

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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A VOICE OF ONE CRYING OUT IN THE DESERT; "PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD, MAKE STRAIGHT HIS PATHS. EVERY VALLEY SHALL BE FILLED AND EVERY MOUNTAIN AND HILL SHALL BE MADE LOW."

LUKE 3:4-5



DECEMBER 10, 2023 • SECOND 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 9, 2023

4:30pm - Mary Prinzivalli Calandrino✠

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2023

8:00am - St. Francis Parishioners

10:00am - Betsy Dickerson✠, Patrick Cashin✠,
Joseph & Gloria Dowd✠, Vincent Tangorra✠

12:00pm - Thomas Kispert✠

5:00pm - Youth of St. Francis

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2023

8:30am - Danielle DePonte✠

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2023

8:30am - Joseph Scarfuto✠

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2023

8:30am - Barry Pittman✠

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2023

8:30am - Julie Candella✠

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2023

8:30am - Marjorie Pozderek✠

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2023

4:30pm - Christopher Porto✠,
Kate & Charles Porto, Sr.✠,
Peter Perz✠, Peter Auricchio✠

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 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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2023

4:30pm - Lector - Donna Tanzi

Eucharistic Ministers - Deacon Jean Cantave,
Lois Greaux, Gabriella Horvath

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2023

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00am - Lector - Patrice Gibbs

Eucharistic Ministers - Deacon Allan Longo,
Erin O'Hea, Carol O'Hea

10:00am - Lector - Henry Bokuniewicz

Eucharistic Ministers - Deacon Jean Cantave,
Peter Dowd, Charles Giardino

12:00pm - Lector - Kathleen Dykes

Eucharistic Ministers - Deacon Allan Longo,
Thomas Buckley, Lorraine Longo

5:00pm - Lector - Albert Porpora

Eucharistic Ministers - Catherine Kitakis, Laurel Waite

THE RECTORY: Will be closed on **CHRISTMAS EVE OBSERVED (DECEMBER 22ND)**. 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, we are introduced to John the Baptist who came and proclaimed the coming of Jesus Christ.

LIVING STEWARDSHIP PILLAR OF PRAYER

As Catholics, we are called to proclaim Jesus Christ to others as St. John the Baptist did. We should use the talents and gifts God has given us to draw others to Him. Pray to God to show you how you are called to invite people to grow closer to Him.

THE PASTOR'S DESK

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER PETER

Finally, they give us Advent! As in other areas of life, the church in being faithful to Christ finds itself out of sync with the secular world around us.

To our contemporary business world, the Christmas season (now called the Holiday Season) runs from Thanksgiving Day to Christmas Day and immediately after that it's totally gone! The proof is right out there for all to see. The dried-out tree tossed out by the curbside! No more "Merry Christmas" now we're all about "Happy Holidays." That put aside, where can you buy a Christmas Crèche – with stables and figures – today? There's no problem finding everything else, Rudolph, snowman, elves, even the Grinch, etc. A crèche seems to be almost impossible!

Do not despair; Christ is born again "Today in the hearts and minds of believers," the rich and poor, young and old, saints and would-be saints! If we truly want it, peace can be ours; just stick more closely to the framework the church has. In Advent we relive the longing and faithful yearning of God's people for the reign of God to break out around us, to see the great coming of the Lord. This is what worship and celebration in our Christmas context really mean.

Let's work together during Christmas. Here is a small suggestion "Help an elderly person put up and decorate their Christmas tree."



St. Francis of Assisi Upcoming Events

DECEMBER 2023



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

Friday, December 15
Overnight Adoration
9:00pm to 5:30am

Sat., December 16
Haitian Mass
6:30pm

Friday, December 22
Christmas Eve Observed
Parish Offices Closed

Sunday, December 24
Christmas Eve; Masses
with special Christmas
Carol Concert
8:30pm

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

St. Vincent de Paul Society



December 10th: Third Sunday of Advent

In today's Gospel John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord." We are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family and to reach out to those in need.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the suffering and poor to celebrate 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

Schedule of Masses

Dec. 24th and Dec. 25th, 2023



Sunday, December 24, 2023 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday Masses: 8:00AM, 10:00AM & 12:00 Noon

Christmas Eve

4:00PM: Mass, featuring high school and college Instrumental Ensemble and Singers. A beautiful musical offering featuring five singers, Oboe, Clarinet, Violins, Viola, Cello, Bass, and Piano

6:00PM: Mass, featuring Cantor and Organist

8:30PM: Christmas Carol Concert, featuring musicians who perform on Broadway, and professional Opera Singers from Lincoln Center as guest soloists. Concert will flow into the **9:00PM Mass**

9:00PM: Mass, featuring 40 member choir and full Orchestra

Sunday, December 25, 2022 Christmas Day, The Nativity of the Lord

8:00AM: Mass, featuring Organist and Singer

10:00AM: Mass, featuring Organist and Singer

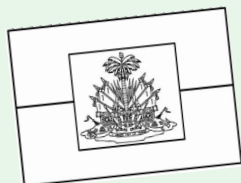
12:00 Noon: Mass, featuring Instrumental Ensemble and Singer Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, Violins, Viola, Cello and Organ

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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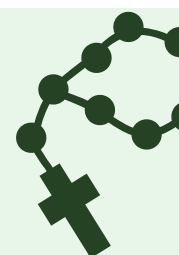


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**FEATURED
MINISTRY**

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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The Blessings of the Bambinelli 2023



December 17th – 10:00am Mass

Join us next Sunday December 17 at the 10:00am Mass for the blessing of the Bambinelli!

Pope John Paul II began the tradition of Bambinelli Sunday during his papacy to remind families about the joyous event of Baby Jesus' arrival in the manger. Bambinelli Sunday is celebrated on the third Sunday of Advent. On that day children gather with their families in St. Peter's Square and bring figures of the Christ Child from their family's Nativity scene.

All parishioners – especially children – are encouraged to bring the Bambinelli – the baby Jesus from their Nativity sets – to the 10:00am Mass for a special blessing by our priests. This Advent tradition is a way for families to connect their Nativity at home to the celebration of Christmas at St. Francis.

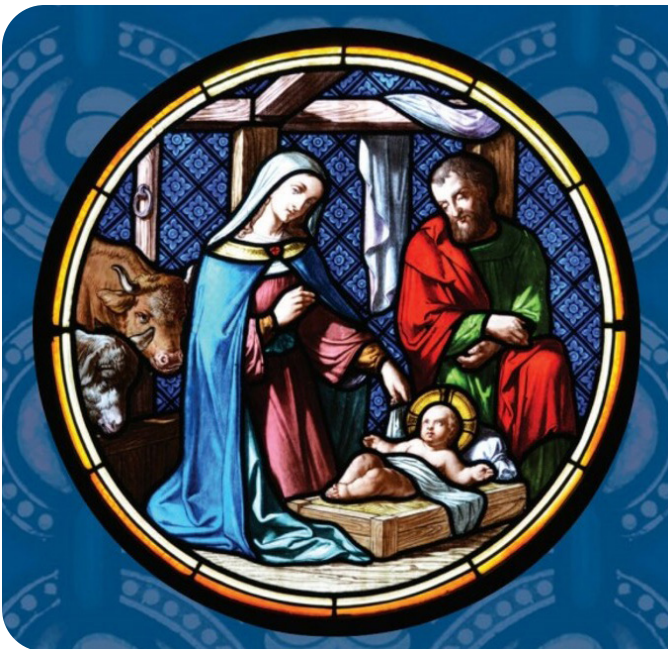


KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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 stfrancisred@aol.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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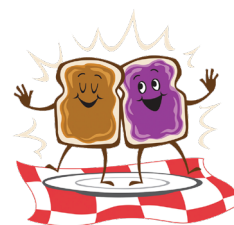


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November Winners of 2023

★ **\$60 Weekly Winners** ★

Nov. 6th - Fred Hamel

Nov. 13th - Fran Segur

Nov. 20th - Diane Schoonmaker

\$600 Monthly Winner

Nov. 27th - Helen Keller

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!

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Open Houses

Thursday, January 25 • 6pm-8pm and

Sunday, January 28 (Snow Date: February 4th)

Catholic School's Week **10am-12noon**

Trinity Regional School offers half and full day programs in our
Early Childhood Program for 3 and 4 year olds, a
Full Day Kindergarten Program for 5 year olds, an
Elementary Program for Grades 1-4 and
 a Middle School Program for Grades 5-8.

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THE CARD PLAYERS GROUP
Upcoming Schedule

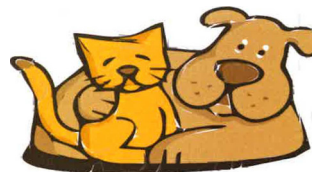
New members are always welcome! The group usually meets ***Mondays at 7:00pm*** in the ***lower church***. Games run the gamut from Bridge to Poker, Hearts, Pinochle, and Canasta. It's a great way to meet people while relaxing and enjoying some friendly diversion. For more information, contact Al Prisco at Alcar49@hotmail.com.

CARD PLAYERS SCHEDULE:

December 11 - 7:00pm

December 18 - 7:00pm

December 28 - 7:00pm



Furry Friends Pet Ministry

In the spirit of our own St. Francis, we introduce the Furry Friends Pet Ministry! This ministry provides the opportunity to support our "best friends" and their human families. Often, as our loyal companions, our pets offer unconditional love, comfort and stress relief, especially during times of emotional and financial stress. Food insecurity affects families and their pets, as well.

The idea for this ministry came from a Bronze Award project for Girl Scout Troop 380, that my grand-daughter, Reina, participated in. The Girl Scouts created the yellow bin that you may have seen on the right side of the church vestibule when you enter the church.

Donations of those pet foods and supplies were collected and donated to Little Friends Animal Shelter and to Hospitality Too soup kitchen and food pantry.

The Furry Friends Pet Ministry will continue these efforts! Our yellow collection box will be back in the church vestibule, and we appreciate any and all pet supply donations.

We will distribute our collected pet supplies monthly, and will keep you updated. If you have a donation destination suggestion, please let us know.

Co-Facilitators

Leslie and Reina Kulewicz

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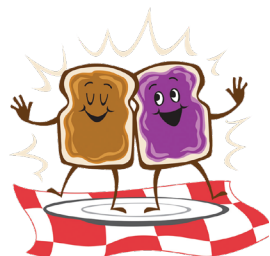
Hunger Happens, Even During the Christmas Season

The Peanut Butter & Jelly Gang meets next weekend! Last month the group set a record for the year – **1,036 sandwiches!!** And so far for 2023, the grand total of all the sandwiches made by this ministry is an **astounding 6,360!!** And there's one more month to go! Congratulations Leslie, Ivonne and all who help with this ministry!

Food insecurity and hunger do not pay attention to calendars. Preparing and helping with sandwiches is a good way to fulfill community service hours for school, Confirmation class, scout troops, or just to gather with friends for a great cause. Last month 35 people came together in the lower church, with 15 more volunteers making sandwiches in their homes as their contributions. Sandwiches were then brought to Mercy Soup Kitchen in Wyandanch. The next meeting is **Sunday December 17** from **6:30pm to 8:00pm**. Newcomers are always welcome, as long as the bread, peanut butter, and jelly hold out!

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!



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 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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