

Masses: **SATURDAY** 4:30pm • **SUNDAY** 8am, 10am, 12pm, 5pm • **MON - FRI** 8:30am

St. Francis of Assisi

"Let me sow your love"

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A VOICE CAME FROM THE HEAVENS,
"YOU ARE MY BELOVED SON; WITH
YOU I AM WELL PLEASED."

MARK 1:11

JANUARY 10, 2021 • THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

OUR MISSION

St. Francis of Assisi is a Roman Catholic Church steeped in history, yet forward thinking, creating a positive impact on our community while bringing brothers and sisters in Christ together to be the hands and feet of Jesus. In the true Franciscan way, we sow the seeds of the future in the good soil of tradition.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 2021

4:30pm - Edwina & Joseph Mordarsk†, James Beaton†

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2021

8:00am - St. Francis Parishoners

10:00am - Joseph Colamussi†

12:00pm - Msgr. Pat Armshaw†, Dennis Dyckes†,
Josephine & Gerard Lucci†,
Robert Pescatore†

5:00pm - Intentions of Anastasia Weilandt,
Youth of St. Francis

MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2021

8:30am - For the sick of our parish

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2021

8:30am - In thanksgiving to St. Benedict

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2021

8:30am - Nunzie DeMarco†

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 2021

8:30am - For the protection of the unborn

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15, 2021

8:30am - In thanksgiving to our Blessed Mother

DEVOTIONAL LIFE - HOLY HOURS

HOLY HOUR FOR PRIESTS

Mondays: 12:30pm - 1:30pm

SACRED HEART HOLY HOUR

Wednesdays: 6:30pm - 7:30pm

PATRIOTIC HOLY HOUR

Fridays: 2:00pm - 3:00pm

ADORATION

Mondays & Fridays: 9:00am - 5:00pm

ROSARY - Daily at 8:00am

HAITIAN MASS - Every 3rd Saturday at 6:30pm
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LECTOR SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2, 2021

4:30pm - Bob Bauge

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 2021

8:00am - Gawaine Esteibar

10:00am - William O'Brien

12:00pm - Neil Coscio

5:00pm - Albert Porpora

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 2021

4:30pm - Mary Lemp

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2021

8:00am - Rosemarie Esteibar

10:00am - Henry Bokuniewicz

12:00pm - Nancy Christensen

5:00pm - Michael Kitakis

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 2021

4:30pm - Carol Ann Gallo Russo

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2021

8:00am - Diane Lake

10:00am - Michael Mordarski

12:00pm - Paul Papa

5:00pm - Jeffrey Froh

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23, 2021

4:30pm - Mary Schlaikjer

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2021

8:00am - Linda Costello Roth

10:00am - Peter Dowd

12:00pm - Ellen Lobasso

5:00pm - Albert Porpora

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30, 2021

4:30pm - Bob Bauge

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 2021

8:00am - Gawaine Esteibar

10:00am - William O'Brien

12:00pm - Neil Coscio

5:00pm - Michael Kitakis

BULLETIN REFLECTION

Jesus is baptized in the Jordan River by his cousin, John. It is in baptism that we are united with the Church to be sent on a mission to become disciples.

LIVING STEWARDSHIP PILLAR OF FORMATION

As baptized Catholics, we are sent on a mission to spread the Good News of the Lord. What is one extra thing you can do this week to spread the Good News to a neighbor, family member or friend?

THE PASTOR'S DESK

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER PETER



It takes more than a pandemic to get our loyal parishioners down! Even if they are not able to get here physically for Mass on Sundays, they are not forgetting their parish of St. Francis. This level of loyalty is a great tribute to their love of the Lord and his church!

Our first Grand 50/50 raffle during Advent was a good success! The winner received a Prize of \$4,612.50 after taxes to Al Fusaro, so the Parish came away with an equal amount! Donations for our usual Christmas collection were down of course from last year at \$42,000 (there still may be some more to come). Taking the pandemic into account, not so bad. Last year's Christmas collection was around \$57,000. Some more will come in in the next few weeks, but finances remain a challenge.

Yes, in common with most Catholic pastors, I had been hoping for a very good turnout of our parishioners. As you may know the Christmas attendance was disappointingly low! Here we planned for a closed circuit tv hook up to show the live Mass downstairs in the lower church also. Attendance was so low that nobody needed to go down to the lower level! I pray that a hunger for the Bread of Life (Holy Eucharist) will draw many more back to Mass in church. If you are youthful, under 70 and otherwise able to come, please consider returning soon. In the meantime, let us pray for one another.



Baptisms

Welcome to the Church

Dominic James DeSimone

Hudson John Barbato

Molly Elizabeth McParland

Alaria Schuler

St. Vincent de Paul Society



January 10: The Baptism of the Lord

Jesus was baptized, he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and a voice was heard "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." As we give to the poor, we also can hear these same words.

As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering, and you give them reason to believe and to trust.

*Checks made payable to Society of St. Vincent de Paul and dropped in the collection baskets will help us serve our neighbors in need throughout the Greenlawn area.

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The Windows of our Church



We are blessed and grateful to bring you this series of beautiful reflections by Deacon Jim Byrne throughout the coming months.

The Presentation in the Temple

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord,” and to offer the sacrifice of “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons,” in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord.

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Messiah of the Lord.

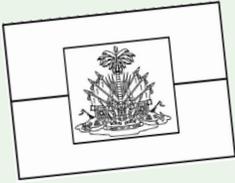
He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, he took him into his arms and blessed God, saying: “Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.”

The child’s father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted (and you yourself a sword will pierce) so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed” (Lk 2:22-35)

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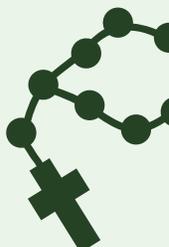
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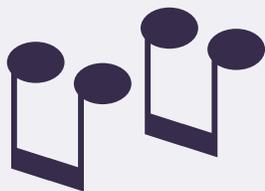
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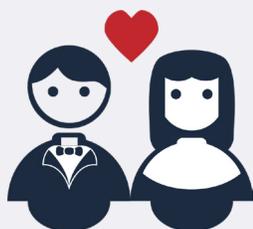


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GET INVOLVED!

Attentive to the Voice of Grace

A Pastoral Letter by the Most Reverend John O. Barres on the 200th Anniversary of the Death of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

One week prior to the First Continental Congress, on August 28, 1774, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was born in New York. The timing of her birth would foreshadow the pivotal role she would play in both American history and the history of the Catholic Church in the United States.

As the first American-born saint, her story illustrates the spiritual realities of those nascent days of our nation and the blossoming branch of the Church in America. A wife and mother, a young widow and convert, a teacher and pioneer, the founder of a religious congregation and the embodiment of Christian service to those in need, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton offers a beautiful image of faith under trial and perseverance in carrying out God's will.

As we celebrate the 200th anniversary of her birth into eternal life on January 4, in this time when our nation and our faith both face great challenges, we do well to pause and study her life. In the Diocese of Rockville Centre especially, as we re-envision our mission of Catholic education with the Morning Star Initiative, we look to the patroness of Catholic schools for guidance and inspiration.



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WATER

It may seem obvious that the theme for the Baptism of the Lord is “water,” but when one spends time with the readings today, one can see many different connotations for that water and its power. Isaiah calls the poor who are thirsty and tired to come to the water and take the spiritual food and drink that will be provided if we but seek the Lord. Here, God is both destination and consolation. The responsorial psalm follows suit with the image of drawing water from the springs of salvation. 1 John takes us to the reality of Christ as eucharist: not only Jesus’ birth and baptism, but his death, as we hear that Jesus came “by water and by blood.” The Gospel depicts John baptizing Jesus with water, and the Spirit baptizing Jesus. We experience both the humanity and the divinity of Christ. Indeed, water has much power to save us.

BEING THE MESSENGER

When we go to a pop music concert, there is often an opening act. Usually they are a young group on their way up, or older musicians who are past their prime and still hanging on in the business. This is indeed a hard job. In the comedy world it is the same thing. You have to warm up the crowd. You are not who they are coming to see, and audiences may be unresponsive, come in late, or not pay a lot of attention. Yet John had no problem being the opening act, the messenger, the harbinger of faith for Jesus. He was very devout in his faith and knew what his role was. Many Jews were actively seeking a messiah, and he was quick to let them know that he was not the one for whom they were waiting. “I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.” Yet he conducted his ministry with faith and hope.

BEING THE MESSAGE

As John humbly carried out his mission and Jesus accepted this simple baptism by John, the Holy Spirit indeed came down upon Jesus, and God proclaimed for the first time, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.” Thus Jesus began his formal ministry. There must have been much that he already knew, but also much that he uncovered each day in his encounters with the disciples and the crowds. As he responded “yes” to the Father over and over, his thirst was quenched and his spirit strengthened.

How many times do we witness baptisms in the parish? The priest ministers with simple elements of water and oil, but the Spirit is called down each time. Every time we participate, we are experiencing the message, experiencing the call again. How many times have we blessed ourselves with holy water, or participated in a sprinkling rite? Yet in these days, when church fonts are empty due to safety precautions, we need to remember those other times, trust in God, and sing the prayer of Isaiah in our hearts about drawing the water joyfully. We must trust in the message. We must become the message of God’s saving action through our baptism and our lives.

TODAY’S READINGS

Isaiah 55:1-11

Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 1

John 5:1-9

Mark 1:7-11



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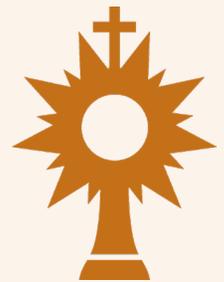


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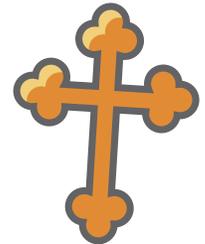
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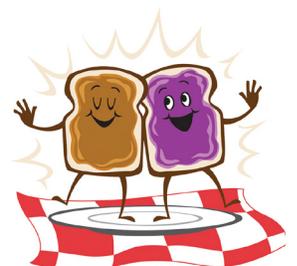
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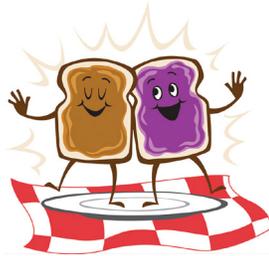
Peanut Butter & Jelly Gang!!

- We're back again.
- Virtually!

Join us via **Zoom Jan 24th**
from **6:30** to **8:00 pm.**

From your kitchen table to ours.

Must wear masks and gloves!! You will need bread, creamy peanut butter, jelly, sandwich bags and a box to collect them in. And it's a great way to earn some community service hours!



Zoom Meeting ID & Passcode:
Check back for Zoom Info.

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Healing to the family of John Anotov,
Josephine Amadio, Shirley Brown,
Debbie Carson, Joe Clines,
Miranda D'Angelo, John Dougherty,
Peggy Evans, Christopher Frey,
Joseph & Cynthia Giordano,
Eileen Lammers, Gail Lyons,
Chad Morris, Theresa McQuade,
Thomas & Margaret Murray, Betty Phillips,
Joe Ruggieri, Andrew Schreiber,
Ruth Terc, Kay Weiss

Our prayer list is updated monthly.
Please **contact the Rectory** with
any additions or changes.

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Holy Hour of Reparation to the Sacred Heart

Every Wednesday, we have a beautiful **Holy Hour of Reparation to the Sacred Heart** at **6:30pm**, including Rosary and confessions, followed by a candlelight **Eucharistic Procession** honoring **Christ our King** and begging for His Mercy.

After that, there are special traditional exorcism blessings of water, salt and olive oil, and traditional blessings of other items you may bring such as crucifixes, Rosaries, beeswax candles, medals, holy pictures, etc., as well as enrollment in the **Brown Scapular and Miraculous Medal.**

If you have any questions, please call **Jane Wigutow** at **631-827-2510**

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

BABY CORNER



IN NEED OF DONATIONS!

Donations of **Huggies** diapers (sizes 3, 4, 5 and 6), **baby wipes**, and **shampoo** are greatly appreciated.
We are not taking clothes at this time.

Place donations in the wooden bin in the hallway to the left of the vestibule. **We are unable to take big items. If the item doesn't fit in the bin, please don't leave it.** We thank you so much for your generosity as always.

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EVENTS THROUGH JANUARY

JANUARY 13 - 7:30pm - Lecto Divina - Zoom

JANUARY 15 - 7:30pm - Game Night - Lower Church

JANUARY 20 - 8:30pm - Movie Night: The Search
Episode 6 - Zoom

JANUARY 22 - 1:30pm - Feast of Espouses Celebration
- Lower Church

JANUARY 27 - 8:30pm - Movie Night: The Search
Episode 7 - Zoom

JANUARY 29 - 7:00pm - Men's Group - Lower Church
- 7:30pm - Women's Group
- Rectory Basement

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

LECTIO DIVINA

January 13th: Zoom - 7:30pm

Lectio Divina is a beautiful form of prayer based on meditation and reflection of the Bible.

game night

AT ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI GREENLAWN-
Lower Church Basement

January 15th: Lower Church - 7:30pm

Have a favorite game you've been dying to play?
Bring it...or just yourself.

DAILY COMMUNITY ROSARY AT 9PM:

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