

St. Francis of Assisi

"Let me sow your love"

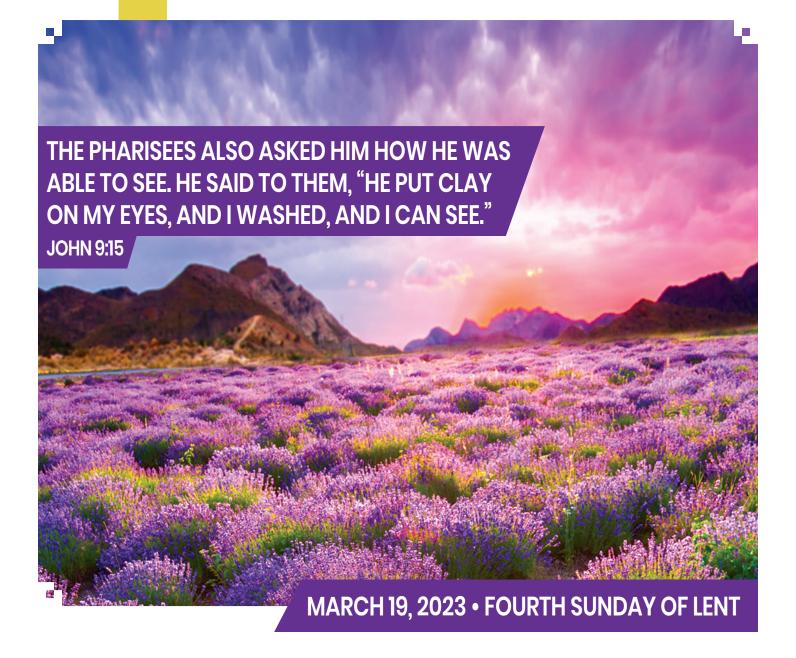
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OUR MISSION

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 18, 2023

4:30pm - Frank Lobasso♥, J. Philip Clarke♥, William O'Brien, Sr.♥

SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2023

8:00am - St. Francis Parishioners

10:00am - Crescenzo Sciancalepore ♥,

Louis Lombardi †, John Mario Vitucci †, Doris Ellen Mickowski †

12:00pm - Catherine Russo♥, Robert Conti♥,

Charles Porto, Sr.‡,

5:00pm - Youth of St. Francis

MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2023

8:30am - Barbara Perro មិ

TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2023

8:30am - Nina & Ivan , Ints. of Kaylee Collins

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 2023

8:30am - Ints. of Kaylee Collins

THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 2023

8:30am - Olga Wetmore ₽

FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 2023

8:30am - Fr. Robert Mason &

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 on Zoom at 8:00am

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

Deacon Jean Cantave: 631-896-3747

LECTOR/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 2023

4:30pm - Lector - Donna Tanzi Eucharistic Ministers - Deacon Jim Byrne, Marie Ingrid Dejoie, Lisa Love

SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2023 -FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00am - Lector - Rosemarie Esteibar Eucharistic Ministers - Deacon Allan Longo,

Gawaine Esteibar, Lorraine Longo

10:00am - Lector - Peter Dowd

Eucharistic Ministers - Deacon Jim Byrne,

Andrej Brchnel, Charles Giardino

12:00pm - Lector - Neil Coscio

Eucharistic Ministers - Deacon Jean Cantave,

Mary Ann Farmer, Teresa Iaquinto

5:00pm - Lector - Albert Porpora

Eucharistic Ministers - Catherine Kitakis, Laurel Waite

SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2023

4:30pm - Lector - Carol Ann Gallo Russo **Eucharistic Ministers -** Deacon Jean Cantave,

Nicole O'Brien, William O'Brien

SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2023 - FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00am - Lector - Patrice Gibbs

Eucharistic Ministers - Deacon Allan Longo,

Phil DeDora, Clare Intemann

10:00am - Lector - Michael Mordarski

Eucharistic Ministers - Deacon Jean Cantave,

Peter Dowd, Louise Mordarski

12:00pm - Lector - Paul Papa

Eucharistic Ministers - Deacon Allan Longo,

Thomas Buckley, Lorraine Longo

5:00pm - Lector - Michael Kitakis

Eucharistic Ministers - Catherine Kitakis, Diane Young

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday 2PM - 3:30PM

Call Rectory for private confessions

BULLETIN REFLECTION

In today's Gospel, Jesus opens the eyes of the man born blind.

LIVING STEWARDSHIP PILLAR OF SERVICE

Like the blind man in today's Gospel, there are many in our lives, our parish and our community who need assistance. This week, pray a decade of the Rosary for someone you know who is in need of prayer (perhaps someone struggling with mental or physical health issues).

The Pastor's Desk

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER PETER

Michael Grogan returns to help us make our way through Lent. Michael, who is legally blind, has a personal street ministry to addicts and homeless in Philadelphia. Originally from Long Island, Michael deserves our support in prayer and sacrifice.

He will invite you to adoration of Christ in the Eucharist. He starts at 3:00pm Sunday, March 19. Michael's program includes the 5:00pm Parish Mass, followed by something light to eat to carry us over, and then his evening program from 7:00pm to about 8:30pm.

Michael concludes on Monday evening from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. Don't miss this special witness to love and the power of God!



St. Francis of Assisi Upcoming Events

March - April 2023



Saturday, March 18 Haitian Mass 6:30pm

Sunday, March 19 Hospitality Sunday hosted by Religious Ed

Sunday, March 19 PB & J Gang 6:30pm – 8:00pm

Monday, March 20 Feast of St. Joseph Program 8:00am Monday, March 20 Lenten Mission Michael Grogan

Friday, March 31

St. Patrick the Irish Legend 6:00pm

Saturday, April 1

First Saturday
Devotions
11:00am

Sunday, April 2 Palm Sunday

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St. Vincent de Paul Society



March 19: Fourth Sunday of Lent

In today's Gospel, as Jesus gives sight to the blind man. Through grace we are also transformed from not seeing to seeing and then Jesus sends us to help others see and to believe.

Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brings joy, peace, forgiveness, mercy and kindness to the hurting hearts of the 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.

St. Francis of Assisi Conference: 631.651.2655

All Eyes were Smiling!

A St. Patrick's Day Dinner/Dance Recap











It was a grand evening for everyone, Irish or otherwise! 135 people attended the St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance at St. Francis on March 11, dancing to the music of Irish group Buoy 34, and entertained by the Irish step dancers from the Doherty/Petry School of Irish Dance, and the bagpipe tunes of Nicholas Minguillon. Judges Lisa Love and Liz Cook chose Carol Queally and Leslie Kulawicz the winners of the Soda Bread contest from among 10 entries. Thanks to all who participated, as everyone benefitted with no crumbs left over!

Everyone feasted on traditional corned beef and cabbage, and plenty of sides. The 50/50 Pot of Gold Raffle was a huge success with Paul Russo declared the winner, and Amelia Colamussi the proud 2nd place recipient of Mets tickets. Door prizes went to Maryann Farmer, Ann Saxer, and Maureen Restivo.

Special heartfelt thanks to Andy Terc for all the prize donations, to Steven Hearl for our 2nd place prize, and to the Greenlawn Fire Department for their assistance.

We deeply appreciate the efforts of the following people who helped to make the event such a success – Deacon Jean Cantave, Tom Corrigan, Maryann and Ron Farmer, Jim Gribbins, Clare Internann, Lorraine Longo, Mark McDermott, Anita Modelewski, Mike Mordarski, Stan Sadowski, and the Knights of Columbus St. Joseph Council.

Thank you too, Sharon Collins and Deacon Allan Longo for organizing a perfect evening for fellowship and fun for all!

STARFISH COFFEE HOUSE

We have heard a lot from this ministry lately! The members of the Coffee House gather on a regular basis to share faith and talk about issues of the day. Geared towards adults from 18 to 40, the group is open to new members, and has a schedule of activities related to relevant issues today. Meetings are in person and on Zoom. Make Coffee an Instrument of Your Peace! For more information contact onestarfishthrower@gmail.com.





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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Learning about our faith sets all children on a path towards a lifelong relationship with God. Religious Ed prepares students for the sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Communion, and Confirmation, and helps them develop an understanding of themselves and others. The program promotes spiritual, moral, social and cultural development so important today, and families as well as children are invited to participate fully in deepening their faith. For more information, or to register a student, please visit the parish website, or contact Anita Modelewski at (631)754-6436.



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Holy Week Schedule 2023



Saturday April 1

Palm Sunday Mass Time: 4:30pm

Sunday April 2

Palm Sunday Mass Time: 8am, 10am, 12pm, & 5pm

Monday April 3

Mass 8:30am Confessions: 3pm-5pm / 7pm-8:30pm

Tuesday April 4

Mass 8:30am • Confessions: 9am

Wednesday April 5

Morning Prayer - Liturgy of the Hours 8:00 am
Mass Time: 8:30 am
Confessions: 2pm-3:30pm / 7pm-8:30pm

Thursday April 6

Holy Thursday - No Morning Mass

Morning Prayer - Liturgy of the Hours 8:30 am

Confession: 2pm-3:30pm

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30pm

Adoration until Midnight

Friday April 7

Good Friday - No Morning Mass
Morning Prayer - Liturgy of the Hours 8:30 am
Confessions: 11am-12pm/ 1pm-2pm / 7pm-8pm
Outdoor Stations of the Cross 12pm
Good Friday Solemn Service 3pm
Indoor Stations of the Cross 8pm

Holy Saturday April 8

Holy Saturday - No Morning Mass Morning Prayer - Liturgy of the Hours 8:30am Confession 2pm-3:30pm Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter 7:30pm

Easter Sunday April 9

Mass time: 8am, 10am, 12pm, & 2pm

Sunday April 16, 2023

Mass time: 8am, 10am, 12pm, 5pm

Divine Mercy

Mass and Chaplet 3:00pm Confessions: 1:30pm



In recognition of Irish American History Month, we are showing the film "St. Patrick: The Irish Legend", starring Patrick Bergin, Malcolm McDowell, Alan Bates, and Susannah York. Filmed on location in Ireland, the movie depicts the life and times of the patron saint of Ireland. Known as "the Apostle of Ireland," St. Patrick is also the patron saint of the Archdiocese of New York.

Please join us on Friday, March 31 at 6:00pm in the lower church.

PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY GANG

This ministry gathers together on the third Sunday of each month to make as many peanut butter & jelly sandwiches as possible to hand out to people in our community experiencing food insecurity. Different groups have participated together – sports teams, parish ministries, students for community service – all are welcome to help, as they are always trying for a new record! Please consider pitching in to make sandwiches with new friends in this worthy ministry. The next meeting is Sunday, March 19 from 6:30pm to 8:00pm. Let's Outnumber Hunger! For details, please contact Leslie Kulewicz at lesliekulewicz@hotmail.com.





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Our Faith in Action Plan

Embracing Dramatic Missionary Growth.

GET INVOLVED!

St. Francis of Assisi >> BOOSTER CLUB March Winners of 2023

\$60 Weekly winners

Mar. 6th - Drew Lockwood



Mar. 13th - Thelma Cabatic 🛭

Mar. 20th - **TBA**

\$600 Monthly winner

Mar. 27th - **TBA**

You can still join our Booster Club and support our parish. Return your tickets or purchase at the Rectory/online at our parish website.

\$50 per ticket is in the running all year long!

"GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER!"

FAITH DIRECT

by Ministry Brands

Enrolling in Faith Direct today is a great way to ensure your gifts of treasure to St. Francis of Assisi are received even if you may be out of town. With the busy times of 2023, please consider registering with this convenient program.

Please pick up an enrollment form from the parish office today or enroll online at faith.direct/NY350.



Already using Faith Direct? Don't forget to add your 2023 contributions to your account this year!

St. Francis of Assisi

MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION



The St. Francis of Assisi Ministry of Consolation is looking for volunteers to be companions at funeral Masses. Such companions are a great comfort to grieving families and to our priests. If you are interested in helping, please contact Anita Modelewski at 631-754-6436 for further information.

PB & J Gang Rides Again!

From Leslie Kulewicz:

Hope everyone had a nice February break. We made a total of **555 PBJ Sandwiches** on **February 19!!**

Thank you to all who participated both in person and at home. We very much appreciate all your efforts! Thank you, too, for your contributions of creamy peanut butter, jelly, bread and sandwich bags.

Sandwiches were delivered to Mercy Soup Kitchen.

Our next PBJ Gang gathering will be this Sunday, March 19, 6:30pm - 8:00pm in the lower church. Come join us – Making sandwiches at home works, too!

Let's Outnumber Hunger!



Double BlessingLenten Mission

Michael Grogan, Michael Grogan Ministries

Michael Grogan of Michael Grogan Ministries will be with us at St. Francis on Sunday, March 19 and Monday, March 20. You may recall Michael from prior visits to St. Francis, and his work with the homeless population in Kensington, Philadelphia. Many of our members of Starfish Coffee House have paid a visit to Michael's mission over the past few years.

Michael will present the triumphant story of God's victory over all sources of evil, and challenges to our integrity as sons and daughters of the Father. Michael will make the rounds of the Sunday Masses, and give a presentation Sunday afternoon, and continue with us on Monday, March 20. Please join us for some of the events scheduled below:

Sunday, March 19, 2023

3:00pm - Presentation by Michael Grogan

5:00pm - Parish Mass

6:15pm - Light Refreshments

7:00pm - Evening Program with Michael Grogan

9:00pm - Preaching, Prayers for Healing

Monday, March 20, 2023

7:30pm - Evening Program and Presentation w/ Michael Grogan

- Eucharistic Adoration, Praise and Healing Prayers



Kiaralis Amaya, Kathleen Stevens Ashbaugh, Helen Brchnel,
Shirley Brown, Sophia Capobianco, Debbie Carson,
Carol Cheshire, Sharon Chillemi, Joe Clines,
Kaylee Elizabeth Collins, Linda Connors, Miranda D'Angelo,
Dana Dapolito, John Dougherty, Peggy Evans,
Helen Gillen Flanders, Carole Giordano,
Joseph & Cynthia Giordano, Daniel Goodman,
Bridget Connors Groeger, Hans Kaemmlein,
Christopher Klemfuss, Karen Leibold, Janice Lewis,
Leo Marcotte, Hedwig Maranchuck, Debbie Mascioli,
Michael McGloin, Theresa McQuade, Robert Mecca,
Chad Morris, Esmeralda Mosone,
Thomas & Margaret Murray, Dorothy Ott, Maria Parisa,
Veronica Porter, Frank Prisinzano, Milton Ruiz,
Arlene Russo, Viviana Trapani, Theresa Villani,

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

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SUNDAY COLLECTION - 2023

Total Donations for the Week Ending in March 4/5: \$7,212.98

Donations in the Pew and Mail-in for Week Ending in March 5: \$1,114.00



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