

Masses: **SATURDAY** 4:30pm • **SUNDAY** 8am, 10am, 12pm, 5pm • **MON - FRI** 8:30am

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THE CHILD GREW AND BECAME
STRONG, FILLED WITH WISDOM; AND
THE FAVOR OF GOD WAS UPON HIM.

LUKE 2:40



Happy New Year

DECEMBER 31, 2023 • HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

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 30, 2023

4:30pm - For the sick of the parish
Danny Wilbur✠

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2023

8:00am - St. Francis Parishioners
10:00am - Felina LaMacchia✠,
Ints of Ellen Levanti
12:00pm - Ints. of Msgr Peter Vaccari
5:00pm - Youth of St. Francis

MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 2024

8:30am - Ints. of Christine Giordano
12:30pm - For the formation of Holy Priests

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2024

8:30am - Ints. of John DeStefano & Family

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2024

8:30am - Ints. of Steve Distant & Family

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 2024

8:30am - Ints. of Neil King and Family

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 2024

8:30am - Maureen Gleason✠

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 2024

11:30am - Ints. of Michael Lobasso
4:30pm - Kathy May✠, Ints. of Christopher Klemfuss

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 30, 2023

4:30pm - Lector - Carol Ann Gallo Russo
Eucharistic Ministers - Deacon Jean Cantave,
Lois Greaux, Frances Takach

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2023

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY, JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

8:00am - Lector - Patrice Gibbs
Eucharistic Ministers - Deacon Jean Cantave,
Erin O'Hea, Carol O'Hea
10:00am - Lector - Andrej Brchnel
Eucharistic Ministers - Deacon Allan Longo,
Louise Mordarski, Michael Mordarski
12:00pm - Lector - Paul Papa
Eucharistic Ministers - Deacon Jim Byrne
Kathleen Dyckes, Mary Ann Farmer
5:00pm - Lector - Donna Tanzi
Eucharistic Ministers - Marie Ingrid Dejoie, Laurel Waite

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2024

SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

8:30am - Lector - Rosemarie Esteibar
Eucharistic Ministers - Deacon Allan Longo,
Nancy Christensen, Gawaine Esteibar
12:30pm - Lector - Donna Tanzi
Eucharistic Ministers - Deacon Jim Byrne,
Kathleen Dyckes, Karen Murphy

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 2024

4:30pm - Lector - Donna Tanzi
Eucharistic Ministers - Deacon Jean Cantave,
Emilia Caravousanos, Maria Ingrid Dejoie

MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2024

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

8:00am - Lector - Gawaine Esteibar
Eucharistic Ministers - Deacon Jim Byrne,
Clare Intemann, Rosemarie Esteibar
10:00am - Lector - Henry Bokuniewicz
Eucharistic Ministers - Deacon Jean Cantave,
Andrej Brchnel, Karen Murphy
12:00pm - Lector - Nancy Christensen
Eucharistic Ministers - Deacon Allan Longo,
Kathleen Dyckes, Lorraine Longo
5:00pm - Lector - Albert Porpora
Eucharistic Ministers - Laurel Waite, Diane Young

THE RECTORY: Will be closed on **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

This upcoming year, let us open our hearts and minds to the Lord and let Him guide us.

LIVING STEWARDSHIP PILLAR OF PRAYER

As we enter the new year, make a resolution to deepen your prayer life. Adopt a new spiritual practice, like praying the Rosary daily, attending a weekday Mass or going to confession monthly.

THE PASTOR'S DESK

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER PETER

Lots of fun but gosh, I'm tired!

Is that an accurate report of your state of mind (and heart) as we wrap up the season and watch as Valentine's Day eclipses Christmas on the commercial stage?

For The Church we have the traditional 12 days of Christmas – don't forget all those partridges in pear trees – taking us through the cluster of feasts that give us the true meaning of Christmas season. Christmas does not commence on Thanksgiving Day!

Now we have completed half of that cycle of celebrations and are looking toward Epiphany, the coming of the Magi to crown our time of great joy at the birth of our savior.

Let's not plunge into New Year's too eagerly. There is a lot to be gained by enjoying an extended Christmas. The commercial world may be completely through with Christmas but we can enjoy the real depth of the mystery of Jesus' birth the way it was meant to be!



St. Francis of Assisi Upcoming Events

JANUARY 2024



Sunday, Dec. 31, 2023
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

Mon., January 15, 2024
Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday
parish offices closed

Fri., January 19, 2024
Overnight Adoration
9:00pm–5:30am

Sat., January 20, 2024
Haitian Mass
6:30pm

Sun., January 21, 2024
PB & J Gang
lower church,
6:30pm–8:00pm

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

St. Vincent de Paul Society



December 31st: Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Today is the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. During our New Year may our families “grow in wisdom and have the favor of God upon them.”

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring Christmas to the hearts of the poor, by assisting families be providing them with food, utilities and rent bills as gifts. Thank you!

**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

Giving Thanks *for Giving Trees*



The St. Vincent de Paul Society and St. Francis Baby Corner wish to thank Stacey Weilandt for the incredible amount of gifts she again donated to the Giving Tree collection. Stacey's passion is sharing her blessings with those in need. Stacey shopped for and wrapped all the gifts you see in the photo. God bless you Stacey for your giving heart and compassion!

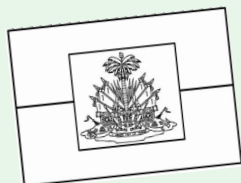
Thanks to everyone who participated in the Giving Trees program this season. Your gifts made a tremendous difference in the lives you have touched.

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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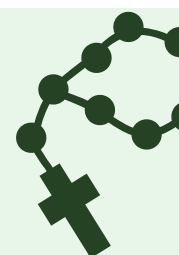


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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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](tel:6317546436).



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COME ON OUT FOR SOME

SWINGIN'!

Holiday Music

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6TH, 2024 • 7:30 PM

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You Can Help Heal Your Marriage – **Retrouvaille Weekend**



Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse?

The Retrouvaille Program is for married couples facing difficult challenges in their relationships, primarily a practical program to improve communication, build stronger marriages and help couples reconnect. Presenters are not trained marriages counselors, but rather couples sharing their personal stories of marital struggles and the tools they used to rediscover their love.

Rooted in the word “retrouver,” which literally means “to find something again,” the French word “Retrouvaille” is a unique term that describes “the happiness of meeting someone that is very dear to you after a long time.”

For confidential information about the Retrouvaille program, or to register for the upcoming weekend that begins on Friday, January 19, 2024, please visit our website www.helpourmarriage.org or call 1-800-470-2230 and you will be connected directly and confidentially to a couple from Long Island/Metro Retrouvaille who can help.

Location for the January 2024 Retreat:

Immaculate Conception, Huntington, NY
440 West Neck Road
Huntington, NY 11743
Friday, January 19 through Sunday, January 21, 2024



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.



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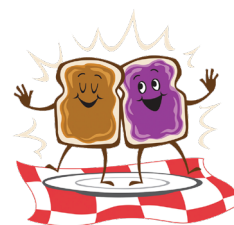


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December Winners of 2023

\$1200 Monthly Winner

Dec. 11th - Adam Wessinger

\$60 Weekly Winners

Dec. 4th - Anne Falco

Dec. 18th - Margaret Kozub



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!"

How Can We Make Christmas Joy Last?

The Church's real Christmas season starts on Christmas Day and lasts until the Baptism of Our Lord, which falls on January 8. By celebrating the whole season, we can make Christmas joy last long after we've taken down the tree. Here are some highlights of the season:

Feast of the Holy Family, December 31.

Gather for a meal with loved ones, or contact out-of-town friends or family.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, January 1.

Dedicate a Rosary to the Blessed Mother, asking her to help you grow in love and trust.

Epiphany, January 7.

The example of the Magi honoring Jesus has become a symbol of sharing Him with the world. This is our chance to think about the way we live so that we can better reveal Christ to our world.

The Baptism of Our Lord, January 8.

Baptism is our entry into the Kingdom. Take time this day to renew your Baptismal vows and decide what you can change in your life to help you live more as Christ did.

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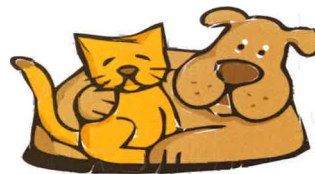
by Ministry Brands

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 beginning of the new year, please consider registering with this convenient program as a new years resolution.

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!



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



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SUNDAY COLLECTION – 2023

Total Donations for the Week Ending in December 16/17: \$7,203.00
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