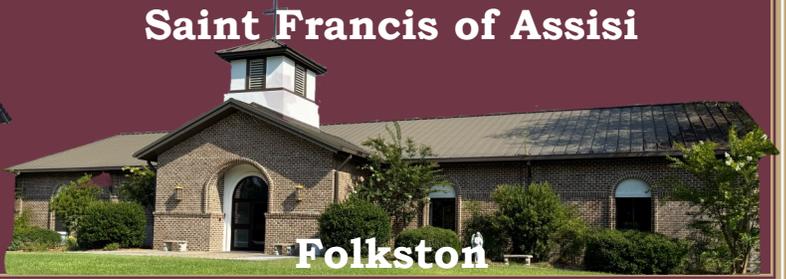


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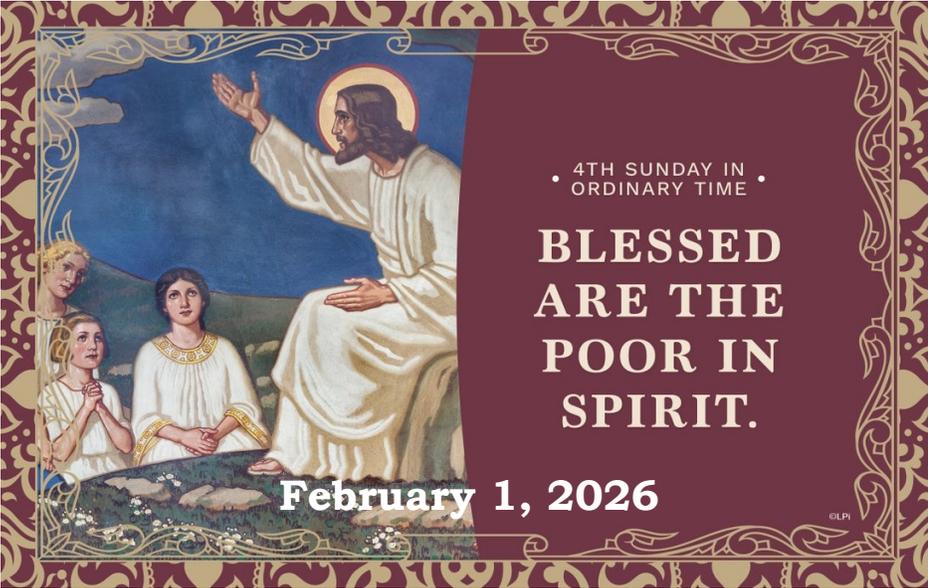
# Saint Francis of Assisi



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**Folkston**



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**Holy Rosary**  
30 minutes prior to Mass

**First Fridays Mass**  
8:00 AM at Historic Chapel

**Fridays Eucharistic Adoration**  
5:00 PM to 6:30 PM



## OLSS SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday ..... 5:00 PM  
(except on Holy Saturday)  
Sunday ..... 11:00 AM

## OLSS DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday ..... No Service  
Tuesday ..... 5:30 PM  
Wednesday - Friday ..... 8:00 AM

## SFOA SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday ..... 8:30 AM

## SFOA DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday.....5:00 PM

## OLSS CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM  
or by appointment

## SFOA CONFESSIONS

30 minutes before Mass  
or by appointment

## WELCOME, VISITORS!

We extend a warm welcome to the individuals and families who are celebrating with us today. We invite you to register with our Parish Family. You can fill out a registration form online or find one in the narthex.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Offering Mass for a special Intention is a long-standing tradition in the Catholic Church. It is usually considered that special graces are obtained for whom the Mass is said. Masses are offered for many reasons: for the souls in purgatory, in remembrance for someone who is deceased, or in honor of a birthday or anniversary. If you would like to have a Mass said for someone, go to the Parish Office to get on the schedule. Cards are then given to you so that you can mail them to whomever you choose to so they may also participate in the Mass. The stipend or offering given, **(\$10 or more)** signifies the sacrificial nature of giving of something of yourself to associate more intimately with Christ who offers himself in the Eucharist.

## WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

01/31/26 - Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM Mass  
*God's Blessing for the children & grandchildren of the Ford and Wyatt Family*

02/01/26 - IV SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
8:30 AM - (St. Francis Mission)  
*Pro Populo / For the People*  
11:00 AM - (Our Lady Star of the Sea)  
*+ Holy Souls in Purgatory*

02/02/26 - Monday - NO MASS

02/03/26 - Tuesday: 5:00 PM  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
Rosary & Mass at OLSS

02/04/25 - Wednesday:  
8:00 AM Mass at OLSS  
*+ Rosario Agnello*  
5:00 PM Mass at SFOA  
*+ Mary & Marty Kennedy*

02/05/25 - Thursday: 8:00 AM Mass at OLSS  
*+ Andrew Whitlock*

02/06/26 - Friday: 8:00 AM Mass at OLSS  
*God's Blessing for the children & grandchildren of the Ford and Wyatt Family*

01/07/26 - Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM Mass  
*Pro Populo / For the People*

02/08/26 - V SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
8:30 AM (St. Francis Mission)  
11:00 AM (Our Lady Star of the Sea)  
*For Clement & Debra Valot on their 51st Wedding Anniversary*

*From the  
Pastor's  
Desk*



For those families requesting a Letter of good standing, participation letter from the office for school registrations, Sacraments, Godparent verification, etc. you must meet the following criteria;

1. Be officially registered in our parish for at least six months. Considerations will be taken for military families new to the parish and will be addressed on case-by-case basis.
2. Be in good standing which means you and your family regularly attend Mass and contribute to our offertory program. You must use your assigned envelope/giving number for these donations to be recorded properly. We understand that sometimes people are unable to give to the parish; however, placing your envelope even if its empty in the basket helps us determine that someone is in fact participating in the life of a parish.
3. If you have moved away and are not actively participating in our parish life, and if we have not seen you at mass for weeks and months, we may be unable to issue you with the above mentioned documents. Additionally, your standing within the parish may differ from those who consistently attend and share with our community their Time, Talent and Treasure.

## Sacrament of Baptism in OLSS

A newborn child should be baptized within the first few months of life. A child who has reached the age of kindergarten should receive some basic instruction/preparation before reception of the Sacrament. In order to have a child baptized at Our Lady Star of the Sea, at least one parent must be a practicing Catholic, and registered in the OLSS Parish. A child to be baptized should normally have two Godparents, a male and a female. In order to serve as a Godparent, a person must be a practicing Roman Catholic, fully initiated, and at least sixteen years of age. A Godparent must supply a letter from his/her proper pastor indicating suitability to serve as a Godparent for Baptism. Parents are asked to attend a Baptism Preparation Class which lasts approximately one hour.

## Sacrament of Marriage in OLSS

Those preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage need to contact the church office for a list of instructions at least six months in advance of the anticipated wedding date. Definite plans for a particular date should not be made until such contact has been completed. Only when a priest or deacon has decided that he will officiate at the marriage, will a definite date be set. There is a requirement for marriage preparation classes. Options for these will be discussed when you meet with the priest or deacon you have chosen as your celebrant

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

All the names of the sick we receive will be entered on the prayer list for one month, and then removed. If you would like your loved one to remain on the prayer list longer, please let us know, and we will happily oblige.

**Fran Schneider, Jude Pappas, Mike Perry,  
Jim Samoska, Larry Millard**

**Matt Metty, Frank & Mary Anne Greco,  
Diane Harrel, Dr. Christopher Scuderi**

God our Father, your Son accepted our sufferings to teach us the virtue of patience in human illness. Hear the prayers we offer for our sick brothers and sisters. May all who suffer pain, illness, or disease realize that they have been chosen to be saints and know that they are joined to Christ in his suffering for the salvation of the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

### A Pilgrimage Done at Home

This year, we are offering the opportunity for everyone in our parish community to participate in preparing for the Dominican Friars' Rosary Pilgrimage! Beginning January 31st, 2026, on the last Saturday of each month, a rosary and its pilgrimage novena prayer will be prayed before Mass. Isaac Dominici will be leading it with the help of the Altar Boys for the next nine months. On September 26th, 2026, Isaac will carry the intentions of our congregation to the Pilgrimage's closing at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. Prayer cards with the Novena Prayer will be available in February in the narthex. For any questions or further information, please ask Isaac or any of our Altar Boys. Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us. St. Dominic, pray for us.



## HOW DO YOU GET THERE FROM HERE?

How do you get to holy from where you're sitting? Is it a matter of saying enough prayers, going to church for years, not breaking the Commandments, being generous to the annual bishop's appeal? Those things might help; I'm not one to knock any of them.

Especially the bishop's appeal, which is a way of being faithful to the common good of our sisters and brothers. But sanctity is not the pot of gold at the end of any of these rainbows automatically.

And maybe, honestly, holiness is not even on your bucket list. The faces on the holy cards rarely look like they're having a good time. I've got a heavenly host of saints' images all around my desk, with expressions ranging from pensive (the Madonnas) to brooding (Saint Paul) to grim (Jerome!). I'd love to have a view of the laughing, dancing communion of saints, but apart from some grinning Mother Teresas and mischievous Pope John Paul IIs, those are hard to find.

Yet when Jesus fashioned his most famous teaching, the Beatitudes, he capitalized on what would make us "happy" - which is a more accurate translation than "blessed." Which leads you to wonder: Shouldn't being among the blessed be a source of joy for us? Of course one must admit the list of qualifying folks doesn't sound as if they've got a lot to smile about: the poor (in spirit or otherwise), the mourners, the downtrodden, the oppressed, the persecuted and insulted. I suppose being a compassionate, pure-hearted peacenik isn't so bad. But ask me again when I'm actually practicing those virtues.

So what makes this lot so happy, according to Jesus? Their reward in heaven will be great. In a culture that views delayed gratification as no gratification at all, that sounds like the not-so-good news of Jesus Christ. Is Jesus saying, "Suffer now to be happy later"? When life is presented in those terms - the cross today or the flames tomorrow - that's not exactly comforting. Happily, that's not what Jesus is saying. The common denominator in the Beatitude Club is humility, not suffering. If we want to belong to this Happy Club, we have to exercise that most essential of all virtues.

What does it mean to be humble? To know when to bow down or bend the knee. We bow before the will of God, which is to love and be loved. We bend the knee before God alone. Those who are humbled by their present circumstances or who humble themselves by conforming their lives to God's will are mutually blessed. As Mother Teresa once said, we must empty ourselves to receive a blessing because even God cannot fill what is full. Want happiness? Seeking holiness? Start with humility.

**SFOA SPRING CLOTHING DRIVE:  
FEBRUARY 15th and 22nd**

The residents of Folkston Park Nursing Home have very limited resources. Purchasing the replacement of worn out clothing with new is out of reach for many of them. We will be collecting new and clean, gently worn men and women’s clothing to address the needs of our less fortunate neighbors, some who receive the Eucharist regularly from St. Francis of Assisi Parish.

Suggested items are \*Sweat Pants with elastic waistbands, \*Sweat Shirts, pullovers and those with a zipper front, \*Coats & Jackets, \*Shirts, \*Short Sleeve and Long Sleeve Tee Shirts, \*Blue Jeans, \*Shorts, \*Socks, \*Woman’s Leggings, \*Non-Slip Shoes & Slippers, and \*Bath Robes.

Men and Women’s, new and clean, gently worn items, sizes Large – XXXL will be appreciated. Monetary donations will not be accepted. A table and collection boxes will be set-up in the narthex of St Francis of Assisi Church the weekends of February 15th and 22nd. Thank you, in advance, for your consistent generosity.



**WOMEN’S LENTEN STUDY**

We would like to extend a personal invitation to you to attend our Ladies’ Lenten Bible Study held on Tuesday evenings and Friday mornings. Our Ladies’ Bible Study is a time of fellowship, fun and learning – growing through the sharing and understanding of God’s word.

*When Women are equipped with the knowledge of God’s truth, the world is transformed one woman at a time.*

*The book chosen for this study is Lent: A season of drawing closer to God.*

*By: Love God Greatly*

**When: February & March**

**Where: Religious Ed. Building**

**Times: Tuesdays-6:30-8:00PM**

**Fridays- 9:00-10:30 AM**

For more information or to register, please contact

Eileen Lang @

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**Devoted Disciple Scholarship**



**Attention All High School Seniors:** The Ladies Auxiliary is offering a \$500 scholarship to a deserving Catholic student who attends OLSS, St. Francis of Assisi/Folkston, or St. Francis of Assisi/Kings Bay and will be graduating from Camden or Charlton County High School in 2026 and will be attending a college/university, technical college or trade school. This scholarship is based on involvement in your church and community. Applications are posted on the CCHS website, [weareolss.org](http://weareolss.org) and hardcopies are available in the OLSS office. The completed application packet must be submitted **NO LATER** than March 29, 2026. For more information, contact Tricia Jenkins (912) 552-5683.

## WHAT'S GOING ON ?

|             |  |
|-------------|--|
| Tue<br>2/03 | SFoA Ladies Cursillo 9:30AM - Social Hall<br>OLSS Homily Continued - 6:00PM RE Room #8<br>OLSS Women's Lenten Study 6:00 PM -<br>RE ROOM 4&5 |
| Wed<br>2/04 | SFoA Men's Cursillo 9:00AM - Social Hall<br>OLSS Legion of Mary 5:30PM - RE Room #8<br>OLSS Men's Bible Study 6:30PM - RE Double<br>Room     |
| Thu<br>2/05 | OLSS Ladies Cursillo 5:30PM - RE Room #5<br>OLSS OCIA 6:00PM—RE Double Room  |
| Fri<br>2/06 | OLSS Women's Lenten Study 6:00 PM -<br>RE ROOM 4&5<br>OLSS Adoration 5:00PM - Main Church  |
| Sat<br>2/07 | OLSS Eucharistic Adoration - 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM<br>Main Church  |

### OFFERTORY UPDATE

### OLSS COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

| JANUARY 25, 2026            | JANUARY 26, 2025            |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| COLLECTION -<br>\$ 8,042.00 | COLLECTION -<br>\$ 9,080.00 |
| MAINTENANCE -<br>\$ 644.00  | MAINTENANCE -<br>\$ 480.00  |

### SFOA COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

| JANUARY 25, 2026             | JANUARY 26, 2025            |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| COLLECTION -<br>\$ 1,092.00  | COLLECTION -<br>\$ 1,090.00 |
| MAINTENANCE -<br>\$ 5,365.00 | MAINTENANCE -<br>\$ 150.00  |

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

|              | Lectors                          | Altar Servers                                      | Ushers  |
|--------------|----------------------------------|--|---|
| Sat<br>01/31 | Mary Ann Moore<br>Bryant Shepard | Isaac Dominici<br>Samuel Dominici                  | Ron Logan<br>Darlene Logan<br>Dante Russo<br>Saul Capulong    |
| Sun<br>02/01 | Ray Meaux<br>Judy Buchanan       | Evanisto Gomez<br>Joaquin Gomez                    | Keith Danos<br>Colleen Danos<br>Carl Boria<br>Robert Cappello |
| Tue<br>02/03 | Karen Hill                       |  |   |
| Wed<br>02/04 | Richard Foy                      |  |   |
| Thu<br>02/05 | - _____ -                        |  |   |
| Fri<br>02/06 | Elisabeth Sepulveda              |  |   |
| Sat<br>02/07 | Gene Niksa<br>Richard Foy        | Colton Wilkins<br>Waylon Wilkins<br>Landon Wilkins | Diane Costa<br>Dave Costa<br>Don Petrine<br>James Pappas      |
| Sun<br>02/08 | Judy Buchanan<br>Tom Jenkins     | Evanisto Gomez<br>Joaquin Gomez                    | Clyde Miller<br>John Nevins<br>Mike Recore<br>Ken Sylvester   |

## SFOA LECTOR SCHEDULE

|            |                                      |
|------------|--------------------------------------|
| Sunday 2/1 | Kathleen Rodgers<br>Lynn Crews       |
| Sunday 2/8 | Lawanda Jones<br>Susan Price LaSalla |

## COUNTERS SCHEDULE

|            |   |
|------------|---|
| Sunday 2/1 | Teresa Davis, Julie McKeown, Chrissy Bundrick, Richard Foy, Renee Gentle    |
| Sunday 2/8 | Teresa David, Robert Cappello, Bill Tobias, Roberto Garza, Donna Ponteliona |

### PLEASE NOTICE THE DATE CHANGE



**Rosary at Historical Chapel** In honor of the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, the Legion of Mary is having a rosary at the historical chapel on February 11th at 4:00 P.M. . Weather permitting, we will have the rosary at the Rosary Garden located behind the chapel. Please try to attend to honor Our Blessed Mother.

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Unfortunately Many Parishioners have been receiving fraudulent e-mails from someone pretending to be me, Fr. Mariusz. Please be aware that our staff, to include myself, NEVER ask for any material favors, money, gift cards, gift certificates etc., through e-mail or text message. Please do not respond to these emails, delete them, report them as spam.

NEVER EVER TAKE ANY ACTIONS REQUESTED IN THE E-MAILS OR TEXTS !!!

Please be very Cautious and careful since this was not the first time they tried to do it and probably not the last time they will try to do it.

Sincerely; Fr. Mariusz - Pastor



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