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.

Nick Fornaro, Keishea Allen, Madelyn Perez, Josephine Brega, Kevin T. Fay, Lois Dogas, John Mucci, Billy VanSlyck, John Callanan, Tara Lyons, 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, 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.

Save The Date

Upcoming Liturgical Events

Ash Wednesday ~ March 2nd

Lenten Stations of the Cross ~ Fridays Evenings - 7pm

Taize ~ Sunday, March 6th - 7pm

Parish Mission ~ Monday-Wednesday, March 14-16
"Mercy to Mission" with Fr. Jack Rathschmidt, O.F.M. Cap.

Divine Mercy Sunday ~ April 24th

Watch the bulletin for more details and more upcoming liturgies.

THE WEEK OF 2/20/22 - 2/27/22

Saturday, February 19
5:30pm Mass **Ronald, Margaret & John King**
req. by Theresa Killian

Sunday, February 20
8:30am Mass **LIVING INTENTION ~ W.R. & V.C. Calderon and Families**
10:15am Mass **LIVING INTENTION ~ John & Kathleen Frederick and Jack, Cole, Matt & Kyle**
req. by Pat & Mike Barrett
12Noon Mass **Victoria & Louis Vegliante**
req. by Marie Spagna

Monday, February 21
9:00am Mass **LIVING INTENTION ~ Baby Owen Sharkey, III**
req. by Pat & Mike Barrett

Tuesday, February 22
9:00am Mass **Nick Tartaglione**
req. by Rosaria Leaver

Wednesday, February 23
9:00am Mass **Antonio Danzi**
req. by His Daughter & Family

Thursday, February 24
9:00am Mass **Nancy Penders**
req. by Patrick & Kathleen Grillo

Friday, February 25
9:00am Mass **Mass for the People**

Saturday, February 26
9:00am Mass **Rosary Felitti**
req. by Sarah Felitti-Powell
5:30pm Mass **Nicholas Tammara**
req. by Maryann & Anthony Ferrara

Sunday, February 27
8:30am Mass **The Basso & Conti Families**
req. by Dianne & Angelo Basso
10:15am Mass **John Flannery, Jr.**
req. by The Flannery Family
12Noon Mass **Jack Garvey**
req. by Kay Garvey & 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.

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."

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.

The Week of 2/20/22 - 2/27/22

The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday
- Masses - 8:30am; 10:15am; 12noon (Church)
- NO Share the Word - 10:15am
- Wedding - 2:00pm (Church)
- NO Youth Group Meeting - 7pm (Rader Hall)

Monday
- Mass - 9am (Church)
- NO West Nyack I Seniors Meeting - 1pm (Rader Hall)
- Heritage Quilters Guild - 3pm (Classrooms 1-4)
- NO Religious Education - 5-6:30pm (Classrooms)
- RCIA - 7pm

Tuesday
- Mass - 9am (Church)
- Scripture Study - 10am (Rader Hall)
- NO Religious Education - 4:30-6pm (Classrooms)
- NO Religious Education - 7-8:30pm (Classrooms)
- Choir Rehearsal - 7:30pm (Church)

Wednesday
- Mass - 9am (Church)
- Upper Nyack Seniors Meeting - 12noon (Rader Hall)
- NO Religious Education - 4:30-6pm (Classrooms)
- NO Religious Education - 7-8:30pm (Classrooms)

Thursday
- Mass - 9:00am (Church)
- Clare's Cove - 10am-1pm
- NO Religious Education - 5-6:30pm (Classrooms)
- Catholic in Recovery - 7:30pm (Classrooms 14,15)

Friday
- Mass - 9:00am (Church)
- Clare's Cove - 10am-1pm
- American Heritage Girls Overnight Retreat 6:30pm-11am (Rader Hall/Classrooms 1-4)

Saturday
- Men's Ministry - 7:45-8:45am (Classroom 14,15)
- Mass - 9:00am (Church)
- Clare's Cove - 10am-1pm
- Confession - 4:30-5:00pm (Church)
- Mass - 5:30pm (Church)

Sunday
- Masses - 8:30am; 10:15am; 12noon (Church)
- NO Share the Word - 10:15am
- NO Youth Group Meeting - 7pm (Rader Hall)

The parish office will be closed on Monday, February 21st in observance of Presidents' Day.

The Sunday Collection for 2/13/2022…..…$7,713.00
ParishGiving…….……$3,639.40
Total Weekly……..…….....$11,352.40

Thank You

PETER'S PENCE ~ SECOND COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous support in last week's Peter's Pence Collection. As a parish, we collected $1,293.00. Our contributions will join those from our brothers and sisters worldwide to help Pope Francis in his ministry to the Universal Church, including relief to people in need and support for the Holy See. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give.

Visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.

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 non-perishable food items* 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.

BEGINNING SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 2022

We will pray the Holy Rosary after the 9am mass on the first Saturday of each month.

Please come and join us.

WOMEN'S BOOK DISCUSSION

The Exiles ~ Christina Baker Kline

When: Wednesday, March 9th
Where: Rader Hall - Classroom 1
Time: 10:00 AM

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH
CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS FOR 2021

The yearly donations letters will, once again, be sent out **upon request**. If you need a letter of your 2021 contributions to our Sunday, Holy Day and Special Collections, kindly contact the Rectory office via email (*stfrancisassisiparish@gmail.com*), phone (845-634-4957) or mail. Please include your full name, address, contact phone number and envelope number.

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

Gifts of the Holy Spirit IV

The gift of the Holy Spirit we will study today is the gift of counsel. This gift is sometimes referred to as right judgment, a title that I prefer since it connects to the daily interior process of judging what should and shouldn't be done by us and what should and shouldn't be imitated from the acts and behavior of others.

Primarily, this gift enables a person to judge individual acts as good and (thus) ought to be done, or as evil and (thus) ought to be avoided. Counsel is made in view of one's own personal sanctification and one's ultimate supernatural end. It is a supernatural Prudence, that helps you not only to judge correctly divine things, and discern the divine will, but all helps offer direction, guidance, and correct judgment in earthly things. (thecatholictruth.org, "Gifts and Charisms of the Holy Spirit")

"When we receive and welcome him into our heart, the Holy Spirit immediately begins to make us sensitive to his voice and to guide our thoughts, our feelings and our intentions according to the heart of God. At the same time, he leads us more and more to turn our interior gaze to Jesus, as the model of our way of acting and of relating with God the Father and with the brethren. Counsel, then, is the gift through which the Holy Spirit *enables our conscience to make a concrete choice in communion with God*, according to the logic of Jesus and his Gospel. In this way, the Spirit makes us grow interiorly, he makes us grow positively, he makes us grow in the community and he helps us not to fall prey to self-centredness and one's own way of seeing things...The essential condition for preserving this gift is prayer. We always return to the same theme: prayer! Yet prayer is so important. To pray with the prayers that we all learned as children, but also to pray in our own words. To ask the Lord: 'Lord, help me, give me counsel, what must I do now?'. And through prayer we make space so that the Spirit may come and help us in that moment, that he may counsel us on what we all must do. Prayer! Never forget prayer. Never! In intimacy with God and in listening to his Word, little by little we put aside our own way of thinking, which is most often dictated by our closures, by our prejudice and by our ambitions, and we learn instead to ask the Lord: what is your desire? What is your will? What pleases you?" (Pope Francis, *GENERAL AUDIENCE, Wednesday, 7 May 2014)*

~Fr. Robert F. McKeon

Lenten Scripture Sharing

During this penitential season of *Lent*, consider gathering with other parishioners to reflect on the upcoming 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: Tuesday mornings 10 - 11 AM
Dates: March 1st through April 12th
Place: Rader Hall
Facilitator: Sr. Pat Hogan

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

Mardi Gras Game Night and Breakfast Social

Catholic Rock-West and the Salesians of Don Bosco invite young adults, ages 18-39, to a Mardi Gras Game Night and Breakfast Social on **Fat Tuesday, March 1 beginning at 7:00 pm**. Bring your favorite game and your appetite for breakfast food! Admission is free.
Marian Shrine, 174 Filors Lane, Stony Point, NY 10980.

For more information, contact Luigi.manente@archny.org

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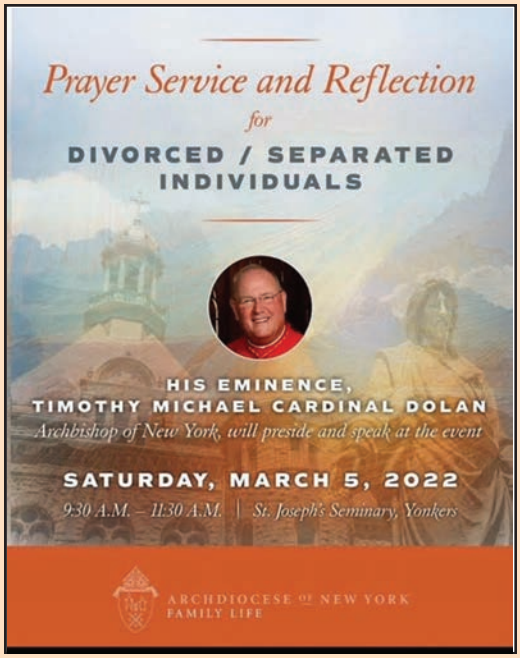
Lenten Day of Prayer and Reflection for Liturgical Ministers

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Ushers, and Parish Musicians are invited to come together and reflect on Christ's Passion, Death, and Resurrection and discover its meaning for their lives, their ministry, and their parish communities.

Presenter: Fr. Sebastian White, O.P., Editor-in-Chief, *Magnificat* Magazine.
Date: Saturday, March 12, 10am-3pm **Place**: St. Joseph's Seminary, Yonkers. **Registration fee:** $30 (includes lunch)

More information and registration: nyliturgy.org/dayofreflection **Contact**: liturgy@archny.org or (914)968-6200, x8177.



Light refreshments will be served and Family Life Office staff will be available to answer questions and provide resources. Register at adnyfamilylife.eventbrite.com. For questions, call (646)794-2000. For your health and safety, we will be abiding by local recommended guidelines.

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MEN'S ministry

All men are welcome to join us for fellowship, prayer, and to discuss that Sunday's Gospel reading.

Saturday mornings in Classroom 15 from 7:45 to 8:45am

For more information contact:
Deacon Tom at **dcntombennett@gmail.com**
John Inzeo at **johndana97@verizon.net**

Bottles For Clean Water

St. Francis religious education students are making a difference! Join us on our bottle and can redemption campaign to help our environment and bring clean water to those in need. Bring your recyclables to the **Cash In Cash Out Bottle Redemption Center** at 25 North Middletown Road in Nanuet behind Marshalls and mention you are supporting St. Francis of Assisi. Hours are Monday - Friday: 10am to 6pm, Saturday: 10am to 5pm and Sunday: Closed.

We can all make a difference!

Catholic in Recovery

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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Pierre Toussaint Scholarship Fund 2022

The Pierre Toussaint Scholarship Fund (PTSF) and Program is administered by the Archdiocese of New York, Office of Black Ministry. PTSF provides scholarships to graduating high school seniors of diverse backgrounds from public, private and parochial schools throughout the Archdiocese of New York, to assist them with the educational fees and expenses associated with their college studies. Students selected into the PTSF Program are chosen based on their strong academic record, their active participation with their parish and school communities, and their demonstration of good character and sound leadership ability. Scholarship awards are renewable for subsequent, consecutive years of undergraduate and graduate studies, based upon their meeting certain academic and service requirements, and PTSF program requirements. PTSF also provides scholars with ongoing mentorship and advisement: spiritual, professional career and personal. To be eligible for consideration candidates must be an active member of a Roman Catholic Archdiocesan parish, be a graduating high school senior, show high academic achievement and submit the PTSF application form with the required documents. To APPLY visit the website at www.obmny.org to submit an online application or to download the application form. For more information please contact the Pierre Toussaint Scholarship Fund Office at obm@archny.org. **Complete applications must be received in the OBM/Pierre Toussaint Scholarship Fund Office or be postmarked by Friday, March 4.**

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40 DAYS FOR LIFE

March 2 – April 10

Want to be part of saving lives? All it takes is your prayers and presence. 40 Days for Life is a life-saving prayer campaign that will take place throughout our Archdiocese starting on March 2nd and concluding April 10th. 40 Days for Life is a peaceful initiative consisting of 40 days of prayer and fasting, peaceful vigil at abortion facilities, and educational outreach with the goal of protecting mothers and their children from abortion. More than **20,000** unborn children have been saved from abortion during 40 Days for Life campaigns. To learn more about the 40 Days for Life campaign, visit: **www.40daysforlife.com** or contact the Spring Valley campaign leader Eileen Peterson (845)492-6709; Rachelminister1@aol.com

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Walking with Purpose
St. Gregory Barbarigo Parish, Garnerville, NY

Are you looking for a way to refuel and be refreshed, make authentic connections with other women, and learn more about God? It's time to come back to community. Our mission at Walking with Purpose is to help every Catholic woman and girl in America encounter Jesus Christ through our Bible Studies. Walking with Purpose will meet on **Tuesdays, March 8th through April 12th** at St. Gregory Parish Center (right of the gym) from **7pm to 8:30pm**. For more information, contact Parish Rectory (845)947-1873 or Mariann Albin (845)362-1982.

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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Catholic Schools Breakfast

Please join us at our annual Catholic Schools Breakfast on **Thursday, March 31** ~ 8:00 am Registration ~ 8:30 am Program Begins ~ Pearl River Hilton ~ **www.rocklandbreakfast.org.** We will be honoring Mary Leahy, CEO of Bon Secours Charity Health System and Sr. Stephen Gerard, O.P. & Margaret Hamilton, for their service to our schools as principals for many years. His Eminence, Timothy Cardinal Dolan, will be our special guest. Funds raised will go to support scholarship and emergency needs for our schools in Rockland County: St. Anthony/St. Paul School, St. Gregory Barbarigo School, St. Margaret School, and Albertus Magnus High School.

Archdiocese of NY ~ Teen Intervene

Teen Intervene is a FREE evidence based program for youth 12-19 with mild to moderate alcohol and/or drug use. Youth meet individually with a prevention specialist to discuss coping skills, goal setting and behavior change to reduce substance use. The program is 2-4 sessions and appropriate for youth who are willing to discuss their substance use. To refer a student, teen, or family in need please contact: Jessica Pforte, LMHC Archdiocese of NY Drug Abuse Prevention Program (845)561-3633 x47 or teenintervene@adapp.org. Website: www.adapp.org.

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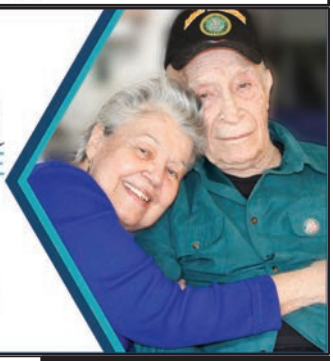

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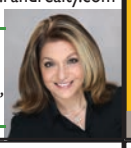

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