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DEVOTIONS AND FAMILY PROGRAMS

Saturday Evening Mass4:30 pm		
Sunday Masses8:00 & 11:00 am		
Daily Masses Monday thru Friday 7:00 am; Monday thru Saturday at 12 noon;		
Chaplet of Divine Mercy Sunday at 10:40 am,before the 11:00 am Mass		
Miraculous Medal Novena Tuesday after the 12 Noon Mass		
Holy HourWednesday evenings from 5:00 to 6:00 pm		
$\textbf{Confessions} Saturday \ from \ 3:30 - 4:15 \ pm$		
Sunday, before Mass at 7:45 & 10:45 am		

- † SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Baptisms are celebrated on Sunday after the 11:00 am Mass. To schedule call the rectory at 561-1317.
- **† SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:** Contact the rectory at least 8 months before the wedding date. Pre-Cana is required for all weddings throughout the Archdiocese, call 561-1317.
- **† SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:** If you have someone ill at home or in the hospital or nursing home call 561-1317 and arrange for the Sacrament of the Sick to be administered or their names to be included in our parish prayer list.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Music Ministry: Adults and youths are always welcome to join our choir at all the Masses. Visit our organist in the choir loft after Mass.

RCIA: Call the Rectory at 561-1317 for information.

Men's Dart Ball League: Thursday evening at 7:30 pm in O'Connor Hall. - Fall through Winter -

St. Francis Food Pantry: Open Friday & Saturday 9:00 am to 12 noon at the Parish Hall at the corner of Avoca St. and Benkard Ave. Volunteers are always needed. Please call the Rectory at 561-1317.

Natural Family Planning: Call the Family Life Office at 212-371-1000.

Pre-Cana Program: To register call the Archdiocese at 212-371-1000 or visit their website www.nyfamilylife.org.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES (REP)

With the Archdiocesan "Making All Things New" directive for the upcoming 2015-2016 school year our Religious Education Program students will be joining the Religious Ed students at Sacred Heart for instruction. Lynda Piper, Program Coordinator, can be reached at 845-561-2589 for registration and questions.

MAKING YOUR WILL



PADRE'S CORNER APRIL 24, 2016

Little House on the Prairie " ran on NBC from September 11, 1974 to March 21, 1983. Each episode touched the human soul with themes of family, faith, and a rugged perseverance through the battles and blessings of life. The series was based on the diary books of Laura Ingalls Wilder in the 1870's - 1880's located mostly in Walnut Grove, Minnesota. Essential characters were Charles (played by the late Michael Landon who died of cancer in 1991 at the age of 54), his wife Caroline played by Karen Grassle (seems silly now but in my dating days I was dreaming to meet a wife that was like Caroline: a pillar of love and devotion to her husband), daughters (played by Melissa Gilbert and Melissa Sue Anderson), the Oleson family who ran a mercantile exchange in town, and the late actors Merlin Olsen playing Jonathan Garvey (once starred with the old Los Angeles Rams football team) plus Dabbs Greer as the Reverend Robert Alden (I received his autograph shortly before he died). Recently, I watched a 1977 episode from the show called "Going Home." Opening with a sense of blessings for the Ingall's family, a horrendous tornado destroys both home and fertile farmlands for survival. In despair, Charles asks Caroline why God would allow such a terrible circumstance to strike his family of faith. Her wise response was that their faith was being tested and purified. Reverend Alden reflects this same insight to daughter Laura when she poses the same question. In a contemporary culture that does not encourage these types of wholesome programs in the prime time scheduling format, thankfully nostalgia stations on cable do. The values of iconic series like "Little House" continue to inspire, and was a great source of reflection for me in the middle 1980's when I was discerning seriously the priesthood (despite still being in a dating relationship with a fine woman). The antidote of faith and family to address the struggles of life that beset themselves upon each of us, plus the inevitable blessings, are at the core of what Laura Ingalls Wilder journalized about 150 years ago. These human yearnings seeking guidance through the pains of life, we all must endure, reminded me of a magazine entry in "Christian Today" on October 9, 2014. Reflect on these repeated words: "We all have our days where we feel we can't survive. Sometimes dreams are shattered, friendships may fall apart. Loved one's may hurt us. Finances may worry us. Sickness may overtake us. We may even lose people we love. But God will always be there to guide us through even the toughest of times. Never lose faith. Hold onto hope. Trust in God always. " How do we people of faith integrate all of these life lessons amidst the lemons and lemonade that existence throws at us? The starting point must a gentle spirit of prayerfulness, such as the rosary and meditating quietly. The sacraments nourish that prayer life. (A holy nun who cares deeply about me and my vocation recently wrote me: "Prayer is love. It is love expressed in speech, and love expressed in silence. To put it another way, prayer is the meeting of two loves: the love of God and our love. "). We also need really good friends who will not abandon us, even when there are conflicts. These are friends and family who care about our spiritual soul. There must be a disciplined interior life even when we face pain, indecision, anxiety and loneliness. Putting these good packages together require the grace of God. I search and yearn as do you. Special people will join me later this year in a journey to South Dakota to see homesteads and museums in historical memory of "Little House on the Prairie." We will also see Mount Rushmore, Badlands National Park, and even Custer's Battlefield. But, the spirit of strong endurance in faith projected by Laura Ingalls Wilder will be the overall trajectory of what inspires us. I hope to grow spiritually through the experience, and bring it home to you. Blessings. Father Bill

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. April 25
7:00am The Homeless
Noon Lorraine Barton
By Henry Sawoska

Tues. April 26
7:00am William & Eugenia
Evans
By Michael & Colleen Corizzo
Noon Rose Natovich
(12th Anniv)
By Family

Wed. April 27
7:00am Helene Kerin
Good Health Blessings
By St. Francis Parish Friends

Wed. April 27 (cont)
Noon MaryAnn McCellan
By Ann & Don McClellan

Thur. April 28
7:00am World Peace
Noon George Forest
By Henry Sawoska

Fri. April 29
7:00am Religious Vocations
Noon Perry Bunyar
By Elizabeth Ocskay &
Linda Frank

Sat. April 30
Noon Donald Barney
By Wife & Family
4:30pm Mercedes & Salvatore
Strano
By Aldo & Susan Strano

Sun, May 1 8:00am Adam Rehrey (35 Anniv) By Nick & Helene Stagliano 11:00am First Holy Communion

Weekly Collection

April 16-17, 2016

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Our sincere thanks for your generosity and support of our Parish. God bless each and every one of you....always

The 2nd collection this weekend is for Electric

MASS ATTENDANCE

April 16-17, 2016 4:30 pm 185 8:00 am 143 11:00 am <u>272</u> Total 600

The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy is recited on Sundays at 10:40 am before the 11 am Mass

Our Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesday from 5 pm to 6 pm will be for the special intention of Our Youth.

<u>Eucharistic Minsters needed</u> to serve at St. Luke's Hospital during the week. If you are interested in helping, please call Suzanna at -845-561-5162



Food Pantry Hours:

Friday 9:00am to 12noon Saturday 9:00am to 12noon

FOOD FOR THE POOR

In your goodness please bring <u>One Pound</u>
<u>Packages of Rice</u> to Church next weekend to be distributed to the less fortunate thru our Food Pantry.

ITEMS FOR THE POOR

The Food Pantry is in great need of health aids such as soap, shampoo, toothpaste, tooth brushes, and deodorant. We will be requesting these items over the next few weeks to help supply the needy.

WE HAVE ADDED MASSES !! St. Francis Parish now has a noon mass every Friday and Saturday.



DOING SPRING CLEANING?? Please remember to use our Red, White & Blue fundraising clothing bin located right by the entrance of Cardinal O'Connor Hall



Are you looking for help? Experienced young adult, certified in CPR & First Aid, willing to assist in: child care, senior care, light housekeeping, organizing and animal care. References available. Please speak to Annette in Security for further information.

ST. FRANCIS HAPPENINGS!!

<u>April 5</u> Bible Study Classes have started, but you are still welcome to attend. Call 845-527-5064. Hosted by Sons of Thunder.

May 7&8 Birthday Blessings at all our Masses

May 15 Coffee and Bagel Hour after the 8 am Mass. Great place for coffee and conversation.

May 18 Confirmation of our young adults 6 pm

<u>June 5</u> Save the Date !! Annual Church Dinner at Cronomer Valley Fire House, Town of Newburgh...more details to follow.

CASH -N-COCKTAILS

An Enchaned Evening at Sacred Heart School May 21 from 7 pm to 11 pm. Each ticket admits 2 guests to the cocktail party which includes live entertainment, beer, wine, soda, and appetizers!. Only 300 tickets will be sold at \$100 each with 3 cash prizes: Grand Prize is \$10,000, 2nd Prize is \$2,500, and 3rd Prize is \$1000. Presence is not required to win. Please contact Mary Gould at 914-805-2332 or Dr. Gina Cook at 845-541-4216 or email ptosacredheart@gmail.com for further information. It's going to be a fun evening.



Our Prayers for the Sick:, Vincenza Secor, Aaron Stagliano, Kelly Stafford, Robyn McGraw, John nz Sabo, Andrew Costanzo, Marie Wiejak, Rose, Stephen Sabo, Ashley Barco, Jean Kaiser, Tom Scalzo, Nora Brickter, Gary Lake, Genevieve Pilch, Agnes Casey, Brianna Barker, Keith Webber, Jake Bryan DeStefano, Rose Marie Michalowski, Meryl Chatham, Vincenturia Cullen, Amy Meyer, Vinnie Yonnone, Grace Keller Peacock, Mary Corwin, Jean DeCicco, Don Hughes, David Jennings, Robert Johnson, Karen Wells, Marcia McKay, Victoria Palkovic, Elaine Pietrzak, Maureen Luzzi, Joyce Poponiak, Corrine Gammino, George Vecchio, Jr. Carol Brown, Teresa Centeno, Matthew Gallagher, Luzia Araujo, Celio Thomaz, Sherry Collins, Rosalie Nogay, Richard and Rina Bozzone, Antonio Troia, Cody Favoino-Finkbeiner, Marie Louis, Sacha Samuel George, the Koch Family, Frank Pietrzak, John Marullo, Rose Jurik, Robert & Helen Osborn, Manuel DiNapoli, Jennie Serrano, Eddie Koza, Barbara Woloszyn, Gary McGraw, Rachael Neugebauer, Patricia Denniston, Arlene Dietrichsen, Maureen Kelly, Jason Suchowiecki, Deacon Larry Kawula, Abigail Ryan, Debra Thurston, Toby Persico, Alexis Johnson, Barry Johnson, James R. Purpura, Bob Smith, Tom Kingery, Bud Smith, Amy Finnegan, Janice Suchowiecki, Jane Pustola, Justin, Peter, Rita, Janice Ruggiero, Angela, Wayne, Abbie K., Dominick Denisi, Sebastian Denisi, Pam Denisi, Linda Hummel, Joseph Michalowski, Joann Quicksell, Frances Dolan, Daniel D'Elicio



A new ministry is being formed – The St. Francis of Assisi Historical Society, headed by Al Certo. If you have any interest, or have St. Francis or Newburgh memorabilia that you would like to donate, please contact the Rectory.

<u>CAMP VERITAS 2016</u> -- One week play & pray sleep away summer camp enrollment is now open. This is an excellent and fun opportunity for teens going into 7th to 12th grade. More info can be found at www.campveritas.com..

We are looking to have <u>Boy Scout and Girl Scout</u>
Chapters here in our Parish and are looking for adult leaders. If you would be interested in becoming a Boy Scout or Girl Scout leader, please contact the Rectory at 561-1317.

The St. Francis Flames Dart Ball Team (2016 Good Fellowship Champions!) is in need of three men for next year's season. If you are free on Thursday evenings from September thru April and can throw a dart 25 feet, give us a call. This is an exciting baseball dart game with great fellowship and great fun. No obligation. Call Tom Flagler for more information 845-564-5725.

World Apostolate of Fatima Shrine May 7, 2016 674 Mountain View Road, Washington, NJ 07882. "You, at least, try to console me.." Fr. Andrew Apostolis, CFR, explains the Five First Saturdays, 10:30 Confessions; 11:30 Rosary w/15 min meditation; 12:00 Holy Mass; 1:00 Benediction; 2:00 Holy House: confessions; "Last Vision of Fatima" talk; The day the Sun Danced movie; 3:00 Divine Mercy Chaplet. All invited. Share in the graces received in consoling Our Mother. Receive the Year of Mercy indulgence at our designated Door of Mercy. www.bluearmy.com; 908-689-1700

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The 2016 Cardinals Stewardship Appeal is still going on. Your gift to The Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal is vital in sustaining all the good that we do for the church in New York.

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COUPLES CELEBRATING THEIR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

anytime during 2016 are invited to attend the Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at the Cathedral of St. Patrick, Saturday, June 25th at 1:30 pm or Sunday, June 26th at 2:00 on, Pre-registration is required. Please contact the rectory at 561-1317 for registration. The closing date to register for the Mass is Tuesday, May 24, 2016. This event is sponsored by the Family Life/Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of New York.

The parish is in receipt of a donated Automated External Defibrillator aka AED. Class instruction for CPR and the use of the AED will be scheduled upon the registration of the first 8 – 10 persons. The course will be conducted by a certified instructor at a cost of \$30-\$40 per person. Card certificates will be issued upon completion of this course, which will be approximately 4 hours in length. Date of the course will be set in the very near future. Please call the Parish with your name and contact info at 845-561-1317.

Come Join Us ~~ Remain in Hope

For those suffering from emotional difficulties or any illness of the mind. The 17th Healing Mass including communal rite of anointing the sick will be held on Tuesday, May 10, 2016, 7 pm in Mt. Alvernia Chapel in Wappingers Falls, NY call 845-297-5706 or visit www.mtalvernia.org

SENIOR CITIZEN BREAKFAST

Adult Faith Formation of Sacred Heart Parish is inviting senior citizens for a Celebration for Senior Citizens of Newburgh Parishes. Please join us on Saturday, April 30, 2016 in Fr. Gallo Hall at 9:30. There is no charge for this event. RSVP to Sacred Heart Rectory at 845-561-2264 by April 27, 2016.

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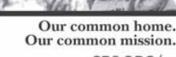


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