

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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**"I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD, AND I KNOW MINE AND MINE  
KNOW ME, JUST AS THE FATHER KNOWS ME AND I KNOW  
THE FATHER; AND I WILL LAY DOWN MY LIFE FOR THE SHEEP."**

**JOHN 10:14-15**

**MARCH 10, 2024 • FOURTH 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, MARCH 9, 2024

4:30pm - James Cruise✠,  
Elaine Macedonio✠

### SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2024

8:00am - St. Francis Parishioners  
10:00am - Susan Hinke✠  
12:00pm - Fr. William Santeliz✠,  
Robert Conti✠,  
In thanksgiving for the Infant Jesus  
5:00pm - Youth of St. Francis

### MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2024

8:30am - William "Buster" Sexton✠

### TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2024

8:30am - Mary McCullough Buzzi✠

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2024

8:30am - Numa Alberto Sanchez✠

### THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2024

8:30am - For the sick of the parish

### FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 2024

8:30am - For the souls of the unborn

### SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2024

4:30pm - Harold Johnston✠  
6:30pm - Jean Joseph Ricardo Leveque✠

## 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, MARCH 9, 2024

4:30pm - **Lector** - Carol Ann Gallo Russo  
**Eucharistic Ministers** - Deacon Jean Cantave,  
Lois Greaux, Gabriella Horvath

### SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2024

#### FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - DAY LIGHT SAVINGS

8:00am - **Lector** - Rosemarie Esteibar  
**Eucharistic Ministers** - Deacon Allan Longo,  
Gawaine Esteibar, Lorraine Longo

10:00am - **Lector** - Henry Bokuniewicz  
**Eucharistic Ministers** - Deacon Jean Cantave,  
Louise Mordarski, Michael Mordarski

12:00pm - **Lector** - Paul Papa  
**Eucharistic Ministers** - Deacon Jim Byrne,  
Thomas Buckley, Mary Ann Farmer

5:00pm - **Lector** - Volvick Osse  
**Eucharistic Ministers** - Laurel Waite, Diane Young

### SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2024

4:30pm - **Lector** - Mary Lemp  
**Eucharistic Ministers** - Deacon Jim Byrne,  
Nicole O'Brien, William O'Brien

### SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2024

#### FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00am - **Lector** - Patrice Gibbs  
**Eucharistic Ministers** - Deacon Jim Byrne,  
Catherine Armstrong, Clare Intemann

10:00am - **Lector** - Peter Dowd  
**Eucharistic Ministers** - Deacon Allan Longo,  
Lorraine Longo, Karen Murphy

12:00pm - **Lector** - Neil Coscio  
**Eucharistic Ministers** - Deacon Jean Cantave,  
Kathleen Dyckes, Mary Ann Farmer

5:00pm - **Lector** - Albert Porpora  
**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

Jesus died to give us life.

## LIVING STEWARDSHIP PILLAR OF HOSPITALITY

As Catholics, we are called to bring the light of Christ to others. Let your light attract others to Christ through good works, compassion and patience.

# THE PASTOR'S DESK

## A MESSAGE FROM FATHER PETER

Parish missions are nearly always grace-bearing – moments of consolation, and hope. Michael Grogan's visit was a splendid example of this. Few get across to us how much our Father loves us. We humans feel we are doing our part for our children when we shield them from harm, and so we are!

God our loving father wanted to surpass our highest expectations. He would pay the highest ransom to redeem us – to buy us back from Sin and Evil. He sent his Son into harm's way to miss no chance of us developing a narrow image of God, one that is cold, demanding, and harsh!

Michael was able to make that point with joy and vigor. Michael sends his gratitude to all who contributed monetarily to his work. He raised about \$5,000. I join him as well in thanking you!

- Fr. Peter



### St. Francis of Assisi Upcoming Events

## MARCH 2024



**Fridays in Lent**  
**Stations of the Cross**  
in the church, 7:30pm

**Sunday, March 10**  
**Daylight Saving**  
**Time Begins**

**Friday, March 15**  
**Overnight Adoration**  
9:00pm – 5:30am,  
Adoration Chapel

**Saturday, March 16**  
**Haitian Mass**  
6:30pm

**Saturday, March 16**  
**Serenity Cinema:**  
**Power in My Hands**  
6:00pm, lower church

**Sunday, March 17**  
**St. Patrick's Day**

**Sunday, March 17**  
**Medjugorje Trip**  
**Information Mtg**  
3:00pm, Rectory Office

**Sunday, March 17**  
**PB & J Gang**  
6:30–8:00pm, lower church

**Tuesday, March 19**  
**First Day of Spring**

**Sunday, March 24**  
**Palm Sunday**

**Monday, March 25**  
**Diocesan Day of**  
**Reconciliation**

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

## St. Vincent de Paul Society



### March 10<sup>th</sup>: Fourth Sunday of Lent

In today's Gospel, God demonstrates great love for us by sending his Son so that we may believe in him. We demonstrate our great love for God by doing good works: reaching out to others, acting in justice and charity.

Through your almsgiving you are performing a good work; far greater than you think. Know that your nickel, dime, quarter or dollar is multiplied by coins placed by others in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box.

*\*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



— SERENITY CINEMA PRESENTS —

# Power In My Hands

**Saturday, March 16, 2024  
6pm in the Lower Church**

Join us for this powerful film as we journey closer to Holy Week. Let us prepare our hearts and minds with Mary our Mother and the transforming power of the Most Holy Rosary. This Lenten Season, when we enter into Holy Week, with Palm Sunday of The Passion of The Lord, and the Blessed Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil), let us surrender and say our F/AT with the Blessed Mother as she did on the Annunciation; "May it be unto me according to thy word." (Luke 1:38)

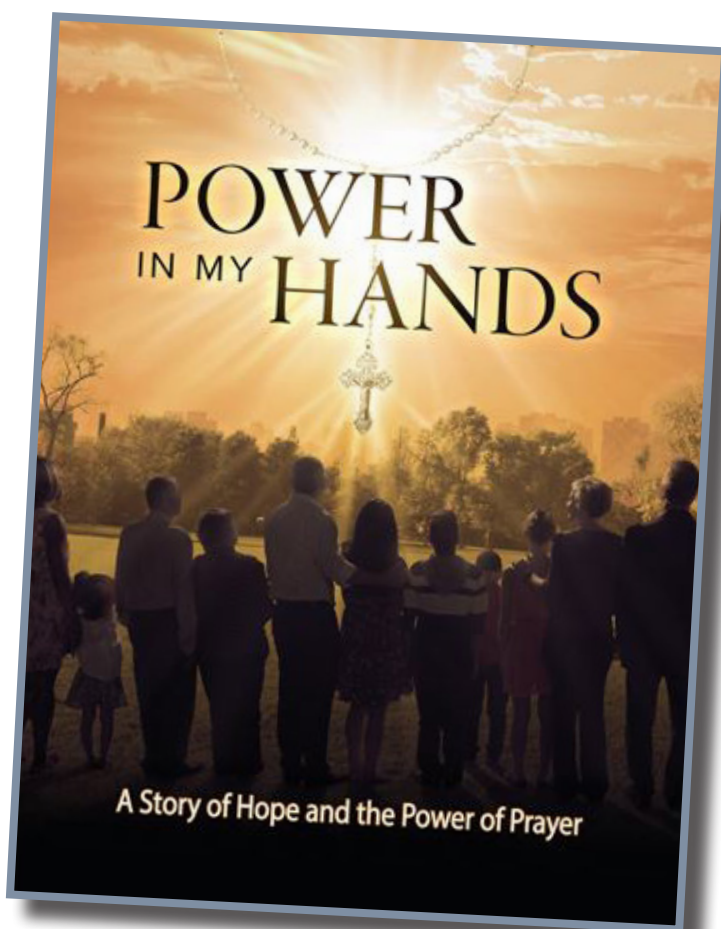
\*\*\*The Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord celebrated on March 25th each year, falls during Holy Week this year, and is therefore transferred to **Monday, April 8, 2024 of the Second Week of Easter.**

*Power in My Hands* received the International Catholic Film and Multimedia award at the "KSF Niepokalana" Film Festival in Warsaw, Poland.

In addition it has been the recipient of both the Vatican II Award for Service in Communication and the Catholic Press Association Gabriel Award.

*Power In My Hands* has premiered in theaters across the world, broadcasted on five television networks, shown in numerous dioceses and parishes, and most importantly, inspired millions to pray the Holy Rosary to encounter Jesus Christ.

**Join us for Film and Refreshments as we prepare for Holy Week with Mary!!**  
*Running time 80 minutes.*

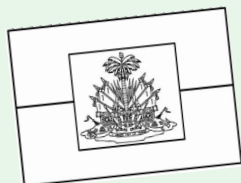


## STARFISH COFFEE HOUSE

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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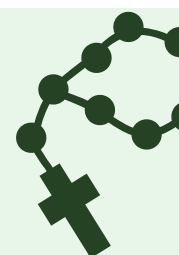


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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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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# To All Who May Have Heard About Medjugorje:

Ask God to open your heart and "nudge" you to go, God whispers in your soul. He is not pushy, but He is definitely decisive in His call. You may not feel on fire,' that comes later! He calls in ways that convince and inspire us. If you can go, expect great things, healing, strength, self-forgiveness, and the new ability to forgive others.

We will be having a few informational meetings, March 17-3pm, March 29-730pm, March 21-730pm. All meetings will be at the Rectory Office, please visit our website at [stfrancisgreenlawn.org](http://stfrancisgreenlawn.org) to view full flyer.

**Call Fr Peter at the Rectory for Details @ 631-757-7435  
#5 Cell @ 631-609-0040. You will not be disappointed!**

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# *Don't Forget Your Baby Bottle!*

This weekend of March 9th & 10th, St. Francis of Assisi Parish will be hosting a Baby Bottle Fundraiser to benefit the Life Center of Long Island.

The Life Center is a pregnancy care center that consults with women and men who are experiencing an unplanned pregnancy. Did you know that they provide?

- ✓ Free pregnancy test kits
- ✓ Free sonogram
- ✓ Maternity housing with eligibility requirements referrals
- ✓ Medical care referrals
- ✓ Material aid including car seats, cribs, clothing, diapers, and many other needed baby items
- ✓ Male advocates available to speak with fathers



We are asking that you pick up a baby bottle and fill it with your donation.  
(Please make checks payable to the Life Center of L.I.)

**Please return the bottles on  
April 6th and 7th**

Most importantly, we are asking you to recite the prayer attached to the baby bottle. Prayers bring about something very powerful at the Life Center... a change of a mother's heart! We believe these prayers lead abortion-minded women to reach out to the Life Center in the beginning of their pregnancy.

Prayers also spiritually equip our consultants at the Life Center to say just the right words a mother or father may need to hear with hope of choosing the gift of life for their baby.

*Let us pray for the conversion of a mother's  
heart to give the gift of life to her preborn baby!*



## 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).



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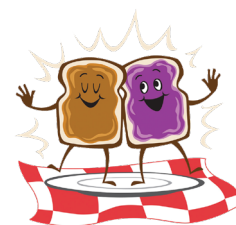


## BABY CORNER

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## Our Faith in Action Plan

Embracing Dramatic  
Missionary Growth.

**GET INVOLVED!**

★ ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI ★  
**BOOSTER CLUB**

**March Winners of 2024**

★ **\$60 Weekly Winners** ★

*March. 4th - Steven Hearl*

*March. 11th - TBA*

*March. 18th - TBA*

**\$600 Monthly Winner**

*March 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!"**

## **Catholic Relief Services Collection**

**March 10, 2024**

This week our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad.

Next week, please give generously to the collection and reveal Christ's love to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).



 **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.

## **THE CARD PLAYERS GROUP**

### **Should We Deal You In?**

Our Card players group at St. Francis – which is comprised of members from all 8 parishes in our community – meets every **Monday at 7:00pm** in the lower church, unless otherwise noted. Below is the schedule for March and April. Lately the group has added Canasta to the roster of games.



For questions or to ask about joining the group, please contact **Mr. Albert Prisco** at (631) 988-4008. Dates to follow for March and April!

### **CARD PLAYERS SCHEDULE:**

**Monday, March 11 - 7:00pm**  
**Monday, March 18 - 7:00pm**  
**Monday, March 25 - 7:00pm**  
**Tuesday, April 2 - 11:30am**  
**Monday, April 8 - 11:30am**  
**Monday, April 15 - 11:30am**  
**Monday, April 22 - 11:30am**  
**Monday, April 29 - 11:30am**



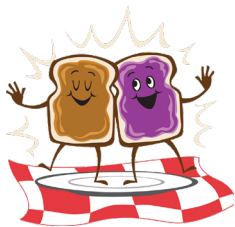
## PB & J Gang Rides Again!

The Peanut Butter & Jelly Gang meets next Sunday evening! Last month the group made **398 sandwiches**, which were dropped off to a grateful **Mercy Soup Kitchen** in Wyandanch. PB & J delivers on its commitment every month to help those in our community experiencing food insecurity.

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. Next Sunday's meeting is from **6:30pm to 8:00pm** in the lower church. Newcomers are always welcome! Thanks to a generous donation, the group has plenty of peanut butter. They are now on the lookout for more jelly, and as always, bread! Bring what you can!

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!**



## 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, Angela Hill, Hans Kaemmlein, 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 – 2024

**Total Donations Ending in Feb. 24/25: \$8,041.00 | Faith Direct in Feb.: \$8,879.00**  
**Donations in the Pew and Mail-in for Week Ending in February 24: \$647.00**



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