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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.

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

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.

Virginia Cooney, May Zodda, Jared Cummings, Marie Carey, Mary Wojcicki, Barbara Danahy-Callahan, Rose Ward, James Murray, Baby Fiona Catharine McCarthy, Margaret Cassidy, Jackie Boylan, Patrick Murphy, Fred Ratto, Linda Parvis, Sean DePatto, Mark Monti, Madison Martignetti, Patricia Shea, Margaret Kane, William Allison, Gloria Canu, Malca Simmones, Ciaran Green, Billy Scumacci, Douglas Austin, Baby Keira Molly Donnelly, Fernando Martinez, Barbara Tricario, Janet Martin, Virginia Cervasio, Lina Tagliaferro, Monica Kean Galligan, Shannon Fegan, Antoinette Casale, Erin, Patrick, and Kathleen O'Connell, Elayne Kilkenny, Isabella Barone, Carmela Kida, Mario Ferlich, Gerard Navarro, Lucy Navarro, Baby Bridget Moran, Robert & Gertrude Kieपुरa, Kathryn Blackmar, Bob & Bernadette Burkert, Sean O'Dwyer, Daniel Ivanick, Donna Welchman, John Romano, Kathy Colella, Dorothy Andrade, Christopher Brigando, Nancy Devine, Geraldine Crowley, 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 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.



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

January 19, 2012

Dear friends in the Lord:

Sadly, each year brings tragedies to different corners of the globe. All too often, local authorities alone are unable to address the immense property and natural resource damages, not to mention the tremendous personal pain and suffering caused by these occurrences.

The Holy Father, when he travels abroad and when he is at home in the Vatican, daily receives countless appeals for assistance from nations and people in dire need of the essentials of life - food, clothing, and shelter. The annual Peter's Pence Appeal, a collection taken up in parishes throughout the world, is the principal means by which the Holy Father is able to care for our hurting brothers and sisters in the Lord. Our participation in this appeal enables us here in the archdiocese to demonstrate our fidelity to the Holy Father, as well as to express our solidarity with those less fortunate than ourselves.

Please, therefore, be as generous as you can possibly be in your offering to this year's Peter's Pence Appeal, which is scheduled for the weekend of February 11th and February 12th. In doing so, you will be collaborating with the Holy Father in the crucially important work of the Lord—caring for others.

With prayerful best wishes, I am,

Faithfully in Christ,

Cardinal-designate Timothy M. Dolan
Archbishop of New York

**Mass Intentions
For The Week 2/4 - 2/12**



Saturday

9:00am church

Special Intention

req. by Jim & Diane Cooney

Mary & Salvatore Vertucci

req. by Nancy & Nick Vertucci

5:30pm church

Sunday

8:30am church

Nicholas Tammara

req. by Mary Ann & Anthony Ferrara

10:15am church

Thomas Schimpf

req. by Samantha Gelman

12 Noon church

Helen, Mark & Josephine Molito

req. by George Molito

Monday

9:00am church

Michael Concannon

req. by Peggy Concannon & Family

Tuesday

9:00am church

Dominic Sansone

req. by The Treacy Family

Wednesday

9:00am church

Jose Torres & Gloria O'Ferral

req. by Lucy Torres

Thursday

9:00am church

Mass for the People

Friday

9:00am church

Annie Lally

req. by The McGurk Family

Saturday

9:00am church

Edward J. Devine

req. by M/M Robert McIlhargy

5:30pm church

Pasquale Basso

req. by Dianne & Angelo Basso

Sunday

8:30am church

Aldo Riccoboni

req. by The Rivera Family

10:15am church

Mary Dickson

req. by Deirdre, Claire & Nancy

12 Noon church

Deceased Members of The Brosnan Family

req. by The Brosnan Family

Priest - Celebrants for 2/11 - 2/12

5:30pm Saturday

Msgr. Weber

8:30am Sunday

Fr. Rafferty

10:15am Sunday

Msgr. Weber

12 Noon Sunday

Fr. Rafferty



We are a Tithing Parish

This year's Collection for 1/29/12

was \$11,141.00

Last year's Collection for 1/30/11

was \$9,478.00

The Lord promises to be with us because of the faith we have in His love. We return to the Lord for His promises to us in our tithe and gift to our parish. Thank you for your support of St. Francis and the response to the appeal for *Feeding Our Neighbors* and *Soles4Souls*.

For This Week 2/5 - 2/11

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday

- Masses - 8:30; 10:15; 12:00noon
- Family Mass: 10:15am
- No Youth Group

Monday

- Mass - 9am
- I Am Special: 3 year olds: 9:30-11am
- Senior Citizens: 1pm
- Faith Formation: Grade 5: 5-6:30pm
- Adult Faith Formation: 7-8:30pm
- RCIA: 7:30-8:30pm Rectory Chapel
- BLD: 8pm
- Knights of Columbus: 8pm

Tuesday

- Mass - 9am
- Overview of the Bible: 10-11am Rectory
- Faith Formation: Grade 3: 4-5:30pm
- Children's Choir: 5:30-6:30pm
- Faith Formation: Grade 7: 7-8:30pm
- Adult Choir: 7:30-9pm

Wednesday

- Mass - 9am
- Parenting Group: 10:30-11:30am
- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd: 1-2pm
- Faith Formation: Grade 4: 4-5:30pm
- Faith Formation: Grade 8: 7-8:30pm

Thursday

- Mass - 9am
- Clare's Cove: 10-3pm
- I Am Special: 4 year olds: 10-11:30am
- Faith Formation: Grade 2: 4-5:30pm
- Faith Formation: Grade 6: 7-8:30pm

Friday

- Mass - 9am
- Clare's Cove: 10-3pm
- Irish Dance: 4pm
- Head to Toe Program for Girls: 7pm
- Girl Scouts Valentine Bingo

Saturday

- Mass - 9am
- Faith Formation: Grades K & 1- 9:30-11am
- Clare's Cove: 10-3pm
- Catechesis of The Good Shepherd: 11:30-12:30pm
- First Penance: 12pm (Team 1) Church
- First Penance: 1:30pm (Team 2) Church
- Confession: 4:30pm
- Mass: 5:30pm

Minister Schedule

	February 11 5:30PM	February 12 8:30AM	February 12 10:15AM	February 12 12:00 PM
Altar Server	Anthony Navarro Gabrielle Navarro Joseph Ottaviano Alex Zuniga	Katherine O'Connell Shane Spedden	Emily Doherty Wes Jacaruso John Tyrie Mike Tyrie	Sara Ferraro Daniel Ricevuto Erin Vecciarelli
Lector	Brian Schwartz	Lawrence Mavretish	Family Mass	Alice Van Cott
Eucharistic Minister	Dorothy Bosley Julie Krauchuk Susan O'Connor	Homebound Ministers Team C	Ted Herlihy Diana Herlihy Michael Kelly	Nancy Vertucci Thomas Wolfe Ginny Wolfe

From the Office of Faith Formation

Our room dedication plaques have been hung on the walls outside our new Faith Formation Office. Thank you to all who donated! Sponsorships are still available. For more information, call the Faith Formation Office at 638-4215.



To 2nd Graders and their Parents:

Just a reminder, Teams 1 & 2 will be receiving the sacrament of First Penance according to the following schedule:

Team 1: Mrs. Bennett and Mrs. Cain:

Saturday, February 11 at 12 noon

Team 2: Mrs. Cumba and Mrs. DeNicola:

Saturday, February 11 at 1:30 P.M.

Also to our 2nd Grade Families:

The next First Communion Parent meeting will be held on Thursday, February 16, from 7:15 to 8:30 PM. If your child is on **Team 1 or 2** and you did not make their meeting, you are welcome to attend the meeting on **February 16th**. The meeting will provide information about preparation for the sacrament and the First Communion day itself. Also, First Communion catalogs will be available from the Marian Shrine bookstore, and information about Communion photos and videos will be available. Meetings will be held in Rader Hall.

Reminder to our 5th Grade:

There will be no classes on Monday, February 5th.



We are currently in need of a catechist to teach one of our 6th grade classes. The class is held on Thursday evenings from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. If you are interested, please contact the Faith Formation Office at 638-4215.



*IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE WORD
AND THE WORD WAS WITH GOD,
AND THE WORD WAS GOD."
~ John 1:1*

Overview of the Bible - Beginning with the Old Testament

During this six week period, we will explore the literary forms, major categories, historical settings, and authors of the greatest story ever told.

When: Tuesday mornings: February 7 and 14

Time: 10 AM

Place: Rectory Chapel Office

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



Get Ready for Lent Family Catechesis Event

Lent is a time to prepare for the joyous celebration of Easter. During this season, we make a special effort to pray, to do penance, and to do good works. On Sunday, February 12th after the 12 noon Mass (1 p.m.) our families are invited to gather to pray, share faith, and learn more about these traditional Lenten practices. There will be coffee, juice and refreshments to enjoy during our time together. To register, contact the Office of Faith Formation at 845-638-4215.



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program is open to new students from 3 to 5 years old. Classes are Wednesdays from 1 to 2 P.M., or Saturdays from 11:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. Accompanied by a catechist trained in the method, the children enter a specially prepared environment called an Atrium. The method is based on Montessori principles of education which allow the child to move and work in their own time and at their own pace using materials designed to foster prayerfulness. Please call the Faith Formation office to register at 638-4215.

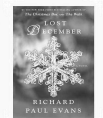


Our Parenting Center has gone through some changes, and we invite you to join us! We gather on Wednesday mornings from 10:30 - 12:00 in classroom 5. We sing songs, learn new prayers, enjoy snacks, and of course make new friends. If you have any questions, call the Faith Formation office at 638-4215. A weekly \$5 donation is appreciated to cover refreshments and supplies.

Women's Book Discussion:

Lost December

~Richard Paul Evans



The parable of the *prodigal son* is among the best-known stories from the Bible. A young man, with everything in the world he could ever wish for - wealth, comfort, and most of all, a loving father - leaves his home, taking his inheritance with him. Carelessly, he spends it all, and finds himself left penniless, homeless, and starving. Evans' book, *Lost December* is a modern day paraphrase of this Lenten Parable told by Christ. It is a touching story of redemption.

When: Saturday, March 10th

Time: 10:00 AM

Place: Rectory Chapel Office

Pro-Life Mass

The Rockland County Vicariate Pro-Life Mass will be celebrated at the Saint Aedan's Church, 23 Reld Drive, Pearl River on Monday, February 6th at 7:30 pm. The celebrant will be Fr. Tom Kunnel of Our Lady of Sacred Heart, Tappan, NY.

Support-A-Baby

This weekend is Support-a-Baby weekend. Boxes will be in the narthex for much needed baby items such as diapers, receiving blankets, and onesies. We thank you for the support and generosity that you have given us in the past, as we look forward to a successful year in 2012.



St. Francis Prayer Shawl Ministry

will meet on

Wednesday, February 15th at

10:00 AM in Rader Hall.

New members are always welcome. For more information please call Sr. Pat at 634-4957.

The women are seeking donations of yarn to continue their efforts in making shawls for their ministry.

THANK YOU!

Our **St. Francis Bread** and **Feeding Our Neighbors** Campaigns were a huge success collecting over 200 bags of food for the people of St. Peter's Church in Haverstraw, and a monetary donation of over \$500 to Catholic Community Services of Rockland. Thank you for your generosity.

SAVE THE DATE!

ST. PATRICK'S DAY FAMILY CELEBRATION

on Sunday, March 11

in Rader Hall 1-5PM

More information to follow



THANK YOU!

We want to send our sincere thanks and appreciation to all who made time in their very busy schedules to donate blood. Thanks to your generosity we were able to contribute 62 pints of blood. You made a REAL difference in helping out during a crisis time for the **New York Blood Center**. God's Blessings to very special YOU!

Bereavement

Group Leader Training

Saturday March 24th

St. Francis of Assisi, West Nyack

9am-6pm (registration required)

Please contact:

Christina Aucaylle - Bereavement Coordinator/

Project Rachel Coordinator

Archdiocese of New York- FLRL,

1011 First Ave 7th Floor, NY, NY 10022

646-794-3187 or christina.aucaylle@archny.org.



This week marks the beginning of the **2012 Archdiocesan Stewardship Appeal** in our parish. Our parish goal is \$119,000.

You will be receiving a letter from Cardinal-designate Dolan asking for your support of the vital ministries, programs, and services provided through the *Appeal* each year. When you receive your letter, please fill out your pledge card and send it in. You may also make your gift online at www.stewardshipappeal.org. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

St. Francis of Assisi Divorced/Separated Group

The Separated/Divorced Ministry offers a "safe place" during a critical transition in the lives of those separated or divorced. During the seven-week sessions, this ministry will provide a prayerful transition from feelings of hurt and loss toward an eventual restructuring of life. The sessions are based on the premise that through sharing ones thoughts, feelings, and experiences with others in similar situations, the healing process will begin. Sessions are small group gatherings and are led by parishioners who are trained as facilitators and share this life experience. A commitment to attend is necessary.

When: Fridays, March 2, 9, 16, 23, April 13, 20, 27

Time: 7:30 - 9:00 PM

Where: St. Francis Rectory Chapel Office

To register, please call Sr. Pat at 634-4957

HOLD IT RIGHT THERE PARTNER!

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court St. Clare cordially invite you to a Murder Mystery Dinner, "Night of Murder and Mayhem in the Wild West".

Saturday, March 3rd

St. Francis of Assisi Church

Saloon opens at 6:45 pm

Dinner bell rings at 7:00 pm

Entertainment begins at 7:30 pm

Tickets will be sold starting February 11th

Tickets will NOT be sold after February 26th

\$45/person, \$85/couple, \$40/Seniors

Please e-mail cdaclare2648@gmail.com or

Call Danielle McCormick (845) 642-8595

WHOA, NELLIE! SEE YA'LL THERE!



THANK YOU!

The Catholic Daughters Court St. Clare of Assisi would like to thank the parishioners of St. Francis for their overwhelming and generous response to our *Soles4Souls* drive. Several hundred pairs of shoes were collected. It is through your generosity that we are able to continue to serve the community both here and abroad in Unity and Charity. Thank you again.

Community News

The 5th annual Mass and devotion to St. Colette, patroness of couples desiring children, will be held on Tuesday, February 7th at 7pm at the Monastery of St. Clare, 70 Nelson Ave, in Wappingers Falls, NY. Ever since a number of miraculous events occurred in her lifetime, St. Colette is venerated as the patron saint of couples seeking to conceive, expectant mothers and sick children. For directions to the Monastery of St. Clare visit www.poorclaresny.com, email clareny@gmail.com or call 845-297-1685.

The John Cardinal McCloskey Council of the Knights of Columbus is pleased to announce its **Seventh Annual Scholarship Competition** for current Eighth Grade Students who will enter a Catholic High School in the fall. The application deadline is Friday, March 30. Two scholarships in the amount of \$1000 each will be awarded. For further information, and to receive an application, please email the council at McCloskeyScholarship@yahoo.com.

Nyack College-Accelerated Bachelor's Degree Programs - Designed for busy adults, one evening per week/one class at time, 60 Credits needed to apply. Degrees in B.S or B.P.S. Student can complete the program in as little as 16 months. Degree is applicable where ever solid leadership is necessary. Call 1-800-876-9225 ext 5705 to speak to an Admissions Counselor.

Iona College Rockland Graduate Center - An information session will be held on Thursday, February 9, 2012 from 5:00-6:30pm at our campus located at 2 Blue Hill Plaza in Pearl River, NY. Call 845-620-1350 or register online at www.iona.edu/openhouse.

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 next meeting is on February 21st. 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. These meetings are held every Monday evening at th HANDS International Headquarters. For information contact Ann Carucci at 845-634-6706.

Pilgrimage - Preliminary plans are being discussed for a Pilgrimage to the Shrines of our Blessed Mother in Fatima, Lourdes and other highlights in France. In order to see if there is an interest in this journey, please call Letty Trillana at 845-634-5746 or email sales@noellettetours.com. The proposed dates are October 8-21 2012.

Operation Hearts and Home

Children in African orphanages do not stand much of a chance in life. You can be a lifeline. Operation Hearts and Home, a registered 501-3C charity, is headed to Ethiopia on February 17 to February 26 to work in Ethiopian orphanages with a group of volunteers from New York. They will assist both older and younger orphans. If you are interested in helping please consider donating a gently used laptops, cell phones and batteries, graphing calculators. For information about joining the trip or to donate, call 631-659-3468 or 516-662-4094. www.operationheartsandhome.org.

ADOPTION: Baby girls in China need homes. Infants and toddlers available. Older parents and singles welcome. For more information call Barbara Salvesen at 845-623-5277.

Valentine Dinner Retreat Evening for Married and Engaged Couples, Tuesday, February 14, 2012.

Attend a special evening program for married and engaged couples with Candlelight Dinner, Prayerful Reflection, discussion and Holy Hour with Renewal of Vows. Arrive for evening prayer at 6pm, dinner at 6:30 and depart by 9pm. Offering of \$75 per couple. Please register by February 10. Bethany Spirituality Center, 15 Bethany Drive, Highlands Mills, NY, or call 845-460-306, email info@bethanyspiritualitycenter.org.

Theology on Tap-NYC (Young Adult Ministry for those in their 20s and 30s) presents: "Uncovering the Dangers of the Porn Industry through its Survivors"

On February 27, 2012, Sean Finnegan, whose production company produced "Out of the Darkness" (a documentary about the porn industry) will address Theology on Tap about people who overcame their addiction to pornography and how the industry itself is more dangerous than you think. TOTNYC is located at Klub 45 Room-Connolly's Bar, 121 West 45th Street, between 6th and 7th Avenues. Event begins at 7:30pm and ends around 9pm. For more info, visit www.totnyc.org.

Office of Vocations - NEW DATES!

St. Joseph's Seminary

Men's Holy Week Retreat

Holy Thursday, April 5, 2012

thru

Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 7, 2012

at St. Joseph's Seminary

201 Seminary Avenue

Yonkers, NY 10704

For single men 18-35 years old

\$50.00/person

All meals included

RSVP and Priest Endorsement required by

Monday, April 2, 2012

NYPriest@archny.org - 914-968-1340