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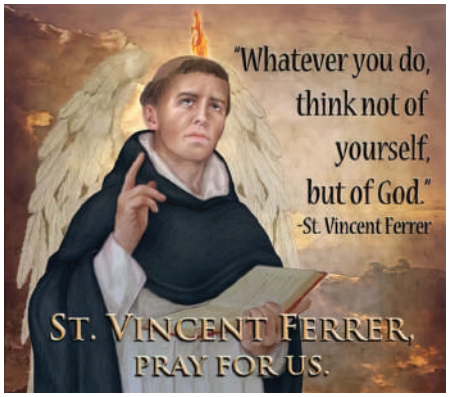

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Saturday: 9:00 a.m.
Saturday: 5:00 p.m. – Vigil Mass
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
HOLY DAYS: 9:00 a.m.

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17th Week in Ordinary Time
July 27, 2025

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday, July 26th **5:00 p.m.**
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Doreen Gullap — In Memoriam
Requested by the Gullap Family

Sunday, July 27th **8:00 a.m.**
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Waterloo Paul — In Memoriam
Requested by The Saint Vincent de Paul Ministry

11:00 a.m.
Yolanda E. Nurse-Daniel — Birthday Blessings
Requested The Gillies Family
Fitzrodrick Kerr —In Memoriam
Requested by Dawn Kerr and Family
In Thanksgiving to Saint Vincent Ferrer
Requested by Marie Saintulet

Monday, July 28th **9:00 a.m.**
John Schaffer — Birthday Blessings
Requested by James Bambara

Tuesday, July 29th **9:00 a.m.**
Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus
Margaret F. Bambara — In Memoriam
Requested by Margaret and James Bambara

Wednesday, July 30th **9:00 a.m.**
Saint Peter Chrysologus,
Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Ida Ferrero — In Memoriam
Requested by Yvette Lubin and Family

Thursday, July 31st **9:00 a.m.**
Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
Raymonde Ancion — In Memoriam
Requested by Marie Bernier

Friday, August 1st **9:00 a.m.**
Saint Alphonsus Liguori,
Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Marie Ange Bernier — Blessings and Thanksgiving
Requested by Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish

Saturday, August 2nd **9:00 a.m.**
Saints Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop
Saint Peter Julian Eymard, Priest
Serge Numa — In Memoriam
Requested by Dianne Martin-Numa

GIFTS AND INTENTIONS:

Bread and Wine
All priests and religious who have served
at Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish

Altar Flowers
School of Religion Students, Parents and Catechists
— Blessings and Thanksgiving

Altar Candles
The Sick and Homebound of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish

Sanctuary Candle
Isabella Terrell — Blessings and Thanksgiving
Requested by Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish

Mary's Chapel
All the souls in purgatory

Annunciation Chapel
All those who have no one to pray for them

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

Please contact the Rectory Office if you are homebound or know of any parishioner who is homebound or anyone going for a medical procedure who would like to be anointed by a priest and/or receive the Holy Eucharist. 718-859-9009

SECOND COLLECTION: THE PONTIFICAL MISSION SOCIETIES JULY 26-27

This weekend's second collection is the **Pontifical Mission Societies Collection**. Bishop Brennan asks that the funds from this collection be directed to the newly erected **Missionary Diocese of Sultanpet, India**, the home diocese of **Father Sylvester D'Cruz**, who spoke at the Masses last weekend. Funds from this collection are for the support of corporal works of mercy which include education, supporting vulnerable children, work in hospitals and teaching catechism. Your great sacrifice and timely help will enable us to experience God, living and acting in and through the poorest of the poor for the wellbeing and growth of the community.

Please be generous. Thank you.

Lectio Divina

Read the following scripture: Luke 11:1-13.

Take some time to reflect in silence on one or more of the following questions:

- What word or words in this passage caught your attention?
- What in this passage comforted you?
- What in this passage challenged you?

Read the Scripture passage one more time. Bring to the Lord the praise, petition, or thanksgiving that the Word inspires in you.

Scripture Reflection

What conversion of mind, heart, and life is the Lord asking of me?

Lord, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples. Who taught me to pray? What forms of prayer do I find most fruitful?

Do not subject us to the final test. With what temptations am I struggling? What spiritual resources help me to be strong in these struggles?

If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him? What good things has God given me? How do I share God's gifts with others?

Closing Prayer

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with all my heart,
for you have heard the words of my mouth;
in the presence of the angels I will sing your praise;
I will worship at your holy temple
and give thanks to your name.

Because of your kindness and your truth;
for you have made great above all things
your name and your promise.
When I called you answered me;
you built up strength within me.

The LORD is exalted, yet the lowly he sees,
and the proud he knows from afar.
Though I walk amid distress, you preserve me;
against the anger of my enemies you raise your hand.

Your right hand saves me.
The LORD will complete what he has done for me;
your kindness, O LORD, endures forever;
forsake not the work of your hands.

(From Psalm 138)

DAILY READINGS FOR
THE 17TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday, July 27
Genesis 18:20-32 Psalm 138:1-3, 6-8 Colossians 2:12-14
Luke 11:1-13
In bargaining with God, Abraham demonstrates a real persistence in prayer (1). Jesus invites us to persist in prayer as well, to "ask…seek…knock" (3). May our prayer open us to God's will, and so build up his strength within us (Ps). In baptism we have died with Christ and have been raised to live with him (2).

Monday, July 28
Exodus 32:15-24, 30-34 Psalm 106:19-23
Matthew 13:31-35
The Israelites commit sin by fashioning for themselves a molten image (1, Ps). The kingdom of God will spread throughout the world (2).

Tuesday, July 29
Exodus 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28 Psalm 103:6-13
John 11:19-27 or Luke 10:38-42
The Lord is rich in kindness (1, Ps). Martha welcomes Jesus into her home (2b), him "who is to come into the world" (2a).

Wednesday, July 30
Exodus 34:29-35 Psalm 99:5-7, 9 Matthew 13:44-46
As mediator, Moses reveals God's commandments to the people (1, Ps). All appears worthless when compared to the kingdom (2).

Thursday, July 31
Exodus 40:16-21, 34-38 Psalm 84:3-6a, 8a, 11
Luke 14:25-33
The tent of the meeting is consecrated, thus assuring God's presence (1, Ps). Angels will separate the elect from the wicked (2).

Friday, August 1
Leviticus 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37
Psalm 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab Matthew 13:54-58
The Jewish calendar with its feasts (1) is outlined. Thus is God blessed and praised (Ps). The Nazoreans place little faith in Jesus' messianism.

Saturday, August 2
Leviticus 25:1, 8-17 Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 Matthew 14:1-12
A solemn feast (Ps), the jubilee year, is proclaimed (1). Herod fears Jesus to be the Baptizer come back to life (2).

SCHOOL OF RELIGION REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

School of Religion 2025-2026 Registration has begun for new and returning students. Classes begin in September.

The registration forms can be found online at saintvincentferrer.org under the Education tab. If you prefer a printed copy of the registration form, please call the Rectory at 718 859-9009 and we will mail the form to you.

REGISTERING A NEW STUDENT: Please complete the online registration form for new students. Bring the original copies of the Birth and Baptism certificates along with the registration fee.

RETURNING STUDENTS: Please complete the online registration form for returning students and bring the registration fee to the Rectory.

The registration fee is $50.00 per family and can be paid by cash or money order. Please bring the payment to the Rectory, 1603 Brooklyn Avenue. The office is open Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. There are no evening or weekend office hours.

Please check the website and your email for further updates.

If you have any questions, please call Miss Margaret Bambara at 718-859-9009.

NYS Catholic Conference

Stop Physician-Assisted Suicide in New York

New York is on the brink of legalizing physician-assisted suicide. Bill A 136 has already passed the Senate and Assembly. The only thing standing in its way is Governor Hochul's veto — and she needs to hear from you.

This bill would allow doctors to prescribe lethal medication with the sole purpose of ending a patient's life. It puts the most vulnerable among us— the elderly, people with disabilities, and those facing emotional or financial despair — at even greater risk. Suicide is not healthcare.

We must speak out to protect the dignity of every human life. Assisted suicide is a dangerous and deadly path — one we must not go down.

Take Action!

Contact the Governor's office now to oppose this deadly practice!
Visit bit.ly/veto-pas or use the QR Code.

The New York State Catholic Conference represents the Bishops of New York State in public policy matters.
www.nyscatholic.org • 518-434-6195 • info@nyscatholic.org

ENSURING A SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL

The Diocese of Brooklyn has reached an agreement with the New York State Attorney General to enhance child safety measures. This agreement requires updated training for all clergy, employees and volunteers who work with children. The new training is designed to provide valuable information to help adults ensure the safety of children and adults during interactions.

To be compliant, please log in to your account at Virtus.org and complete your training.

If you have any questions, please contact 718-965-7300, X6076.

IMPORTANT

All ministers and volunteers are reminded that they must update their Virtus training, required as a 'must-do' by the Diocese of Brooklyn.

Failure to do so will prevent them from practicing their ministry within the Diocese.

Scripture Reflection

That We May Be Changed

Our familiarity with the Lord's Prayer may blunt our appreciation of its radical, even subversive, teaching about prayer. It is to be the prayer of a community that is conscious both of its intimate relationship with God and its presence in and responsibility for the world. In both Testaments God is "Father," a metaphor vastly different from that of the powerful Roman emperor, the "father of the homeland," or the authoritarian father of the family social unit. Especially in the Gospels, God is the Abba of Jesus, in loving, faithful, and intimate relationship with the Beloved Son. The kingdom for which disciples pray is not a kingdom of political power, but one that belongs to the poor, the liberated, excluded women, forgiven sinners. That we may be changed, we pray for bread, forgiveness, and deliverance. . . .

The Lord's Prayer is no magic formula. It is an instruction about the Father to whom Jesus and his disciples pray. Jesus affirms what should be the quality of our prayer by telling two parables . . . In the first parable, a neighbor deals with a neighbor; in the second, a father deals with his son. Jesus is assuring his listeners that those who keep on asking, seeking, knocking will be answered, will find, will be welcomed.

—Sr. Verna Holyhead,
Welcoming the Word in Year C

Verna A. Holyhead, SGS (d. 2011), was an Australian Sister of the Good Samaritan of the Order of St. Benedict.

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The month of July is dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus

Wedding Anniversary Mass

The Sacrament of Marriage should be celebrated.
All couples regardless of the anniversary year are invited to renew their vows.
Bring your family to witness your exchange and the continued commitment to one another.

Saturday, September 27, 2025
11:00 AM
Holy Family Church
175-20 74th Ave, Fresh Meadows

Information is due by September 15, 2025

Scan the code for more information on registration and payment options.

Misa de aniversario de bodas

Celebramos el Sacramento de Matrimonio.
Todas las parejas casadas, están invitadas a renovar sus votos.
Traigan a su familia para que sea testigos de su intercambio y del compromiso continuo entre ustedes.

sábado, 27 de septiembre de 2025
1 1:00 AM
Holy Family Church
175-20 74th Ave, Fresh Meadows

Favor de inscribirse antes del
15 de septiembre de 2025

Escanee el código para obtener más información sobre el registro y las opciones de pago.

This Week on Formed

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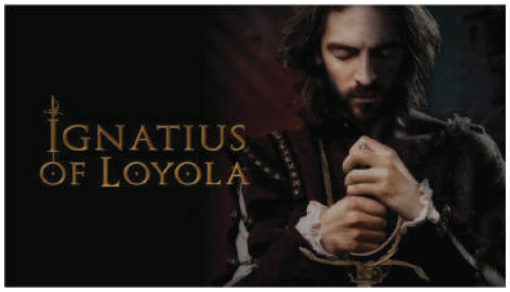
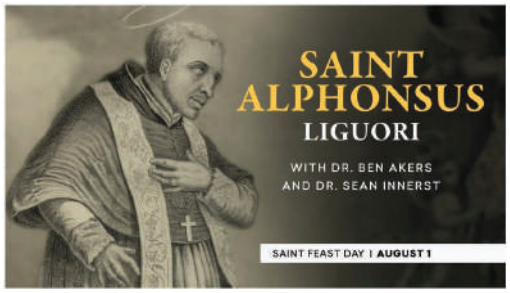
The Violinist: Stories of Solanus Casey

The Violinist is a must-watch documentary that chronicles the inspiring life of a humble Capuchin friar known for his deep faith, simplicity, and profound impact on those he served. Featuring personal stories from the people who knew Bl. Solanus, the film showcases his remarkable ability to inspire others, sharing heartwarming anecdotes about his modest lifestyle and passion for playing the violin.



Ignatius of Loyola

This film brings to life the story of St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits. Often called "The Saint of Second Chances," St. Ignatius was transformed from a self-obsessed sinner to a loyal and passionate soldier-saint.



St. Alphonsus Liguori | Catholic Saints

Born to a noble Italian family and known as the "Prince of Moral Theologians", St. Alphonsus Liguori was a great preacher, lawyer, bishop, theologian, and Doctor of the Church. In this episode of Catholic Saints, Augustine Institute professors Dr. Sean Innerst and Dr. Ben Akers discuss this holy man, drawing wisdom from his life and works to aid Catholics today

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summer WITH THE saints

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17TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

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Jesus Teaches About Prayer

The disciples asked Jesus
to teach them to pray.

Circle the hidden letters in the picture.

P R A Y E R

Jesus said to them, "When you pray, say ..."

Use the code to fill in the letters below.

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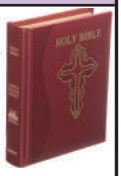

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