

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.

Henry Molina, Theresa Worster, George Drescher, Susan D'Adamo, Daryl Christiansen, Brooks Andrew Brega, Mary Horan, Tia Monemurro, Tommy Valentines, Bridie Bannon, Kyle Petrocelli, Kelly Petrocelli, Jack Ryan, Patty Monti, Arlene Ferraro, Nancy Vertucci, Jennifer Johnson, Stephanie Scalisi, Sebastian DeLuca, Vincent DeStaso, Arthur Donohue, Chris Devine, TJ Hogan, Ivan Lozic, Kathleen Scanlon, GERALYNN LYNN, Noah Diaz, Marie Colucci, Carol Neil, Tom Foerster, Billy Martucci, Baby Lucas, Fred Ratto, Ruth Walker, Fred Palombella, Tommy McGuire, Ann Faicco, Ellen Bloom, Geraldine LoCascio, Evelyn Mack, Ciaran Green, Arthur Ferraro, John Hanley, Daniel Ciarcia, Annette Kilgannon, 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, Vincent Messina, 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, Sr. Joan Pricoli, 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, Gerard Navarro, Ann Saladino and Willy McCue. If you have returned to good health, please call the Rectory Office, ask that your name be removed from Prayer List. No need to call if you wish 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 Nicholas D'Urso, Bill Knips, Connor McKiernan, Paul Golando, Patrick Sullivan and Michael Sullivan.



BANNS

III. Chrissy Gutenberger & Geoffrey Hart



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed during a Holy Hour from 7-8pm every First Friday in Church. The First Friday of each month was designated by our Savior himself as a day to be consecrated to honoring His Sacred Heart. Please consider spending this sacred hour with the Blessed Sacrament on May 4 and every First Friday.

Mass Intentions The Week of 4/28 - 5/6



Saturday, April 28

9:00am Mary & Chas Zajac
req. by The Concannon Family
5:30pm Joe Cummings
req. by Barbara Cummings

Sunday, April 29

8:30am Mass Nancy Prunotto
req. by The Rockland Rodders
10:15am Mass LIVING INTENTION - 50 Wedding Anniversary
Tom & Barbara Deely
req. by The Coto & Ivoncich Families
12Noon Mass Agatha Piscatelli
req. by The Nicholson Family

Monday, April 30

9:00am Mass Jack Garvey
req. by Gerrie & Anthony Garvey

Tuesday, May 1

9:00am Mass Carol Delli Pizzi
req. by St. Francis Scripture Group

Wednesday, May 2

9:00am Mass Vincent Ditrano and Ann & Joe Romano
req. by Kathleen Siegel

Thursday, May 3

9:00am LIVING INTENTION - 60 Wedding Anniversary
Richard & Elizabeth Vilece
req. by Sister Pat Hogan

Friday, May 4

9:00am Jack Garvey
req. by Tuttsie Smith

Saturday, May 5

9:00am Mass for the People
5:30pm Malachy Donoghue
req. by Maureen Donoghue & Family

Sunday, May 6

8:30am Mass Robert Cannon
req. by Jim & Mary Moran
10:15am Mass John McManus
req. by Ann McManus & Family
12Noon Mass Amelia Gugliotta
req. by The Maher 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.”

The Week of 4/29 - 5/5
Fifth Sunday of Easter



Sunday

- Masses - 8:30am; 10:15am; 12noon (Church)
- Family Mass - 10:15am (Church) Share the Word
- Parish Baby Shower - 1pm (Classroom 13,14,15)
- Youth Group - 7pm (Rader Hall)

Monday

- Mass - 9am (Church)
- Senior Citizens - 1pm (Rader Hall)
- Special Religious Education - 3:30pm (Atrium, Classroom 5)
- Communion Rehearsal (Team 3) - 4pm (Church)
- Religious Education Classes - 5-6:30pm
- Adult Faith - 7pm (Classroom 7)
- Confirmation Interviews - 7pm (Classrooms)
- RCIA - 7:30pm (Rectory Chapel Office)

Tuesday

- Mass - 9am (Church)
- Scripture Study - 10am (Classroom 13,14,15)
- Special Religious Education - 3:30pm (Atrium, Classroom 5)
- Religious Education Classes - 4:30-6pm
- Religious Education Classes - 7-8:30pm
- Bereavement Sessions - 7pm (Classroom 6)
- Altar Server Training - 7pm (Church)
- Liturgy & Spirituality Meeting - 7pm (Rectory Chapel Office)

Wednesday

- Mass - 9am (Church)
- Special Religious Education - 3:30pm (Atrium, Classroom 5)
- Religious Education Classes - 4:30-6pm
- Religious Education Classes - 7-8:30pm
- Baptism Class - 7pm (Rectory Chapel Office)

Thursday

- Mass - 9am (Church)
- Clare's Cove - 10am - 3pm
- I Am Special - 10am (Classroom 5)
- Special Religious Education - 3:30pm (Atrium, Classroom 5)
- Religious Education Classes - 5-6:30pm
- Altar Server Training - 7pm (Church)

First Friday

- Mass - 9am (Church)
- Clare's Cove - 10am - 3pm
- American Heritage Girls - 5:30pm (Classroom 13,14,15)
- Wedding Rehearsal - 5:30pm (Church)
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - 7pm (Church)

Saturday

- Mass - 9am (Church)
- Clare's Cove - 10am - 3pm
- First Holy Communion - 11am (Church)
- RCIC - 11:45am (Classrooms)
- Wedding - 3:30pm (Church)
- Confession - 4:30pm (Church)
- Mass - 5:30pm (Church)
- Altar Server Training - 7pm (Church)



Save the Date

The Knights of Columbus
will sponsor our
2nd Annual Bingo
for Prizes this Spring

Thursday, June 14th, 7 pm to 9 pm,
doors open 6 pm

Lots of Prizes to be won



Devotion to Our Blessed Mother

*An Evening of Prayer and Rosary
To Our Lady
Wednesday, May 23rd
7PM*

*Sponsored by
The Liturgy and Spirituality Committee*



God, who reaches out to us in so many ways, we are called again to live in and remain in a deep relationship with your Son, the true vine. Strengthen our desire to respond to his invitation, despite its demands. We pray in the name of the One who calls us to bear fruit. Amen.

The Domestic Church – Part XVII

*The next topic that the Knights of Columbus document *The Family Fully Alive: Building the Domestic Church* covers is “the communion of saints.” It is the suggested theme for November and it calls the family to grow in holiness as individuals and as a group.*

“Like the Church herself, the domestic church is called to be a communion of saints. Our response to the call to holiness is important if we are to become the family God wants us to be. We may think of saints as people who lived long ago or are far removed from our everyday experiences. But the saints are close at hand, and God wants to make each of us a saint....

‘Holiness, the fullness of Christian life, does not consist in carrying out extraordinary enterprises but in being united with Christ, in living his mysteries, in making our own his example, his thoughts, his behavior. The measure of holiness stems from the stature that Christ achieves in us, in as much as with the power of the Holy spirit, we model our whole life on his....

What is the soul of holiness? ... What is the essential? The essential means never leaving a Sunday without an encounter with the Risen Christ in the eucharist; this is not an additional burden but is light for the whole week. It means never beginning and never ending a day without at least a brief contact with God. And, on the path of our life it means following the ‘signposts’ that God has communicated to us in the Ten Commandments, interpreted with Christ, which are merely the explanation of what love is in specific situations....

We might ask ourselves: can we, with our limitations, with our weaknesses, aim so high? During the liturgical Year, the Church invites us to commemorate a host of saints, the ones, that is, who lived charity to the full, who knew how to love and follow Christ in their daily lives. They tell us that it is possible for everyone to take this road....

*I would like to ask all to open themselves to the action of the Holy spirit, who transforms our life, to be, we too, as small pieces in the great mosaic of holiness that God continues to create in history, so that the face of Christ may shine out in the fullness of its splendor. Let us not be afraid to aim high, for God’s heights. (*The Family Fully Alive: Building the Domestic Church*, pages 44-45.)*

Fr. Robert F. McKeon

Church YARD SALE

Now is the perfect time for some spring cleaning.

The 4th Annual St. Francis Community Yard Sale will take place on Saturday, June 9.

You can rent a table to sell your goods for \$25 or simply donate your goods to be sold that day.

All proceeds will benefit St. Francis of Assisi Church.

Please contact Dena at 914-473-8008 for more details.



St. Francis Parish is organizing a “One Day Build” united with the St. Bernard Build and AmeriCorps.

This project is an ongoing effort to help families devastated by Hurricane Sandy.

This effort is opened to “Teens over 16 years of age”!

When: Saturday, May 5th from 7:30 AM to 7:00 PM

Where: in the Sea Bright area of New Jersey

We will leave St. Francis at 7:30 AM and return before 7:00 PM!

How Much of an Impact Can One Volunteer Make?

In one day, a single volunteer - with no previous construction experience can: Mud/spackle several rooms, Install a new floor, Paint a small house

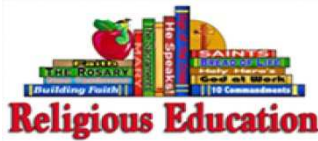
If you would like to take part in this effort, please contact Sr. Pat at 845 634-4957 or at sfaphogan@gmail.com

Include your age and email address

Volunteer forms will then be sent to you!

Parents are needed to assist with the driving.

Limited space - so first come, first serve!



In order for the Religious Education program to continue to meet the needs of our families we depend on the volunteers of our parish. It is never too early to begin planning for next year's success! We are looking for catechists, catechist assistants, family catechesis team members, and general volunteers for next year. Our program depends on the willingness of our parishioners to share their time and faith with our children. Please call the Religious Education Office if you are interested in helping, there is truly something for everyone no matter how much or how little time you can offer we have a place for you.

**CAMP ASSISI VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

Adults, high schoolers and 6th-8th graders are needed to assist with Bible Camp this year. Camp Assisi will be from 8/13-8/17 this +games, skits and sharing enthusiasm for our Catholic faith with children in grades K-5. Please contact kerribennett@optonline.net to join our team!



Adult Faith Formation

Catholicism Series - The Communion of Saints DVD
St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)
Monday, April 30, 2018
Time: 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Room: 7

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 Bottle Redemption Center at 25 N Middletown Road in Nanuet behind Marshalls and mention you are supporting St. Francis of Assisi.

We can all make a difference!



Pajama and Book Program

The St. Francis Youth Group and the Office of Faith Formation would like to thank all who participated in the Pajama Program during this Lenten season. Your generosity will give a book and a pair of pajamas to a needy family.



St. Francis Bread

Catholic Community Services of Rockland is most grateful for your generous donations of food for their pantry. Our next collection will be held in May!



To find out more, visit www.ParishGiving.org

Parish Giving
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PLEASE SAVE THE
DATE SENIOR
RETREAT

Wednesday, May 9, 9:45 AM - 3PM at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, West Nyack. Registration forms available in all parishes in April. Forms will be mailed to previous participants. More details to follow. Catholic Charities Community Services of Rockland, 845-942-5791 ext 17.

2018 NUN RUN 5K

On Saturday, May 12, the Sisters of Saint Dominic of Blauvelt will be hosting their fourth annual Nun Run 5K Run/Walk and second annual Parish Cup Invitational at Saint Dominic's Convent in Blauvelt. for the Parish Cup Invitational. Parishioners from Rockland, Bergen, Orange and Westchester counties are invited to participate on their parish team. On race day, the parish that registers the most team members will be awarded the Parish Cup Invitational Trophy. Please contact Katie, Race Director at 845-359-7327 or kbeckmann@opblauvelt.org.

Europe Pilgrimage Tour (France, Spain, Portugal)

with Rev. Ravi Dasari, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church, DATES: June 17- 29, COST: \$3,999.00 (includes air fare, accommodations, meals, fees, Flamenco show, Eiffel tower, licensed coach, taxes, parking, Masses (at Basilicas) Contacts: 845-359-1230 or secretary@olshtappan.com

ADOPTION

Children in China need homes. More boys available than girls. Older parents and single women welcome. For more information call Barbara Salvesen at 845-623-5277.

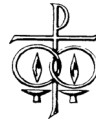


Pentecost is quickly approaching! Spend the next few weeks getting to know THE THIRD PERSON OF THE TRINITY, THE HOLY SPIRIT.

VIEW THE WILD GOOSE SERIES: DISCOVERING A DEEPER RELATIONSHIP WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT.

The Holy Spirit is a love that has been revealed to us by Jesus Christ and that leads us to our heavenly Father. As you walk through this series, pray for the Spirit to breathe life into your heart.

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Our PARISH CODE is: NKXH7T



Annual Golden Wedding
Mass Celebration

Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2018 are invited to attend the Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at Saint Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday, June 3 at 2:15pm.

Pre-registration is required. Please contact your parish to register. The closing date to register for the Mass is Monday, May 14. Event is sponsored by the Family Life & Respect Life of the Archdiocese of New York.

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 meetings this month are May 2 & 15. 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 Monday evenings at the HANDS International Headquarters. Contact Ann Carucci at 845-634-6706.

Child Protection

Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious, or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of NY is asked to contact Sr. Eileen Clifford, at 212-371-1000 x 2949. Sister may also be reached via e-mail at victimassistance@archny.org. Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website, www.archny.org. In keeping with the Archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.