

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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"MAY HE NOT COME SUDDENLY
AND FIND YOU SLEEPING."

MATTHEW 13:36

DECEMBER 3, 2023 • FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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, DECEMBER 2, 2023

11:30am – Ints. of Michael & Leonora Gaynor,
Ints. of Mike Lobasso, John Salerno✠
4:30pm – Michael Palmeri✠

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2023

8:00am – St. Francis Parishioners
10:00am – John Mario Vitucci✠, Patrick Cashin✠,
Philip Hoffman✠
12:00pm – Viola & Cosmo Buonaspinas✠, Ints. of Michael
& Leonora Gaynor, Ints. of Marguerite Bitteti
5:00pm – Youth of St. Francis

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2023

8:30am – Agnes DeMarco✠

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2023

8:30am – Jenna Brown✠

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2023

8:30am – Donald Mason✠

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2023

8:30am – Robert & Gladys Mason✠
7:00pm – In thanksgiving to the Blessed Mother For the sick
of the parish, Robert Gray✠, Margarete Gray✠, David Gray✠

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2023

8:30am – Angela Carovinci✠
12:30pm – Primo & Benita Somorostro✠
4:30pm – Angela Carovinci✠

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2023

4:30pm – Mary Prinzivalli Calandrino✠

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, DECEMBER 2, 2023

4:30pm – **Lector** – William O'Brien
Eucharistic Ministers – Deacon Jean Cantave,
Anne Bardunias, Michael Bardunias

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2023

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00am – **Lector** – Rosemarie Esteibar
Eucharistic Ministers – Deacon Allan Longo,
Gawaine Esteibar, Lorraine Longo

10:00am – **Lector** – Peter Dowd
Eucharistic Ministers – Deacon Jim Byrne,
Louise Mordarski, Michael Mordarski

12:00pm – **Lector** – Neil Coscio
Eucharistic Ministers – Deacon Jean Cantave
Nancy Christensen, Kathleen Dyckes

5:00pm – **Lector** – Michael Kitakis
Eucharistic Ministers – Catherine Kitakis, Diane Young

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2023

4:30pm – **Lector** – Mary Lemp
Eucharistic Ministers – Deacon Allan Longo,
Carol Ann Gallo Russo, Frances Takach

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2023

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00am – **Lector** – Gawaine Esteibar
Eucharistic Ministers – Deacon Jim Byrne,
Catherine Armstrong, Rosemarie Esteibar

10:00am – **Lector** – Michael Mordarski
Eucharistic Ministers – Deacon Jean Cantave,
Andrej Brchnel, Karen Murphy

12:00pm – **Lector** – Ellen Lobasso
Eucharistic Ministers – Deacon Allan Longo,
Teresa Iaquinto, Lorraine Longo

5:00pm – **Lector** – Volvick Osse
Eucharistic Ministers – Laurel Waite, Diane Young

THE RECTORY office will be open at
regular hours **9AM – 3PM.**

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday **2PM – 3:30PM**

Call Rectory for private confessions

BULLETIN REFLECTION

In today's Gospel, Jesus warns us to always be vigilant in our spiritual life.

LIVING STEWARDSHIP PILLAR OF FORMATION

This week, put Jesus' warning into practice in your lifemake time to go to confession and prepare yourself for this Advent season.

THE PASTOR'S DESK

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER PETER

Advent

We now enter the season of Advent, which has its own special place in the Liturgical Calendar. It is more than the lead-up to Christmas, and we should savor the anticipation, the waiting, as Mary and Joseph waited for her child to be born, as we wait for the Savior of the World. We can feel the Spirit in the air surrounding these next four weeks, as we watch each candle being lit on the Advent wreath. Yes, the decorations are up, trees are being trimmed and the continuous shopping trips and online orders crowd the calendar. But we await more than the presents, the music, the food of the season.

We long for Jesus to come among us once more and fill us, his creatures, with peace, joy, and freedom. Jesus' "Advents" for us come three times; first, as a baby that first Christmas over 2,000 years ago in Israel. Second, his birth coming into our hearts right in the here and now, and third, his coming as King at the end of our age, the End of Time. It is easier to reflect on Jesus coming to Bethlehem of Judea, so we start there. That's fine, just so our longing extends to his two other comings as well! "Come, Lord Jesus." The battle for souls is fierce, but victory is assured in the birth of our Savior and King.

Come, Let us Adore Him!



St. Francis of Assisi Upcoming Events

DECEMBER 2023



Friday, December 1

First Friday Devotions
9:00am

Saturday, December 2

First Saturday Devotions
11:00am

Weekend Dec. 2-3

Gifts of Bethlehem Visit
All Masses

Thursday, December 7

Feast of Immaculate Conception
Vigil Mass 7:00pm

Friday, December 8

Feast of Immaculate Conception
Holy Day of Obligation

Sunday, December 10

Christmas Play
10am Mass

Sunday, December 10

Hospitality Sunday
after 8am & 10am Masses,
sponsored by the Deacons

Wed., December 13

Deadline for Knights Poster Contest
"Keep Christ in Christmas"

Thurs., December 14

Fr. Peter speaking on "This is My Body"
8:00pm

For more information on our events, visit our parish website at stfrancisgreenlawn.org

St. Vincent de Paul Society



December 3rd: First Sunday of Advent

As we begin Advent we are called to "Be watchful! Be alert" as we stand in joyful anticipation for the grace of Christmas to once again bless our lives.

Your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God's love this Christmas.

**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



The handicrafts trade evolved as a cultural tradition of Christians in the Holy Land for many centuries. This indigenous form of art has since become an industry of great importance to the local people of the region who rely on it for their livelihood. It also holds significance for Christian pilgrims from all around the world whose journeys to the Holy Land can be memorialized for a lifetime in cherished olive wood or mother of pearl souvenirs. The olive wood carving market is the major source of income for the Bethlehem area. More than 65% of the income of the community in Bethlehem comes from this work.

However, in recent years the holy crafts trade has suffered many hardships due to social and economic pressures. The result has been a sharp fall in tourism and diminishing numbers of craftsmen who leave their traditional trade and emigrate on account of the difficult conditions in their homeland – the Holy Land handicraft market is facing serious danger, as is the Christian community in the region. Sixty five years ago, Christians represented more than 28% of the total population in the Holy Land; today, they account for less than 1.5% of the residents. The loss of Christian people in the land of Christianity's birth represents a tragedy of immeasurable proportions for the billions of Christians worldwide.

Representatives of the craftspeople from the Holy Land will be in the vestibule of St. Francis of Assisi Church the weekend of December 2-3. Thank you for your vital support for a Christian tradition and in protecting this very important culture and industry.

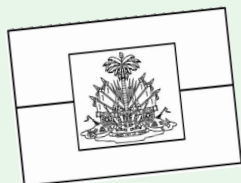


STARFISH COFFEE HOUSE

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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COMMUNITY



HAITIAN COMMUNITY

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STARFISH YOUNG ADULT COFFEE HOUSE

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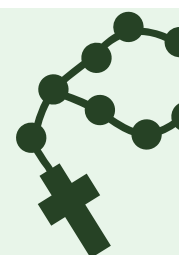


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**FEATURED
MINISTRY**

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](tel:6317546436).



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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

KEEP CHRIST

IN CHRISTMAS

POSTER CONTEST



The Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest is underway!

The contest is open to all children in grades K – 8, either in the Religious Ed Program or a Catholic school student. Posters must reflect the theme "Keep Christ in Christmas".

Posters are due to the Religious Education Office in the lower church no later than **Wednesday, December 13**. Winners will be announced after **Christmas** by Knights of Columbus St. Joseph Council.

Posters submitted for the contest must have an entry form attached. Contest rules, including size information, can be found on the reverse of the form; parental signatures are required.

Entry Forms may be found in the main vestibule of the church, in the lower church, and can be requested from the Religious Ed Office. Entry forms will also be available for download on the parish website, and in the Friday parish email. Please follow all contest rules!

Questions? Contact the Religious Ed Office at 631-754-6436 or stfrancisreled@aol.com.



Apostle of the Impossible: Tour of the Relics of Saint Jude the Apostle

IN DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE



All are invited to visit and venerate the relics.

2023 Tour Schedule & Locations

Monday, November 27, 2023

St. Jude Church

89 OVERLOOK DRIVE, MASTIC BEACH, N.Y. 11951
Veneration of Relic: 1:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Special Mass in honor of Saint Jude at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 28, 2023

St. Anthony of Padua Church

20 CHESHIRE PLACE, EAST NORTHPORT, N.Y. 11731
Veneration of Relic: 1:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Special Mass in honor of Saint Jude at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

St. Patrick Church

9 NORTH CLINTON AVENUE, BAY SHORE, N.Y. 11706
Veneration of Relic: 1:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Special Mass in honor of Saint Jude at 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 30, 2023

Holy Family Church

17 FORDHAM AVENUE, HICKSVILLE, N.Y. 11801
Veneration of Relic: 1:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Special Mass in honor of Saint Jude at 7:00 p.m.

Friday, December 1, 2023

Notre Dame Church

45 MAYFAIR ROAD, NEW HYDE PARK, N.Y. 11040
Veneration of Relic: 1:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Special Mass in honor of Saint Jude at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 2, 2023

St. Patrick Church

235 GLEN STREET, GLEN COVE, N.Y. 11542
Veneration of Relic: 1:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Special Mass in honor of Saint Jude at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 3, 2023

Holy Name of Jesus Church

690 WOODBURY ROAD, WOODBURY, N.Y. 11797
Special Mass in honor of Saint Jude: 2:30 p.m.
Veneration immediately following Mass
Veneration ends at 9:00 p.m.

Monday, December 4, 2023

St. Agnes Cathedral

29 QUEALY PLACE, ROCKVILLE CENTRE, N.Y. 11570
Veneration of Relic: 1:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Special Mass in honor of Saint Jude at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 5, 2023

St. Patrick Church

400 MAIN STREET, HUNTINGTON, N.Y. 11743
Veneration of Relic: 1:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Special Mass in honor of Saint Jude at 7:00 p.m.



For more information on the visit of the
relics of Saint Jude the Apostle, visit:
www.ApostleOfTheImpossible.com

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, December 17** from **6:30pm** to **8:00pm**. Let's Outnumber Hunger! For details, please contact Leslie Kulewicz at lesliekulewicz@hotmail.com.



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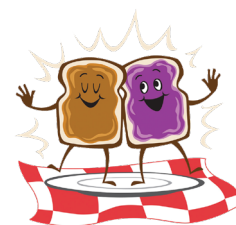


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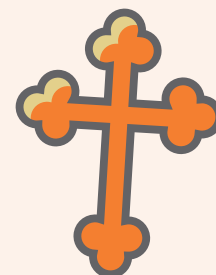


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Our Faith in Action Plan

Embracing Dramatic
Missionary Growth.

GET INVOLVED!

★ ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI ★ **BOOSTER CLUB**

November Winners of 2023

★ **\$60 Weekly Winners** ★

Nov. 6th - Fred Hamel

Nov. 13th - Fran Segur

Nov. 20th - Diane Schoonmaker

\$600 Monthly Winner

Nov. 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!"

She's A Leader!



For over a year now -- coming out of covid restrictions -- Madeleine Hebert has become a dedicated, conscientious St. Francis Altar Server. In fact she is currently a mentor for two up and coming Altar Servers.

Madeleine is an 8th grade honor student at St. Patrick's School, Huntington; she's on her school's volleyball team, plays the "Queen" role in "Rock 'n Roll Cinderella", school play and she runs with the Our Lady of Mercy, H.S. girls' track team. In her free time, Madeleine likes to hang



out with her friends, read books, and sing-along to Taylor Swift.

Born in Ohio; at age 2 her family moved to Maine for 6 years; presently living on Long Island for 4 years.

Initially required service credit was her motivation to become an Altar Server. Now she realizes all she is learning about her faith in God at school, becomes alive as she serves on team at Holy Mass most every Sunday.

God bless you Madeleine, thank you for being loyal and so cheerful.

Great Job!

Feast of the Immaculate Conception



Friday, December 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and is a Holy Day of Obligation.

The Masses are:

Thursday, December 7

Vigil Mass - 7:00pm

Friday, December 8

8:30am, 12:30pm, 4:30pm

Gifts with the Giving



These beautiful handmade Thanksgiving cards were created by our religious education students in Grades 3 - 8. The St. Vincent de Paul Society placed gift cards into these and gave them to the families who received Thanksgiving meals.

Each card said, "We are thankful for you," and had the students' personal touches. Thank you to the children for sharing their time and talent!

34th ANNUAL NATIONAL NIGHT OF PRAYER FOR LIFE ALL NATIONS INVITED!

"And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us"- John 1:14

Just as Jesus became Man at His conception, likewise, when a child is conceived, he/she becomes a member of our human family. This little person now dwells among us. So that our nation and world may accept this truth, conform to God's Laws, protect our unborn brothers and sisters and restore health to our people...

COME PRAY WITH US!!!!

Join in Unity of Prayer across America to restore the protection of LIFE, the FAMILY, and the CHURCH, establish PEACE and inspire Courage in our NATION!

*..Before I formed you in the womb I knew you—
Jeremiah 1:5*

If my people... humble themselves and pray, and seek my presence and turn from their evil ways, I will hear them from heaven and pardon their sins and revive their land.—2 Chronicles 7:12
Let us be confident in Our Mother's promises!



DECEMBER 8/9, 2023

9PM Friday to 1AM Saturday

NATIONAL HOUR OF UNITY IS 12AM TO 1AM (EST)

Here at St. Francis Church!



PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Kiaralis Amaya, Kathleen Stevens Ashbaugh,
Hudson Walker Baker, Helen Brchnel, Shirley Brown,
Sophia Capobianco, Jorge Luis Camacho-DeJesus,
Shmyel Campson, 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, 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, John Mele, Chad Morris,
Esmeralda Mosone, Richard Murphy, Margaret Murray,
Dorothy Ott, Maria Parisa, Lynda Neary, Maryann Plump,
Veronica Porter, George Pozderek, 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 November 18/19: \$6,951.00
Donations in the Pew and Mail-in for Week Ending in November 19: \$1,901.00



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