

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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THEN A CLOUD CAME, CASTING A SHADOW OVER THEM;  
FROM THE CLOUD CAME A VOICE, "THIS IS MY BELOVED  
SON. LISTEN TO HIM." SUDDENLY, LOOKING AROUND, THEY  
NO LONGER SAW ANYONE BUT JESUS ALONE WITH THEM.

**MARK 9:7-8**

**FEBRUARY 25, 2024 • SECOND 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 24, 2024

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

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2024

8:00am – St. Francis Parishioners

10:00am – Marcelina Vergara✠, Konrad Burgert✠,  
Milagros Cynthia Cabreross✠

12:00pm – Lena & Sam Caprisecca✠,  
Joseph A. Lynch✠, Ints. Andrea Mobley

5:00pm – Youth of St. Francis

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2024

8:30am – For the sick of the parish

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2024

8:30am – Lourdes Flores Jaime✠

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2024

8:30am – Adele Ann Springsteen✠

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2024

8:30am – Ints. of Donna Crean

### FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2024

8:30am – For world peace

### SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2024

11:30am – Josephine & Michael Trotta✠

4:30pm – Jean Swailes✠, Laura Germain✠,  
Harold Johnston✠

## 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 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

### SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2024

4:30pm – Lector – Donna Tanzi

Eucharistic Ministers – Deacon Allan Longo,  
Emilia Caravousanos, Frances Takach

### SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2024

#### THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00am – Lector – Gawaine Esteibar

Eucharistic Ministers – Deacon Jean Cantave,  
Rosemarie Esteibar, Marjorie Wong

10:00am – Lector – Andrej Brchnel

Eucharistic Ministers – Deacon Jim Byrne,  
Peter Dowd, Charles Giardino

12:00pm – Lector – Neil Coscio

Eucharistic Ministers – Deacon Allan Longo,  
Kathleen Dyckes, Lorraine Longo

5:00pm – Lector – Michael Kitakis

Eucharistic Ministers – Catherine Kitakis, Diane Young

**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 First Reading, we hear about Abraham's obedience to God.

## LIVING STEWARDSHIP PILLAR OF PRAYER

We, too, are called to be at service to God- we can practice that by being at service to our neighbor. Is there anyone around you (family, friends, neighbors) who can use your assistance in something? Perhaps you can offer to take an elderly friend to Mass or to the grocery store (or even do their shopping for them). Perhaps you can just be an ear for someone who needs to talk.



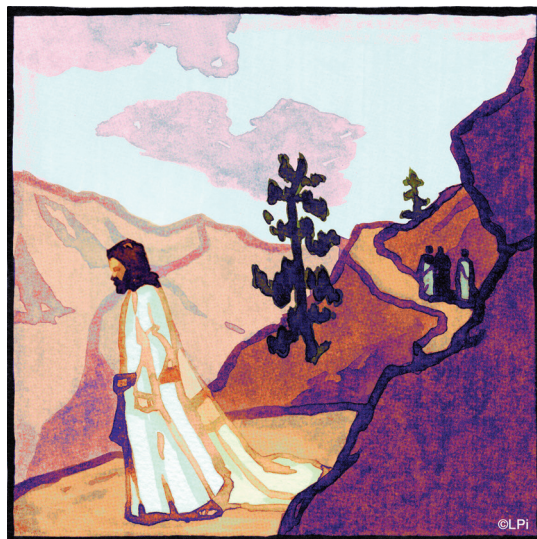
# THE PASTOR'S DESK

## A MESSAGE FROM FATHER PETER

"Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation!" The prophet Isaiah tells us clearly – This is not a request; this is a Proclamation!

We may not be ready, but Lent is ready for us! Thoughts of Penance, Sin, Ashes, extra Prayer, etc. may be far from our spontaneous thoughts, but the prophet tells us get started somewhere, anywhere. Let's be humble enough to tell the Lord "I'm only good for a grade six, a nine or ten would be over my head." The big three of Lent: Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving come into play. You can be creative here: Fast from Gossip! Pray with a child, help a challenged person complete a task.

Lent is not about struggling, but about growing in a relationship with Jesus who is a lot more excited about growing closer to us. Finally, check in about your Lent with another person who is passionate about Lent. We can all – young and old – help each other in the challenges of the holy unconventional but blessed season!



### St. Francis of Assisi Upcoming Events

## FEBRUARY 2024



**Sun., February 25 – 28**

**St. Francis Lenten Retreat  
with Michael Grogan**

See Schedule for days/times

**Monday, February 26**

**Card Players Group**

7:00pm, lower church

**February 26 – 29**

**First Communion Outfits  
Pickup**

**Friday, March 1**

**First Friday Devotions**

9:00am

**Saturday, March 2**

**First Saturday Devotions**

11:00am

**Wednesday, March 6**

**HEC Retreat**

**Planning Mtg**

7:00pm at St. Kilian's,  
Farmingdale

**Fridays in Lent**

**Stations of the Cross**

in the church, 7:30pm

**Saturday, March 9**

**St. Patrick's**

**Dinner Dance**

7:00pm lower church

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

## St. Vincent de Paul Society



### February 25<sup>th</sup>: Second Sunday of Lent

Lent is a call not just to "give up something" but more important to "give something for the poor." Wherever you live in the parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they ring the rectory bell. They are, in effect, ringing your doorbell.

Your almsgiving in the St. Vincent de Paul poor box will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God's love this Easter.

*\*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

# *Revitalizing our Faith – Renewed by the Eucharist*

The Catholic Ministries Appeal helps lay paths of evangelization through the formation of our priests, deacons and lay leaders. It assists in training our religious education catechists and adult faith formation leaders who educate our youth and parish families, and programs that promote the sanctity of life at all stages. Working together, we are all enriching the lives of all Long Island.

The presentation on the Catholic Ministries Appeal for 2024 will take place the weekend of March 2–3 at all Masses.

Further information can be found here at:

[www.catholicministriesappeal.org/](http://www.catholicministriesappeal.org/)



## 2024

**CATHOLIC  
MINISTRIES  
APPEAL**

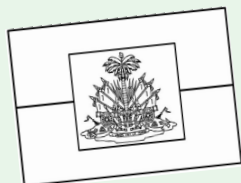
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## STARFISH COFFEE HOUSE

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).



FEATURED  
COMMUNITY



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## STARFISH YOUNG ADULT COFFEE HOUSE

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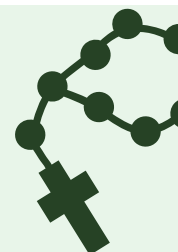


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**FEATURED  
MINISTRY**

## 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](tel:6317546436).



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# 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<sub>p.p.</sub>

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

# 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, March 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).



**FEATURED  
LIFE & SOCIAL MINISTRY**

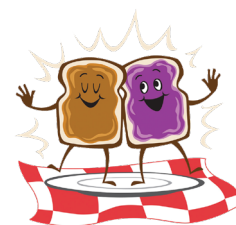


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## Our Faith in Action Plan

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 - Debbie Clemens*

**\$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!"**

## ASHES FOR ALL



Thanks to all of you who turned in palm from last year! Deacon Allan made a roaring fire and prepared the ashes for this year's Ash Wednesday observance.

## First Communion Outfits Final 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! The collection is now over, and we are not accepting any more outfits.

For families wishing to pick out items for their students, please come to the Religious Ed office this week. You are welcome any day from Monday through Thursday, February 26 – 29, at the office during class hours, Monday 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.



February 14 to March 24  
**40 DAYS FOR LIFE®**

**Help Save Babies in Smithtown!**

**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/Smithtown](http://www.40daysforlife.com/Smithtown)

**Planned Parenthood**

**70 Maple Ave, Smithtown**

**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.



**SOUPER BOWL RESULT WINNER:**

# St. Vincent de Paul Society!

This year's Souper Bowl Collection "Let's Tackle Hunger" was a big success! Thanks to the generosity of all who contributed, **\$1,611.00** was raised for our **St. Vincent de Paul Society**. They will use these funds to assist those in need in our community. We also thank our Religious Ed volunteers who helped after each Mass. God bless you for your generosity!

And for those of you who were concerned, the Souper Bowls were returned safely!



## 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. 10/11: \$8,119.00 | Faith Direct in Feb.: \$8,879.00**  
**Donations in the Pew and Mail-in for Week Ending in February 11: \$2,360.00**



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