

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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"THIS IS THE TIME OF FULFILLMENT. THE
KINGDOM OF GOD IS AT HAND. REPENT,
AND BELIEVE IN THE GOSPEL."

MARK 1:15

FEBRUARY 18, 2024 • FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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 17, 2024

4:30pm - For the sick of the parish✠

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2024

8:00am - St. Francis Parishioners

10:00am - James Gribbin, Sr.✠,
Mae Wilson✠,

Thomas Angiolino✠

12:00pm - Gertrude O'Donnell✠,
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Coccaro✠,
Jean & Jack DeStefano✠

5:00pm - Youth of St. Francis

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2024

8:30am - For an end to world conflict

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2024

8:30am - Deceased members of the Mark Family✠

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2024

8:30am - Ints. Of Stacey Weilandt

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2024

8:30am - Ints. Of Rich & Marge Capitelli✠

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2024

8:30am - Jack DeStefano✠

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2024

4:30pm - Antoinette D'Amato✠, John Joseph Phelan✠,
Fr. Damian Halligan✠, Theresa Scalisi✠

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 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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2024

4:30pm - Lector - William O'Brien

Eucharistic Ministers - Deacon Jean Cantave,
Nicole O'Brien, Carol Ann Gallo Russo

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2024

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00am - Lector - Donna Tanzi

Eucharistic Ministers - Deacon Jim Byrne,
Erin O'Hea, Carol O'Hea

10:00am - Lector - Michael Mordarski

Eucharistic Ministers - Deacon Jean Cantave,
Andrej Brchnel, Charles Giardino

12:00pm - Lector - Kathleen Dyckes

Eucharistic Ministers - Deacon Allan Longo,
Thomas Buckley, Lorraine Longo

5:00pm - Lector - Volvick Osse

Eucharistic Ministers - Catherine Kitakis, Laurel Waite

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

Jesus suffered death for our sins. We are called to carry our crosses, and while we do so, let us never forget how much He loves us.

LIVING STEWARDSHIP PILLAR OF FORMATION

This Lenten season, dig deeper into your prayer life. Attend the Stations of the Cross, go to confession and pick up a new prayer habit. Also, during this Lenten season, you can read a Catholic spiritual or apologetics book.

THE PASTOR'S DESK

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER PETER

Are you a “back slider”? Remember that phrase from the old western movies? It means someone who has tried to reform their bad habits but has fallen back to their ways of handling food and drink, substance abuse, and other things – of course, personal shortcomings. Lent gives us a new starting point! Let's not allow it to slip by. Check this bulletin for the times of our Lenten mission, Stations of the Cross, and other Spiritual Events coming up during Lent. See upcoming dates:

Stations of the Cross: All Fridays in Lent

Feb 24-28 – “Connect with Heaven” with Michael Grogan, Lenten Mission

March 2 – Catholic Underground/Catholic Revival Adoration and Community Fellowship in New York City

*** SPECIAL NOTICE ***

Last week at the 8:00am Sunday Mass, someone mistakenly took our football collection bowls that were left on a table in the main lobby. We use these bowls every year for the Souper Bowl collection – they are 25 years old! We would greatly appreciate if the bowls were returned to us. You can leave them in the sacristy, bring them to the rectory, or leave them in the lower church (on the shelf outside of the Religious Ed office). Thank you for your cooperation.

St. Francis of Assisi Upcoming Events

FEBRUARY 2024



Friday, February 16
Overnight Adoration
9:00pm – 5:30am

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

Tuesday, February 20
Card Players Group
7:00pm, lower church

Sun., February 25 – 28
St. Francis Lenten Retreat
with Michael Grogan
See Schedule for days/times

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

St. Vincent de Paul Society



February 18th: First Sunday of Lent

In today's Gospel, Jesus overcomes the temptations to wealth, power and esteem. As we begin Lent, may we open our hearts to the grace of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist families, by providing food, utility, rent and other bills. God Bless 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

ST. PATRICK'S

DINNER/DANCE

March 9, 2024 / 7-10 PM
St. Francis of Assisi, Greenlawn
(Lower Church)

Live
IRISH BAND
"Buoy 34"

Traditional
Corned Beef
& Cabbage

Irish
SODA
BREAD
Contest

Adult Beverages
& Soft Drinks

Dessert, Coffee
& Tea
\$50_{p.p.}

Irish
STEP
DANCERS

Night of
GRAND
RAFFLE
Drawing

DOOR
PRIZES

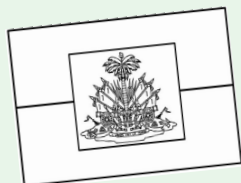


TICKETS ADVANCE SALE ONLY!

Available at Rectory during office hours and
February 24-25 & March 2-3 after all Masses

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.



HAITIAN COMMUNITY

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STARFISH YOUNG ADULT COFFEE HOUSE

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THIRD ORDER LAY CARMELITES

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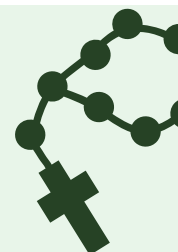


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**FEATURED
MINISTRY**

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](tel:6317546436).



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Catholic Cross Outreach At St. Francis



This 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**

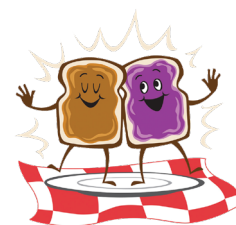


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Our Faith in Action Plan

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 - The Roffi Boys

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!"

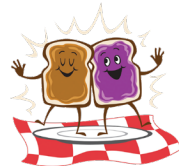
PB & J Gang Off to a Roaring Start!

The Peanut Butter & Jelly Gang meets this **Sunday evening!** The group started 2024 with an amazing count of **1,033 sandwiches** for local food banks and missions! This ministry delivers on its commitment every month to help those in our community experiencing food insecurity.

Food insecurity and hunger can strike hard during the winter, when budgets are tight and bills for heat and utilities come due. You can help families stretch their resources and meet a real need to so many who are struggling. Preparing and helping make sandwiches is a good way to fulfill community service hours or just to gather with friends for a great cause. This Sunday's meeting is 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!



The Diocese of Rockville Centre GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Honoring Couples Married Fifty Years

The Diocese of Rockville Centre would like to honor those couples who celebrated Fifty Years of Marriage in 2024 by inviting them to attend one of the Masses below for a special blessing.

Sunday, April 21, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.

The Cathedral of St. Agnes, Rockville Centre
 Celebrant: Most Reverend Andrzej Zglejszewski
 Registration must be received by Tuesday, April 16, 2024

Sunday, May 5, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.

Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Patchogue
 Celebrant: Most Reverend Robert J. Coyle
 Registration must be received by Tuesday, April 30, 2024

Register online at drvc-faith.org

For questions, please contact Lisette Robustelli, Associate Director at (516)678-5800 ext. 200 or via email at lrobustelli@drvc.org



February 14 to March 24
40 DAYS FOR LIFE.

Help Save Babies in Smittown!

Spring Campaign 2024

Our 2024 spring campaign begins **Ash Wednesday February 14th** and runs **through Palm Sunday March 24th**. Please sign up and be present for vigil hours.

www.40daysforlife.com/Smittown

Planned Parenthood

70 Maple Ave, Smittown

Prayer Vigil Hours 7am-7pm

As in the past, volunteers can sign up at the site listed above or at one of our participating churches or parishes.

Congratulations to our Honor Students

Congratulations to **Daniel Czczotka** for having achieved Cum Laude honors at St. John the Baptist High School in the midyear Honor Roll.

AND...

Congratulations to those students in our parish attending Chaminade High School, who have achieved high honors in being named to the school Honor Roll for the first trimester of this school year. They are:

Dennis C. Harrington
Andrew J. Kerr
Rendon A. Ospina
Matthew D. Pearl

Well done all students, and we wish you continued success!



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 Pozderek, 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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