Island and coordinated Italian nights at Athens Park on 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue from 1997 to 2006. Joe is a committee member of the Annual Queens Columbus Day Parade since 1992 and was chairman from 2004 to 2005. He serves on the Board of Directors of Central Astoria Local Development Coalition.

At St Joseph Church, Joe has been Assistant Treasurer of the Italian Community since 2000. He has served in many capacities: Lector, Usher, DJ and coordinator of the Padre Pio Annual Feast. Joe has been instrumental in facilitating processions for Good Friday, Corpus Domini, and Our lady of Snow. When something needs to be done – Joe is the person to call.

Currently, Joe is co-founder of the Astoria Italia Soccer Club where he held the President title and is now the Vice President. He has coached the soccer team since 1995 and he is the coordinator of the Club Cultural events. Joe organizes the 114<sup>th</sup> PCT National Night out against Crime.

Joe has been the technical coordinator for the Annual Veteran's Memorial Ceremony and entertainment coordinator for the Annual Heritage Month at St John's University, which is cosponsored by the Queens Borough President. He has been a member of the Burn Victim Survive Group since 1994.

### Awards:

- 2003 Italian Caucus of New York City Council
- 2003 114<sup>th</sup> PCT Community Council Volunteer Award
- 2005 President's Volunteer Award
- 2005 Freedom Award
- 2010 Ambassador Passport from Italian American Museum Award
- 2010 Humanitarian Award from Central Astoria
- 2013 NY State Proclamation from Office of State Comptroller; Thomas DiNapoli
- 2013 Italian American Heritage Cultural Month Organization
- 2017 Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition
- 2017 Proclamation from the Office of the State Comptroller; Thomas DiNapoli
- 2017 Citation of Honor from the Office of the Borough President of Queens
- 2017 New York State Assembly Citation
- 2018 Citation of Honor from the Queens Borough President; Melinda Katz
- 2018 Proclamation from the New York State Senate
- 2018 City Council Citation
- 2022 Festival of Song USA – Community Service Award



## Prayer to St. Joseph

Joseph, by the work of your hands  
and the sweat of your brow,  
you supported Jesus and Mary,  
and had the Son of God as your fellow worker.

Teach me to work as you did,  
with patience and perseverance, for God and  
for those whom God has given me to support.

Teach me to see in my fellow workers  
the Christ who desires to be in them,  
that I may always be charitable and forbearing  
towards all.

Grant me to look upon work  
with the eyes of faith,  
so that I shall recognize in it  
my share in God's own creative activity  
and in Christ's work of our redemption,  
and so take pride in it.

When it is pleasant and productive,  
remind me to give thanks to God for it.  
And when it is burdensome,  
teach me to offer it to God,  
in reparation for my sins  
and the sins of the world.

*(Note: This prayer was taken from the booklet "Devotions to Saint Joseph" by Brian Moore, S.J., printed and published by the Society of St. Paul.)*



## St. Patrick's Prayer

May the Strength of God pilot us.  
May the Power of God preserve us.  
May the Wisdom of God instruct us.

May the Hand of God protect us.

May the Way of God direct us.

May the Shield of God defend us.

May the Host of God guard us

Against the snares of the evil ones,

Against temptations of the world.

May Christ be with us!

May Christ be before us!

May Christ be in us,

Christ be over all!

May Thy Salvation, Lord,

Always be ours,

This day, O Lord, and evermore. Amen



*Happy Feast of St. Joseph & St. Patrick  
From: The St. Joseph Parish Staff*



***Rev. Vincent Chirichella.....Pastor***

Rev. Jean Farda Tanisma.....Parochial Vicar

Rev. William C. Farrugia..... Weekend Assistant

Rev. Jean Laguerre..... In Residence

Rev. Edward Cassar..... Retired Priest/In Residence

Rev. James A. Kuroly ..... Weekend Assistant

Silvia Rivera..... Director of Religious Education

Deacon Raul Ruiz..... Deacon

Carmencita Bernardo..... Director of Music

Joanne Pasquariello..... Part-Time Secretary

Mayra DiRico..... Part-Time Bookkeeper

Yuliana Restrepo.....Youth Ministry

# Learn about Our Parish Clergy

## Rev. Jean Tanisma, Parochial Vicar



Father Jean Farda Tanisma was born in Haiti on November 23rd from a strong rooted Catholic family. He studied Philosophy and theology at Grand Séminaire Notre-Dame, Portau-Prince. He was ordained a Priest, June 26, 1997, for the diocese of Jérémie, Haiti. For 25 years, Rev. Tanisma had good experience of priestly ministry in his diocese as Former diocesan Director of the: Minor Seminary, OPM, diocesan magazine Cana, Education Desk. Former pastor of St. Paul's conversion, Léon. Since 2001, he started his summer ministry in the Diocese of Brooklyn. From 2015-2019, short terms ministry in the diocese of Brooklyn. During that period, he finalized his research and wrote his doctoral dissertation in School of Church, as a Parochial Vicar at Nativity of the Virgin Mary Parish in Ozone Park, Queens and then at Saint Brendan Parish, Brooklyn (January - March 2019) before he returned to Rome to discuss and publish his thesis to become Doctor in "utroque jure creatus and pronunciatu" Father Jean Farda is an Alumni of Pontifical University Holy Cross, School of Church Communications from 2010 to 2019. In addition, Father Jean was trained at the School of Church Communication. He is passionate about working for the benefit of evangelization, spreading the Good News with enthusiasm and curiosity to reach the heart of the virtual and/or physical audience. "We use God's gifts to spread and support the Kingdom of God. "Father Jean strives to see parishes use all the means of communication in their proper use to create full participation. Father Jean Farda TANISMA is interested in "language, as means of communication and culture". Besides his Haitian Creole, and French, he speaks English, Spanish, and Italian

## Rev. Edward A. Cassar, Retired Priest, *In Residence*



Fr. Edward was born in the island of Malta. While Malta has its own language and culture, it resembles the Italian culture very much. After Fr. Cassar finished High School, he attended St. Liberta College for Philosophy and then completed four years at St Laurence of Brindisi Seminary for Theology. Fr. Cassar was ordained a priest for the Capuchin Franciscan Order in Malta on March 22, 1969. Immediately after his priestly ordination, he was sent to the Gregorian University in Rome for a post

graduate course in Pastoral Theology and Missionology. Two months after Fr. Cassar returned to Malta from Rome to volunteer as a Missionary in Ethiopia, Africa where he was stationed in Addis Ababa and the Mission Station of Gigija. Fr. Cassar came to the US in 1972 to attend the New York Medical and Dental Assistants on a scholarship and graduated as a Medical Laboratory Technician. He has been in the Brooklyn Diocese for 50 years. For 17 years he worked in two parishes in Queens. He speaks English, Maltese, and Italian. Fr. Cassar is passionate in being a priest for people.



## Fr. Bill Farrugia, Retired Priest



Father Bill attended Cathedral College, Brooklyn, NY; Niagara University, NY (BA); Our Lady of Angels Seminary, Albany, NY (Ordained in 1963); Webster University, St. Louis, MO (MA), and the United States Air Force's Air Command and Staff College, Montgomery, AL.

Father Bill has been ordained 57 years, during which he has served as a parish priest at St. Gabriel the Archangel, Brooklyn, NY; Incarnation Church, Queens Village, NY; high school guidance counselor at Monsignor McClancy High School from 2001-2010 and Air Force chaplain for 25 years, retiring as a

Colonel in 1993. Father has a FAA commercial pilot license and is a certified flight instructor with 3,000 flight hours. He has happily volunteered to assist at St. Joseph for the last 25 years and loves every minute of it!



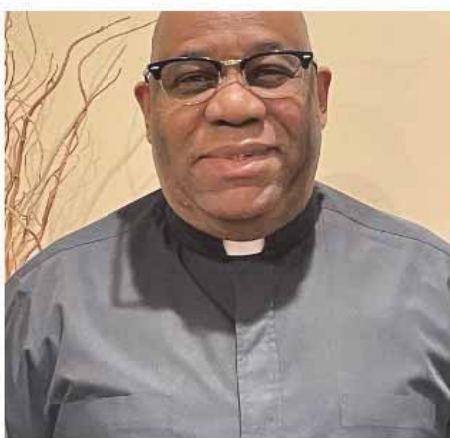
## Deacon Raul Ruiz

Deacon Raul was ordained in 2013. He is a native of Honduras and is fluent in English and Spanish. He has served the St. Joseph Church parish in Baptisms, Cursillo, Divine Mercy, Hospital visits, Prayer services at Wakes, and Funerals of parishioners. Deacon Raul serves the diverse Hispanic ministries in the Parish.



## *Reverend Jean Laguerre, In Residence*

Fr. Jean Laguerre was born in Haiti on April 8, 1962, and speaks



English, Spanish, French and Creole. Fr. Jean Laguerre attended Grand Seminaire Notre Dame d'Haiti and graduated with a degree in Philosophy, Theology and Sociology. His passion to help the elderly and the sick led him to become a Hospital Chaplain. He was ordained Priest on June 29th, 1995, in

Jacmel, Haiti. Fr. Laguerre enjoyed the priesthood and enjoyed celebrating the Holy Sacraments, especially the Eucharist, the Penance and the Sacrament of the Sick. Fr. Jean Laguerre was sent to reside at St. Joseph, Astoria effective December 1, 2019, while remaining chaplain of Mount Sinai of Queens Hospital.



**Silvia Rivera**

**Director of  
Religious  
Education &  
Secretary**

Silvia Rivera was born in Ecuador. She has a bachelor's degree in education and obtained the Diocesan Lay Leadership Certificate through the School of Evangelization of Brooklyn. Silvia started working at St. Joseph's church as a secretary back in September 2006. She worked with Mgrs. John Harrington, Rev. Vincent Miceli and now Rev. Vincent Chirichella. Silvia is a catechist and an instructor for the (RCIA) Religious Education Program for adults. She also is the coordinator for parish activities, and maintains the church's social media, like Facebook and Website. Silvia loves working at this parish. Throughout the years, she has met wonderful people that have enriched her faith with their own personal stories. Silvia's passion is helping people and giving them advice, and her time to all the ones that would like to listen and be listened to. Silvia is married with three kids and two grandchildren. She loves spending time with family and friends.

Silvia enjoys reading, coloring, and knitting. She celebrates life every single day as this could be the last one. Life is beautiful! Life is a miracle. Silvia is fluent in Spanish, English and Italian.



## **Mrs. Giovanna (Joanne) Pasquariello** **Part-Time Secretary**



Joanne was born in Italy and came to Queens, New York at the age of nine. The main component of her Italian culture is her devotion to her town's patron Saint Rocco. Later in life, Joanne named her son Rocco to honor Saint

Rocco. Joanne and her husband, Jerry named their daughter after his patron saint - Maria Santissima Delle Neve. Joanne is fluent in English and Italian. She has extensive experience in the corporate world. In addition, Joanne is a member and volunteer at the Italian American Social Clubs in Astoria. These clubs share their devotion to Saint Rocco and Maria Delle Neve. Joanne is passionate about helping the catholic community of St. Joseph.

## **Carmensita Bernardo** **Director of Music**

Carmencita Bernardo was born in Manila, Philippines and is proficient in piano, pipe organ, voice and guitar. Carmencita's experience as a Music Director spans many parishes to include the most recent ones of Our Lady of Angels in Brooklyn, St. Benedict Joseph Labre in South Richmond Hill and St. Laurence Church in Brooklyn.



## Mayra Di Rico, Part-Time Bookkeeper

Mayra's parents fled Cuba when she was just a baby for freedom and a better life in the U.S. Growing up in Astoria, Mayra was determined to live up to that promise. In her thirty-three plus career in Corporate America, Mayra received numerous awards and honors including Crain's New York's "40 under 40"; El Diario Latinas 2006 Distinguished Woman; Flushing Town Hall COCA Award; and the Eagle Award from the National Eagle Leadership Institute. She held executive positions at HSBC, Astoria Bank and Sterling National Bank. Mayra holds a degree in Marketing and International Business from NYU graduating summa cum laude and a master's degree in Banking from the University of Virginia. She is fluent in English, Spanish and Italian and held a Series 6, 63 and life and health license. The tragic accident she witnessed of her beloved Mother in 2019 changed her life bringing her closer to GOD. She decided to quit the corporate world and dedicate her time to her family, friends, and community. Mayra joined the Lectors for the Spanish Mass at St. Joseph Church. Mayra's passion includes the beach, writing and making a difference in the life of others. St. Joseph Church has been her parish since she took her first communion. She resides in Astoria with her husband Joe, and their children Daniel and Jessica. Her motto is that every day is an opportunity to learn and become a better version of oneself.







## Yuliana Restrepo Youth Ministry

Yuliana was born in Colombia. She moved to Boston with her family and lived there for 19 years where she had her first volunteer experience with the church at the Holy Redeemer. She had her first encounter with Jesus in 2006 and with his love and mercy, her life changed. She moved to Astoria after getting married to David and is now the mother of Mateo. Her passion for the past 15 years has been to serve the Lord by helping teenagers and young adults discover God. Fluent in Spanish and English, Yuliana's passions include cooking, hiking, and dancing. St. Joseph Church has been her parish and her spiritual blessing since she moved to New York. Her motto is "to love family and work hard to make a difference in the world on a daily basis."



## Harry, The Dog

Harry is a Havanese, the national dog of Cuba. While Harry is small, he is sturdy in structure and personality. He has a spirited personality and a curious disposition, and is notable for its springy gait, a characteristic that distinguishes the breed from all others. Harry is the ideal family pet and a true companion dog. He is a social companion and thrives on being surrounded with love. Harry is 6 years old.

## Meet our Sacristans



Irene Luisa Torres



Guadalupe Astudillo



Joe Nelson



Joe & Irene



## St. Joseph Church Ministries & Groups

Come join one of our Ministries and/or  
exciting Groups.

### Ministries

- ✓ Altar Servers
- ✓ Choir (English & Spanish; Children & Youth)
- ✓ Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist (English, Spanish & Italian)
- ✓ Lectors (English, Spanish & Italian)
- ✓ Religious Education
- ✓ RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)
- ✓ Ushers

### Groups

- ✓ Bereavement Group
- ✓ CYO sports
- ✓ Girl Scout Troops (#4210 & #4501)
- ✓ Golden Age Club
- ✓ Hispanic Groups: Charismaticos; Cursillo; Grupo Guadalupano
- ✓ Men's Group
- ✓ Movie Club
- ✓ Prayer Groups: Divine Mercy; St. Padre Pio
- ✓ Stitches
- ✓ Youth Group

# Youth Group



# Office of Faith Formation

Religion Classes: All grades First – High School

Starting with the Sunday 9:00 a.m. Family Mass and children coming to St. Joseph School from 10:15 AM – 11:30 AM.



May God bless our faith-filled parish, our pastor, Rev. Vincent Chirichella and his staff, our catechists, our volunteers, our parishioners, our children, and their parents, our RCIA adults preparing for the sacraments of Baptism, Profession of Faith, First Communion, and confirmation. May we all enjoy the patron feast of St. Joseph.

*Director of Faith Formation Mrs. Silvia Rivera.*

## *Special Thanks to our devoted Catechists and volunteers:*



Blanca M. Aviles, Julie Butkovic, Katarina Briggler, Henry Cachia, Maria P. Carpenter, Kimberly Castro, Patricia Colella, Eva Contreras, Teodula Garcia, Bryan Henry, Kristine Laconi, Enedina Luis, Yazmin Montero, Edwin Peralta, Migdalia

Ramos-Díaz, Narcisca Rodriguez, Thomas Pinto, Sandra Sepolveda, Gabriel Yacono, Carina Velazquez, Patricia Schrader, Dominguez Thomas, Fernando Campana, Jose Guadarrama.

**Volunteers:** Arielle Montero, Kelly Fragoso, Grazia Mazza, Aiden Ramos, Alan Robalo, Jacqueline Verdugo.

**Door Monitor:** Lili Daleo, Cristina Almonte, Francesc Ottommaneli, Luzceli Bravo, Porfirio Hernandez.

# RCIA

## **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

If you are an adult who is not baptized and who is seeking information about the Catholic Church, you are invited to:

"COME & SEE."

## **RCIA is the process for you.**

If you are a baptized non-Catholic adult seeking information about the Catholic Church, you are invited to "COME & SEE."

## **RCIA is the process for you.**

If you are a baptized Catholic who is seeking to complete initiation into the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Confirmation and/or Eucharist you are invited to "COME & SEE."

## **RCIA is the process for you.**

If you have been married civilly, but not yet in the Catholic Church and are interested to receive the Sacrament of Matrimony and are missing any Sacrament of Full Initiation

You are invited to "COME & SEE."

**Please call the Parish office to register at 718-278-1611**

Or send an email to [religious.ed@stjosephastoria.org](mailto:religious.ed@stjosephastoria.org)

**Classes start in October.**

**English Class: Meets each Thursday from**

**7:00 PM – 8:15 PM**

**Spanish Class: Meets Sunday morning from**

**9 AM – 10:15 AM**

**Delia Lili Chirinos. (Spanish preparation)**

## The Rite of Welcoming and Acceptance 2023



The Rite of Welcoming and Acceptance was celebrated by Rev. Vincent Chirichella. We welcome our Catechumen and candidates that will receive their sacraments of Initiation.

## St. Sharbel Healing Masses



Please join  
Fr. Vincent Chirichella  
and his brother,  
Deacon Michael for  
the Healing Masses.

# The St. Joseph John A. Rerecich Food Pantry

Available the first and third Thursday of each month starting at 8:00 - 9:30am. Bags of groceries are distributed to needy families in our Food Pantry Room. No families are turned away.

We service approximately fifty families per week. Through the generosity of church parishioners, as well as grants from the food bank of New York, we can continue this service. Special thanks to: Marlene Kaselis and volunteers: Ian Saraceni and Giovanna Saraceni

This year we have changed the name of our Food Pantry to the St. Joseph John A. Rerecich Food Pantry to honor one of our Parishioners.





**IF YOU CANNOT FEED A  
HUNDRED PEOPLE, THEN  
FEED JUST ONE.**

— MOTHER TERESA

John Rerecich passed away on June 19, 2019. He was part of the St. Joseph parish since 1953. As a child, John was a student at St. Joseph's School.

After graduating, John attended Aviation High School.

John went on to become a Steamfitter with local 638. Years later he injured his back and was disabled for more than 30 years. John survived both his parents, brother, and sister. His last wish was to have his estate feed the poor.

St. Joseph Church has renamed its Food Pantry to honor John's legacy to:  
**The St. Joseph John A. Rerecich Food Pantry**

The Food Pantry's expansion will include increased storage and refrigeration to feed more families.

# The Music Ministry



The music ministry is to act as a vehicle to usher in the presence of God. It is to set and establish an atmosphere that is conducive to worship, enabling (a) the presence of God to move freely among the congregation and (b) each person in the congregation to experience Christ on a personal level.

The music ministry should serve as an enhancement to the worship service (not a distraction), preparing the people for the delivery of the Word of God. It is not an end, but neither is it a means of filling gaps in the worship experience. The music ministry should not be used as a piece of scenic background, but rather as an active, participatory, and integral part of the worship service.

**Director of Music: Carmensita Bernardo**

# Altar Servers



Loving Father, Creator of the Universe, you call your people to worship, to be with you and each other at Mass. Help me, for you have called me also. Keep me prayerful and alert. Help me to help others in prayer. Thank you for the trust you have placed in

me. Keep me true to that trust. I make my prayer in Jesus' name, who is with us in the Holy Spirit. Amen.



Accordingly, Servers have a solemn responsibility to do their assigned duties with dignity and reverence. Our parish has Altar Servers (boys and girls), who start after their First Communion. All that is required is a desire to serve at the Altar of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We thank and congratulate our faithful Altar Servers for their assistance at Mass.

*Los Monaguillos de San Jose se hacen presente con un saludo a Nuestra Parroquia de San José. Somos jóvenes que servimos con Amor Reverencia y Dignidad en cada Celebración Eucarística. Gracias Señor por tú llamado y confianza en nosotros.*



## Baptismal Class Instructors

Before the celebration of baptism, the Church expects parents and sponsors to be formed in the meaning of the Sacrament as well as its responsibilities (Canon 851).

We offer this class prior to the scheduled baptisms.

## Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

The Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion serve the people of St. Joseph Parish by assisting with the distribution of Holy Communion at both weekday and weekend masses. They also bring Holy Communion to the homebound parishioners, and some are called to bring Holy Communion to patients in nearby hospitals. The ministry of assisting the Priests in bringing the Body and Blood of Jesus to the people of God is open to all fully initiated Catholics, 18 years of age or older, who are active in the parish and faithful to the attendance of Mass.



# Lectors



The Lectors of St. Joseph Parish serve the people by their proclamation of the Holy Scriptures at Mass during the week and on weekends. The Lectors receive training on how to properly proclaim the Word of God and have workbooks that they use to reflect on the Scriptures as they prepare during the week to read the Sunday or weekday Scriptures. They attend Days of Reflection that enhance and enrich their spiritual lives and help them develop a true love of Scripture. The ministry of Lectors is open to all fully initiated Catholics who are active in the parish.

## Ministros Extraordinarios de la Eucaristía

Los Ministros Extraordinarios de la Comunión felicitan a la



Parroquia San José de Astoria por celebrar la Fiesta de nuestro Patrón San José. los Ministros servimos en la Misa Dominical repartiendo la Comunión a los feligreses. También llevamos la Comunión a los enfermos a los hogares. **QUE DIOS BENDIGA A NUESTRA PARROQUIA.**

## Proclamadores de la Palabra

Los Proclamadores de la palabra, son los ministros laicos que Proclaman la Palabra de Dios durante la celebración de la Santa Misa. Se reúnen cada último domingo de mes.



## Ministers of Hospitality (Ushers)



The Ministers of Hospitality (Ushers) are outgoing parishioners who warmly greet the people as they come into church for Mass as well as other parish functions. They are also responsible for the efficient and orderly flow of the Offertory Collection as well as organizing the Offertory Procession. They are responsible for the security and

safety of parishioners and neighbors attending Mass and all activities that take place in the church.

The Ministers of Hospitality are active members of St. Joseph Parish who enjoy interacting with other parishioners and visitors. If you would like to serve as a Minister of Hospitality, please contact Father Chirichella, or Lillian Daleo, who is the coordinator of the Ministers of Hospitality.



## Acomodadores



Los ministros de hospitalidad, al igual que otros ministros de la liturgia, son ante todo miembros de la Iglesia. Participan en tareas específicas como acogiendo a las personas que llegan a la Iglesia, dándoles la bienvenida, recogiendo la colecta y también permanecen unidos en la Santa Misa con el resto de la asamblea. Si usted está interesado/a en ser parte de este ministerio por favor comuníquese con el Señor Gregorio Ávila o uno de sus miembros para unirse a este magnífico ministerio.





## Grupo Oración de San José



El Grupo Fuente de Sanación se formó en el año 1970 en casa de la Sra. María Ruby Mediavilla. En el año 1977 se pasó a la parroquia San José hasta la fecha de hoy.

Este grupo se reúne todos los viernes de 7:00pm – 9:00pm, en donde se reza el rosario, se hace alabanzas, adoración y predica.

Te invitamos a compartir con nosotros, ven y participa.



# Stitches Prayer Shawl Group

Our group began September 2009 at the suggestion of Father John Harrington. We are benevolent fiber artists that meet to knit and crochet for local hospitals, charities, and other organizations. We hope to inspire members of our community to utilize their talents to assist those in need. Recipients of our beautifully knitted and crocheted prayer shawls. Chemo caps. Comfort blankets, hats, scarves, baby sweaters, booties, preemie hats and blankets have been donated to:

**MSK; HSS; Winthrop Hospital NICU; Montefiore Hospital NICU; Wyckoff Hospital NICU; Faith Mission; HOUR Children; SHAREing & CAREing; Interfaith Mission; Bridge to Life; St Jude Children's Hospital; N.Y. Center for Rehab & Long-Term Care**

**We meet the third Friday of the month from 7PM to 9 PM  
For Inquiries: [stitches11103@gmail.com](mailto:stitches11103@gmail.com)**



## Grupo Guadalupano



Se inició en el año 1995.

Nuestra misión es evangelizar con el Santo Rosario en los hogares.

Nuestras reuniones son los martes a las 8:00 p.m.



## Hospitality Breakfast

First Sunday of each Month after All Masses

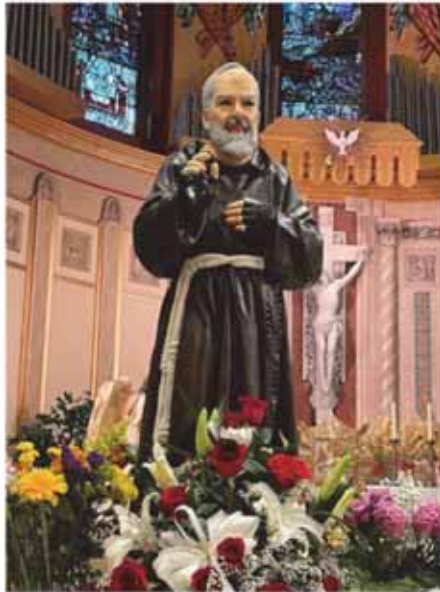


Financial Counters meet weekly for the accurate processing of all offerings.



*(Orsola Marsalisi is missing)*

# Padre Pio Festival



Gruppo di preghiera di  
S. Padre Pio



*Il gruppo di preghiera di S. Padre Pio  
celebra con Don Vincenzo, per la festa  
di S. Giuseppe.*

*Ringrazia la comunità. Invita tutti a pregare  
con noi ogni martedì nella cappella 2:00 pm.*

*Buona Festa. Viva S. Giuseppe!*

## Golden Age Club



The Golden Age Club meets on Wednesdays after 12 Noon Mass to 2:30 PM in the Family Room.

Activities range from Music, Bingo, Arts & Crafts to other fun activities.



## The Divine Mercy Prayer Group



The Divine Mercy Prayer Group was officially formed September 2016 during the “**Year of Mercy.**” Since then, the group has been meeting every Friday after the 12pm mass. We are always looking for new members.

The mission of the group is to pray the Divine Mercy and for the intentions of each member. We pray for our pastor and priests, family members, the Universal church, our country, peace in the world, healing, etc. Our two main goals are prayer and charity. In the past few years, we have helped several Charities, and needy families have a joyous Christmas.

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# CYO



The St. Joseph CYO program has been around for over 50 years. The program consists of dedicated volunteers who give their time to the children of the parish and outside the parish. Our coaches teach basic/advanced skills and rules of the game. At St. Joseph we also strive to teach the girls the importance of teamwork, communication, camaraderie, and leadership.

St. Joseph's CYO Volleyball program is open to all girls, ages 9 to 18, from Third grade through High School who live within or belong to St. Joseph Parish. Each season, our program consists of an average of 100 girls, and the program is a completely volunteer - run program.

The program runs from October through April, registration is in early September. Practices are held on Tuesday or Wednesday nights in the school gym. Home games are held on Sundays in the school gym, while away games are played on Saturday or various weeknights at participating parishes within the Diocese of Brooklyn.

## RCIA Candidates and Catechumens

During the Easter Vigil 2022, Candidates and Catechumens received their Sacraments of Initiation.



RCIA Candidates received their First Communion and Confirmation, during Pentecost.



## First Communion Class 2022



## Confirmation Class 2022



# *Photos through the Year*

*All Saints Day with our Religious Education Children*



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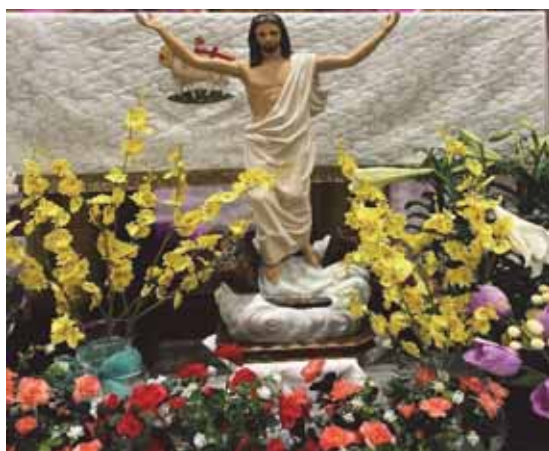
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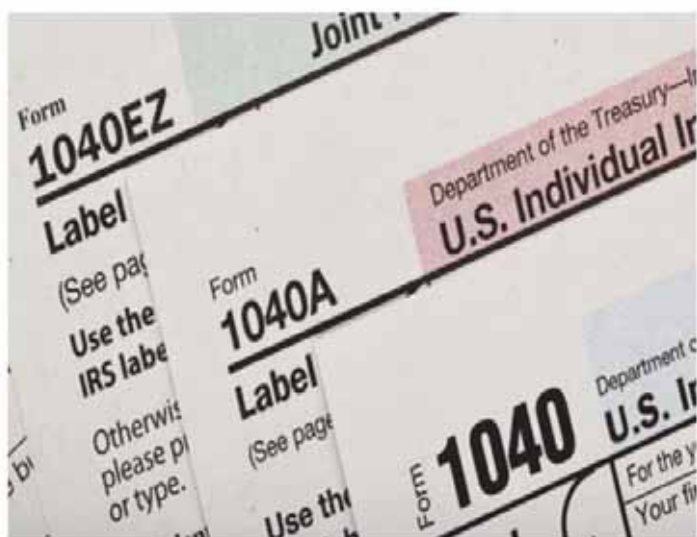
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Grade 6 ELA	56%	72%	<b>95%</b>
Grade 7 ELA	53%	69%	<b>76%</b>
Grade 4 MATH	47%	43%	<b>61%</b>
Grade 6 MATH	34%	42%	<b>78%</b>
Grade 7 MATH	36%	40%	<b>60%</b>

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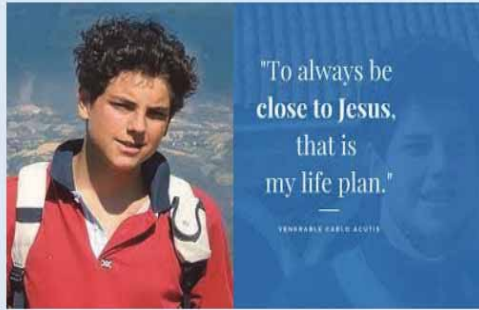
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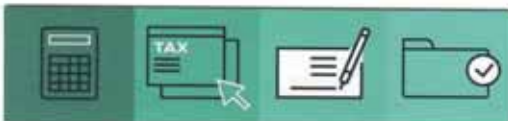


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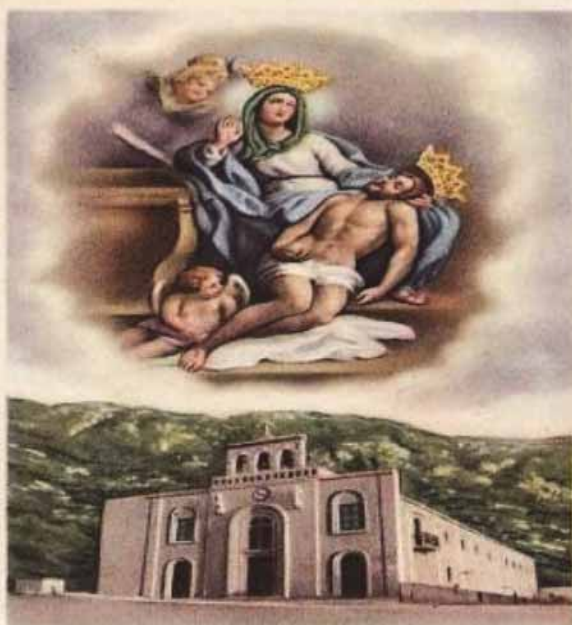
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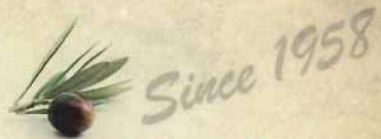
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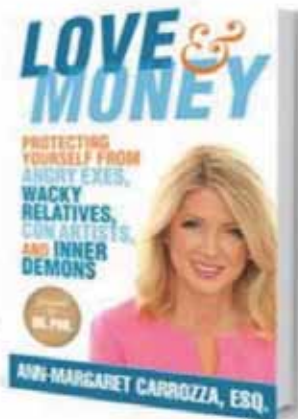
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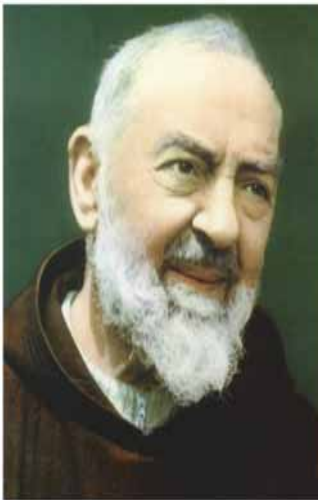
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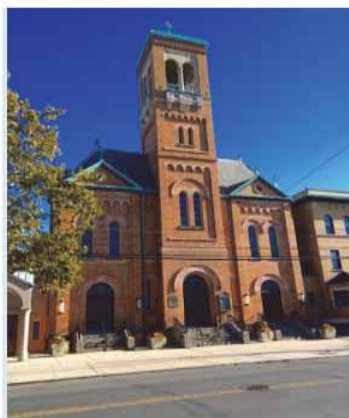


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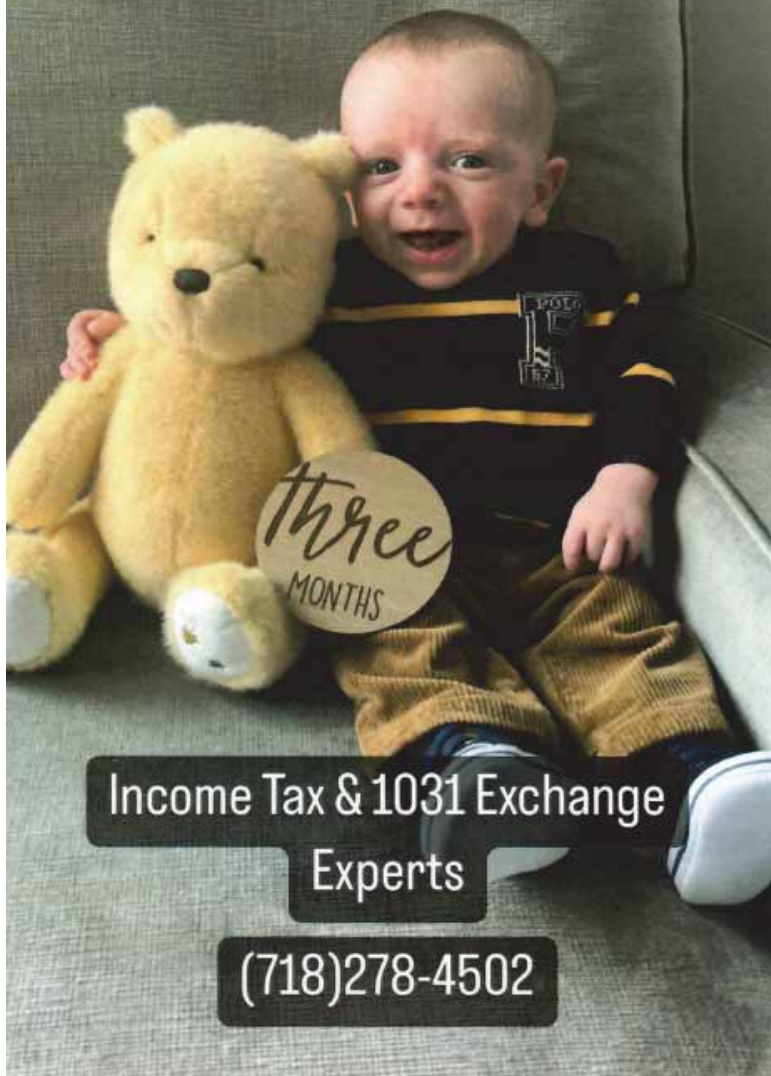
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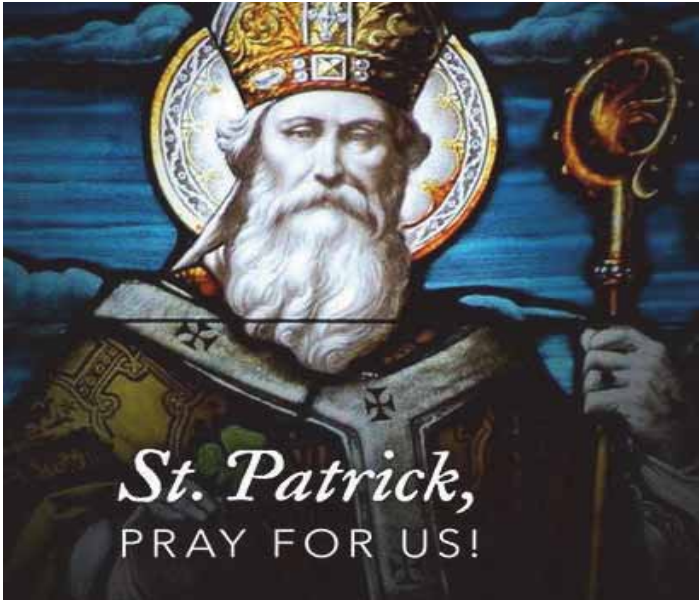
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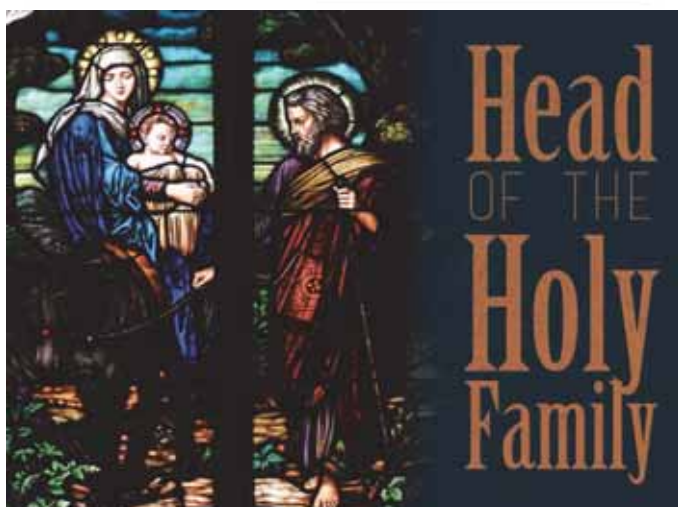
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