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Deacon James Byrne

Office Hours:
Monday-Thursday: 9:00am—3:30pm; Friday: 9:00am-12:30pm
Closed 12:30pm—1:15pm Daily Evenings: By appointment only

Parish Mass Schedule:
Saturday: 4:30pm
Sunday: 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00 noon
5:00pm Youth Mass (Christian Rock Mass)
Monday—Friday: 8:30am
Holy Days of Obligation: as announced.

Faith Formation
(1st through 8th grade)
Religious Education Coordinator:
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Liturgical Ministry
Lector & Eucharistic Ministers
Marilyn Reilly: 631-261-2093

Ushers
Paul Sepp: 631-368-7673

New Parishioners
Every family should be properly registered. Please stop in the sacristy after Sunday Mass or at the rectory office during office hours to pick up a census form.

Devotional Life
First Friday
9:00am—10:00am
8:00pm—10pm with Benediction

Catholic Conversion
R.C.I.A.
Deacon Jim Byrne:
631-757-3389

Liturgy of the Hours
In church Wednesday at 8:00am

Rosary:
Daily at 8:00am and 9:10am

Holy Hours
In the church
Wednesdays: 6:30pm—7:30pm
Fridays: 2:00pm—3:00pm

Pastoral Advisory Council
Neil Coscio, Chairperson:
631-261-0816

PB&J Gang
3rd Sunday of the month
Leslie Kulawy: 631-754-2132
Ivonne Porpora: 631-499-3780

Holy Days of Obligation: as announced.

Trinity Regional School
1025 Fifth Avenue
E. Northport
Principal: Jeanne Morcone
Office: 631-261-5130

St. Vincent de Paul Society
Meets semimonthly in the auditorium.
631-651-2655

In-Home Pre-Cana
Seasonally in hosts home
Coordinator: 631-271-3566
Deacon Allan & Lorraine Longo

Little People’s Liturgy
Sundays at the 10:00am Mass.
Louise Mordarski: 631-796-2070
Rosy Mandel: 631-651-8431

Baby Corner
Eileen Byrne
eileenbyrne@gmail.com
MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, May 7, 2017
8:00am St. Francis Parishioners
10:00am Kate Porto+, Baby Louis Anthony Giordano+, Mary Plackis+
12:00pm Vincenzo Marino+
5:00pm Youth of St. Francis, Robert Di Domenico+, John Henry Brooks III+

Monday, May 8, 2017
8:30am Grace Kelly+

Tuesday, May 9, 2017
8:30am Jean DeStefano+

Wednesday, May 10, 2017
8:30am Madeline Jaeger+

Thursday, May 11, 2017
8:30am Angelo & Vincenza Abbatiello+

Friday, May 12, 2017
8:30am Bob Lake+

Saturday, May 13, 2017
4:30pm Novena of Masses

Sunday, May 14, 2017—Mothers Day
8:00am
10:00am Novena of Masses
12:00pm
5:00pm

Mission Statement:
St. Francis of Assisi Parish is a Christ-centered family of believers, celebrating Christ alive in our lives through the inspiration of the Gospel, church teachings and traditions and the Sacraments. We are sensitive to the spiritual and temporal needs of God’s people, acknowledging their uniqueness and dignity and are dedicated to reaching out and serving them through prayer, liturgical celebrations and social ministries. Guided by the Holy Spirit and nourished by the Holy Eucharist, we welcome all people with respect and compassion. We are vigilant in protecting the rights of the most vulnerable. In the tradition of our patron, St. Francis of Assisi, we put the “good news” of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ into action.

Ministers for Saturday and Sunday
May 13th & 14th

Saturday
4:30pm
Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Allan Longo, Lorraine Longo, Anne Bardunias, Michael Bardunias, Lois Greaux
Lector: Mary Schlaikjer
Altar Servers: TBA

Sunday
8:00am
Eucharistic Ministers: Gawaine Esteibar, Diane Lake, Carol Queally, Pat Ammirato, Ellen Levanti
Lector: Rosemarie Esteibar
Altar Servers: TBA
10:00am
Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Jim Byrne, Joe Dissler, Michelle Gallo, Pat DeSilva, Mary Ann Farmer
Lector: Linda Bokuniewicz
Altar Servers: TBA
12:00pm
Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Jean Cantave, Mary Ann Craven, Jane Karas, Barbara Beller, George McGann
Lector: Kathleen Dyckes
Altar Servers: TBA
5:00pm
Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Ann Fetzer, Tom Fetzer
Lector: Lorenzo Porpora
Altar Servers: TBA

Saint Francis Parish/Huntington Hospital
Eucharistic Schedule
First, Third, Fourth and Fifth Sundays of the Month
Meet at 9:15am in Hospital Lobby
May 14th: TBA

Please pray for the sick of the Parish
Luigi Aliperti, Patrick Cashin, Gianna Cerulli, Pamela Chan, Joe Clines, Denise Cotuleo, Paul DeStefano, Walter Dichtur, Susan DiSalvo, Joseph & Peggy Dissler, Lorraine Drouin, Peggy Evans, Gerard Emma, Walter Fay, Liam Forstor, Paul Gabel, John Geiss, Kathleen Gleason, Carolyn Hansen, Sandra Henrich, Mary Ellen Hess, Victoria Hren, Bonnie Inzalaco, August Justesen, Courtney Kane, Frank Kotasek, Eileen Lammers, Kathy La Russo, Janice A. Lewis, Carmen Lopez, Clementina Maldunado, Kim Massa, Emily McCarthy, Sean McGrath, Coach Sam Maratto, Doris Mickowski, Danielle Nicosia, Barbara Nigro, Catherine Opray, Bud Pace, Philip “Gene” Phelan, Irene Phillips, Concetta Porter, Frances Powers, Debby Quartin, Joseph Rakowski, Sonia Ritchel, Lillian Sanchez, Grace Schimmel, Marian Stewart, Beatrice Sullivan, Eleanor A. Thompson, Frank Tumino, Frank Ward, Daniel Wilbur, Diana Willis, Marlene Wyleczuk, Flori Young
May 7, 2017

Healing Mass
at St. Francis

Wednesday, May 10th
Prayer & Praise 7:30pm
Mass 8:00pm
Celebrant: Fr. Peter Kaczmarek
Pray overs after Mass

Remember Your Loved Ones
With Annual Memorial Candles
that brighten your intentions all year long

A small plaque displaying the name of your loved one or a “special intention” will be mounted before each candle. Plaques will remain on display for the time subscribed and may be renewed or rededicated for additional six or twelve month periods.

The offering for each candle is $60 for 6 months or $100 for 12 months per name, which will support the work and needs of St. Francis Parish.

Brochures are located in the vestibule and by the Memorial Candles.

Check out our new CDs $3 each
Many titles to choose from!

Our Lady’s Home Visitation Program At St. Francis of Assisi
The statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be visiting the home of:
5/5/17 Elizabeth Lockwood
5/12/17 Marie Cantave
5/19/17 Marie Cantave
5/26/17 Gerry Parrinello
6/2/17 George & Marjorie Pozderec
6/9/17 Maryann Farmer
6/19/17 Dawn Chaffin

Jun 23, 2017 Dawn Chaffin
If you would like to be added to the list, please call Rosy 631-651-8431 or Barbara 631-757-1794

The weekly St. Francis Booster Club winner for 5/1 will be announced next week!
Tickets are $50.00 and are available in the Rectory. Your ticket is entered to win Every Week!
Time, Talent & Treasure
Fostering Stewardship as a way of life

Thanks for Giving First Fruits & Taking a Step!!!(Regular Sunday Offertory)
Last week’s weekly offering: TBA
Last year’s weekly offering: $9,074.00

Bulletin Reflection
Jesus says, “I came that they may have life, and have it to the full.” Good stewards are grateful for the gifts of life and joyfully share their abundance with others.

Living Stewardship
We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who respond and give thanks for God’s blessings by sharing their gifts of time and talent in service “to and through” our parish ministries.

Join
Fr. Peter Kaczmarek
on a Pilgrimage to Fatima, Spain & Lourdes
October 25—November 3, 2017
$3,799 from New York, NY
Optional Post-Tour to Paris & Lisieux November 3-7, 2017 additional $1,399
www.pilgrimages.com/frkaczmarek

May 7: Fourth Sunday of Easter:
Today, we celebrate “Good Shepherd Sunday” where we reflect on Jesus’ care and love of us and hear his words, “I came so that they may have life and have it more abundantly.”
By your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you will reveal the love of the “Good Shepherd” to your suffering brothers and sisters.

Please check your spam folders for BRINGING HOME THE WORD since it is now being sent from gmail.

SUNDAY READINGS for next week, May 14th:
Acts 6:1–7 “Select from among you seven reputable men, filled with the Spirit and wisdom, whom we shall appoint to this task.”
1 Peter 2:4–9 “You are ‘a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own.’”
John 14:1–12 “I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be.”

Send us your email if you would like to start receiving “Bringing Home the Word”, a weekly message

This weekend is a second collection next week in support of Trinity Regional School and the Tomorrow’s Hope Foundation. Tomorrow’s Hope provides tuition assistance to families with students who would like to attend a Catholic elementary school, but just need a little help to make that happen. The Foundation has provided almost 2 million dollars-a-year to offset tuition costs, but the actual student need approaches 6 million dollars.
Trinity Regional School also benefits from your donation. Currently, tuition, parish subsidy and fundraising all help to balance the budget and we are grateful for your support. The money that you give to the second collection today will help us expand on the school’s great academic performance, and will assure that the school remains a place where students can learn and live their faith.
Sustaining Catholic education is vital to the future of our society and to our Church. Today’s students are our future. They are truly tomorrow’s hope. Thank you for all you do to support our children and our schools, and thank you in advance for your generous donation this weekend.
Welcome all God’s children

God loves each of us uniquely and fiercely no matter where we come from or how we look. Those of us who follow him know that it’s not just important to love each other. It’s God’s law.

Celebrate diversity: Invite foreigners or people who are different from you to your home or church. Jesus was once a foreigner in a strange land and was grateful for the hospitality he received.

There is great diversity in the Communion of Saints.

Practice patience. It can be tough to listen to someone with a speech impediment or a heavy accent. Imagine, though, how grateful that person will be when you offer your attention. Perhaps it would help to imagine the face of Christ in the face before you.

Counsel the ignorant. Someone from another country, background, or with different abilities than yours might behave in what looks like an inconsiderate way out of ignorance or limitations. He might appreciate being informed.

Speak up. Don’t stay quiet when you witness prejudice, and be positive about diversity if friends or relatives start criticizing others’ faith, cultures or abilities.

Act with love. The God of love gave of himself so we could be reunited with him. We share that love when we assume the best of others and look for the good in all God’s children.

Angels are pure spirits with intelligence and free will (Catechism of the Catholic Church, No. 330). The belief in angels is a Catholic doctrine based on Scriptural evidence. Throughout the Bible, God sends angels to announce his will, punish,

strengthen, or console. Angels also protected and ministered to Jesus during his time on earth. We are also given guardian angels to watch over us (Matthew 18:10). Finally, the Church joins in the adoration of the angels at Mass (CCC #335).
Growing in Faith™

Advice, comfort, and encouragement in the Bible

The Bible is full of practical life guidance that is as relevant today as it was when written. Its advice, comfort, and encouragement is timeless.

Advice - Written by a wise Old Testament scribe and teacher, Book of Sirach offers advice on just about everything we deal with today—friendship, education, finances, etiquette, marriage, family life, and more.

Comfort - In St. Matthew's Gospel, Jesus gives comfort for the insecurities of daily life. For example,

"Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?" (Matthew 6:26). For more, see Matthew 6:25-34, 7:7-11, 11:28, and 28:20.

Encouragement - Need encouragement? Try Psalm 118, "The Lord is with me, I will not be afraid." Or, Psalm 40, "I waited patiently for the Lord's help; then he listened to me and heard my cry." And Psalm 23, "Fear no harm for you are at my side; your rod and staff give me courage."

from Scripture

John 17:1-11, In the world, not of it

Following the Last Supper and just before his agony in the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus prayed to the Father for his disciples, including us. He asked that all would remain united in his love, be protected from the influence of the devil, and ultimately be with him in eternity forever.

What Jesus did not ask was that God take his followers out of the world. Being "in the world, but not of the world" is at the heart of living our Catholic faith. We can try to abandon the world altogether or blend in with it, but neither option fulfills what God asks of us. We are called to proclaim the Gospel in the world by how we live our life—both in public and private.

Our true home is not here on Earth, but in Heaven. It takes courage to place our hope in Christ and then live accordingly. Going to Mass and receiving the Sacraments of the Eucharist and Confession regularly will give us the spiritual strength needed to be in the world, but not of the world.

Feasts & Celebrations

May 1 – St. Joseph the Worker.

Entrusted with the care of the Blessed Mother and Jesus, Joseph was a humble carpenter who was dedicated to his family and obedient to God.

May 2 – St. Athanasius (373). Born a Christian in Egypt, St. Athanasius became a priest and a great defender of the Catholic faith. Because of the terrible persecutions of the Church, he was exiled several times during his life.

May 25 – The Ascension of the Lord (1st century). This solemnity marks the completion of Jesus’ mission of salvation and his triumphant entry into Heaven by his own power. (Mark 16:19, Luke 24:51) Note: In some dioceses, this observance has been moved to the following Sunday.

May 31 – The Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth (1st century). Today, we commemorate the Visitation, when Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth to share her joy at being favored by God. Three ways we can honor Mary include praying the Rosary, celebrating her feast days, and praising her to others.

Q & A

Do we really receive gifts from the Holy Spirit?

At Baptism, we receive actual, spiritual gifts from the Holy Spirit intended to help us live virtuous lives. Traditionally numbered seven (Isaiah 11:1-3), these gifts make us receptive to grace and the promptings of the Spirit. They grow stronger the more we use them. They are also strengthened by the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Understanding: Let us grasp truths of the faith with our mind and heart.

Counsel: Also called “right judgment,” counsel enables us to weigh all the alternatives to make the right (moral) choice.

Fortitude: Courage, or the ability to remain firm in seeking the good against all pressures.

Knowledge: A person with knowledge sees more than one dimension of an issue to determine the right path.

Piety: This gift helps us think of ourselves as children of God and be eager to serve him.

Fear of the Lord: The wonder and awe God inspires encourages us to respect him and all his creations.

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Holy Hour for Priests
Mondays 12:30-1:30pm

Anyone able to commit to this prayer event, call 631-486-2155.
St. Francis of Assisi
Baby Corner

Needs Donations:
Huggies diapers sizes, 3, 4, 5 and 6. We also need baby wipes and shampoo. We thank you so much for your generosity as always. Donations should be placed in the crib located on the right of the vestibule in the Church.

Road Angels are needed to drive parishioners to and from doctor appointments. Please call the Pastoral Care Office if you can help at 261-4837.

Bible Workshop
Wed. 11:15am
“How to Hear from God”
Speaker: Barbara Campbell

St. Francis’ 50th Anniversary Collectors Ornament
$15
available in the Rectory Office & Gift Boutique

DIVINE WILL STUDY GROUP
Thursdays, 1-3pm
in the basement auditorium here at St. Francis.

St. Francis Of Assisi RC Church

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St. Francis of Assisi YM Dates

May 7, YM Meeting
May 21, Six Flags
June 4, YM Picnic
June 10, Carwash

Mission trips
June 25-30 Capuchin outreach program, serving as missionaries in the Hudson Valley (students in high school)

July 8-16 Capuchin Appalachian mission, serving as missionaries in Harlan County, Kentucky (must be in high school to adult age)

** For more information on retreats and applications go to capuchin.org and click on retreats.

Camp Veritas: a Catholic camp that offers sports and spirituality all in one.
Summer camp for young people ages 12-18
** For dates and locations go to campveritas.org

Peanut Butter and Jelly Gang
St. Francis of Assisi Church, Greenlawn

Join us the third Sunday of each month from 6:30 to 8 pm in the lower church.
Donations of smooth peanut butter, jelly, bread and sandwich bags are always appreciated.
Good for community service hours.
Loving hands, caring hearts.
All are welcome ~ Next date TBA
Facilitators: Leslie Kulewicz 754-2132, Ivonne Porpora 499-3780
This month we made 688 Sandwiches!!
Thanks to all who helped!

St. Francis Rocks!

Do you like to sing? Play an instrument?
Then join us every Sunday for the 5 pm Youth Mass Rehearsal starts at 4 pm in the church. It’s a fun way to be involved in your church!

For information about the Youth Mass Contact our Youth Music Coordinator Greg at ggullotti1@optonline.net

Not sure about joining, come check out the 5 pm Sunday Mass and see what it’s all about!

Jr. Choir

Calling all boys and girls, grade 2 and up.
Come join the St. Francis Jr. Choir. Rehearsal will be from 11-11:30, after Sunday Mass.
Come sing, have fun and enjoy a snack too.
Meet at the piano.
Just bring a smile.

For info call Anthony DiDonna: 631-748-6780
**PRAYER FOR OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN MILITARY SERVICE**

O prince of peace, we humbly ask Your protection for all our men and women in the military service. Give them unflinching courage to defend with honor, dignity and devotion the rights of all who are imperiled by injustice and evil. Please guard our churches, our homes, and our schools, our hospitals, our factories, our buildings and all who are within from harm and peril. Protect our land and its peoples from enemies within and without. Grant an early peace with victory founded upon true justice. Please instill in the hearts and minds of people everywhere a firm purpose to live forever in peace and good will toward all. Amen.

**BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP**

St. Patrick’s Church, 400 Main Street, Huntington
Group meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm in the Rectory basement. We are a group of women who have been afflicted with this disease and we meet to lend support to one another through our difficult times. If you are interested in learning more about our group feel free to contact Marlene Gerds (631) 549-3447 or Jean Whitcomb (631) 261-1166. All are welcomed.