

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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THE LORD'S VINEYARD IS THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL.

PSALM 80

OCTOBER 8, 2023 • TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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, OCTOBER 7, 2023

11:30am - Clementina Fisher✙

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2023

8:00am - St. Francis Parishioners

10:00am - Carl Abramowitz✙,
Vincent Nuzzolo✙

12:00pm - Ralph Tangorra✙, Jonathan LeBlanc✙,
Peggy Evans✙

5:00pm - Marie Fritch✙,
Youth of St. Francis

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2023

8:30am - John Schwier✙

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2023

8:30am - Vera & Sal Silla✙

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2023

8:30am - Frank Avino✙

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2023

8:30am - Catherine Lobasso✙

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2023

8:30am - Fr. Robert Mason✙

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2023

4:30am - Barbara Brennan✙

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, 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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2023

4:30pm - Lector - Lorraine Fusaro

Eucharistic Ministers - Deacon Jim Byrne,
Emilia Caravousanos, Carol Ann Gallo Russo

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2023

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00am - Lector - Gawaine Esteibar

Eucharistic Ministers - Deacon Jean Cantave,
Rosemarie Esteibar, Clare Intemann

10:00am - Lector - Andrej Brchnel

Eucharistic Ministers - Deacon Jim Byrne,
Louise Mordarski, Michael Mordarski

12:00pm - Lector - Ellen Lobasso

Eucharistic Ministers - Deacon Allan Longo,
Mary Ann Farmer, Lorraine Longo

5:00pm - Lector - Michael Kitakis

Eucharistic Ministers - Catherine Kitakis, Diane Young

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 uses a parable to explain how Israel is turning against God and His Son.

LIVING STEWARDSHIP PILLAR OF PRAYER

Whenever we are down or feeling anxious, we must turn to God in prayer. As we hear in the Second Reading, turning to God in prayer, with thanksgiving, will help us in all of our struggles.

THE PASTOR'S DESK

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER PETER

Blessing of the Animals

What a beautiful day we had last Sunday October 1! For the Blessing of the Animals we had many dogs and even some fish, and a giraffe (stuffed) join us. It is always a blessing when our community comes together here at Saint Francis. There are so many photos, so look for a two page layout of the day in next week's bulletin!

I would also like to take this opportunity to extend a huge Thank You to our wonderful neighbor Living Waters Therapeutic Catholic Counseling for the flowers and landscaping gift in the front of the church. Please pause and take notice of the beautiful flowers and greenery when you come to church.

God Bless You,
Fr. Peter



St. Francis of Assisi Upcoming Events

OCTOBER 2023



Monday, October 9
Columbus Day Holiday
Parish Offices Closed

Tuesday, October 10
Living Waters
Golf Classic
Rock Hill Country Club

Tuesday, October 10
Card Players Meet
7:00pm

Saturday, October 14
Serenity Cinema "North
American Martyrs"
6:30pm

Sunday, October 15
Hospitality Sunday
after 8:00am & 10:00am
Masses

Sunday, October 15
PB & J Gang
6:30pm – 8:00pm,
lower church

Friday, October 20
Overnight Adoration
9:00pm – 5:30am

Saturday, October 21
Haitian Mass
6:30pm

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

St. Vincent de Paul Society



October 8th: Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

The good news of this Gospel is that all we need to do is let God tend us and bring us to produce good fruit. All we need do is be faithful; God will take care of the rest.

Please help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to bring the love and mercy of Jesus to those who feel left out and abandoned.

**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 (Part 2)

Robert recently returned from a pilgrimage to the International Youth Festival (Mladifest) held in Medjugorje..

Throughout the week, I was able to grow in my faith, my prayer life, and my devotion to God in ways I could not have imagined. From attending daily Mass, to climbing both Apparition Hill and Cross Mountain twice that week (once even barefoot!) Seeing people from every race and nation all coming together to pray to God, to ask the Blessed Virgin's intercessions was incredibly powerful. That's another thing – to be able to pray in public and not be judged for it was amazing to me. Here in our secular world, it is weird to pray in public for many reasons, but in Medjugorje, it's normal, which makes it easy to pray. Simply praying there truly helped me feel God's presence.



Medjugorje was filled with many powerful, moving moments. I had attended adoration a previous evening and found it to be a great way to connect with God, however the next night, there was a deliverance. I had never heard or witnessed one before, and I can tell you it's something I never want to hear again. There was a blood-curdling scream from a woman who had a demon trying to exit her body, and I felt massive empathy for her. Hearing the screams was a lot for me to handle. I started to get emotional, trying to focus on the body of Christ to help her. Rosie and Gina noticed, and they turned to comfort me. Gina told me to pray multiple Hail Mary's for the woman. They both helped me realize that everything would be all right, that God's peace and love will overpower any sort of evil and hate in this world. The next night there were more deliverances, but this time I was prepared, and prayed several Hail Mary's to help the souls of these people.

On a return to Apparition Hill, Louis, Erin and I decided to climb, and I chose to go barefoot, making it to the top with Jesus' help. At the summit we planned to do a little bible study, reading the accounts of Christ's Transfiguration on Mount Tabor, which felt appropriate for the setting. As we studied, once again I saw people from every nation gathered together there to pray. It made me want to stay in Medjugorje forever. I remember trying to get that same feeling back when I returned home; the closest was at a Mass on the beach that first Sunday afterwards. Louis and Erin said it would be hard, that perhaps our mission was to return home and share all the fruits of Medjugorje with everyone we knew.

Our final morning brought Sunrise Mass on Cross Mountain which meant arriving super early to get a good spot. We arrived at 2:30am, and there were already crowds waiting to climb. Looking up we saw all the stars shining brightly with the Milky Way right above us! Other than a church, what better place to find God than in the very nature He created. As great as it is to be surrounded by nature, it is so much better when you are with friends. Sunrise came, and we attended one of the greatest Masses in my life. One thing I will always remember is that at the exact moment of receiving Communion, the sun appeared from behind the mountains, the perfect setting to receive Holy Eucharist.

The holiest moment of the day came when we experienced an apparition of the Blessed Virgin. It made me stop being jealous of other people's experiences in life; how many can say they were that close to our Blessed Mother Mary? We experienced her love firsthand, and it was the perfect ending to a most blessed and wonderful pilgrimage.

The gifts I have received from the pilgrimage have been amazing. I found a job after a year of searching. I feel closer to God and truly want to live out His word. I pray the rosary every day, and say grace before meals. I have started to love the Mass, and I have found friends I can truly trust who will not judge me for who I am, autism and all. Most important, I've learned to trust in our God who is good and will give me everything and more that I need. As I've gotten further away from my time in Medjugorje, I've started to struggle with sins returning, but I know God is always there for me; there is no need to fear when trusting in God. The devil may try to make you anxious and afraid, but God will protect and love you, and eventually you can join Him in the Kingdom of Heaven.

And that is why you should go to Medjugorje.

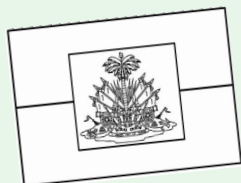
His testimony continues from last week's bulletin. To read his entire account, please visit the parish website at www.stfranciscgreenlawn.org

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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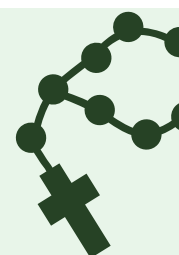


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Learning about our faith sets all children on a path towards a lifelong relationship with God. Religious Ed prepares students for the sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Communion, and Confirmation, and helps them develop an understanding of themselves 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](tel:6317546436).



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Updated Sept. 14, 2023

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 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.

World Mission Sunday



EVERY YEAR, SOMETHING SPECIAL HAPPENS on the next-to-last Sunday of October. **WORLD MISSION SUNDAY** joins all Catholics of the world into one community of faith.

This year World Mission Sunday takes place on October 22. At Mass that Sunday, we recommit ourselves to our common vocation, through Baptism to be missionaries, through prayer, participation in the Eucharist, and by giving generously to the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Pope Francis has designated “Hearts on Fire, Feet on the Move” as this year’s theme.

When you contribute to the World Mission Sunday collection, you make it possible for the Holy Father to provide for the formation of our seminarians and religious men and women. You assist in building the schools and orphanages that care for children in places few visit. Missionaries can build churches in areas with scarce resources. Priests and religious Brothers and Sisters can buy food and the bare essentials that make it possible to proclaim the Gospel and celebrate the Sacraments.

In a world where so much divides us, World Mission Sunday rejoices in our unity as missionaries by our Baptism, as it offers each one of us an opportunity to support the life-giving presence of the Church among the poor and marginalized in more than 1,111 mission dioceses.

WITH GRATEFUL HEARTS FOR YOUR MISSION SOLIDARITY!

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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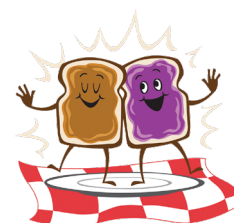


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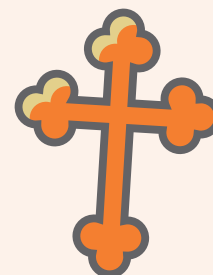


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Our Faith in Action Plan

Embracing Dramatic
Missionary Growth.

GET INVOLVED!

★ ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI ★
BOOSTER CLUB
October Winners of 2023

\$60 Weekly Winners

Oct. 2nd - Charles Giardino

Oct. 9th - TBA

Oct. 16th - TBA

Oct. 23rd - TBA

\$600 Monthly Winner

★ *Oct. 30th - 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!"



Heavenly Father, the beauty and dignity of human life was the crowning of your creation. You further ennobled that life when your Son became one with us in his incarnation. Help us to realize the sacredness of human life and to respect it from the moment of conception until the last moment at death. Give us courage to speak with truth and love and with conviction in defense of life. Help us to extend the gentle hand of mercy and forgiveness to those who do not reverence your gift of life. To all, grant pardon for the times we have failed to be grateful for your precious gift of life or to respect it in others. We ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

<https://holytrinitysat.org/prayers-for-life>

Hospitality Sunday
October 15

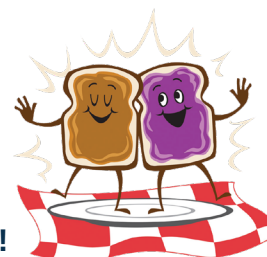


Join us for Hospitality Sunday on **October 15** after the **8am** and **10am Masses**, sponsored by the St. Vincent de Paul Society. And to honor our patron St. Francis of Assisi, please join **Little People's Liturgy** for a special celebration after the **10am Mass** in the lower church, filled with family fun and activities.

**Hunger Is Always
 In Season**

Please do not forget about **Peanut Butter & Jelly Gang** for next Sunday! Last month the group made **459 sandwiches** to help those in our community who are food insecure. This ministry gathers together in the lower church to make as many peanut butter & jelly sandwiches as possible. Different groups have participated and all are welcome to help, as they are always trying for a new record! Please consider pitching in to make sandwiches with new friends Sunday, **October 15** from **6:30pm** to **8:00pm**. You are also welcome to make sandwiches in your own home, and drop them off at the lower church.

Please contact either **Leslie Kulewicz** at **631-754-2132** or **Ivonne Porpora** at **917-520-7525**.



Let's Outnumber Hunger!

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 only a Quarter of the year left in 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!



PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

Total Donations for the Week Ending in September 23/24: \$6,519.00
Donations in the Pew and Mail-in for Week Ending in September 24: \$260.00



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