

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

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"Let me sow your love"

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THEY WERE OVERJOYED AT SEEING THE
STAR, AND ON ENTERING THE HOUSE THEY
SAW THE CHILD WITH MARY HIS MOTHER.

MATTHEW 2:10



JANUARY 7, 2024 • THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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, JANUARY 6, 2024

11:30am - Ints. of Michael Lobasso

4:30pm - Kathy May✙, Blanche Clarke✙,
Ints. of Christopher Klemfuss,
Ints. of Anita Modelewski & Fam

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2024

8:00am - St. Francis Parishioners

10:00am - Silvestra Bella Cabreross✙,
John McMenoman✙, William Bosser✙

12:00pm - For the sick of the parish

5:00pm - Youth of St. Francis

MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2024

8:30am - Carl Abramowitz✙

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2024

8:30am - John Leonard✙

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2024

8:30am - Ints. of Maryanne Brino

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2024

8:30am - Ints. of Diane Butler & Family

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 2024

8:30am - Lucy Petriano✙

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 2024

4:30pm - Nunzie DeMarco✙, Joseph Colamussi, Sr.✙,
Mary DeVivo Taormina✙

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, JANUARY 6, 2024

4:30pm - Lector - Donna Tanzi

Eucharistic Ministers - Deacon Jean Cantave,
Emilia Caravousanos, Maria Ingrid Dejoie

SUNDAY, 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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 2024

4:30pm - Lector - Mary Lemp

Eucharistic Ministers - Deacon Jim Byrne,
Lois Greaux, Gabriella Horvath

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2024

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00am - Lector - Rosemarie Esteibar

Eucharistic Ministers - Deacon Jean Cantave,
Catherine Armstrong, Gawaine Esteibar

10:00am - Lector - Andrej Brchnel

Eucharistic Ministers - Deacon Allan Longo,
Peter Dowd, Lorraine Longo

12:00pm - Lector - Neil Coscio

Eucharistic Ministers - Deacon Jim Byrne,
Nancy Christensen, Mary Ann Farmer

5:00pm - Lector - Diane Young

Eucharistic Ministers - Catherine Kitakis, Laurel Waite

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, we hear about the Magi offering gifts to the Newborn King.

LIVING STEWARDSHIP PILLAR OF HOSPITALITY

This week, be sure to see Jesus in everyone you come across. As the Magi gave gifts to Jesus, may we give love and compassion to our neighbors.

THE PASTOR'S DESK

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER PETER

"May old acquaintance be forgot, and never called to mind"!

So goes the old song, but do they get it right? How about "May old acquaintance be recalled, and memories enjoyed! As the "Holidays" wind down we really do get some time to "recall" – recollect about the course of our lives, our joys and our disappointments, our successes and our failures. Almost certainly God sees them differently. The poet puts it well, the gift God gives us is to see ourselves as others see us. Include God in that group of others. You may be surprised!

Now for those New Year's resolutions. Keep them simple, doable, and God centered, and you won't go wrong there. Happy New Year, start with the 12 days of Christmas. Let God celebrate you. He's got all the time in the world! He's that unique friend who knows your foibles and weaknesses and still keeps coming back to you to have another honest laugh.



St. Francis of Assisi Upcoming Events

JANUARY 2024



Saturday, January 6
First Saturday Devotions
11:00am

Sunday, January 7
The Epiphany of the Lord

Monday, January 15
Hospitality Sunday
Hosted by the Religious Education Program
8am and 10am Masses

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

Friday, January 19
Overnight Adoration
9:00pm–5:30am

Saturday, January 20
Haitian Mass
6:30pm

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

Sunday, January 22
Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of the Unborn

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

St. Vincent de Paul Society



January 7th: Epiphany of the Lord

Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, where the Magi find the newborn king and offer him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

In the spirit of the Magi, please put your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box so that comfort and peace can once again be given to a newborn child.

**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



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

First Holy Community Support

The Knights of Columbus St. Joseph Council 4810 will be collecting new or gently used First Communion outfits for students in our area who are in need of new clothing for their big day this spring.

Even parts of an outfit (a jacket, a veil, a headband, shoes) can be donated. Any child's size will be useful and gratefully accepted. The Knights will begin collecting donations in late January. Information on who to contact and how to drop off donations will be forthcoming very soon in our bulletin and on the parish website.

Your child's outfit made their day special when they received their First Communion, and their celebration of the Eucharist is with them for life. Please consider donating your outfits to make another child's day memorable.



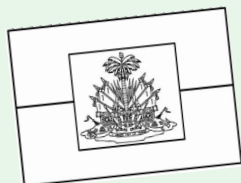
**Knights of
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STARFISH COFFEE HOUSE

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.



FEATURED
COMMUNITY



HAITIAN COMMUNITY

Contact Deacon Jean Cantave
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STARFISH YOUNG ADULT COFFEE HOUSE

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instructed by Barbara Campbell

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OUR LADY'S HOME VISITATION PROGRAM

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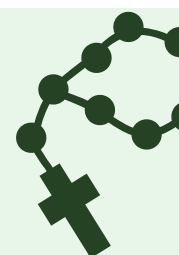


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BETANIA XIII

Contact Tom & Anne Buckley
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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.



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EPIPHANY – *Three Kings Day*



Three Kings Day or Epiphany – in Spanish, “Día de Los Reyes” – is celebrated by Roman Catholics on Jan. 6, as the culmination of the 12 days of Christmas. Although the birth of Jesus is celebrated on Christmas Day, the three Kings didn't actually reach him until twelve days later—which is why Three Kings Day is observed on the 12th day of Christmas.

The three kings, or the “wise men” or “Magi” followed a star to Bethlehem to pay homage to the Christ child. The Gospel account of Matthew says a bright star led them from the east until it stopped “over the place where the child was,” and “upon entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother” (Matthew 1:24). They presented Him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The gifts are ordinary offerings given to a king, gold for its value, frankincense as a perfume, and myrrh as an anointing oil. The gifts also hold spiritual meaning: Gold has represented wealth and power, symbolizing Christ's royal status as King of the Jews. Frankincense, a type of incense and perfume, represented His divinity and identity as the Son of God. Myrrh, an anointing oil and embalming fluid, referred to Jesus' mortality.

Día de Los Reyes is celebrated in Spanish-speaking countries like Mexico and Spain in addition to other countries in Latin America, the Caribbean, France, Poland, and by some people in the United States, especially Puerto Rico. Popular traditions during the holiday include gift-giving, large feasts, and indulging in “Rosca de Reyes”, a special bread with fruit and sugar that comes in the shape of a crown. Candied figs and cherries symbolize the crown jewels. Similar to stockings at Christmas, many children leave out their shoes the night before for the wise men to leave candies and toys in. And like the tradition of leaving cookies and milk for Santa, children will pick grass or hay and leave water for the camels to eat and drink.

During his 2023 homily on the Epiphany, Pope Francis shared a new perspective on the Magi. He explained that, while they are best known for the gifts that they receive:

- The gift of call—God calling them.
- The gift of discernment—being able to ignore Herod and choose God's way.
- The gift of surprise—meeting God in a humble manger.

Pope Francis suggests these are calls that we all receive:

“Brothers and sisters, we are all called — the first gift: the call — by Jesus; we can all discern — the second gift: discernment — discern his presence; we can all experience his surprises — the third gift: the surprise,” he said.





“Mass For Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life.”

**Please join us on Monday,
January 22, 2024 for a
Special Mass at 8:30am**

celebrating a “day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person through acts of abortion.”
Deacon Jim Byrne will be the homilist.

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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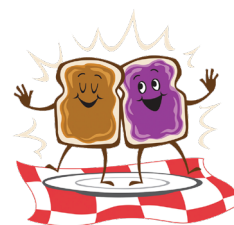


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Dec. 11th - Adam Wessinger

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★ *Dec. 18th - Margaret Kozub* ★

Dec. 25th - Marie McConnell

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!"

**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.

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**



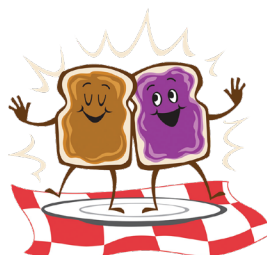
**Bright New Year
 Same Hunger Challenges**

The Peanut Butter & Jelly Gang meets in two weeks! Last month the group made 900 sandwiches for local food banks and missions, **which brought the grand total of 7,260 sandwiches for all of 2023!** This ministry delivers on its commitment every month to help those in our community experiencing food insecurity. Congratulations Leslie, Ivonne and all who help with this important work!

Food insecurity and hunger can strike hard after the holidays, when budgets are tight and bills for heat and utilities come due. By providing sandwiches you help families stretch their resources just a little further, and meet a real need to so many who are struggling. Preparing and helping with sandwiches is a good way to fulfill community service hours or just to gather with friends for a great cause. The next meeting is **Sunday January 21** from **6:30pm to 8:00pm** in the lower church. 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!



**Hospitality Sunday
 January 14**



**Begins After 8:00am and
 10:00am Masses**

All are Welcome!!

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



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Shmyel Campson, Debbie Carson, Carol Cheshire,
Sharon Chillemi, Joe Clines, Elizabeth Collins, Linda Connors,
Madeline Crosby, The D'Amora Family, Miranda D'Angelo,
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Our prayer list needs updating. Please **Call**
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SUNDAY COLLECTION – 2023

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