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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.

Janice Busher, Blanche Giangaspro, John Amendola, Christopher Brigando, Deborah Summers, Nancy Devine, Geraldine Crowley, Maria Pedersen, Seamus Kilkenny, Oswald Andrade, Martin Brennan, Bruce Kyer, Kiley Fantino-Brunson, Elizabeth Colucci, Sr. Anne Rowland, Sr. Mary Ann Morrelli, Mike Lyons, Eileen Condon, Robert DeMateo, Jennifer Coleman, John Gowrie, Jessica Korb, James B. Dickey, John Sillin, Barbara McCue, Daniel Hogan Cheatham, Daniel Ivanick, Julliette Lia, Ann Prendergast, Michael Greene, Mary Healy, Thomas DeGregorio, Steven Eigenlaub, Baby Tyler Tobin, William Crockard, Doreen DiPasquale, Beth O'Grady, 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.



Archdiocesan Stewardship Appeal

The 2010 Archdiocese Stewardship Appeal is in its final stages in our parish. Next weekend is Commitment Weekend. At all Masses, you will have an opportunity to make your commitment to the Appeal. As children of Christ, we are called to serve others out of gratitude to our most generous God. Please consider a sacrificial pledge to the 2010 Appeal. Thank you.



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, **Abigail Joy Carr**, child of Michael & Louise (Iannazzo) Carr. Please pray for this child and for her parents, that they may be faithful to God's call to salvation.

Priest - Celebrants for 3/13-3/14

5:30pm Saturday

Fr. Rafferty

8:30am Sunday

Fr. Rafferty

10:15am Sunday

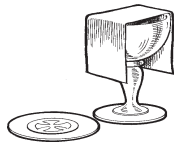
Msgr. Weber

12 Noon Sunday

Msgr. Weber



**Mass Intentions
For the week 3/6-3/14**



Saturday

9:00am church

Sarah Carroll
req. by Steve & Laurie Kotten

5:30pm church

Ray Ryan
req. by The Ryan Family

Sunday

8:30am church

Jerry & Mary Campion
req. by Maureen & Malachy Donoghue

10:15am church

Claire Shakeshaft
req. by Bernadette & Randy Blackmar

12 Noon church

Patrick Brosnan
req. by Mary Brosnan & Family

Monday

9:00am church

Ronald Segadelli
req. by Dave & Ursula Wooley

Tuesday

9:00am church

Maria DiMaria
req. by Joan & Michael Niland

Wednesday

9:00am church

Huguette Zisa
req. by M/M Jose Rivera

Thursday

9:00am church

Sylvia Galdieri
req. by Louis Galdieri

Friday

9:00am church

Mass for the People

Saturday

9:00am church

Gabriel Massa
req. by Donna, Richard, Peter, Ed & Granddaughters

5:30pm church

Anne Flannery
req. by The Flannery Family

Sunday

8:30am church

Michael Dooley
req. by Margaret Whelahan

10:15am church

Timothy Herlihy
req. by Teddy & Diana Herlihy & Family

12 Noon church

Margaret & Joseph Devery
req. by The Family

Chrism Mass

A bus will be available to go to the Cathedral for the Chrism Mass on Tuesday, March 30, 2010. The bus will be leaving from St. Francis of Assisi in West Nyack at 1pm (Parking Lot). Anyone interested in attending, please call the rectory 634-4957 for reservations. The cost is \$20 per person.



Stations of the Cross are held every Friday during Lent at 8pm in church. All are welcome.

We are a Tithing Parish

This year's Collection for 2/28/10 was \$11,393.00

Last year's Collection for 3/1/09 was \$13,013.00

The presence of our God is seen in the love of His Son, Jesus Christ who would suffer and die for us on the cross. We return to the Lord for His presence in our tithe and gift to our parish. Thank you for your support of St. Francis.

This Week - 3/7-3/13

Third Sunday of Lent

Sunday

- Masses - 8:30; 10:15; 12:00noon
- 8:30am- 1st Scrutiny RCIA
- Family Mass 10:15am; Girl Scout Sunday & Share The Word
- Baptism: 1:30pm
- Family Catechesis: Rader Hall 1-3pm
- Youth Group: 7pm

Monday

- Morning Prayer: 8:45am
- Mass - 9am
- I Am Special 3yr olds: 9:30-11am
- Senior Citizens: 1-4pm
- Faith Formation Grade 5: 5-6:30pm Reconciliation
- Adult Book Study: 7pm Rader Hall Classroom
- RCIA: 7:30pm: Rectory

Tuesday

- Morning Prayer: 8:45am
- Mass - 9am
- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd: 11-12noon
- Faith Formation Gr 3: 4-5:30pm: Reconciliation
- Children's Choir Rehearsal: 5:30-6:30pm
- Faith Formation Gr. 7:7-8:30pm: Reconciliation
- Adult's Choir Rehearsal: 7:30-9pm

Wednesday

- Morning Prayer: 8:45am
- Masses - 9am
- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd: 1-2pm
- Faith Formation Gr.4: 4-5:30pm: Reconciliation
- Faith Formation Gr.8: 7-8:30pm: Reconciliation

Thursday

- Morning Prayer: 8:45am
- Mass - 9am
- I Am Special 4yr olds: 10-11:30am
- Lenten Prayer: 10am: Rectory Chapel
- Clare's Cove: 10am-3pm
- Faith Formation Class Grade 2: 4-5:30pm
- Faith Formation Class Grade 6: 7-8:30pm

Friday

- Morning Prayer: 8:45am
- Mass - 9am
- Clare's Cove: 10am-3pm
- Lenten Supper: 6:30pm Rader Hall
- Stations of the Cross: 8pm

Saturday

- Mass - 9am
- Faith Formation Class Grades K&1: 9:30-11am
- Clare's Cove: 10am-3pm
- First Communion Workshops: Team 3: 12:30-2pm; Team 4 & 5: 3-4:30pm
- Confession: 4:30pm
- Mass: 5:30pm

From the Office of Faith Formation

For our 2nd Grade Parents: Just a reminder, the First Communion Workshops will continue on March 13. The schedule is as follows:

Team 3: March 13 from 12:30 -2:00

Teams 4&5: March 13 from 3:00 - 4:30

This is a wonderful time for a parent and their child to share in the preparation for the sacrament of First Holy Communion. If you have any questions, please contact the Faith Formation Office at 638-4215.

For 2nd Grade Parents: The 2nd grade will be attending Benediction on Thursday, March 11 at 5:00 PM. All are invited to attend.

For 8th Grade Parents:

Our Confirmation Parent and Sponsor meetings will be held on the following dates:

Team 1: Mrs. Bieber, Mr. & Mrs. DeJoy, Mrs. Dillon and Mrs. Turrin: Monday, March 15 from 7:00 - 8:30.

Team 2: Mrs. Cunney, Dr. Kelly, Mr. Navarro and Mrs. Wolfe: Monday, March 22 from 7:00 - 8:30.

Reminder to our 4th and 8th grade students: There will be no religious education classes on Wednesday, March 17 in honor of our patron, St. Patrick!

Please join us as we discover God's abundant mercy in "The Return of the Prodigal Son" by Henri Nouwen. Our book study will take place as follows in Rader Hall on Monday evenings at 7 p.m.

Third Session - March 8th, 2010

Fourth Session - March 15th, 2010

Refreshments will be served. The book may be purchased at any online bookstore. Please call the Office of Faith Formation to register: 845-638-4215.

From the Christian Service Committee

Next weekend, members of the Christian Service Committee will be handing out bags with a list of items to contribute towards an Easter dinner for those less fortunate. Please support our effort by taking a bag and bringing back the items by 12 noon on March 21st. As always, thank you for your generosity!



****REMINDER TODAY****

CYO Basketball Pizza Party

Sunday March 7th

Clinic, 3rd, 4th Grades

3:30-5:00

5th, 6th, 7th, 8th Grades

5:30-7:00

Lenten Suppers

Each Friday throughout Lent, Lenten Suppers will be held in Rader Hall. The supper starts at 6:30 PM, followed by Stations of the Cross in the church.

If you would like to attend, please call the Faith Formation office to register, at 638-4215, so we can plan accordingly. Donations for the Holy Childhood Association are requested at the dinner.

Lenten Faith Sharing

During this penitential season of Lent, consider gathering together with a few parishioners to reflect on the up coming Sunday readings, and share your faith. It will offer you a chance to slow down and see how God is present to you as you journey to Easter.

When: Thursday mornings 10:00 - 11:00 AM

Dates: March 18th, 25th

Place: Rectory Chapel Office

Facilitator: Sr. Pat Hogan

~There is no registration, simply come and invite a friend.



Knights of Columbus

The John Cardinal McCloskey Council of the Knights of Columbus announces its Fifth Annual Scholarship competition for current Eighth Grade students who will attend a Catholic High School in September. The scholarship is designed to help worthy students become established in a Catholic high school. Registered parishioners in St. Anthony, St. Augustine and St. Francis of Assisi parish are eligible to apply. Two winners, each receiving \$1,000, will be chosen based on a combination of factors (including satisfactory academic record, some measure of financial need, and participation in the parish and the broader community). Applications may be obtained by writing to the McCloskey Council at PO Box 602, New City NY 10956, or by sending an e-mail request to McCloskeyScholarship@yahoo.com. Deadline for receipt of the completed application and supporting materials is March 31, 2010.

Support-A-Baby

This weekend March 6th-7th is Support-a-Baby weekend. This is an important commitment that we as a Parish have made to help a young mother who has decided to bring her baby into the world, and needs the support during the nine months of her pregnancy and after the birth of her child. It has been a beautiful way we show our commitment to life in our society. Please take a moment to be a part of this nine month program. Boxes will be in the Narthex to accept donations. Articles of baby clothing, receiving blankets and especially diapers are gratefully accepted and needed.



Divine Mercy Sunday

Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated at the Marian Shrine, Stony Point on April 11th from 8:30am to 4pm. Mass is at 10:00AM. Celebrant and Homilist is Father Armand Patenaude from LaSallotte Shrine in Massachusetts. After lunch (a hot lunch is available), there will be a talk by Father Pat followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Benediction. Please join us on this special day of prayer and thanksgiving. For information call 845-624-3701 or 845-548-6729.

Derek Warfield & The Young Wolfe Tones The Patriotic Spirit of Irish Music

Concert: Monday, March 15th at the South Orangetown Middle School Auditorium, The Young Wolfe Tones will be playing a benefit concert for the sisters of St. Dominic, Blauvelt, NY from 7:30pm-10pm \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door. Tickets available at: Chrisma Gift Shop, 496 Western Highway, Blauvelt, 359-5691 or tdurin@opblauvelt.org

ATTENTION: PLEASE NOTE:
Parish Book Discussion:
Can You Drink The Cup? The date has been changed to: Saturday March 20th. It will be held at St. Francis Rectory Chapel at 10am.



From the Office of Faith Formation

Registration News! Registration for the upcoming 2010-2011 religious education school year will be the week of April 12th through April 17th during class times. All students attending religious education for the next school year must be registered during this time.



Morning Prayer

The Morning Prayer of the Church will be recited Monday through Friday before Mass at 8:45. This is an opportunity to begin our day in union with the whole Church in praising God.

Community News

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

Birthright and United Way: Once again the United Way campaign is starting. Birthright is extremely grateful to those who have contributed to support our work of helping moms and precious young lives in the past. We are in the Donor Designator Program and you must request a Donor Option Form. The code number is 006571 and the address is: Birthright of Rockland County, 257 S. Middletown Road, Nanuet, NY 10954. Many corporations now match employee contribution, and Birthright meets the IRS's 501 (c)(3) exempt status for matching gifts. Thank you!

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.

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 meeting is March 16th. 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 Monday at 9 Scott Drive, New City, NY.

Volunteers

The Archdiocesan Marriage Preparation Program is seeking married couples to share the blessings of their marriage and the Catholic Faith with engaged couples as they prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage. Training is provided. Contact Lisa Dunleavy-Jennings at 212-371-1000, extension 3194.

The Catholic Community Services of Rockland Food Pantry is in need of volunteers to assist with packing food bags and distributing food on Saturdays 8-10am and Tuesday's 12noon-2pm. The pantry provides assistance to 675+ individuals on a monthly basis. If you are interested or would like additional information, please call Martha at 845-942-5791.

Teen Community Service Hours: Birthright of Rockland County, a charitable care center, has many community service opportunities for parish teens. If you would be willing to spare a few hours each month working on mailings, transporting baby clothes or labeling bottles, we can certainly put you to work for a pro-life cause. Call Katrin Lancellotti at 845-623-9098 for more info. Thank you and may God bless you.

Donation

Donate Your Car To Someone In Need: Catholic Community Services of Rockland, a not-for-profit 501(c) 3, is in need of donated cars to help working families get to and from work and childcare. Your donations are tax deductible; the agency is recognized as a charitable institution by the IRS, free pick up, and we handle all the paperwork. For more information, please contact Wilson Cadet, Program Coordinator at 845-942-5791 or email Wilson.Cadet@archny.org

Learning Center

Dominican Learning Center: Providing individualized one-on-one educational support in Reading, Language Arts, Mathematics, Regents review and SAT preparation Grade K-12. 175 Route 340, Sparkill, NY or call 845-359-4022 kathleen.gorres@sparkill.org

Camps

Camp Fatima for boys and Camp Bernadette for girls are now accepting registration for the 2010 summer season. The camps, located in the Lakes Region of NH, offer 2-week overnight sessions for children, ages 6-15. To request a brochure and DVD, contact Michael Drumm at 603-364-5851 or email mdrumm@diocamps.org, or visit the web at www.diocamps.org. Round trip bus transportation available from Hicksville, NY. Please don't wait as sessions do fill up quickly.

2010 Albertus Magnus Soccer Clinic, April 11th, 18th, 25th & May 2, 2010. Rain Date: (May 9, 2010) 11am-1pm, Cost \$75 (All proceeds will benefit the Albertus Magnus Soccer Program) Boys and Girls Grades K-5. For more information please visit www.magnussoccer.net or contact Brian Fitzpatrick- 304-4929 or brianfitz1@verizon.net

Election Inspectors Needed: Election Inspectors play an essential role in the process that enables citizens to exercise their constitutional right to vote. Great opportunity to earn extra money. For more information call 845-638-5172.

Bergen Catholic High School, founded and staffed by the Edmund Rice Christian Brothers, invites all students currently in grades 6 and 7 and their parents to an information session on "The Catholic High School Experience: Is It Right For You?" on Thursday evening, March 11th, from 7:30pm-9:00pm at Bergen Catholic. Topics will include: Why Catholic High School, the Admissions Process, the COOP Exam, etc. Bergen Catholic is located at 1040 Oradell Avenue in Oradell, NJ. Please call 201-634-4151 if you have any questions.

SPRING SCRIPTURE COURSE: Fr. Gregory Noel, OFM cap., will resume a 10-week Scripture Course at St. John the Baptist Church, in Piermont, on Tuesdays, from 10 AM-Noon. The course will focus on the WRITINGS OF Karl Rahner with emphasis on his book "Prayers for a Lifetime." Check Barnes & Noble or Amazon to order book. Karl Rahner was a German theologian who is considered one of the most influential Roman Catholic theologians of the 20th century. Class dates are March 9, 16, 23, 30, April 6, 13, 20, 27 and May 4th. The \$110 tuition is due the first day of class. Checks should be payable to "Province of St. Mary." All invited!

Theology on Tap-NYC (a young adult apostolate) presents "Grill the Priest?" on March 15, 2010 at Metro 53 Bar, 307 East 53rd Street at 7pm-9pm. This an open forum where you get to ask Fr Richard Gill any question about the Catholic Faith, Church teachings, etc... This is a popular Theology on Tap event and we hope you will join us. Please visit us at www.totnyc.org.
Position opening on Retreat team at Don Bosco Retreat Center: There is a retreat team member position opening at Don Bosco Retreat Center, Marian Shrine, 174 Filors Lane, NY 10980. Skills: experienced in youth ministry, good human relations, creative, team-based, & computer skills, Retreat Season: academic year- September through first week of June, Hours: day & overnight retreats Days: ususally Tuesday through Friday, some Saturdays Salary Stipends : Competitive E-mail resumes to DBRetreats@aol.com through March 8, 2010.

Bishop McDonnell Memorial H.S. Reunion - Mar. 27, 2010, Time: 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM, Where: Former Bishop McDonnell Memorial H.S., 260 Eastern Pkwy. Bklyn. NY, Cost: \$80 per person Contact: Rita Monaghan-Moloney 718 857-2700 x 2253 or rmaloney@blmhs.org

Catholic Charities Junior Board (a young adult division of Catholic Charities) present the Way of the Cross Through Central Park on Tuesday March 9th (Rain Date March 16th) and March 23rd (Rain Date March 30th). We will exercise our feet as well as our faith, while we enjoy the sights of Central Park and pray and meditate on the final moments of Christ's Passion. We will meet at 6:30pm at the big fountain at Grand Army Plaza, outside the Plaza Hotel on the SW corner of 59th Street and 5th Avenue (look for our "Way of the Cross signs"). We will head into the Park to recite all 14 stations. For information, email mario@cspya.org

The parishioners of St. Peter's and some of the nearby parishes have been putting on an annual passion play. This play has deeply touched the hearts of many people over the years. This will be our 30th year presenting "The Passion of the Lord". Tickets are free to all and information may be obtained by calling Paul and Bernadette Stolz 845-429-0920 or Larry and Linda Montroy 845-429-2309.

Spring Craft Show/Sale: On Sunday, March 21st, St. Joseph Regional H.S., Montvale, NJ will be hosting its annual Spring Craft Show/Sale from 10am until 4pm, showcasing the talents of 100 crafts people and fine artist. Admission is \$2.00. Children and senior citizens (65+) are free. **NO STROLLERS PERMITTED.** www.saintjosephregional.org

Take care of someone special, You! For Divorced, widowed and separated men and women What: Beginning Experience Weekend of hope and healing (a weekend designed for those who wish to let go of the painful past and create a more peace-filled future). Where: Mt. Alvernia, Wappingers Falls, NY When: April 16-18, 2010. Presented by people "who have been there" and offer their support. The Beginning Experience is endorsed by the Archdiocese Office of Family and Youth. All faiths are welcome. Because space is limited, pre-registration is required. Call: Amy (845)742-5960, Linda (845)551-9035) or Steve (845-264-1273)Emailat: ny.hudson.valley@beginningexperience.org or go to our website at www.beginningexperience.org/hudsonvalley