ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

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PARISH STAFF:
Rev. Peter F. Kaczmarek, Pastor
Msgr. Robert J. Batule, In Residence
Msgr. Patrick Armshaw, Pastor Emeritus
Deacon David Campbell, Pastoral Associate
Deacon Jean Cantave, Pastoral Associate
Deacon Allan D. Longo, Faith Formation

OFFICE HOURS:
Monday - Thursday: 9:00AM - 4:00PM; Friday: 9:00AM - 12:30PM
Evenings: By appointment only.

PARISH MASS SCHEDULE:
Saturday: 4:30PM
Sunday: 8:00AM, 10:00AM, 12:00 Noon, 5:00PM Youth Mass (Christian Rock Mass)
Monday - Friday: 8:30AM
Holy Days of Obligation: as announced.

FAITH FORMATION: (1st through 8th grade)
Religious Education Coordinator
Deacon Allan Longo, 754-6436

MUSIC MINISTRY:
Director & Cantor:
Charmaine Nygaard, 266-5458
Organist: Wei-Chun Liao

YOUTH MASS & MINISTRY:
Michael Sheetz, 252-5083

OFFICE OF PASTORAL CARE TO THE HOMEBOUND, ELDERLY and ILL:
Peggy Evans, Office: 267-4837

MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION & BEREAVEMENT:
Diane Lake: 499-0395

NEW PARISHIONERS:
Every family should be properly registered. Please stop in the sacristy after Sunday Mass or at the rectory office during office hours to pick up a census form.

DEVOTIONAL LIFE
FIRST FRIDAY
9:00 AM TO 10:00AM
8:00PM to 10:00PM with
Benediction

CATHOLIC CONVERSION
R.C.I.A.
Please call the rectory office.

LITURGY OF THE HOURS
in church Wednesday at 8:00AM

ROSARY: Daily at 9:10 AM,

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUPS
Wednesdays 7:30PM
Peggy Evans: 424-6964

HOLY HOURS
in the church
Wednesday: 7:00 - 8:00PM
Friday: 2:00 - 3:00PM

PARISH PROGRAMS
TRINITY REGIONAL SCHOOL
1025 Fifth Avenue, East Northport
Principal: Jeanne Morcone
Office: 261-530

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY
Meets semi-monthly in the auditorium, 651-2655

IN-HOME PRE-CANA
Seasonally in host homes
Coordinators: 271-3566
Deacon Allan Longo

LITTLE PEOPLE’S
LITURGY
Sundays at the 10:00am Mass.
Louise Mordarski: 796-2070
Pam Capotosto: 423-1091

PB & J GANG
Leslie Kulewicz: 754-2132
Yvonne Porpora: 499-3780

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

BAPTISM:
Scheduled Sundays at 11:30AM.
Parents should contact the Rectory before the birth of the child. Both parents must come for an interview with the priest or deacon. Class also required after the interview.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:
Please call the rectory office at least six months in advance for an appointment with a parish priest. A marriage preparation program is required.

PENANCE/RECONCILIATION:
Saturdays at 12:30 and 5:30PM also by appointment.

ANOEING THE SICK:
Every second Monday after the 8:30 AM Mass. Also anytime by calling the rectory office at 757-7435.

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December 5, 2010

Mission Statement:
St. Francis of Assisi Parish is a Christ-centered family of believers, celebrating Christ alive in our lives through the inspiration of the Gospel, church teachings and traditions and the Sacraments. We are sensitive to the spiritual and temporal needs of God’s people, acknowledging their uniqueness and dignity and are dedicated to reaching out and serving them through prayer, liturgical celebrations and social ministries. Guided by the Holy Spirit and nourished by the Holy Eucharist, we welcome all people with love, respect and compassion. We are vigilant in protecting the rights of the most vulnerable. In the tradition of our patron, St. Francis of Assisi, we put the “good news” of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ into action.

Masses for the Week

Sunday, December 5th - Second Sunday of Advent
8:00 St. Francis Parishioners
10:00am Kate Porto+, James Edward Wardelo+
Arthur Anderson – 56th Anniv.+
12:00pm Special Int. to Our Blessed Mother, The Sullivan Family +
5:00pm Youth of St. Francis, Geraldine Davies +

Monday, December 6th
8:30 Edward Medina+

Tuesday, December 7th
8:30 Norman W. Garrett+
4:30 Conversion of America’s Heart to End Abortion

Wednesday, December 8th - Immaculate Conception
8:30 Marion Morelli+
10:00 James J. Reilly+
&:30 Joan Gribbon+

Thursday, December 9th
8:30 Mildred Parchment+

Friday, December 10th
8:30 George Rand+

Saturday, December 11th
4:30 Giovanni Abbruzzese+

Sunday, December 12th - Third Sunday of Advent
8:00 St. Francis Parishioners
10:00am William Davies+, Kate Porto+, Bill Sweeney+
Rogers French+, Emilio Doctor+
12:00pm William Davies+, Kate Porto+, Bill Sweeney+
Rogers French+, Emilio Doctor+
5:00pm Youth of St. Francis

Please pray for the sick of the Parish
Vicki Mannino, Kathy LaRusso, Fred Muller, Fran Vecchiarelli, Margaret Leitch, Vinny Furnari, Grace Corso, Beatrice Sullivan, Michael Flood, Sister Laurence Cantave (Dcn Jean’s sister), Gloria Payne, George Maley, Patrick Bissex, Chris Harrison

Ministers for Saturday & Sunday
December 11th & 12th

Saturday, 4:30pm
Eucharistic Ministers: Karen Pugni, Gisele Nelson, Frances Takach, Charmaine Nygaard, Yardley Cornet
Lector: Peggy Evans
Altar Servers: Emily Lozito, Mackenzie & Monika Sivilli

Sunday
8:00 am
Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Allan & Lorraine Longo, Rosemarie Estiebar, Joe Koferl, Bill Giordano
Lector: Gawaine Estiebar
Altar Servers: Alexandra Vallejos, Colleen & Danny Morgan
10:00 am
Eucharistic Ministers: Jo Ammadio, Louise Mordarski, T/L Pavone, Frank Brown, Diane French
Lector: Diane Bacigalupo
Altar Servers: Brittany Coscio, Krystal & Angela Capatosto
12:00 pm
Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Jean Cantave, Diane & Robert Bauge, Karen McKenna, Brian Madden
Lector: Leslie Malone Walker
Altar Servers: James & Thomas Krauss, Sarah Dube
5:00 pm
Eucharistic Ministers:
Altar Servers: Kathleen Barter Michael Saxer

Saint Francis Parish/Huntington Hospital
Eucharistic Schedule
First, Third, Fourth and Fifth Sundays of the Month
Meet at 9:15AM in Hospital Lobby

December 12th St. Patrick’s parish services Huntington Hospital
Bishop Dunne’s Visit

This weekend Bishop John Dunne, who is the Vicar of the Central Vicariate of our Diocese and our Vicar, will be making a Pastoral Visit with us here at St. Francis. Bishop Dunne is an auxiliary Bishop of our Diocese of Rockville Centre and assists our Bishop Murphy with his duties. His Vicariate embraces 40 plus parishes in Eastern Nassau and Western Suffolk Counties.

Bishop Dunne will be preaching at all the Masses and meeting with the various department heads of the staff and with representatives of the various ministries and activities in the parish. All parishioners will have an opportunity to greet him after Mass and he wishes to extend his best wishes to all of you!

Bishop Dunne is no stranger to St. Francis and has made a good number of visits as vicar to our parish. He comes to strengthen the ties we enjoy as a parish with the larger local Catholic Church on Long Island (Diocese of RVC). It is a positive and joyful event that contributes much to the vitality and life of the parish.

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

Friday, December 24
Christmas Eve
8:30am  Mass of the Vigil of Christmas
3:00pm  Junior Choir
5:00pm  Youth Mass
10:00pm Adult Choir & Instruments

Saturday, December 25
Christmas Day
5:00pm  Junior Choir & Instruments
10:00am Adult Choir & Instruments
12:00pm Adult Choir & Instruments

*There will be no 4:30 Mass on Christmas Day

ADVENT WREATH CEREMONY

PRAYER FOR THE SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT:
Leader: Come, Lord Jesus, into our home. We wish to prepare a way even to the door of our hearts. Our lives have potholes, twists, ups and downs that require a good mender. You are our hope and prayer. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen. Then the oldest child lights not only the first but a second candle. Both candles burn during the evening meal as before.

Boy Scout Troop 52 will be selling lush and fragrant evergreen Christmas wreaths, crosses, swags and centerpieces after all the Masses the THIS weekend

Please help to support this Boy Scout fundraiser!
December 5, 2010

**Time, Talent & Treasure**
Fostering Stewardship as a way of life

(Regular Sunday Offertory)
Last Sunday’s weekly offering :$10,917
Last Year’s Sunday offering :$12,268
**Thanks for Giving First Fruits & Taking a Step!!!**

**Bulletin Reflection**
We must be good stewards of God’s gifts to us, receiving them gratefully and cultivating them with care lest we be the ones about whom John the Baptist speaks today: “Every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.”

**Living Stewardship**
We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who strive to consider how they are fulfilling God’s purpose to be of service to our parish and to the wider community.

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**BOOSTER CLUB WINNER**
The monthly St. Francis Booster Club Winner is

**JEROME PETROCELLI**

**Congratulations!**
The weekly Booster Club Prize is $60.00. The monthly Booster Club prize is $600.00. Don’t miss out on your chance to be a winner.

Tickets are $50.00 and are available in the Rectory and at the Port-a-Store

Your ticket is entered to win _Every Week!_

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**Eucharistic Ministers:**
If you would like to minister at one of the Christmas Eve/Christmas Day Masses, please call the Rectory before the assignments are finalized.

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**Wednesday, December 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and a Holy Day of Obligation.**

Mass times are as follows:
**Tuesday, December 7th** at 4:30pm and 7:00pm
(7th Graders)

**Wednesday, December 8th** at 8:30am, 10:00am and 7:30pm

The Rectory, Pastoral Care and Religious Education Offices will be closed on Wednesday, December 8th for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. There will be no religion classes on that day. We will reopen on Thursday.

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**Join our parish family for light refreshments and fellowship at our monthly Sunday Social, next Sunday, December 12th after the 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00Noon Masses.**

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**Nativity Presentation**

December 19th during the 10:00am Mass.

The Little Children of St. Francis will be putting on a nativity scene presentation.

There will be no Little People’s Liturgy that day.
December 5, 2010

**St. Vincent DePaul Thanksgiving Update**

A special thanks to our parishioners, friends and benefactors who contributed in a small or large way, also a thank you to Deacon Allan for providing the 7th grade students to help us pack Thanksgiving baskets and distribute them.

You all made it a success and as of this date 151 families received turkeys and Thanksgiving baskets. We ran out of our supply of turkeys, so those clients received $30.00 gift cards from the local supermarkets in addition to their Thanksgiving baskets.

**Christmas 2010**

We are planning for our Christmas give away of food and toys. We need your help as never before. We have limited freezer space and are asking for donations of turkeys of 15 lbs. or under and hams. This will allow us to utilize the space we have. The cutoff for food donations and toys is Friday, Dec. 17th.

We thank you in advance for whatever you can do to help us.

**May you enjoy a Blessed and Holy Christmas.**
“It was not you who chose Me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you. This I command you: love one another.” John 15:16-17

“Advent is a short season, yet it covers a long distance. It is the road of a soul from Nazareth to Bethlehem. It seems such a short distance as we are accustomed to thinking of distances. Yet it is a road into infinity, into eternity. It has a beginning, but no end. In truth, Advent is the road of the spiritual life, which all of us must start if we do not want to miss the way.” Catherine Doherty, “The Meaning of Advent,” Donkey Bells

Special note: The Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe is Sunday, December 12th. Pope Paul II has entrusted the cause of life to her loving protection, and placed under her motherly care the innocent lives of children, especially those who are in danger of not being born. (The efforts of our Respect Life Committee have been lovingly entrusted to Our Lady of Guadalupe as well as the patron saint of our parish, St. Francis of Assisi.)

Our precious babies especially need Huggies and Pampers diapers sizes 4, and 5, unscented wipes, unscented baby wash, and warm clothing sizes 18 months through 4T as our babies and toddlers are growing quickly! We appreciate the baby coupons you continue to place in our white crib. Always, we thank Our Lord through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe and St. Francis for your great generosity. Wish to join our St. Francis of Assisi Respect Life Committee? Please call our rectory at 631-757-7435.

Please continue to pray each day for our precious babies-born and unborn babies—and their parents!!! Pray the rosary for the conversion of America’s heart to end abortion.
A Sneak Peek at The St. Francis Cookbook!
Here’s a peek at what our beautiful cookbook will look like! It’s being published right now and will be delivered in December.
Price: $18.00
Order yours at the Port-a-Store in the Rear of the Church, or call the Rectory.

Port-a Store this week!
We have a large selection of Christmas items! Christmas ornaments, gifts, cards and Advent Calendars with or without chocolate! Check out our large selection of Rosary beads, keepsakes for weddings and baptisms, scapulars, crosses, religious books and religious jewelry. Come and see our new magazine rack for some inspirational words!
The store is open before and after all Masses. All proceeds go directly to St. Francis.
We honor special requests!

PRAY NOW MINISTRY
Prayer available 24/7 with Deacon Dave Campbell, call 631 514-9916

PRAYER FOR OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN MILITARY SERVICE
O prince of peace, we humbly ask Your protection for all our men and women in the military service. Give them unflinching courage to defend with honor, dignity and devotion the rights of all who are imperiled by injustice and evil. Please guard our churches, our homes, and our schools, our hospitals, our factories, our buildings and all who are within from harm and peril. Protect our land and its peoples from enemies within and without. Grant an early peace with victory founded upon true justice. Please instill in the hearts and minds of people everywhere a firm purpose to live forever in peace and good will toward all. Amen.

GOD-UNITED NEWS
A Thankful Heart is a Happy Heart
We have broken our record. The PB&J Gang made 1,068 sandwiches! Hip, Hip Hooray!
We want to thank all the caring families and friends that came to help. God’s hands were joyfully at work to make a difference in the lives of others. Our next PB&J gang is Sunday Dec. 19, in the lower level of the church, 6:30-8:00pm. We need donations of smooth peanut butter, jelly and bread. Our pantry is empty but our hearts are filled.
** Hey kids and parents you can use PB&J Gang to fulfill your community service hours. Families check, friends check, community service check, a joyful heart from helping others, priceless!

Calling All St. Francis Festival Captains!
Special Meeting to be held on Monday December 6, 7:30pm in the Parish Hall.

Advent Bible Study
Come and See...
Wednesday Bible Study now meeting 11:30am in the parish hall.
• Special Presentations
• Special Guest Presenter
• St. Teresa of Avila - Doctor of the Church
• Special teachings on Interior Prayer
You won’t want to miss any of these conferences.
Experience what God’s word means in your life.
For information, call Barbara at 631-807-8900 or Joan at 631-367-4788