St. Francis of Assisi Church

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Weekday Mass: Monday - Saturday 9am
Sunday Masses: Saturday 5:30pm · Sunday 8:30am, 10:15am (Family Mass) and 12 noon

Sacraments

Baptisms: First Saturday 1pm and Third Sunday 1:30pm of each Month. Parents should call the Rectory to make arrangements and need to attend one Preparatory Session.
Marriages: Couples should call the Rectory to make an appointment with the Pastor at least one year before the proposed date.
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 4:30pm, Church
Pastoral Care of the Sick: Available upon request
The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA): Sessions for adults interested in becoming Catholic and for those who have been baptized Catholic but have not celebrated Eucharist and Confirmation. Contact the Rectory 845-634-4957, *stfrancisassisiparish@gmail.com*

Office of Faith Formation

Nursery School
K and 1 ~ Grade 2 ~ Grade 3 ~ Grade 4
Grade 5 ~ Grade 6 ~ Grade 7 ~ Grade 8

Parish Council

Usually 2nd Thursday of Every Other Month, September-June

Devotions

Adoration/Holy Hour: 1st Friday of the Month, 7pm Church
Miraculous Medal Novena: Monday, after 9am Mass
Devotions to St. Francis: Wednesday, after 9am Mass
Novena to O.L. of Perpetual Help: Friday, after 9am Mass

Youth Group: Sunday 7pm, when scheduled

Clare's Cove: Thursday, Friday, Saturday, 10am-3pm, 845-638-2892

Parish Mission Statement

The worshiping parish family of St. Francis of Assisi, inspired by the gospel of Jesus and nourished by the Eucharist, celebrates, lives and proclaims our faith, serves God through the spiritual, educational and social development of all parishioners and extends God's love to the greater community.

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.

Wanda Winnicki, Elinore Miller, Wesley Roussel, John F. Bladel, Glen Hampson, Richard Kane, Eileen Rooney, Kevin Danahy, Frances Tozzi, George Bremermann, Linda DeMauro, Angela Festa, Jerry Fox, Rosa Santos, Gary Longo, Bill McCallon, Brandon Bloom, Tracy Abamont, Stephen Madden, Willy McCue, Theresa Worster, George Drescher, Daryl Christiansen, Brooks Andrew Brega, Mary Horan, Tommy Valentines, Kyle Petrocelli, Jack Ryan, Arlene Ferraro, Jennifer Johnson, Stephanie Scalisi, Sebastian DeLuca, Vincent DeStaso, Arthur Donohue, Chris Devine, TJ Hogan, Geralynn Lynn, Noah Diaz, Carol Neil, Billy Martucci, Baby Lucas, Fred Ratto, Ruth Walker, Fred Palombella, Tommy McGuire, Ellen Bloom, Evelyn Mack, Ciaran Green, Arthur Ferraro, John Hanley, Florence Navarro, Cetrea Rosen, George Wolf, Christopher Mastropolo, Colleen Friendlich, Kiley Fantino-Brunson, Charles Kelly, Craig Wechman, Baby Luke DeDomenico (Knips), Ian MacFarlane, John Cahill, Steven Lynn, Jean Marie Lester, Chris Ravanello, Kathleen O'Connell, Shirley Varon, Janet Martin, Baby Sofia Grace Velluci, Rhonda O'Brien, Fiona McCarthy, Michael Martin, Dominique Smallings, Celestino Guliman, Edwin Boyle, Maryann Breest, Pierce McManus, Bridget Kunz, James Hanley, Kathleen O'Connor, Gabrielle DiCarlo, John Casale, Barbara Ferraro, Patricia Iannucelli, Robert Ronan, Robert Treacy, Dorothy Andrade, Susan Tynatishon, Lizy Mathews, Elayne Kilkenny, Edward Boyanoski, Mary Valastro, Madison Martignetti, Barbara McEntee, Jimmy Dempsey, Isabella Barone, Margaret Cassidy, Denice Smith, Marie Valentine, Nella Ferlich, Stephen Bailey, Elizabeth Colucci, Darrin Wiekamp, Jared Cummings, Lucy Navarro, and Ann Saladino.

If you know of any of the above named who should be removed from the list due to a return to good health, please inform the Rectory Office. No call is necessary to remain on the list. You will remain in our prayers.

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 especially Bill Knips, Paul Golando, Nicholas D'Urso and Connor McKiernan.

II Darren Bushey & Annmarie Zito

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:

Conor Edward Brazil, child of Denis & Jennifer (Adams) Brazil,

Mackenzie Grace Ciallella, child of Douglas & Caitlin (Scully) Ciallella ,

Nolan Dominic Debellis, child of Ignazio & Joanna (Cardona) Debellis, and

Andrew John Plate, child of Kenneth & Lauren (Mecchella) Plate.

Please pray for these children and their parents, that they may be faithful to God's call to salvation.

The Week of 10/20 - 10/27

Saturday, October 19
5:30pm Mass **Frank Borhi**
req. by Bela & Rosemary Milisits

Sunday, October 20
8:30am Mass **Josephine & Henry Heim**
req. by The Heim Family
10:15am Mass **Frank & Anna Vito**
req. by The Ruligliano & Zaccaro Families
12Noon Mass **Mr. & Mrs. Kotowicz**
req. by Family

Monday, October 21
9:00am Mass **Tom McDonnell**
req. by The Parahus Family

Tuesday, October 22
9:00am Mass **Mass for the People**

Wednesday, October 23
9:00am Mass **Larry & Helen and Larry, Jr. Frohling**
req. by Michael & Louise Moore

Thursday, October 24
9:00am Mass **John G. Griffin**
req. by The Parahus Family

Friday, October 25
9:00am Mass **Jack & Phyllis Colucci, Jerry & Fran Colucci**
req. by **Don &Marilyn Colucci**

Saturday, October 26
9:00am Mass **William Guinan**
req. by Anne Donohue
5:30pm Mass **John McHugh**
req. by Marian McHugh

Sunday, October 27
8:30am Mass **Eddie Urban**
req. by The Heim Family
10:15am Mass **Eleanor & Joseph DeMauro**
req. by Mr. & Mrs. George Patisso
12Noon Mass **Luis Fernandez**
req. by Jason & Ruth Alejandro

If you have an intention for Mass, consider presenting the gifts of bread and wine during that celebration. Please arrive early and inform the ushers before Mass.

DID YOU KNOW?

If you have difficulty getting up to receive Holy Communion, the front row on both sides of the back section are reserved so that the Eucharistic Ministers can come directly to you. Please feel free to use these seats - your family is welcome to sit with you. The pews are marked "Reserved."

PARISH REGISTRATION: We welcome all new members to our parish family. Please register at the Rectory office. We want to know and serve you. Please become an active part of our parish community. All adults (over age 21) who are working should register in the parish themselves and should use envelopes or the website link to ParishGiving.org (online giving) to support the parish.
Current parishioners: Please notify the parish office if you are changing your address and/or phone number so that we may have accurate records.

The Week of 10/20 - 10/27

Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday
- Masses - 8:30am; 10:15am; 12noon (Church)
- Share the Word - 10:15-11:15am (Classrooms 1,2,3)
- Baptism - 1:30pm (Church)
- Youth Group - 7pm (Rader Hall)

Monday
- Mass - 9am (Church)
- Senior Citizens - 1pm (Rader Hall)
- Religious Education Classes - 5-6:30pm
- Heritage Quilters - 7pm (Classrooms 1-4)
- Adult Faith - 7pm (Conference Room)
- RCIA - 7:30pm (Rectory Chapel Office)
- Knights of Columbus - 8pm

Tuesday
- Mass - 9am (Church)
- Scripture Study - 10am (Classrooms 13,14,15)
- Religious Education Classes - 4:30-6pm
- Choir Rehearsal - 7pm (Church)
- Religious Education Classes - 7-8:30pm

Wednesday
- Mass - 9am (Church)
- Religious Education Classes - 4:30-6pm
- Religious Education Classes - 7-8:30pm

Thursday
- Mass - 9:00am (Church)
- Clare's Cove - 10am - 3pm
- Religious Education Classes - 5-6:30pm
- Discovering Christ Facilitators - 5pm (Rectory Chapel Office)

Friday
- Mass - 9am (Church)
- Clare's Cove - 10am - 3pm

Saturday
- Mass - 9am (Church)
- Clare's Cove - 10am - 3pm
- Confession - 4:30pm (Church)
- Mass - 5:30pm (Church)

Sunday
- Masses - 8:30am; 10:15am; 12noon (Church)
- Share the Word - 10:15-11:15am (Classrooms 1,2,3)
- Youth Group - 7pm (Rader Hall)

Save The Date

Upcoming Liturgical Events

November 16th ~ Anointing & Healing Mass - 12:00noon

November 18th ~ Annual Memorial Mass - 7:30 pm

This year's Collection for 10/13/2019 was $9172.25

Last year's Collection for 10/14/2018 was $8436.00

SCRIPTURE STUDY ~
THE GOSPEL OF ST. MATTHEW

Dates: Tuesday, October 22
Time: 10:00 am
Where: Classrooms 14 & 15

Be Baptized and Sent - on Mission in the World!

Today, World Mission Sunday, in this Extraordinary Missionary Month, we are called to personal encounter with Jesus Christ alive in the Church, and to offer, through this Eucharistic celebration, our prayers and our generous financial support, through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, to continue the mission of Jesus. Today we are "sent" out to witness to Mission in the world through our prayers and personal sacrifices for our brothers and sisters around the world.

As always, your prayers are your most treasured gift to the Missions. Your prayers and financial help, offered today, WORLD MISSION SUNDAY, support mission priests, religious Sisters and Brothers, and lay catechists who are Christ's witnesses to a world so in need of His healing, love, and peace.

St. Francis Bread

Our patron, St. Francis of Assisi, ministered to the poor and the deprived people of his time. In the "spirit" of St. Francis, we too have a great legacy of ministering to the poor of Rockland County. All parishioners are invited to donate *one non-perishable food item* which will go to Catholic Community Services of Rockland.

Please check the expiration date on the items being donated.
Donations will be accepted this weekend, October 19-20.

Women's Book Discussion

The Lost Girls of Paris
~ Pam Jenoff
When: November 16th
Where: Rectory Dining Room
Time: 10:00 AM

"Discovering Christ" Returns to St. Francis

Join us for this exciting 7-session series where we gather to share a delicious dinner, listen to a dynamic teaching, and explore answers to some of the most important questions worth asking about God and finding ultimate purpose in life.

The series meets Thursday evenings on the following dates:
November 7th, 14th, 21st; December 5th, 12th;
January 4th (Retreat), 9th, 16th

For additional information email stfrancisdiscover@gmail.com

From the Pastor

St. Francis of Assisi – Our Patron Saint, Part V

Here is my fifth installment of reflections about St. Francis of Assisi, based on an article called *7 Key Moments in the Life of St. Francis* written by Fr. Jack Wintz, OFM. This is the fifth key moment in the life of St. Francis.

"Clare Enters the Franciscan Family
The daughter of a noble Assisian family, Clare was known for her love of God and of the poor. She was attracted to the Gospel way of life preached by Saint Francis. Secretly in the dark of night, to the dismay of her wealthy family, Clare met with Francis and his small band of brothers to commit her life totally to God. There in the Portiuncula chapel, she exchanged her golden hair for a simple habit. She would soon begin a quickly growing community of contemplative women devoted to living the Gospel.

Clare remained a close friend and associate of Saint Francis, even though she was committed to staying in her monastery alongside the other Poor Clare nuns, named after their foundress.
Saint Clare died in 1253, outliving her great friend Francis by almost 27 years. Until her death, Clare kept her ideals: a passion for prayer, a life of poverty and humility, and a generous concern for the needy.

The close bond between the Poor Clares and the Franciscan friars remains strong and joyful in our day. The Clares serve as vibrant models of intense union with God, which all Franciscans—and indeed all human beings— are meant to foster, as the Holy Spirit prompts." (*7 Key Moments in the Life of Saint Francis*, Fr. Jack Wintz, OFM)

~Fr. Robert F. McKeon

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World Mission Sunday

Dear friends in the Lord:

One hundred years ago, Pope Benedict XV wished to give new impetus to the missionary call to proclaim the Gospel. To mark this occasion, Pope Francis has called for the whole Church to observe an *Extraordinary Missionary Month in October,* which is World Mission month. Our archdiocesan family joins our brothers and sisters around the world who will gather at the altar to celebrate, with great joy, our common vocation as missionaries. Our prayers and financial help, through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith support the work of the Mission Church, its witness to Christ and service to the poor.

The theme for the *Extraordinary Missionary Month* is *"Baptized and Sent: The Church of Christ on Mission in the World."* Pope Francis has indicated four dimensions or ways to prepare for and live out this month:

1. A personal encounter with Jesus Christ alive in His Church;
2. The witness of the Saints, the Missionary Martyrs, and the Confessors of Faith;
3. Biblical, catechetical, spiritual, and theological formation regarding the mission to the world;
4. Missionary charity as a material support for the immense work of evangelization.

I echo the sentiment of our Holy Father, asking you to open your hearts as you connect with World Mission Sunday in every *corner of the globe.* As I write to you today, I ask you to consider a sacrificial gift to the annual appeal for world missions. It will be collected on the weekend of October 19 - 20. Your generous support will help the Society for the Propagation of the Faith to continue to spread the good news to the growing faith communities of our day. May it generate within us a renewed awareness of the need to proclaim the gospel to all corners of the world.

With gratitude and prayerful best wishes, I am,

Faithfully in Christ,

+ T.m. Card. Dolan

Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop of New York

AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS

fallfundraiser

American Heritage Girls Troop 1315 will be collecting orders for their fall Giving Bean coffee fundraiser after each Mass this weekend, **October 19th and 20th**. Their coffee comes in a variety of flavors in K-cups, whole beans and ground beans, and there are a variety of loose tea flavors and cookies. Great Christmas gifts! Items will be available for pick up November 16th & 17th. Most items are $13 each. Forty percent of sales stay with the troop to support service projects such as blessing bags for the homeless and Respect Life projects as well as upcoming badge work such as snowboarding. Thank you for your support!

Please contact kerribenett@optonline.net with questions.

Please consider donating your unwanted Christmas treasures, decor and jewelry to the upcoming St. Francis Christmas boutique.

All proceeds from the sale will benefit a parish family in need.

Donations will be needed no later than November 15th.

The boutique will be held Nov. 28th and 29th. in Radar Hall.

Please contact Dena at (914)473-8008 with your donations or for further details.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

A Night at the Theater sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a night at the theatre. Elmwood Playhouse in Nyack is presenting "Our Town" on **Wednesday, November 20th** at 8:00 pm. Wine and Cheese served ~ $35 per person. All proceeds will aid our charities. For tickets call Artie Saladino (845)323-4231 or (845)608-0808. All welcome!

The Test for Admission into Catholic High School (TACHS), the entrance test for Catholic high schools in the Archdiocese of NY, will be administered on **Friday, November 8** in select high schools throughout the Archdiocese. Students may 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). It should be noted early applications have a better chance of being assigned to a test site of their choice. **Registration Deadline is Monday, October 21, 2019.**

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40 DAYS FOR LIFE

40 Days for Life ~ Now thru November 3

Join those throughout the Archdiocese of New York who will unite in prayer to end abortion during the 40 Days for Life Fall Campaign. The Rockland vigil will be held on public property on Perlman Drive in Spring Valley. 40 Days for Life is a peaceful, highly focused, nondenominational initiative of prayer and fasting outside abortion clinics and Planned Parenthood offices. Many women have turned away from these clinics and chosen life during these 40 days. The program has touched and saved the lives of many here in the archdiocese - mothers, children, abortion workers, and parishioners alike. It will run through November 3. For information about participating, contact Eileen at (845)492-6709 or rachelminister1@aol.com.

To find out more visit *www.ParishGiving.org*
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Albertus Magnus Mega Raffle: $20,000 first prize ~ 5 additional $1000 prizes ~ Ticket cost is $50 ~ Maximum of 2000 Tickets Sold ~ Drawing will be 9am December 20th at Albertus Magnus ~ All proceeds to benefit Albertus Magnus High School ~ To purchase: Visit Albertus, buy online at www.albertusmagnus.net (Giving tab, Mega Cash Raffle) or call (845)623-8842 - Alumni Office.

Albertus Magnus High School Upcoming Events

Open House

Sunday, October 20th	12:00 – 3:00 pm	Presentations & Tours
Monday, October 21st	6:30 – 8:30 pm	Presentation & Tours

"Falcon for a Day" Program
8th grade students are given the opportunity to shadow a freshman student
Spend a day; you'll stay four years!

COOP HSPT Exam
Friday, November 8, 2019

StreAM Challenge
Open to all 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students
Students may register as an individual or as a team
April 22, 2020 (Earth Day) ~ **Kickoff Meeting Nov. 12th at 4 pm**

Register online for all events at www.albertusmagnus.net

Catholic Widows and Widowers Club Meeting
The Catholic Widow and Widowers Club of Rockland County will be meeting on Sunday, **October 20, 2019** at **6:30pm** at 1 Squadron Blvd. Office, (opposite New City Library parking lot), New City, NY 10956. Dessert and coffee will be served. New members & Guests are welcome. Cost is $3.00. For information call JoJo at (845)786-3888.

A **RUMMAGE SALE** sponsored by the Blessed Mother Sodality of St. Anthony's Church in Nanuet will be held on **Saturday, October 26** from 2-6:30 pm and **Sunday, October 27** from 9am to 2pm in the St. Anthony's School Cafeteria (across from St. Anthony's Church). A **BAKE SALE** will also be held. Questions: contact Diane Hennessy (845)623-3939.

Don Bosco Prep Open House ~ Don Bosco Prep is proud to announce its second Fall Open House date for prospective and transfer students on **Sunday, October 27**, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. (preceded by 12:00 p.m. Mass). Hour-long tours will take place every 15 minutes. We hope to see you there!

Paramus Catholic High School ~ Open House: Paramus Catholic High School, an academic community which combines both faith and education, cordially invites 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students and their parents to visit us during our Open House on **Tuesday, October 29th** from 6:00-8:00 PM. The school is located at 425 Paramus Road Paramus, NJ. For more information, please contact the Admissions Office at (201)445-4466 Ext. 104.

Christmas Craft Spectacular
On **Sunday, November 3rd**, Saint Joseph Regional H.S, Montvale, NJ will be hosting its Christmas Craft Spectacular from 10am until 4pm, showcasing the talents of 105 craft people and fine artists. The whole first floor will be used. Admission is $3.00. Children and senior citizens (65+) are free. ***NO STROLLERS PERMITTED.***
www.saintjosephregional.org

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Men's Conference ~ Men of Character in Today's World
Timothy Cardinal Dolan invites all the men of the archdiocese to join him at the 2019 Archdiocesan Men's Conference on **Saturday, November 2**, at SUNY Purchase Performing Arts Center. The lineup of speakers includes Mr. Joe Sweeney, New York Times Best Selling Author; Ryan Holladay, Christian pastor of Lower Manhattan Community Church; and Cardinal Dolan. The program starts at 10:00 AM and concludes with the celebration of Holy Mass for Sunday at 4:00 PM. In addition to the Eucharist, there will also be the opportunity to experience God's mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Registration includes a boxed lunch and afternoon refreshments. For more information about the conference and to register, please visit eventbrite.com.

Fordham Preparatory School will be hosting an Open House event for prospective students and their families. It is scheduled on **Sun., November 3**, **from 1-4 pm**. Registration in advance is required. Fordham Prep is located on the historic Rose Hill campus in the Bronx, adjacent to Fordham University and the NY Botanical Garden. Contact information: admissions@fordhamprep.org or (718)584-8367.

OPEN HOUSE: On **Wednesday, November 6th**, from 6:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m., Saint Joseph Regional H.S., Montvale, NJ will be hosting an Open House for prospective students (6th, 7th and 8th grade boys) and their families to gain more information concerning St. Joseph Regional, its programs & the people who make up the SJR community. Check-in is 6:30-7pm. Presentations and tours begin at 7:00pm. For more information & directions please call the school at 201-391-3300 or register at www.sjrnj.org.

St. Paul School Annual Gift Harvest
St. Paul School 365 Kings Highway Valley Cottage, NY 10989 is very excited to be hosting its annual Gift Harvest raffle basket fundraiser on **Friday, November 15th, 2019 at 7:00 PM**. Seating is limited and the event is expected to sell out, so don't delay. Please contact HSA@saintpaulschoolvc.org for reservations and any questions. ***Reservations must be received by November 1, 2019***. ***Admission Price*:*** $35 in advance/$40 at the door *Includes door prize ticket, coffee, tea and dessert. We encourage you to bring your own party snacks and beverages of choice. There will be many wonderful baskets and prizes!

St. Joe's Presents...*She Loves Me*
The award winning performing arts program at St. Joseph Regional High School, 40 Chestnut Ridge Road, Montvale, NJ is proud to present *She Loves Me* (the musical stage version of the 1998 movie "You've Got Mail" starring Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan) in the Inserra Theater. Show dates and times are **Friday, November 15 at 7pm, Saturday, November 16 at 2pm & 7pm, and Sunday, November 17 at 3pm.** Tickets are $23 each and may be purchased at the door or by visiting sjr.booktix.com. In addition to regular performances, a Senior Preview Performance is offered on Wednesday, November 13 at 3pm. Tickets for the Senior Preview Performance are $10 at the door and include a preshow nosh beginning at 2:15.

For questions or additional information, or if you have an organization with 10 or more attending, please call (201) 391-7422 or email sjrtheatertickets@gmail.com.

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