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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, SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

4:30pm - Juanna A. Guzman ₽

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2023

8:00am - St. Francis Parishioners

10:00am - Albert & Anne Albanese , Marie Fritch , Ints. of Charlie & Leslie Surprise

12:00pm - Gabrielle Manganero , Lillian Ferrari , Grayce Fazio , Catherine & Frank Russo

5:00pm - Deceased members of Binkarowsky Family **†**, Youth of St. Francis

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2023

8:30am - Eileen Shields♥

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2023

8:30am - Carl Abramowitz학

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2023

8:30am - Jean DeStefano♥

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2023

8:30am - Jean DeStefanot, Joan Romanellit

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2023

8:30am - Marjorie Pozderec♥

SATURDAY, OCTOMBER 7, 2023

11:30am - Clementina Fisher♥

4:30pm - Rose Mary Fennelly ት, Gertrude Crean ት, Shirley Ann O'Brien ት

DEVOTIONAL LIFE - HOLY HOURS

HOLY HOUR FOR PRIESTS - Mon.: 12:30pm - 1:30pm **SACRED HEART HOLY HOUR**

- Wednesdays: 6:30pm - 7:30pm

PATRIOTIC HOLY HOUR - Fridays: 2:00pm - 3:00pm

ADORATION - Thursdays: 9:00am - 8:00pm

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

ROSARY - Daily at 8:00am in the church

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

Deacon Jean Cantave: 631-896-3747

LECTOR/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

4:30pm - Lector - Donna Tanzi

Eucharistic Ministers - Deacon Allan Longo,

Gabriella Horvath, Mary Schlaikjer

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2023

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00am - Lector - Gawaine Esteibar

Eucharistic Ministers - Deacon Jean Cantave,

Phil DeDora, Marjorie Wong

10:00am - Lector - Nancy Christensen

Eucharistic Ministers - Deacon Jim Byrne,

Andrej Brchnel, Peter Dowd

12:00pm - Lector - Paul Papa

Eucharistic Ministers - Deacon Allan Longo,

Kathleen Dyckes, Lorraine Longo

5:00pm - Lector - Albert Porpora

Eucharistic Ministers - Catherine Kitakis, Diane Young

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2023

4:30pm - Lector - William O'Brien

Eucharistic Ministers - Deacon Allan Longo,

Anne Bardunias, Michael Bardunias

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2023

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00am - Lector - Rosemarie Esteibar

Eucharistic Ministers - Deacon Jim Byrne,

Catherine Armstrong, Gawaine Esteibar

10:00am - Lector - Peter Dowd

Eucharistic Ministers - Deacon Allan Longo,

Lorraine Longo, Karen Murphy

12:00pm - Lector - Neil Coscio

Eucharistic Ministers - Deacon Jean Cantave,

Thomas Buckley, Nancy Christensen

5:00pm - Lector - Diane Young

Eucharistic Ministers - Catherine Kitakis, Laurel Waite

THE RECTORY: Will be closed on COLUMBUS DAY/INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY (OCTOBER 9TH), After that it will be open regular hours 9AM - 3PM.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday 2PM - 3:30PM,

Call Rectory for private confessions

BULLETIN REFLECTION

In today's Gospel, Jesus talks about the importance of doing God's will. Walk the walk, don't just talk the talk.

LIVING STEWARDSHIP PILLAR OF SERVICE

As Catholics, we are called to put our faith in action. Put yourself at the service of others. Perhaps you have an elderly friend or family member who could use your assistance with something or you know someone who is lonely who could enjoy some company—show your Christian love to all!

THE PASTOR'S DESK A MESSAGE FROM FATHER PETER

St Francis has shaken off the mood of summer – the lazy crazy days of summer – and has launched out into the deep! Religious Ed, Coffee house and PB&J Gang have burst into life. Check out this bulletin for the list of official picnic volunteers; you may be surprised by who showed up! Special Thanks to Phil De Dora and Joe Masselli who were generous in heart and mind with planning and organizing. For our donated Dunk Tank we thank the Harrington family. We laughed and soaked Phil and Joe, all the while raising funds while having fun. Special thanks to Brueggemann Funeral Home for donating Face Painters and a Magician and a monetary donation, to Six Harbor Brewery for donating our Beer, Craig and Mariko Butler for games for the children, and we thank Malhalo Farms in Huntington for the Pony Rides. Our Raffle gift baskets were made possible by the generous donations from The Shed, Besito, and Farm Italy Restaurants, Broadway Pizza Greenlawn, and Miko Restaurant. Thank you for the generous support of Scratch Tickets from Living Waters, and Paul and Carol Ann Russo. Thank you for all the other anonymous donations that were also given. Our Knights of Columbus as always came through with a donation of food that fed close to 175 people, and thanks go to Terry and Paul Gitzen for their generous donation of chicken and cooking it all for us. Deacon Jean and Marie Cantave supplied the much loved Haitian Food that blessed our plates. And barbecue would not have been possible without the loan of the grills from the Greenlawn Fire Department!

A & R Tent Rental was very generous with us for our event. I'm a bit nervous to thank our volunteers individually so not to accidentally forget someone! If you were there, I'm sure you helped in some way or another. Our Picnic went perfectly because of our close community involvement. I will also add a Huge Thank You to Anita Modelewski and Sharon Collins for their work in the office with planning and with Raffle sales. At the end of the event, and our final confirmation of success was that \$7,300 was raised for St. Francis. More priceless was the great time we enjoyed coming together, showing our kids what fun it can be to belong to a church community! A Last Thank You to everyone involved – it would not have happened if we did not work together!

St. Francis of Assisi Upcoming Events

OCTOBER 2023



Saturday, Sept. 30 St. Vincent de Paul Friends of the Poor Walk Seaford

Sunday, October 1 Blessing of the Animals 1:30pm, front of church

Monday, October 2
Medicare Info session
llam-lpm lower church

Wed., October 4
Feast Day of
St. Francis of Assisi

Friday, October 6
First Friday
Devotions 9am

Saturday, October 7
First Saturday
Devotions 11:00am

Monday, October 9
Columbus Day Holiday
Parish Offices Closed

Tuesday, October 10 Living Waters

Golf Classic Rock Hill Country Club

Save the Date: October 20-22, 2023: NY State Eucharistic Congress, Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine, Auriesville, NY

St. Vincent de Paul Society



October 1st: Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Gospel today is a great example of saying, "actions speak louder than words."

As you put your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul's poor box, know that you are putting your faith into action.

*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

MEDJUGORJE: MY EXPERIENCE

by Robert McCrindle

Robert McCrindle recently returned from a pilgrimage to the International Youth Festival (Mladifest) held in Medjugorje, Bosnia Herzogovina. Here is his account of his trip.

In September 2022, my mom and I were looking for a Catholic young adult group for me. I had graduated from college that May, and had been involved with a group of Catholic students on campus. In September I heard about the Starfish Coffee House, a young adult group at St. Francis of Assisi. I remember my first visit there – it was very crowded, so I decided to sit in the back. Someone spoke about a place in Europe I had never heard



of – Medjugorje. I was interested; I had never been to Europe, but I had just joined the Coffee House and didn't know anyone there very well. An added fact is that I am autistic, which creates a whole host of other challenges. I did not think my parents would want me to travel so far with a bunch of people that I had just met.

In March at another meeting I met Rosie Nelan, one of the leaders at the Coffee House and a passionate Medjugorje enthusiast. We got to talking because I had some interest in going, and wanted to sign up before all the spots were taken. I was quite emotional that night, realizing that I truly did want to go. That evening Rosie gave me a rosary from Medjugorje. That rosary meant a lot to me; to this day it is still my favorite rosary.

I procrastinated and another month went by. At yet another meeting I told Kelly McGuiness I really wanted to go and was now afraid I had missed the deadline. I finally decided to make a move, and told my parents about it. They agreed, and we sent in the deposit. I was on my way to Medjugorje.

On July 22, we flew from JFK to Amsterdam, where we would connect to another flight to Split, Croatia, then a long bus ride to Medjugorje. The previous week had been incredibly stressful for me. I absolutely despise packing, and there was at least one occasion where I just straight-up had a meltdown from being overwhelmed. When we landed in Amsterdam, I could hardly believe it; finally I had made it to Europe. Another flight to Split and we were on our way.

In Split we met Slavanka our tour guide, and a young woman from Boston named Erin. Shortly after leaving the airport, Slavanka decided to lead us all in a rosary. It was beautiful. I had never been inside a moving vehicle with a bunch of other people all praying the rosary. It felt like I didn't have to hide my faith, I could pray out in the open and no one would judge.

Once we arrived in Medjugorje, we ate a delicious dinner, but my problems started soon after. I rushed to the area behind St. James' church for evening rosary only to find I was completely alone. I felt like everyone had already abandoned me on my first day! I had a similar experience in college, when I felt abandoned by people I had thought were my friends. Now in Medjugorje, I sent a long rant in the group chat. Rosie read it and came over to where I was sitting to "rescue" me. I didn't know what God was telling me with Rosie's actions that night, but I learned that true friends will not abandon you. They will always come to your rescue. Rosie really proved that to me that night. Afterwards, I found Louis and a few other people at a local gelato place, the first of many gelatos to come.

Robert's story continues in next week's bulletin. You can also read the full account of Robert's journey on the St. Francis of Assisi website under the "News" banner.

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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Liturgical Minister Training-Fall 2023

The Diocese of Rockville Center will offer training in Spanish and English for those who wish to serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Lectors. No walk-ins permitted, all participants must be registered in advance with a letter from their pastor.

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Part A - This training is required for **all** those who are beginning as Ministers. This "BASIC" training is required for **all** Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Those who wish to minister in hospitals, nursing homes and to the homebound are required to attend Part B training in addition to BASIC training. One **must** attend Part A training prior to Part B training.

A Lector Workshop is available for both new and experienced lectors.

Dates and Locations for Liturgical Minister Training

Training in SPANISH:

- **Lector Workshop:** Sat., Sept. 23 Our Lady of Loretto / Hempstead Divine Mercy Chapel 9:00 1:00 pm
- Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion Part A: Sat., Sept. 30 - Our Lady of Loretto/ Hempstead – Divine Mercy Chapel 9:00 – 1:00 pm (Please arrive by 8:30 am for either training)

Training in ENGLISH:

Lector Workshop and Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion – Part A:
 Suffolk: Tuesday, Oct. 10 - St. Elizabeth / Melville - Msgr. Kane Hall; 7 pm - 10 pm.
 Nassau: Wednesday, Nov. 29 – St. Paul the Apostle/Brookville – Lower Hall; 7 – 10 pm
 You may register for only one training each evening.

You may register for EITHER Lector OR Extraordinary Minister training at each session.

Doors open at 6:30 pm

• Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Part B

Presented in conjunction with Catholic Health:

Tuesday, Oct. 24 - St. Elizabeth / Melville - Msgr. Kane Hall; 6:30 – 9:30 pm.

A letter from your pastor will be required to reserve your space at any of these trainings and must be received at least five days prior to the session you wish to attend. To request registration for any of these sessions, please contact your rectory. Do not call the host parishes with questions. For questions relating to the Spanish training, call Ingrid Oliva at 516-678-5800, ext. 560. For questions regarding the English training, call Suzanne Lynn at 516-744-6850. Thank you for your interest.

SERENITY CINEMA PRESENTS: "North American Martyrs of Canada – They Died for Christ"

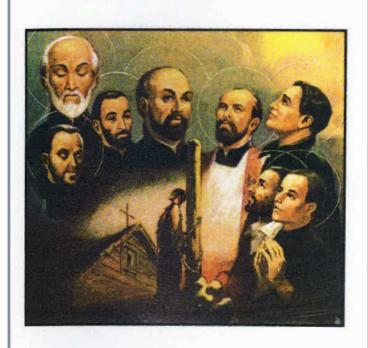
Saturday, October 14, 2023 After the 4:30pm Holy Mass

On Saturday, October 14, 2023 Serenity Cinema presents: "North American Martyrs of Canada – They Died for Christ" Screening 6:30pm in the lower church. Pizza will be served after the 4:30pm Holy Mass. Call to reserve (631) 486-2155.

On Thursday, October 19 at 8:00pm in the lower church, Fr. Peter will conduct his second lecture, featuring "This is My Body", by Bishop Barron of Word on Fire. Focus will be on Chapter 1, "Eucharist as Sacred Meal." All are invited.

Martyrs They Died For Christ

North American Martyrs - Canada



Hosted by
Bob and Penny Lord

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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, October 15 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

September Winners of 2023

\$60 Weekly Winners

Sept. 4th - Mary Kate Ceramello Sept.11th - Al Fusaro Sept. 18th - Phil DeDora

\$600 Monthly Winner



Sept. 25th - Paul Magali



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!"

"In Celebration of Respect Life Month Masses."

ST.FRANCIS OF ASSIST

Please join us on Saturday or Sunday, October 6 & 7, 2023 for Commemoration of Respect Life Month October 2023

celebrating a "day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person through acts of abortion."

Deacon Jim Byrne will be the homilist at all Masses this weekend.

THE CARD PLAYERS GROUP

Kings, Queens, Jacks and Better is Going Strong!

With **91 members**, there are plenty of players for any game you might want to join. And new members are always welcome! The group usually meets **Mondays at 7:00pm** in the lower church. Games run the gamut from Bridge to Poker, Hearts, Pinochle, and recently Canasta has been



added. It's a great way to meet people while relaxing and enjoying some friendly diversion. For more information, contact Al Prisco at Alcar49@hotmail.com.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE:

Monday, September 25 - 11:30am Monday, October 2 - 7:00pm Tuesday, October 10 - 7:00pm Monday, October 16 - 7:00pm Monday, October 23 - 7:00pm Monday, October 30 - 7:00pm

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT

Looking for something to do on Sundays in the Fall? Consider "Sundays at the Seminary" beginning Sunday, October 1st from 2 to 4 pm. This year's theme – "The Holy Eucharist," presentations as follows:



Oct 1: Jesus & Jewish Roots of the Eucharist Fr. Steve Pietrowski

Oct 15: St. Thomas Aquinas Dcn Michael Hoonhout Oct 29: The Holy Eucharist Fr. John Cush, S.T.D. Nov 19: "Ecclesia de Eucharistia" Bishop Andrzej

> \$20 per Session – Advance Registration Encouraged

Registration: bmalone@icseminary.edu, or 631 423-0483 x 102 www.icseminary.edu

Feast of the Holy Guardian Angels, October 2nd

"Beside each believer stands an angel as protector and shepherd leading us to life," said St. Basil. The Church teaches that we each have a guardian angel assigned to guide and protect us until death (Catechism of the Catholic Church, #336). Jesus said, "In heaven their angels always behold the face of my Father" (Matthew 18:10).



Confide in your guardian. Guardian angels aren't mind readers, but they do

observe us carefully. The more we tell them, the better they can help us make good choices, avoid sin, and keep us safe.

Ask for help. Our guardian can help make tough decisions, resolve conflicts, and offer protection especially for our souls. They intercede for us, and help to prepare our souls for the moment when we stand before God.

Respect guardian power. Angels are powerful creatures, created by God to care for us. They aren't answerable to us but stand ready to help us get to Heaven. Tap your angel's powerful protection to grow in virtue and holiness. *From "Growing in Eaith*"



Kiaralis Amaya, Kathleen Stevens Ashbaugh, Hudson Walker Baker, Helen Brchnel, Shirley Brown, Sophia Capobianco, Jorge Luis Camacho-DeJesus, Debbie Carson, Carol Cheshire, Sharon Chillemi, Joe Clines, Elizabeth Collins, Linda Connors, Madeline Crosby, The D'Amora Family, Miranda D'Angelo, John Dougherty, Alexander Dyar, Peggy Evans, Helen Gillen Flanders, Marie Fitch, 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, Richard Murphy, Margaret Murray, Dorothy Ott, Maria Parisa, Maryann Plump, Veronica Porter, George Pozderec, Frank Prisinzano, Arlene Russo, Robert Schendorf, Viviana Trapani, Theresa Villani, Jeffrey Wheeler, Karen Winterlich, John Zammillo

Our prayer list needs updating. Please **Call the Rectory** for any changes. Thank you.

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SUNDAY COLLECTION - 2023

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