

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 LEPER CAME TO JESUS AND KNEELING
DOWN BEGGED HIM AND SAID, “IF YOU
WISH, YOU CAN MAKE ME CLEAN.”

MARK 1:40

FEBRUARY 11, 2024 • SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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, FEBRUARY 10, 2024

4:30pm - Elisa Gallo✠

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2024

8:00am - St. Francis Parishioners

10:00am - Gloria Dowd✠,
Josephine & William Amadio✠,
Michael Lobozza✠

12:00pm - James D'Amato✠, Vito Milillo✠,
Antonia Ventura✠, Ints. of the Braken Family

5:00pm - Eugene Birmingham✠, Youth of St. Francis

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2024

8:30am - Mark Russell✠

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2024

8:30am - Lourdes Flores Jaime✠

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2024

8:30am - Ints. of the DeStefano Family

7:30pm - For the souls of the unborn

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2024

8:30am - Charles Porto, Sr.✠, Kate Porto✠,
Christopher Porto✠

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2024

8:30am - Barbara Daidola✠

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2024

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, FEBRUARY 10, 2024

4:30pm - Lector - Carol Ann Gallo Russo

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2024

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00am - Lector - Rosemarie Esteibar

Eucharistic Ministers - Deacon Jean Cantave,
Gawaine Esteibar, Marjorie Wong

10:00am - Lector - Henry Bokuniewicz

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

12:00pm - Lector - Paul Papa

Eucharistic Ministers - Deacon Jim Byrne,
Thomas Buckley, Kathleen Dyckes

5:00pm - Lector - Diane Young

Eucharistic Ministers - Catherine Kitakis, Laurel Waite

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2024

4:30pm - Lector - Mary Lemp

Eucharistic Ministers - Deacon Allan Longo,
Anne Bardunias, Michael Bardunias

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2024

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00am - Lector - Patrice Gibbs

Eucharistic Ministers - Deacon Allan Longo,
Phil DeDora, Lorraine Longo

10:00am - Lector - Andrej Brchnel

Eucharistic Ministers - Deacon Jim Byrne,
Louise Mordarski, Michael Mordarski

12:00pm - Lector - Neil Coscio

Eucharistic Ministers - Deacon Jean Cantave,
Thomas Buckley, Kathleen Dyckes

5:00pm - Lector - Michael Kitakis

Eucharistic Ministers - Catherine Kitakis, Diane Young

THE RECTORY: Will be closed on **PRESIDENTS DAY (FEBRUARY 19TH)**. 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, Jesus heals the leper who came to Him for help

LIVING STEWARDSHIP PILLAR OF PRAYER

Is there something in your life that is causing you stress or discomfort? Come to Jesus in prayer (especially before the Blessed Sacrament) and bring your troubles to Him.

THE PASTOR'S DESK

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER PETER

Something is going on here with the Catholic young adults. No, it's not negative the way so much church news is these days. Yes, it's still small in comparison with big trends but it's definitely there. I'm talking about a genuine interest in their Catholic faith on the part of young adults in their 20's and 30's. They are searching for meaning through having an identity; in the case I mentioned above, they were looking around and, as I see it, the Holy Spirit showed up. The young adults have found their Catholic faith waiting for them there. Many had left the church; some had listed themselves as belonging to "none" when checking the box marked 'Religion.' I visited Catholic Underground last week – what an amazing experience! There were about 1,000 young people there, filling every seat in Our Lady of Good Counsel Church on the Upper East Side of Manhattan. First came a Eucharistic Holy Hour, then modern songs with absolute silence from the crowd of 1,000. A social hour followed downstairs, with finger foods and donuts. Extreme joy was everywhere, with fellowship as part of their program as much as the Adoration – "where two or three are gathered in My name."

Part of the young adult's dilemma in our culture is loneliness, and this program truly fills the bill. The Underground is under the guidance of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, a good example of the presence of the renewal themselves as the gift of the Redeemer in revival takes hold. Tell the young adults in your life about it, and you yourself of course are most welcome. I certainly intend to start with our Starfish Coffee House crowd! The bishops were definitely on target when they called for a Eucharistic revival and 1,000 young adults responded! Let's share the good news of revival far and wide. We can't do all God's work but He can, and the Lord is proving it at the Catholic Underground. It's all God's work, and when God starts a movement, we should join in.

St. Francis of Assisi Upcoming Events

FEBRUARY 2024



Saturday, February 10

Serenity Cinema
"His Only Son" – 6pm

Sunday, February 11

Girl Scout Sunday
10am Mass

Sunday, February 11

**Super Bowl
Sunday Collection**

Wed., February 14

Ash Wednesday
see schedule for Ashes

Saturday, February 17

Haitian Mass
6:30pm

Weekend, Feb. 17/18

Fr. Temu, Cross Outreach
at Masses

Sunday, February 18

Hospitality Sunday
8am & 10am Masses;
Hosted by St. Francis Music
Ministry

Sunday, February 18

PB & J Gang
6:30pm – 8:00pm

Monday, February 19

Presidents' Day
Parish Offices Closed

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, March 9, 2024
St. Patrick's Dinner Dance

St. Vincent de Paul Society



February 11th: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the Gospel today Jesus moved with pity touched the leper and healed him. Let us pray today for the grace to be generous with our gifts to help those who are suffering.

By your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you indeed put your faith into action as you bring healing to the poor, hungry and weeping.

**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

Thank You!

A Letter from Fr Jacob School



Dear Rev. Fr. Peter, Fr. Francios and all the parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi,

I want to acknowledge your generosity in sharing your gifts with the poorest of the poor. St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta said “Not all of us can do great things in this world. But we can do small things with great love.” The way you support my mission makes me feel that you have a great appreciation for our school for the underprivileged children.

I take this opportunity to express my deepest gratitude to all of you for your kind understanding with my request for support and the contributions to our mission. You are very generous! **MAY THE LORD BLESS YOU ALL!**

Each and every dollar that you have shared is worthy, and they will be completely used for the benefit of the needy children with autism. It is a means of evangelization to the gentile world. I promise our sincere prayers for you all. I would request for your continued prayers and support in the future. **LET US STAY CONNECTED IN LOVE and PRAYERS!**

Once again thanking you all!

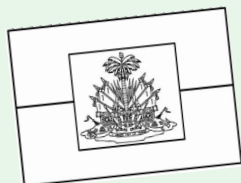
*Sincerely,
Yours in Jesus,
Fr. Jacob*

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

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STARFISH YOUNG ADULT COFFEE HOUSE

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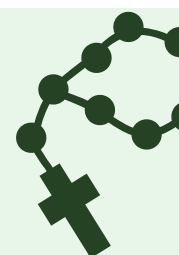


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**FEATURED
MINISTRY**

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.



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Catholic Cross Outreach!

At St. Francis



Next weekend February 17-18, we are blessed to be hosting Fr. Augustine Temu representing Cross Catholic Outreach. This official Catholic ministry was founded to link parishes in the U.S. with priests, religious brothers and sisters, and laypeople working in Church missions overseas. Its programs span the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, and Central and South America.

Fr. Temu joins us from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Tanga, Tanzania. His ministry there focuses on the rural parishes where the majority of the people are terribly poor. He is in the U.S. working on his Masters in Pastoral Ministry at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, PA.

Please be generous in your response to his appeal, and be sure to say "hi!" after Mass. Brochures with a donation envelope will be provided if you wish to support this worthy Catholic ministry. For more information on Cross Catholic Outreach, please go to CrossCatholic.org/outreach, text BLESSINGS to 474747, or scan this QR code.

Thank you!



Cross International
Catholic Outreach



Parish Lenten Mission

February 25 - 28, 2024



*Connecting lives
with Heaven's love.*

ConnectWithHeaven.org

Our ongoing ministry aims to bring the Kingdom of God down into the streets of one of America's poorest neighborhoods, by reminding young people of their profound identity as children of God the Father, and making them disciples of Jesus Christ.



"My Home Shall Be a House of Prayer"

Mission Leader: Michael Grogan

A legally blind lay missionary serving the people of Kensington (Philadelphia).

Author of *Connect with Heaven. Encounters with God.*



Sunday, February 25

7 - 8 PM *The Life-Transforming Love of God*

Monday, February 26

9 - 9:30 AM *The Life-Transforming Love of God*

7 - 8 PM *Connecting With the Life-Transforming Love of God (Prayer)*

Tuesday, February 27

9 - 9:30 AM *Connecting With the Life-Transforming Love of God*

7 - 8 PM *Making Your Home a House of Prayer (Enthronement)*

Wednesday, February 28

9 - 9:30 AM *Making Your Home a House of Prayer*



The culmination of this Mission is that every family should welcome Jesus and Mary to be the King and Queen of their household and to live in the hearts of everyone living there.

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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, February 18** from **6:30pm** to **8:00pm**. Let's Outnumber Hunger! For details, please contact Leslie Kulewicz at lesliekulewicz@hotmail.com.



**FEATURED
LIFE & SOCIAL MINISTRY**

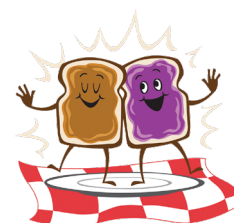


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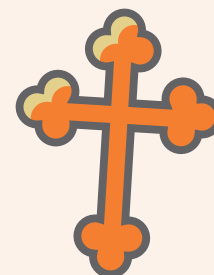


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Our Faith in Action Plan

Embracing Dramatic
Missionary Growth.

GET INVOLVED!

★ ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI ★
BOOSTER CLUB

February Winners of 2024

★ **\$60 Weekly Winners** ★

Feb. 5th - Celeste Bartumioli

Feb. 12th - TBA

Feb. 19th - TBA

\$600 Monthly Winner

Feb. 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!"

Souper Bowl Collection

FEBRUARY 10 AND 11

The Souper Bowl Collection will take place at our weekend Masses on **Saturday February 10 and Sunday February 11**. This collection is part of a nationwide initiative called 'Souper Bowl of Caring' that aims to tackle hunger during the weekend of the Super Bowl.

All money collected at St. Francis goes directly to our St. Vincent De Paul Society so they can help those in need in our parish. Student volunteers will be at the doors of the church at the conclusion of all Masses with their special football bowls to take donations. God bless you for your generosity!



February 14, 2024 Schedule

7:00am - Distribution of Ashes

8:30am - Mass, Distribution of Ashes

12:00noon - Distribution of Ashes

4:30pm - Distribution of Ashes

7:30pm - Mass, Distribution of Ashes

Save the Date:

Lenten Retreat: Sunday, Feb 25 – Tuesday, Feb 27
Presented by Michael Grogan, *Michael Grogan Ministries*

PALM TO ASHES

Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024

Ashes we receive on Ash Wednesday are made from the Palm we were given on Palm Sunday, 2023. We ask all St. Francis parishioners to please drop old, dried Palm in the box provided in the main lobby as you enter our church over the next few weekends.

Thank you, Peace, & Blessings,
Fr. Peter

ST. PATRICK'S DINNER/DANCE

COME JOIN THE FUN...

...of putting together the traditional St. Patrick's Dinner Dance, right here in our Parish.

All talents / skills are needed to make this exciting event a success.

Please Call the Rectory to Sign Up!

Save the Date:
Saturday, March 9th 2024

First Communion Outfits Update

Thanks to all families who have been contributing Holy Communion outfits for the Knights of Columbus collections project last weekend and this week – the response has been amazing! Anyone wishing to contribute items can still do so this week to either the Religious Ed office or the Rectory. Your donations will make a great difference in a memorable First Holy Communion day for another child.

For families wishing to pick out items for their students, please come to the Religious Ed office the week after the mid-winter recess. You are welcome any day from Monday through **Thursday, February 26 – 29**, at the office during class hours, Mon through Thursday from **1:00pm to 5:30pm**, and during late hours on Tuesday, from **7:00 to 8:00pm**. If these days/times are not convenient, please contact the Rectory to make alternate arrangements.



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 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, Fred Rice, Arlene Russo, Robert Schendorf, Viviana Trapani, Theresa Villani, Marie Waite, 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 Feb. 3/4: \$8,552.00 | Faith Direct in Jan.: \$8,465.00
Donations in the Pew and Mail-in for Week Ending in February 4: \$540.00



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