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Deacon Farrell J. Hopkins
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WEEKDAY MASS

Monday-Saturday 9:00 am

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 5:30pm

Sunday 8:30am, 10:15am and 12 Noon

SACRAMENTS

Baptisms: Sun., 1:30 pm, parents should call Rectory to make arrangements. Need to attend **one Preparatory Session.** **Marriages:** Couples should contact the Rectory to make appointment with the Pastor at least one year before the proposed date. **Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Sat., 4:30pm in the Church **Pastoral Care of the Sick:** Available upon request **First Penance, First Eucharist, Confirmation:** Two-year religious education preparation given to children for these Sacraments.

SCHOOL OF RELIGION

FAMILY MUST BE REGISTERED IN PARISH AS OF JANUARY 1st

Nursery School, Mon. 9:30-11:00 am; Thurs. 10-11:30 am ***K & 1** , Sat. 9:30am-11:00am, ***Grade 2**, Thurs. 4:00-5:30 pm***Grade 3**, Tues. 4:00-5:30 pm***Grade 4**, Wed. 4:00-5:30 pm***Grade 5**, Mon. 5:00-6:30pm***Grade 6**, Thurs. 7:00-8:30 pm***Grade 7**, Tues. 7:00-8:30pm ***Grade 8**, Wed. 7-8:30 pm

PARISH COUNCIL

Usually 1st Wednesday of Each month, October through June

DEVOTIONS: Adoration: 1st Friday of the month, after 9am Mass; **Miraculous Medal Novena:** Mon., after 9am Mass; **Devotions to St. Francis:** Wed., after 9am Mass; **Novena to O.L. of Perpetual Help:** Fri., after 9am Mass; **Youth Group:** Sundays, 7pm, when scheduled; **Clare's Cove:** 845-638-2892, Thurs., Fri., Sat. 10am-3pm



Pray to the Lord

Prayer for the sick in our parish and in our families is so important. Please leave this list of the sick near the place where you pray each day to remember them throughout the week.

Baby Noah-Jacob Strnatka, Winthrop E. Mange Jr., Donna Welchman, John Romano, Kathy Colella, Robert Hroncich, David Patten, Vincenza Intonato, Oswald & Dorothy Andrade, Christopher Brigando, Nancy Devine, Geraldine Crowley, Seamus Kilkenny, Kiley Fantino-Brunson, Elizabeth Colucci, Sr. Anne Rowland, Sr. Mary Ann Morrelli, Mike Lyons, Eileen Condon, Robert DeMateo, Daniel Hogan Cheatham, Baby Tyler Tobin, William Crockard, Karen Giordano, Lydia Mange Bredlau, William Daly and John Gannon.

Names may be placed on this list for a four-week period and will be removed after that time unless a call is received to request a continuation. Please keep in mind that we pray for all the sick every day in the General Intercessions of the Mass.

We are very grateful to those in the military who have dedicated themselves to protect our liberty and freedom. Please keep our troops in your prayers.



First Friday

Every First Friday, after the 9:00 AM Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be in exposition until benediction at noon. Come and spend some time in adoration and gain graces for your special needs.

Banns

III. Jessica Conte & Patrick McNerney
 III. Jennifer McDonnell & Anthony Arenella



In 1997, the continued growth of our parish opened a discussion at our Parish Advisory Committee to plan for the future. At that time, we developed a three stage building expansion: a larger worship space, more classrooms from our ever increasing Religious Education Program, and a new Parish Center. We were able to complete the Church expansion in 2005 and are now addressing the second stage of increasing classrooms to accommodate the 1400 children in our Faith Formation Program. There are two poster boards depicting the future expansion of our parish facilities found in the narthex. In the next week or so, we will begin the building of the new classrooms. Please look at these displays. The committee will be available after Mass to answer any questions.

Baptism



It is through Baptism that we are joined with Christ, share in His passion, death and resurrection and so are saved from our sins and become adopted children of God, sharing in divine life.

This miracle of God's love and grace will be bestowed upon, **Wyatt James Coffey**, child of Brady & Jessica (Melillo) Coffey, **Mia Rose & Ruby Catherine Pizzutello**, children of Paul & Jessica (Russo) Pizzutello and **Michael Patrick McCahill**, child of Kevin & Lucia (Cioffi) McCahill. Please pray for these children and for their parents, that they may be faithful to God's call to salvation.

Priest - Celebrants for 8/7 - 8/8

5:30pm Saturday	Msgr. Weber
8:30am Sunday	Msgr. Weber
10:15am Sunday	Msgr. Weber
12 Noon Sunday	Msgr. Weber



**Mass Intentions
For the week 7/31-8/8**



Saturday

9:00am church

Sean Karsian

req. by The Devery Family

5:30pm church

Vincent & Ronald Conti

req. by The Basso Family

Sunday

8:30am church

**Alex Stachnik & The
Deceased Members of the
Cleary Family**

*req. by Charlotte Stachnik &
Family*

10:15am church

**Rosemary Fenton &
Gloria Klotz**

req. by The Fenton Family

12 Noon church

**Ann & Michael Cahill &
John Palumbo**

req. by Tricia & Jim Russell

Monday

9:00am church

Mass for the People

Tuesday

9:00am church

Robert O'Neill

req. by The O'Neill Family

Wednesday

9:00am church

Margaret & Patrick King

req. by Brendan King

Thursday

9:00am church

Ray Ryan

req. by The Ryan Family

Friday

9:00am church

Mary & John Lenno

*req. by Maryann &
Anthony Ferrara*

Saturday

9:00am church

Anna C. Weber

req. by Estate of Anna Weber

5:30pm church

Joe & Bea Cummings

req. by Barbara Cummings

Sunday

8:30am church

Millie Stoker

req. by The Stoker Family

10:15am church

Mr. & Mrs. Vito Giachetti

req. by M/M Ted Leonardi

12 Noon church

Joanne Sheehan

req. by Robin & Bob Daly



Support-a- Baby

Support-a-Baby weekend will be August 7-8. This is an important commitment that we as a parish have made to help young mothers who have made the choice to bring their babies into the world and needs the support during the nine months of pregnancy and after the birth.

Boxes will be in the narthex for much needed donations. Thank you for your support and generosity.

We are a Tithing Parish

This year's Collection for 7/25/10
was \$7,814.50

Last year's Collection for 7/26/09
was \$8,296.00

God is always thinking about us
and showing us His love.

We thank the Lord for His love
in our tithes and gift to the parish.

Thank you for your generous
support of St. Francis.

This Week - 8/1- 8/7

**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday**

- Masses - 8:30; 10:15; 12:00noon
- Family Mass 10:15am
- Baptism: 1:30pm

Monday

- Mass - 9am
- Senior Citizens: 1-4pm
- K of C: 8pm

Tuesday

- Mass - 9am

Wednesday

- Mass - 9am
- Baptism Class: 7-8pm
- Wedding Rehearsal: 7pm

Thursday

- Mass - 9am

Friday

- Mass - 9am
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after the 9am Mass
- Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament: 12noon
- Wedding: 3pm
- Wedding Rehearsal: 6:30pm

Saturday

- Mass - 9am
- Baptisms: 12noon & 12:30pm
- Wedding: 3pm
- Confession: 4:30pm
- Mass - 5:30pm



Pro-Life Mass

The Rockland County Vicariate Pro-Life Mass will be celebrated at Saint Aedan's Church, 23 Reld Drive, Pearl River on Monday, August 2, 2010 at 7:30 pm.

The celebrant will be Fr. Joseph Kuzhichalil at St. Margaret's in Pearl River, NY.

RCIA:
**Rite of Christian
Initiation for Adults**



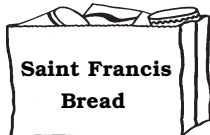
Come and See

This phrase sums up one of the most effective methods of evangelization that Jesus used, as illustrated in the Gospel of John: "John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they *followed Jesus*. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi, where are you staying?' He said to them, '*Come and see.*' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him" (John 1:35-39).

This simple story suggests that the more time a person spends with Jesus and his community of disciples, the greater is the possibility that the seeker will become a disciple – and follow Jesus each day. Jesus' missionary outreach is most effectively carried out in and through the *parish community*. Each parishioner, through baptism, confirmation and Eucharist, had the privilege of becoming an active missionary for Christ. How wonderful!

Consider sharing this *good news* by personally inviting someone to *come and see* about the Catholic Church and experience the community of faith here at St. Francis of Assisi.

For more information about the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults), simply call the Rectory office. All are welcome!



Our patron, St. Francis of Assisi, ministered to the poor and deprived of his time. In the "spirit" of St. Francis, we too have a great legacy of ministering to the poor of Rockland County.

To continue this tradition, we would like to introduce "**St. Francis Bread**"! One weekend a month, boxes will be placed in the Narthex. All parishioners are invited to donate one non-perishable food item which will go to local food pantries in the area:

- * Catholic Community Services of Rockland
- * St. Ann Food Pantry
- * People to People

We will be in need of a "team" of adults to keep **St. Francis Bread** running smoothly. What will be required of this Team? We are inviting parishioners to take a "rotating" turn involving:

- * Packing up the donations
- * Driving the items to the specified pantry

If we have a large enough **team**, members might only have to serve a few times a year. If you are interested, please contact Sr. Pat at 634-4957.

Sight and Sound Theatres
Presents:

Miracle of Christmas

Where: Lancaster, PA

When: December 9th

Cost: \$105.00



* this package includes:

- theatre ticket,
- dinner (tip not included)
- bus transportation, tolls and tips

The bus will leave at 8:30 AM

The show begins at 1:00 PM

Dinner follows at 4:30PM

Return by 9:30 PM

Full payment is due by September 27, 2010

For more information, please call Sr. Pat at 634-4957

The Seven Sorrows of Mary

By entering into Mary's sorrows we can find there a vast resource of courage and wisdom. These painful pieces of Mary's life can enable us to find meaning and inspiration.



Consider attending these sessions that will focus on the sorrows of Mary and come to know her in a deeper way.

When: Tuesday mornings at 10:00 AM

Dates: August 17, 24, 31

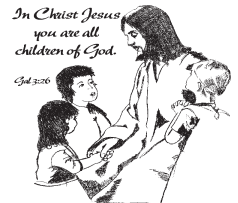
Place: Rectory Chapel Office

There is no registration. Simply come and bring a friend.

For more information, please call Sr. Pat @ 634-4957

**Registration for the 2010-2011
Religious Education Year:**

If you have not yet registered your child, please contact the Faith Formation office immediately, 638-4215. A \$10 per child late fee will now be collected for current students, as all registration paperwork should have been completed by the end of April. All first-time registrations (1st grade) should contact the office. *Please* call the office before you come in, as now that classes have ended, our hours will be more limited.



The Communion DVD's are in! If you ordered a DVD of your child's First Communion, please contact the office to arrange a time when you can come pick it up, 638-4215.



OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP
1011 FIRST AVENUE
NEW YORK, NY 10022

July 15, 2010

Dear Friends in the Lord:

On the weekend of August 7 and 8, the archdiocese will once again take up a special collection for the Church in Latin America and the Catholic Home Missions, which, though raising funds for corners of the world, have a similar purpose.

The Church in Latin America and the Caribbean is vibrant and rich in faith as well as growing in numbers as never before. It is, however, lacking in material resources. The proceeds from this collection will enable (arch)dioceses, parishes, communities of religious, seminaries, and other Catholic institutions in these nations to continue training and forming priests, women and men religious, missionaries, and catechists so that the Church might continue to serve our poor, sick, and struggling brothers and sisters in the Lord as they deserve to be served.

The Catholic Home Missions is another national collection, the proceeds of which remain here in the United States-our own sector of the Lord's vineyard. Many people in Appalachia, the Deep South, and the Rocky Mountain States, as you know from the news media, struggle on a daily basis simply to survive. This collection affords each of us an opportunity to assist our local Church in a very special way, by enabling parishes, schools, and charitable institutions of the Church to provide for the needs of literally millions of needy Catholic Americans.

With this letter, I ask that you consider a generous gift in support of these two crucially important and most worthy causes. They are truly the work of the Lord in our midst.

With prayerful best wishes, I am,

Faithfully in Christ,

Most Reverend Timothy M. Dolan
Archbishop of New York

TACHS: Test for Admission into Catholic High School

To qualify for entrance to almost all of our Catholic High Schools, eighth grade students must take the TACHS-Test for Admission in to catholic High School. **The Examination will be held on Friday, November 5, 2010.** Applications for the Examination must be made by October 22nd. Catholic school students will receive applications in their own school. Public school pupils may obtain applications from Catholic high schools participating in the program, Catholic elementary schools or parish religious education program. Students may also register 7 days a week online via www.tachsinfo.com or via telephone from 8am to 7pm at 1-866-61Tachs (1-866-618-2247). Further details regarding the Examination may be obtained by calling, the TACHS Admissions Office (1-866-618-2247)

**56th Holy Dormition (Assumption) Pilgrimage
August 13-15, 2010 St. Mary's Villa/Sloatsburg,
New York Sisters of Mary Immaculate**

Theme: "Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate serving the People of God throughout generations"
*historical aspects of 75 years of service
*migration spirit by serving People of God today
*attachment to those who for the last 56 years come to the Dormition pilgrimage

Shroud of Turin on display throughout the weekend with historical presentation (Villa Gallery)

For More Information see our website: www.ssmi-us.org or contact St. Mary's Villa 150 Sisters Servants Lane, Sloatsburg, NY 10974 845-753-5100 ssminy@aol.com

COME SPEND A MIDSUMMER EVENING AT

ST. FRANCIS

The Adult Faith Formation Committee is sponsoring a series of DVDs which will familiarize us more closely with the holy land upon which the Revelation of God took place!

This series will take place on Monday evenings at 7 p.m. in Rader Hall as follows:
Monday, August 9th:

The Footprints of God: Jesus, the Word Became Flesh

The infinite God took on human flesh? Sometimes fact is stranger than fiction! Gaze into eternity in Jesus, the Word Became Flesh.

Monday, August 16th:

The Footprints of God: Mary
Mother of God

Mary's ordinary life took an extraordinary turn she she agreed to become the Mother of God. Follow her story in Mary, Mother of God.

Refreshments will be served.

Attention! All those planning on joining the pilgrimage to the Holy Land in October! These DVDs will help us gain the most from our experience.!

Community News

“**The Archdiocese of New York** takes the stewardship of your donations and its resources seriously. If you have knowledge of financial misconduct or suspect that it might be occurring, please report your concerns via a toll free hotline, at 877-820-0541, or on the internet, at <http://www.reportlineweb.com/ADNY>. Both are available 24 hours per day.”

The Archdiocese of New York 2010 Columbus Day Mass: Monday, October 11, 2010 at 9:30am, Cathedral of Saint Patrick, His Excellency, Archbishop Timothy Dolan, Celebrant and Homilist. For Priests who wish to Concelebrate, for Deacons who wish seating in the Sanctuary and for Complimentary reserved Seating Tickets: Email: robert.aufieri@archny.org Call: 212-371-1011x3055 Mail Written Requests to: Italian Apostolate, Archdiocese of New York, 1011 First Avenue, Room 1348, New York, NY 10022. Tickets requests should be made by August 1, 2010.

The Sunday Mass: WNYW-TV, Channel 5 at 5:30am and WLNY-TV Channel 55 at 9:00am.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Rockland County, 65 North Main Street, New City, www.bbbsofrc.com info@bbbsofrc.com 845-634-2199 Big Brothers Big Sisters of Rockland County is seeking volunteers to serve as mentors to children and youth. Those who have the time and desire to provide a child with support, friendship, guidance and fun are invited to contact our agency. Volunteer mentors must be at least 18 years of age, have a valid driver's license, and be able to make a one year commitment to spend at least four hours per month with a "Little Brother" or "Little Sister." A little time can make a big difference in a child's life! Any volunteers wishing to apply may email info@bbbsofrc.com for an application and guidelines about the program or call office 845-634-2199 x 4.

Childcare

Are you a parent or caregiver? Are you feeling stressed and overwhelmed? When there is nowhere else to turn, The New York Foundling can provide a temporary safe haven. We will care for your children and get you the help you need-at no cost. We are available to you 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Please call us toll-free at 1-888-435-7553. The New York Foundling, 590 Avenue of the Americas (at 17th Street). You can make a difference in the life of a child. Give online at www.nyfoundling.org or call 212-886-4002.

Childcare that Caters to parents who need alternatives to the average day care settings. Full time, part time or a few hours each week. Before & after school, during holiday/vacation days, and summer vacation weeks. For over 17 years, I have been caring for children in my West Nyack home. The children in my care spend most of their day outside in a well-equipped playground, as well as time in an enjoyable playroom. I have plenty of references from folks in the community. You will be pleasantly surprised at what I have to offer. Please call Chrissy @ (845) 353-6452.

Bereavement

HANDS (Healing And Nurturing Distraught Survivors) sponsors a bereavement support group for parents who have lost a child. It is facilitated by Ann Carucci, founder of Hands, who lost her son and daughter-in-law, in a boating accident. All groups meet from 6:30pm to 8:00pm at Hands International Headquarters 9 Scott Drive, New City, NY. The meetings for August are on the 4th and 17th. Services are free of charge. Ann is also available for personal one-on-one counseling sessions. HANDS has a Grieving Fathers Group facilitated by Jack Clifford, a father who lost his son. Hands has a widows and widowers Group facilitated by Ann Carucci, who lost her husband. For further information please contact Ann Carucci 845-634-6706. These meetings are held every Mon. at 9 Scott Drive, New City, NY.

Camp

2010 Falcon Basketball Camps: Mini Camp (Boys and Girls), Shooting Camp, Aug 16, 17, 18 at Albertus Magnus High School. Call coach Pat McFadden, Director for more: 638-9794 or falconbasketball@msn.com

Apartment

New City, Beautiful 2 Bed apt for rent in private house. \$1,600. All utilities included, private laundry, parking, wood floors, fireplace !!, ground level. Come and have a look, great for elderly parents (part-time care available). No smokers or pets (sorry). Please call (917) 586-6732.