

**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 MAN NAMED JOHN WAS SENT FROM GOD. HE  
CAME FOR TESTIMONY, TO TESTIFY TO THE LIGHT,  
SO THAT ALL MIGHT BELIEVE THROUGH HIM.  
JOHN 1:6-7



**DECEMBER 17, 2023 • THIRD 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 16, 2023

4:30pm – Christopher Porto✙,  
Kate & Charles Porto, Sr.✙,  
Peter Perz✙, Peter Auricchio✙

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2023

8:00am – St. Francis Parishioners  
10:00am – For the sick of the parish  
12:00pm – Anne Marie Fazio✙, Ints. of Gail Svensson  
5:00pm – Youth of St. Francis

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2023

8:30am – Gennaro and Catherine Gallo✙

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2023

8:30am – Youth of St. Francis parish

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2023

8:30am – Barry Pittman✙

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2023

8:30am – Madeline Shea✙

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2023

8:30am – Ints. of Rich and Marge Capitelli

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2023

4:30pm – Patricia Klein✙,  
Vicente Asuncion, Jr.✙

## 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 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 Dyckes  
**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

“Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.”

## LIVING STEWARDSHIP PILLAR OF HOSPITALITY

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

I was totally astonished when I saw the large crowds of people lining up to see the relic of Saint Jude on display at Saint Patrick's Church in Huntington! Literally, several thousand people lined up! It shows that the "religious sense" of people has not died, it may have been dormant for a long time. Spiritual benefits are promised and even witnessed to, but still you only get to see a piece of the bone that is presented as coming from the body of Saint Jude! It would never discourage anyone from investigating and responding to the opportunity to ask for the intercession of Saint Jude for great matters or small. Jude is given the title "patron of impossible cases." All this is pertinent to whether or not this relic is genuine, 'or not'; our best foundation is the solid tradition of his powerful intercession. Consider in the meantime the holy Eucharist. Read chapter 6 of John's Gospel to realize the enormous miracle of the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, and reflect on the incredible lack of response from our people. What a treasure we are missing! Let us be present in mind and heart to this daily miracle in our churches.

Yes, of course by all means, this relic seems to be authentic due to the sincere testimony of so many for so many miracles. Our God is faithful, and even now, truly a God of miracles!

*Fr. Peter*



### St. Francis of Assisi Upcoming Events

## DEC 2023 – JAN 2024



**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

**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**

**Monday,**  
**January 1, 2024**  
**New Year's Day**  
Parish Offices Closed

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

## St. Vincent de Paul Society



### December 17<sup>th</sup>: Third Sunday of Advent

In today's Gospel John the Baptist says, "I am the voice of one crying in the desert; make straight the way of the Lord." Let us ask for the grace to help others to know the love of the Lord.

Christmas is a time of love and gift giving... please give to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that those who do not have clothes and food can share in the blessings 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

# High School Honor Rolls

*Congratulating our students from St. Francis*

The following students from St. Francis of Assisi parish have received Honor Roll Certificates for the first quarter of their high school studies. Congratulations to these students and their families on this impressive accomplishment!

## ST. DOMINIC HIGH SCHOOL



**Mairead Pugni** (Grade 9)  
First Honors List

**Maryanne Valentin** (Grade 12)  
Principal's List

**Suzanne Valentin** (Grade 12)  
Principal's List

## ST. ANTHONY'S HIGH SCHOOL

Vanessa Bouvin  
Anthony Buonagurio  
Gabriella Cambareri  
Michael Carr  
Gabriella Crockett  
Amelia Furnell  
Nathan Furnell  
Christopher Leslie  
Jacqueline O'Grady  
Sean O'Grady

Cheyenne Opray  
Peyton Quinn  
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Luca Sinacore  
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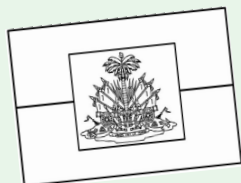


## STARFISH COFFEE HOUSE

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).



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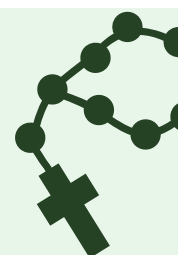


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Learning about our faith sets all children on a path towards a lifelong relationship with God. Religious Ed prepares students for the sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Communion, and Confirmation, and helps them develop an understanding of themselves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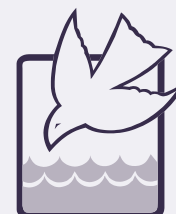


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# Schedule of Masses

*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

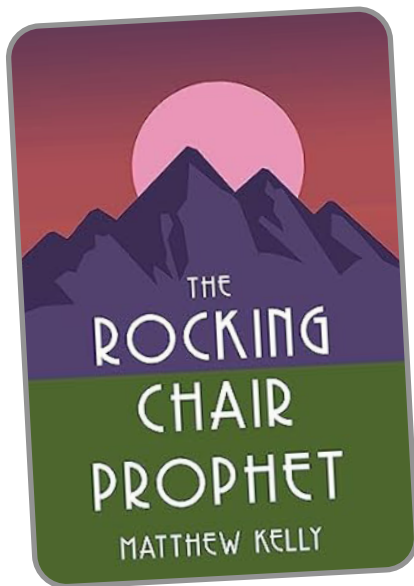
**12:00 Noon:** Mass, featuring Instrumental Ensemble and Singer Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, Violins, Viola, Cello and Organ

# 2 New books *from Matthew Kelly*

Free at St. Francis Church Next Weekend!

The well-known inspirational author and speaker, Matthew Kelly, has recently published two new books, and free copies will be available next 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.





## 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](mailto:lesliekulewicz@hotmail.com).



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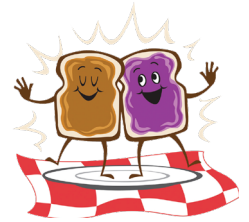


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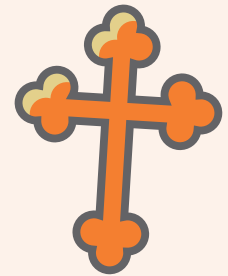


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Embracing Dramatic  
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★ **\$60 Weekly Winners** ★

*Dec. 4th - Anne Falco*

*Dec. 11th - TBA*

*Dec. 18th - TBA*

**\$1200 Monthly Winner**

*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!"**



**Excerpt from the 2023  
 Christmas Letter from  
 Bishop John Barres:**

In a sense, the phrase "there was no room at the inn" in the Nativity foreshadows and connects with the phrase in the Parable of the Good Samaritan describing the callous indifference of both the priest and the Levite toward the wounded man on the side of the road: "[H]e passed by on the other side."

As Pope Francis says in Fratelli Tutti: "Each day we have to decide whether to be Good Samaritans or indifferent bystanders." The Christmas Gospel narrative from Luke 2 poses a question which is posed again later in the Parable of the Good Samaritan in Luke 10.

Will we be Good Samaritans? Or will we be indifferent bystanders? As the Holy Father reminds us, we make that choice every day.

For the full text of Bishop Barres' letter, please see the parish website at: [www.stfrancisgreenlawn.org](http://www.stfrancisgreenlawn.org)

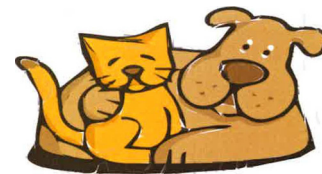
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Enrolling in Faith Direct today is a great way to ensure your gifts of treasure to St. Francis of Assisi are received even if you may be out of town. With the Holidays and the New Year just around the corner, please consider registering with this convenient program.

Please pick up an enrollment form from the parish office today or enroll online at [faith.direct/NY350](http://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

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► 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,  
Daniel Goodman, Bridget Connors Groeger, Hans Kaemmlin,  
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  
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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 December 2/3: \$5,055.00**  
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