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# *St. Francis of Assisi*

"Let me sow your love"

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**DESTROY THIS TEMPLE, AND IN  
THREE DAYS I WILL RAISE IT UP**

JOHN 2:19

**MARCH 7, 2021 • THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

## 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, MARCH 6, 2021

4:30pm - For the sick of our parish

### SUNDAY, MARCH 7, 2021

8:00am - St. Francis Parishoners

10:00am - Margaret Egan†, Michael Albino†,  
Thanksgiving for Graces

12:00pm - Josephine & Michael Trotta†,  
Bruce C. Ogilvie†, Frank Perz†

5:00pm - Youth of St. Francis

### MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2021

8:30am - Intentions of the DeStefano Family

### TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2021

8:30am - Arthur & Mary DeRosa†

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 2021

8:30am - David & Lucy DeRosa†

### THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2021

8:30am - Anthony Butera†

### FRIDAY, MARCH 12, 2021

8:30am - Stephen Becker†

## 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, MARCH 6, 2021

4:30pm - Mary Lemp

### SUNDAY, MARCH 7, 2021

8:00am - Rosemarie Esteibar

10:00am - Henry Bokuniewicz

12:00pm - Neil Coscio

5:00pm - Michael Kitakis

### SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 2021

4:30pm - Carol Ann Gallo Russo

### SUNDAY, MARCH 14, 2021

8:00am - Diane Lake

10:00am - Peter Dowd

12:00pm - Daniel Troy

5:00pm - Albert Porpora

### SATURDAY, MARCH 20, 2021

4:30pm - Bob Bauge

### SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 2021

8:00am - Linda Costello Roth

10:00am - Michael Mordarski

12:00pm - Nancy Chirstensen

5:00pm - Diane Young

### SATURDAY, MARCH 27, 2021

4:30pm - Mary Schlaikjer

### SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 2021

8:00am - Gawaine Esteibar

10:00am - William O'Brien

12:00pm - Paul Papa

5:00pm - Jeffrey Froh

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at regular hours **9AM - 3PM**.  
Masks must be worn in the office.

## BULLETIN REFLECTION

In the second reading, we hear, "For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength." God is wiser and stronger than we can ever imagine; when you are facing troubles and stresses, do you turn to Him or try to fix the problems yourself?

## LIVING STEWARDSHIP PILLAR OF FORMATION

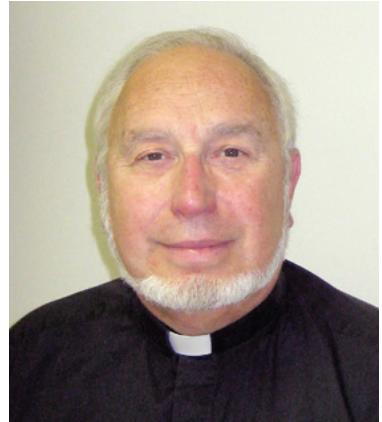
Jesus defends the holiness of the temple. This week, try to learn more about the holiness of the Church.

Familiarize yourself with the terminology for the various items used during Mass. Do you know what a Purificator is?

# THE PASTOR'S DESK

## A MESSAGE FROM FATHER PETER

I) Winter is almost over (or so we hope!) It has been a cold and snowy one. We are paying off over \$10,000.00 in snow removal costs. Thank you again for your faithful support!



II) We "Kicked off" the Catholic Ministries Appeal this weekend. Peter Dowd and I were the speakers this year. Special thanks to Pat Brennan who coordinated our effort the last few years. Pat promises to be available again to assist us in the near future.

III) We are launching our revived teen ministry in a zoom format. Please keep this important effort in your prayers! Tony Chiarelli and Ivonne Popora will be offering the young people guidance and direction. Young adults from the coffee house will be supporting their work. Tony has an abundance of ideas for activities. Ivonne will focus on events and projects to assist needy people.

IV) Many of our parish ministries have been suspended for many months now due to the pandemic. We held an important meeting of ministry heads to share information and plan to come back as soon as conditions allow.

## The Lenten Journey

To keep us all connected this Lenten Season, **Deacon Allan** has recorded a special Lenten message for our Religious Ed families.

Also, **Loyola Press**, our Religious Education publisher, has some great activities, videos and more to help you have a great Lent this year:  
<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/lent/>



To hear Deacon Allan's Lenten message to our Religious Ed families on our website, follow the link below.

<https://stfrancisgreenlawn.org/religious-education/#religioudedvideos>

## St. Vincent de Paul Society



### March 7: Third Sunday of Lent

In today's Gospel Jesus is asked "What sign can you show us?" Every day we can see signs of how God has visited us in the blessings of our lives. Let us be a sign of God's love by being a blessing to others.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can be a sign of God's love to the suffering and poor.

\*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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# Bishop Barres' Lenten Letter

## Lent 2021

Dear Parishioner,

“The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan ... After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the Gospel of God.”(Mark 1:12 - 14) Each year on the First Sunday of Lent, the Church presents for our reflection and prayer the experience of Jesus in the desert. Jesus’s experience in the desert follows immediately upon His baptism by Saint John the Baptist and immediately precedes His public ministry and proclamation of the Kingdom of God, in word and in deed. Saint Mark points out to us that the Spirit, who had just descended upon Jesus in the form of a dove, drove Jesus into the desert.

The desert was a barren place, a place of lifelessness, the home of the devil and evil. The Spirit sends Jesus into the desert to prepare himself for the years of His public ministry, ultimately leading to His Death and Resurrection. Jesus spends time away from the world to prepare himself. But He also goes forth into the desert to begin His battle against evil, sin and death. Jesus goes into the very dwelling of evil to begin the confrontation. This battle will continue throughout the rest of Jesus’s life. The ultimate victory will come on Good Friday through His ultimate act of love on the Cross.

Our yearly experience of Lent, our forty day “desert experience,” can be viewed in the same way. We are inspired and sent by the Spirit to spend some time apart from the world of noise and recover the beauty of silence. But, we are also sent to do battle. Our experience of true silence should allow us the opportunity to both listen to the voice and promptings of God as well as to better know ourselves. This personal battle against sin and evil can be painful, because we come to realize that we are all in need of constant conversion.

There are real changes each and every one of us need to make in our lives and our hearts this Lent. But like Jesus, we are not alone. The Lord was ministered to by angels during His forty days in the desert. We are constantly aided by our guardian angels, by the angels and saints in heaven, by the community of the baptized, and by the grace of the sacraments of the Church. Like Jesus, we need to emerge from the desert ready to take on the evils of the world and work to spread the Gospel.

It was only a few short weeks into Lent 2020 that the experience of Covid-19 made radical changes to our society, our Church, and our families. The experience of desert isolation was no longer a metaphor but a lived reality. The experience of having our parishes locked down for months was painful for all of us. Many of us still experience this isolation in many ways. But as Christians we always remain men and women of hope. We know that the Cross of Good Friday leads to the empty tomb of Easter Sunday.

Pope Francis has declared this year as a special Year of Saint Joseph. In Saint Joseph we find a man of profound hope and strength as well as prayerful silence. Scripture does not record one word spoken by Saint Joseph. But Scripture does tell us of his unwavering faith and trust, which go beyond words. Following Jesus, and like Saint Joseph, men and women in the first centuries of the Church began to leave the towns and villages and settle in the isolation of the desert. Like the Lord, they sought to rid themselves of the distractions of everyday life so they too could do battle with evil, and through their quiet example proclaim the Kingdom of God.

This continued throughout the history of the Church, even to our present moment. Saint Antony, Saint Benedict, Saint Bruno, and so many others show us the lived experience of the desert is not an escape from the reality of life but a privileged encounter with the Lord and a revelation of our true selves. While most of us are not called to the monastic or solitary life, the last twelve months have given each of us an experience of solitude. We are encouraged to remain “socially distant.” In the midst of the real suffering and hardships this has caused, perhaps the hidden grace is that it has led us to be “temporary monastics.”

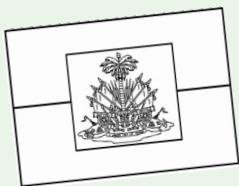
Our typical Lenten “desert experience” of forty days has lasted a bit longer. But we will come out of it! And like the Lord, when we emerge our goal is to proclaim the Gospel of God according to our vocation and the graces given to us. In addition to our personal sins and the evils present in our own hearts, we live in a world that is right now suffering from real physical illness as well as real division and hurt of every kind. Jesus emerged from the desert bringing the healing presence of God to all he encountered. As the baptized, the Church, the continuing presence of Jesus in the world, we need to do the same. The same Holy Spirit that drove Jesus into the desert is driving us on.

Sincerely in Christ,

*+ Jph O. Barres*

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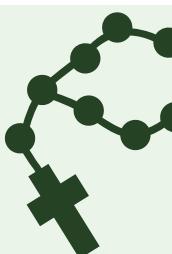
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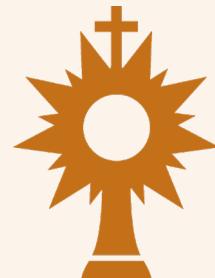
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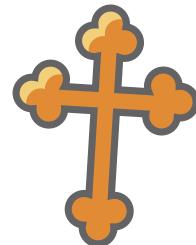
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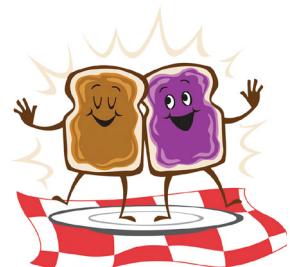
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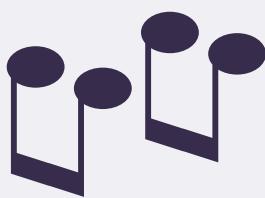
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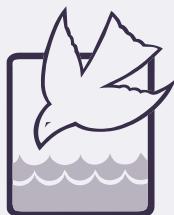


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Embracing Dramatic  
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# Youth Ministry is Back!

## Grades 8 - 12 | All Are Welcome



**Join us as we jump back into our youth ministry!**

The meetings will be held on **Zoom**(for now) on **Saturdays**  
at **7:00pm** starting **March 13th**.

The group will be led by Tony Chiarelli who has many years of experience working with youth as a ministry leader, teacher, mentor and musician. Tony has lots of fun activities planned for us and Ivonne Porpora will be organizing her famous adventures again as soon as we can get out more!

Please share the word with anyone between 8th -12th grade who may be interested in getting involved. Not only is this an opportunity to grow your Catholic faith and strengthen your love and trust in God, but it's also a big opportunity to meet new people and build a sense of community with people your age through games, art, music and more.

So join us for fun and faith every Saturday at 7:00pm , hope to see you there!

**Join Zoom Meeting:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85777934235?pwd=U0JaTVZQK2pIUTlaQkg5RThuTmZadz09>

**Meeting ID: 857 7793 4235**  
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## Congratulations!

We would like to congratulate our parishioners who have made the St. Anthony's High School Honor Roll for the Second Quarter

Ava Bedoya  
Anthony Buonagurio

Brian Crockett

Megan Huether

Emma Kaplan

Ava LaBelle

Sean O'Grady

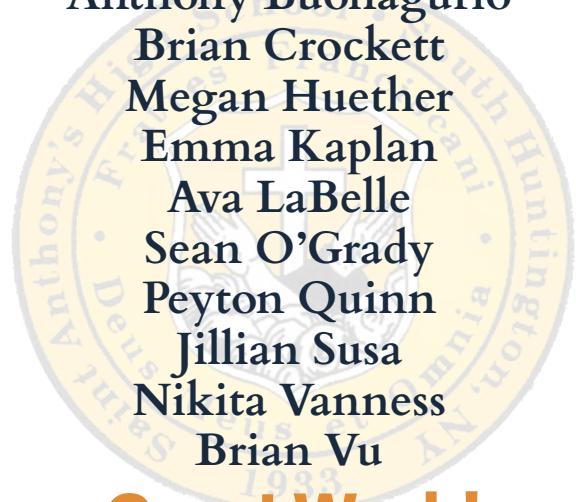
Peyton Quinn

Jillian Susa

Nikita Vanness

Brian Vu

**Great Work!**



## Attention All St. Francis Volunteers: Background Screening Information

All active volunteers at St. Francis must be in compliance with Diocesan requirements from the Office of Protection of Young People: complete **VIRTUS** training, complete the Code of Conduct, and undergo Background Screening.

The Diocese has now mandated that everyone undergo background screenings at 5 year intervals. Many of us are at or past the 5 year period. In the coming days, you will be asked to undergo the screening process again to remain in compliance.

Here is the procedure: you will receive an email from **VIRTUS**. When you answer the required questions, another email will be generated by **STERLING VOLUNTEERS** asking you to complete the background screening application on-line, including entering your social security number. **Please know that this request is not a scam.**

**STERLING VOLUNTEERS** is an agency approved by the Diocese to screen eligible volunteers. We have assurance from the Office of the Protection of Young People that **STERLING** will keep your information private and secure.

We appreciate all volunteers who so generously give of their time and talent to St. Francis. If you have any questions about the screening process, please contact me at the Religious Education Office at **(631)754-6436**.

# The Luck Of the Irish Giant 50/50 Raffle

The jackpot is growing!  
Send in or purchase your tickets now!

Winner will be drawn **LIVE** at the **12:00pm**  
**Mass on March 14.**

Our last winner received well over the  
minimum guarantee of **\$2,000!**



## PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Josephine Amadio, Noreen Brittenham,  
Shirley Brown, Debbie Carson,  
Joe Clines, Miranda D'Angelo,  
John Dougherty, David Evancie,  
Peggy Evans, Christopher Frey,  
Joseph & Cynthia Giordano,  
Bridget Connors Groeger,  
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