# St. Francis of Assisi Church

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## Reverend Robert F. McKeon, Pastor

Reverend Eric Twene, Parochial Vicar • Deacon Thomas Bennett

Sr. Patricia Hogan, OP, Pastoral Associate
**Rectory Office Hours: 8:30am - 4:30pm Monday - Friday**
**Religious Education Coordinator:** Cathy Saladino - 845-638-4215
**Director of Music:** Tom Snowden

**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 Wednesday of Each Month, October thru 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-1pm, 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.

John Mucci, Billy VanSlyck, John Callanan, Tara Lyons, June Niblo, Hope Schweizer, Robert Gritz, Nicole Papenmeyer, Jeanne LoPriore, Jayne Fox Knips, Ted Laabs, Zinera Macys, Therese McHugh, Peter Toole, Margaret Teegan, Kate Dobransky, Bobby Knoblock, Frances Tozzi, John F. Bladel, Glen Hampson, Eileen Rooney, Kevin Danahy, Linda DeMauro, Angela Festa, Rosa Santos, Gary Longo, Bill McCallon, Brandon Bloom, Tracy Abamont, Willy McCue, Daryl Christiansen, Brooks Andrew Brega, Mary Horan, Tommy Valentines, Kyle Petrocelli, Jack Ryan, Arlene Ferraro, Jennifer Johnson, Stephanie Scalisi, Vincent DeStaso, Arthur Donohue, Chris Devine, TJ Hogan, Geralynn Lynn, Noah Diaz, Carol Neil, Billy Martucci, Fred Ratto, Tommy McGuire, Ellen Bloom, Evelyn Mack, Ciaran Green, Florence Navarro, Cetrea Rosen, George Wolf, Christopher Mastropolo, Colleen Friendlich, Kiley Fantino-Brunson, Charles Kelly, Luke DeDomenico (Knips), Ian MacFarlane, 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, 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, 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, and Lucy Navarro.

Please contact the parish office either by phone (845)634-4957 or email stfrancisassisiparish@gmail.com, if you would like to add or remove someone's name from the prayer list. If you are aware of someone who is no longer sick, please let us know so that we can ensure that there is room for others in need of prayer.

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, Connor McKiernan, Patrick Sullivan, and William Benagh.

### Prayer for Candidates

*Holy Spirit, strengthen our St. Francis Parish Confirmation candidates with your gifts of Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, and Fear of the Lord, as disciples of Christ. Fill them with the joy of your presence. Increase in them the fruit of your Spirit. Help them to experience and trust your dwelling within, so that they may count on your guidance today and every day. Show us the way to help one another become better disciples of Jesus Christ, sharing your love with our world and with each person we encounter.*
*Amen.*

***THE WEEK OF 11/14/21 - 11/21/21***

**Saturday, November 13**
5:30pm Mass **Deceased members of the Borhi & Yurasits Families**
*req. by Mary Borhi*

**Sunday, November 14**
8:30am Mass **Danny & LeAnn Heim**
*req. by Heather & Thomas Heim*
10:15am Mass **Deceased members of the Basso & Conti Families**
*req. by Dianne & Angelo Basso*
12Noon Mass **Deceased members of the Casey & Concannon Families**
*req. by Peggy Concannon & Family*

**Monday, November 15**
9:00am Mass **Janet Hampson**
*req. by Donna & Joe Nugent and Family*

**Tuesday, November 16**
9:00am Mass **Tim Mullins**
*req. by Bob & Sue O'Neill and Family*

**Wednesday, November 17**
9:00am Mass **Lauren Connelly**
*req. by Jim & Irene O'Brien*

**Thursday, November 18**
9:00am Mass **Mass for the People**

**Friday, November 19**
9:00am Mass **LIVING INTENTION ~ Anna Hogan**
*req. by Dorothy Cunningham*

**Saturday, November 20**
9:00am Mass **Don Larkin**
*req. by The Larkin Family*
5:30pm Mass **Brady & Ekizian Families**
*req. by Betty Ekizian*

**Sunday, November 21**
8:30am Mass **Peggy Freeman**
*req. by James Freeman*
10:15am Mass **Frances, Domenick & Anthony Salvo**
*req. by The DiTuri Family*
12Noon Mass **Gerard Navarro**
*req. by The Navarro Family*

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.

III. Daniel Duffy & Olivia Durning
I. Jonathan Feinberg & Margaret Harten

***The Week of 11/14 - 11/21***

***Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time***

**Sunday**
- Masses - 8:30am; 10:15am; 12noon (Church)
- Youth Group - 7pm (Rader Hall)

**Monday**
- Mass - 9am (Church)
- West Nyack I Seniors Meeting - 1pm (Rader Hall)
- Religious Education - 5-6:30pm (Classrooms)
- Heritage Quilters Guild - 7-9pm (Classrooms 1- 4)
- RCIA - 7-8:30pm (Rectory Dining Room)
- Knights of Columbus Meeting - 8pm

**Tuesday**
- Mass - 9am (Church)
- Scripture Study - 10am (Rader Hall)
- Religious Education - 4:30-6pm (Classrooms)
- Religious Education - 7-8:30pm (Classrooms)
- Choir Rehearsal - 7:30-9pm (Church)

**Wednesday**
- Mass - 9am (Church)
- Prayer Shawl Ministry - 10am (Classrooms 14,15)
- Upper Nyack Seniors Meeting - 12noon (Rader Hall)
- Religious Education - 4:30-6pm (Classrooms)
- NO Religious Education - 7-8:30pm (Classrooms)

**Thursday**
- Mass - 9:00am (Church)
- Clare's Cove - 10am-1pm
- Religious Education - 5-6:30pm (Classrooms)
- Wedding Rehearsal - 6:30-7:15pm (Church)
- Catholic in Recovery Meeting - 7:30-9pm (Classrooms 14,15)

**Friday**
- Mass - 9:00am (Church)
- Clare's Cove - 10am-1pm
- Wedding - 2pm (Church)

**Saturday**
- Men's Prayer Group - 7:30-9am (Rader Hall)
- Mass - 9am (Church)
- Clare's Cove - 10am-1pm
- Confession - 4:30-5pm (Church)
- Mass - 5:30pm (Church)

**Sunday**
- Masses - 8:30am; 10:15am; 12noon (Church)
- Baptism - 1:30pm (Church)
- Youth Group - 7pm (Rader Hall)

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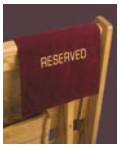
**DID YOU KNOW?**




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."

The Sunday Collection for 11/7/2021…..…$5,561.00
ParishGiving……..……$4,910.18
Total Weekly……..…….....$10,471.18

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES CAMPAIGN FOR CHARITY AND JUSTICE**
**NOVEMBER 20/21 ~ SECOND COLLECTION**

Next week, our second collection will be for the Catholic Charities Campaign for Charity and Justice. Countless families in the Archdiocese live in poverty. Last year this collection helped parish/community-based efforts to help the poor all across the Archdiocese. By supporting this collection you give people a helping hand. Learn more about the collection at www.catholiccharitiesny.org

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**St. Francis Prayer Shawl Ministry** will meet on Wednesday, **November 17th at 10:00 AM.** New members are most welcome. For more information, please contact Sr. Pat at (845)634-4957 or sfaphogan@gmail.com

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***ANNUAL BEREAVEMENT MASS***
***TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH***

November is the month the Church sets aside to commemorate the souls of the Faithful Departed. On Tuesday, November 16th at 7:30pm, our parish will celebrate a Bereavement Mass for all our loved ones who have passed away. All parishioners are encouraged to come and join with us, along with our parish family, in offering the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

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**WOMEN'S BOOK DISCUSSION**

<u>The Dutch House</u>
~ Ann Patchett

When: Wednesday, December 1, 2021
Where: Classroom #3
Time: 10:00 AM

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If you are Gluten-sensitive and wish to receive the Holy Eucharist, we have low gluten hosts. Please see the priest before mass and he will place the host in a pyx (host container) and give it to you during the reception of Holy Communion.

**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.

## From The PASTOR

### *End of Year Financial Report*

Below is our Parish annual End of Year Financial Report for the fiscal year 2020-21. I bring to your attention the two numbers that we need to address as we move forward with the offertory initiative "Beyond Sunday Morning." In the 2019 fiscal year, our Regular Collections were $583K for the year and our Holy Day Collections were $128K for the year. My hope and prayer is that these two amounts at least will return to normal for the present fiscal year and beyond. Thank you for your generous response!

In Christ,

Fr. Robert F. McKeon

| Revenue | 8/31/2021 | | 8/31/2020 |
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| Regular Sunday Collection | 543,416 | $ | 534,150 |
| Votive Shrines and Candles | 8,642 | | 11,140 |
| Holy Days Collections | 87,785 | | 103,337 |
| Religious Education | 122,670 | | 129,506 |
| Investment Income | 44,797 | | 59,315 |
| Fundraising | 47,461 | | 182,339 |
| COVID Relief Assistance | 91,506 | | - |
| Other Income | 18,263 | | 120,406 |
| Total Operating Revenue | 964,539 | $ | 1,140,192 |
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| Expenditures | | | |
| Salaries and Benefits | 482,609 | $ | 459,600 |
| Office Expense | 104,694 | | 103,127 |
| Church/Altar Expense | 19,870 | | 16,413 |
| Religious Education | 36,964 | | 78,127 |
| Utilities and Sewer Tax | 52,224 | | 51,138 |
| Maintenance | 67,509 | | 66,190 |
| Insurance and Tax | 41,289 | | 40,762 |
| House Living Expenses | 5,337 | | 5,222 |
| Cathedraticum and School Tax | 122,832 | | 130,143 |
| Fundraising | 12,639 | | 250,592 |
| Total Operating Expenses | 945,966 | $ | 1,201,314 |
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| Net Operating Income (Deficit) - Unrestricted | 18,574 | $ | (61,122) |
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| Restricted Contributions | (2,275) | | 50,000 |
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| Net Surplus (Deficit) | 16,299 | $ | (11,122) |

### *Thanksgiving Food Collection*

The Christian Service Ministry will be collecting filled food bags after the masses this weekend, November 13th & 14th for the Thanksgiving Food Collection. The food will be delivered to local charities and families in need immediately following the 12noon mass on Sunday. Your donation will help provide a Thanksgiving dinner to the needy of Rockland.

**Thanksgiving Family Mass, Tuesday, November 23rd 7:30pm.** Please join us as we celebrate the rich heritage of blessings God has bestowed upon our people. Share in this beautiful liturgy as the St. Francis of Assisi Parish family worships together to thank God, the Author of our abundance.

The families of St. Francis are invited to the **St. Francis Annual Advent Craft Night** being held on Friday, December 3rd in Rader Hall. Join us for homemade cookies, hot cocoa, crafts, and fun for everyone! Please register online by Friday, November 26th at https://sfawnyack.flocknote.com/signup/72774 or on the St. Francis website.

Our Parish Missionary Drive is underway! We are running a raffle to support Sister Cecilia's **One to One Learning Literacy Program.** Tickets are being sold at $25.00 each. There will be $1,500 in total prizes. Please see the bulletin, our parish website, or Facebook for more information. The drawing will be held on Sunday, November 14th after the 12 Noon Mass!

*This effort is sponsored by the "Tea Committee" of the parish*

**GREETINGS FROM THE MARIAN SHRINE! COME JOIN US IN NOVEMBER**

***November 15th (Monday) 7:00 pm:*** **Treasures of the Church - Exposition of Sacred Relics** A Presentation and Exhibit of 150 Relics of Saints with Fr. Carlos Martins, CC. Among the treasures will be relics of St. Joseph, St. Mary Goretti, St. Therese of Lisieux (the "Little Flower") St. Francis of Assisi, St Anthony of Padua, St. Thomas Aquinas & St Faustina Kowalska. You are encouraged to bring your articles of devotion (such as rosaries, holy cards, etc.) and pictures of ill friends/family members, which you will be able to touch to the reliquaries as a means of intercession. There is no cost to attend this event. See www.treasuresofthechurch.com for more information.

***November 22nd - December 20th (Mondays) 7pm:*** **A Biblical Walk through the Mass** An ADVENT Series of 5 consecutive Mondays with Fr. Steve Shafran, SDB, Shrine Coordinator. $10.00 per session offering accepted with Gratitude. Sign up now!

**EMMAUS MINISTRY RETREAT FOR GRIEVING PARENTS**

Losing a child under any circumstance is terrible. Focusing on the spirituality of the grieving process can help tremendously. ***Emmaus Ministry all-day retreat:*** **For grieving parents whose children of any age have died by any cause, no matter how long ago.** Please join us. All are welcome. **November 20, Church of St. Augustine, 118 South Main St., New City, 9:30am–7:30pm**. Cost: $25 per person, $40 per couple. Includes breakfast, lunch, dinner. Pre-registration is required. Scholarships are available. To register go to www.emfgp.org/11-20-21-new-city-archny-one-day-retreat/ or contact Sue DiSisto in the Family Life Office at *(646)794-3191* or susan.disisto@archny.org.

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**HEALING AFTER ABORTION ~ SISTERS OF LIFE**

Do you know someone who is carrying the grief of a past abortion? There is always hope. The pain and sorrow of abortion does not need to endure for a lifetime. A "Day of Prayer and Healing" offers the opportunity to experience the love and mercy of God and to respond to His invitation to begin the journey of healing the wound of abortion. For 2022 dates, locations and confidential registration, or just to talk to a Sister, please call the Sisters of Life at (866)575-0075 (toll free) or reach us by email at hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org.

Catholic in Recovery is a nonprofit ministry that provides healing for those seeking recovery from addictions and unhealthy attachments. Meetings combine the spiritual principles of 12-step recovery with the sacraments of the Catholic Church. Join us as we overlap scripture from Sunday's mass, liturgical themes, and recovery topics with honest discussion and prayer. Confidentiality is protected. We welcome all those who are recovering from any addiction as well as family members impacted by their loved one's addiction. Catholic in Recovery meets every Thursday at 7:30pm in Classrooms 14 & 15. For more information, please contact Emily at catholicinrecoverysfa@gmail.com or leave a message at the rectory, (845)634-4957.

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Go to our parish website and click on the Parish Giving logo to register or log in. In addition to recurring contributions, donations can be made as a one-time or an unplanned gift.

**To find out more visit *www.ParishGiving.org***

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**ALBERTUS MAGNUS HS MEGA MONEY RAFFLE**

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**Drawing November 23rd** at Albertus Magnus HS, 10am
$50 per ticket, only 2000 tickets will be sold!

For tickets, call AMHS at (845)643-3862

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**Healing And Nurturing Distraught Survivors**

HANDS 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. Their bodies were never recovered. All groups meet from 6:30-8:00pm at HANDS International Headquarters, 9 Scott Drive, New City. The next meeting this month is on **November 16th**. Services are free of charge. Ann is also available for personal one-on-one counseling sessions.

HANDS has a Widows And Widowers Group facilitated by Ann Carucci, who lost her husband. These meetings are held every Monday evening at the HANDS International Headquarters.

Contact Ann Carucci at (845)634-6706.

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**ALBERTUS MAGNUS HIGH SCHOOL ~ HALL OF FAME**

**November 20**, 6:30-10:30pm, AMHS Gym $100 per person. Registration Required: www.albertusmagnus.net. Direct any questions to advancement@albertusmagnus.net. **Class of 2021 Inductees**: MARYBETH FEENEY DRAIN '93, Female Athlete; RYAN MCLAUGHLIN '10, Male Athlete; KIMBERLY PIARD '07, Female Athlete; THE GOLDEN FAMILY, Albertus Family of Distinction; SR. JEANNE SHARY, OP '81, Special Award; FORMER PRESIDENT/PRINCIPAL JOSEPH TROY, Contributor; and COACH JOE MCGUINNESS (posthumously), Contributor

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**ASCENSION CEMETERY**

Ascension Cemetery is currently offering a **$500 Discount** on any Grave/Foundation Package **until November 30, 2021** (Discount does not apply to Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary section). Call us today to schedule an appointment (845)352-7220. Visit us at our NEW website CalvaryandAlliedCemeteries.com.

Ascension Cemetery 650 Saddle River Rd. Airmont, NY 10952.

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**ADVENT DAY OF RECOLLECTION**

The Marian Shrine and Retreat Center is having an Advent Day of Recollection on **Saturday, December 4th** from 10am to 3pm. Cost for the day is $40 which includes a Hospitality and a Hot Lunch. For more information and registration, please contact Ann Cenname at (845)947-2200 ext. 313 before Tuesday, November 30th.

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**ALBERTUS MAGNUS HS ~ CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE SHOP AND SIP**

**Friday, December 3rd**, 5:30-10:30pm , Albertus Magnus GYM
Over 40 vendors with unique gifts for Christmas
Enjoy this holiday shopping event!
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**ONE TO ONE LEARNING ~ VOLUNTEER TEACHERS NEEDED**

The 2021-2022 school year marks the 25th year of One to One Learning classes at 640 N. Midland Avenue, Upper Nyack, and we again ask that you donate your time and talent in teaching English, GED and Citizenship preparation in a small-group learning format. Due to continuing COVID-19 concerns, our teaching methods will combine virtual classes (using ZOOM) and in-person classes, following all CDC regulations. Please contact Sr. Cecilia at (845)512-8176 or clpangel59@gmail.com.

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**NY PROJECT HOPE ~ COPING WITH COVID**

We are a proud provider agency of NY Project Hope, New York State's COVID-19 Crisis Counseling Program. Astor Services for Children & Families is now providing **Dutchess & Rockland counties** with free, confidential, and anonymous emotional support. To learn more, contact Megan Wright at **(845)204-5223** or **mwright@astorservices.org**

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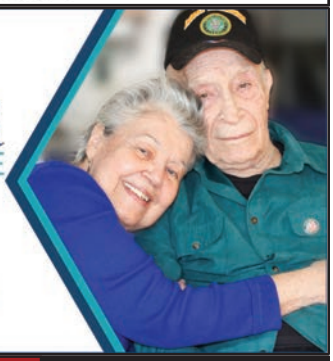

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