

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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"THEREFORE THE CHILD TO BE BORN  
WILL BE CALLED HOLY, THE SON OF GOD"

LUKE 1:35



# *Merry Christmas*

**DECEMBER 24, 2023 • FOURTH 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 23, 2023

4:30pm – Patricia Klein✠, Vicente Asuncion, Jr.✠,  
Vincenza Fabbrizio✠

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2023

8:00am – St. Francis Parishioners

10:00am – Juana Rodriguez

12:00pm – For the holy souls in Purgatory

4:00pm – Joseph Colamussi✠, Mark Russell✠,  
Madeline Jaeger✠, John Schwier✠

6:00pm – Ints. Fr. Vincent Rubino, Mary & Domenico Fanelli✠,  
Generose & W. Joseph Bartumioli✠,  
Josephine & Nicholas Stuppi✠

9:00pm – Thomas Buckley, Sr.✠, Ann Echel✠,  
Ints. of Fr. Douglas Arcoleo

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2023

8:00am – Deceased members of the Russo Fam✠,  
Victims of political & religious persecution

10:00am – John McMenoman✠

12:00am – Mario Piscitelli✠, Giuseppe Buffalino✠,  
Vincenza & Angelo Abbatiello

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2023

8:30am – John McMenoman✠

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2023

8:30am – Barry Pittman✠

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2023

8:30am – Ints. of Fran BiFulco✠

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2023

8:30am – Monica Rose Lobasso✠, Ints. of Charles Porto, Jr.

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2023

4:30pm – For the sick of the parish

## DEVOTIONAL LIFE – HOLY HOURS

**HOLY HOUR FOR PRIESTS** – Mon.: 12:30pm – 1:30pm

**SACRED HEART HOLY HOUR** – Wed.: 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 23, 2023

4:30pm – Lector – Donna Tanzi

Eucharistic Ministers – Deacon Jim Byrne,  
Mary Ann Farmer, Clare Intemann

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2023

#### FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00am – Lector – Patrice Gibbs

Eucharistic Ministers – Deacon Jim Byrne,  
Catherine Armstrong, Ellen Levanti

10:00am – Lector – Peter Dowd

Eucharistic Ministers – Deacon Allan Longo,  
Charles Giardino, Karen Murphy

12:00pm – Lector – Donna Tanzi

Eucharistic Ministers – Deacon Jean Cantave

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2023

#### CHRISTMAS EVE, THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

4:00pm – Lector – Mary Lemp

Eucharistic Ministers – Deacon Jim Byrne,  
Clare Intemann, Thomas Lemp

6:00pm – Lector – Michael Kitakis

Eucharistic Ministers – Deacon Jean Cantave,  
Marie Ingrid Dejoie, Lois Greaux

9:00pm – Lector – Carol Ann Gallo-Russo

Eucharistic Ministers – Deacon Allan Longo,  
Nancy Christensen, Lorraine Longo

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2023

#### CHRISTMAS DAY, THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

8:00am – Lector – Patrice Gibbs

Eucharistic Ministers – Deacon Jean Cantave

10:00am – Lector – Michael Mordarski

Eucharistic Ministers – Deacon Allan Longo,  
Louise Mordarski, Karen Murphy

12:00pm – Lector – Donna Tanzi

Eucharistic Ministers – Deacon Jim Byrne, Teresa Iaquinto

**THE RECTORY:** Will be closed on **CHRISTMAS DAY + DAY AFTER (DECEMBER 25TH – 26TH) & NEW YEARS DAY (JAN. 1ST)**. After that it will be open regular hours **9AM – 3PM**.

#### **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:**

Saturday **2PM – 3:30PM**,

Call Rectory for private confessions

## BULLETIN REFLECTION

Jesus came into the world to die for us.

## LIVING STEWARDSHIP PILLAR OF SERVICE

As Christmas approaches, do not become stressed out with shopping, cooking and preparing—rejoice in God's love for us and deepen your prayer life.



# THE PASTOR'S DESK

## A MESSAGE FROM FATHER PETER

Yes, Christmas cannot omit the Christ child, but it also cannot do without real festivity both naturally and supernaturally! Yes, we must “get to Mass” and Mass should be special, with quality music, decorations, etc. But also, we must first celebrate – we are honoring Jesus, and our people need to feel part of the celebration. This includes ourselves; we cannot omit Christ, but He does not “exclude” us. There is a logic to it all! The family and office parties, also Santa, fit into all of this! Joyful smiling faces of the children from toddlers to teenagers, they all have a place in the grand scheme.

Gift giving, all the extra shopping if not overdone can also be part of the spirit of Christmas. The Church tells us that we all can celebrate an adult Christmas at Christmastime – Christ born in Bethlehem. Christ born in our hearts today, and last but not least Christ come again as our triumphant king and merciful judge!

God Bless,

*Fr. Peter*



### St. Francis of Assisi Upcoming Events

## DEC 2023 – JAN 2024



#### **Sunday, December 24**

**Christmas Eve; Masses  
with special Christmas  
Carol Concert**  
8:30pm

#### **Monday, December 25**

**Christmas Day**  
Parish Offices Closed

#### **Tuesday, December 26**

**Day After Christmas Day**  
Parish Offices Closed

#### **Sunday, December 31**

**New Year's Eve**

#### **Mon., January 1, 2024**

**New Year's Day**  
Parish Offices Closed

#### **Mon., January 1, 2024**

**Solemnity of Mary, the  
Holy Mother of God**

#### **Fri., January 5, 2024**

**First Friday Devotions**  
9:00am

#### **Sat., January 6, 2024**

**First Saturday Devotions**  
11:00am

For more information on our events, visit  
our parish website at [stfrancisgreenlawn.org](http://stfrancisgreenlawn.org)

## St. Vincent de Paul Society



### December 24<sup>th</sup>: Fourth Sunday of Advent

Imagine how Mary felt at the birth of Jesus: excited, awed, frightened. Deep faith was her light in the darkness, for Jesus was born during the night of the year when darkness is the longest.

Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brought light into the darkness surrounding the heart of those living in poverty bringing them the real, lasting, and deep joy of 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.*

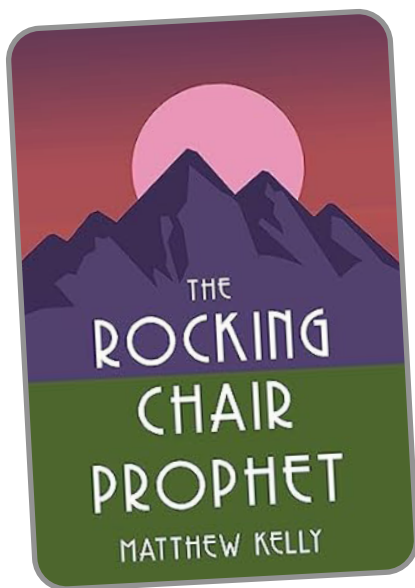
St. Francis of Assisi Conference: 631.651.2655

# 2 New books *from Matthew Kelly*

Free at St. Francis Church this Weekend!

The well-known inspirational author and speaker, Matthew Kelly, has recently published two new books, and free copies will be available this weekend December 23rd and 24th after Masses at St. Francis of Assisi!

There will be a limited number of copies available for each book.  
Rather than take many, please be generous and leave copies for others. Merry Christmas!



## ***The Rocking Chair Prophet***

An aspirational novel from best selling author Matthew Kelly, a transformational story about reclaiming that voice within and the matchless joy that comes from following it. After an unspeakable tragedy devastates his life, Daniel, a 33-year old suburban man, disappears into the mountains in search of answers.

## ***Beautiful Eucharist***

A stunning collection of life-changing reflections about Jesus truly present in the Eucharist and wonderfully present in our lives.

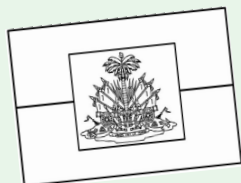


## STARFISH COFFEE HOUSE

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](mailto:onestarfishthrower@gmail.com).



FEATURED  
COMMUNITY



## HAITIAN COMMUNITY

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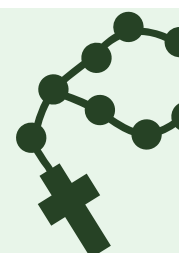


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Learning about our faith sets all children on a path towards a lifelong relationship with God. Religious Ed prepares students for the sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Communion, and Confirmation, and helps them develop an understanding of themselves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



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# Schedule of Masses

*Dec. 24th and Dec. 25th, 2023*

**Sunday, December 24, 2023**  
**– Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**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, 2023 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 & Organ

**Saturday, December 30, 2023 The Holy Family, Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

**8:00AM:** Mass

**Sunday, December 31, 2023 The Holy Family, Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

*Regular Mass Schedule:*

**8:00AM**

**10:00AM**

**12:00 noon**

**5:00PM**

**Monday, January 1, 2024 Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God**

**8:30AM:** Mass

**12:30PM:** Mass

# She's a Leader!

For over a year now -- coming out of covid restrictions - **Madeinne 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.

For more information on how to become an altar server, please contact Deacon Allan Longo at [als68longo@yahoo.com](mailto:als68longo@yahoo.com).



## Great Job!



## 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, January 21** from **6:30pm** to **8:00pm**. Let's Outnumber Hunger! For details, please contact Leslie Kulewicz at [lesliekulewicz@hotmail.com](mailto:lesliekulewicz@hotmail.com).



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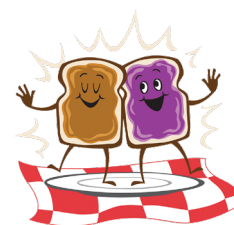


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## Our Faith in Action Plan

Embracing Dramatic  
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**December Winners of 2023**

**\$1200 Monthly Winner**

*Dec. 11th - Adam Wessinger*

**\$60 Weekly Winners**

*Dec. 4th - Anne Falco*



*Dec. 18th - TBA*



*Dec. 25th - 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!"**

# LECTIO DIVINA

- Lectio
- Meditatio
- Oratio
- Contemplatio



Join Bishop Andrzej  
 For Scripture Reflection Series  
**on St. JOSEPH - Part IV**  
**Wednesday, December 27, 2023**  
 at 7:30 pm - ZOOM webinar.



Bible Study Verses

**JOSEPH**

**The Man of Loving Justice**

**Gospel of Matthew 1: 18-25**

The Annunciation to Joseph

Registration is Required,  
 in order to receive the ZOOM link to each session. Please contact the Western Vicariate office with your name, parish, email address and phone number. Send your email to: [westernvicariate@drvc.org](mailto:westernvicariate@drvc.org) or call Suzanne at 516-744-6850.



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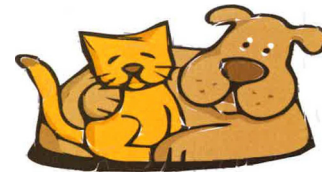
by Ministry Brands

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 Holidays and the New Year, 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](https://faith.direct/NY350).



Already using Faith Direct? Don't forget to add your 2023-2024 contributions to your account this year!



## 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

[lesliekulewicz@hotmail.com](mailto:lesliekulewicz@hotmail.com) - 631 896 4837

► Open House: Thursday, Jan 25th 6pm - 8pm & Sunday, Jan 28th 10am - 12pm



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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,  
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Christopher Klemfuss, Karen Leibold, Janice Lewis,  
Leo Marcotte, Hedwig Maranchuck, Debbie Mascioli,  
Michael McGloin, Theresa McQuade, Robert Mecca,  
John Mele, Chad Morris, Esmeralda Mosone, 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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## SUNDAY COLLECTION – 2023

**Total Donations Ending in Dec. 9/10: \$7,325.00 | Faith Direct in Dec.: \$10,125.84**

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