



## 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.

Margaret McKeon, Carol Neil, Steven Lynn, Gillian Knips, Jeronimo Paredes, Thomas Flavin, Erin Miceli, Ann Faicco, Michael Martin, Bridget Kunz, Barbara Ferraro, Celestino Guliman, Aileen Berran, Diane Cooney, Edwin J. Boyle, Edward A. Lopez, Jr, Veronica Rizzo, Dorothy Kelly, John Hanley, Thomas O'Connor Sr, Chris Ravello, Michael Fletcher, Jack Ryan, Demetrios Paltalidis, Jean Cunney, Helen Cunney, TJ Hogan, Maryann Breest, Fiona McCarthy, Maria Pederson, Marion Pfeiffer, Bud Fuchs, Dominique Smallings, Robert Ronan, Jean Marie Lester, Nury Ferrer, Ciaran Green, Sofia Konefal, John Cahill, Noah Diaz, Pierce McManus, George Wolf, Kathleen O'Connor, Sr. Joan Pricoli, Patricia Iannucelli, Christopher Mastropolo, Fred Ratto, Fr. Christopher Zenk, Baby Sofia Grace Velluci, Ann Saladino, Denice Smith, Jimmy Dempsey, Susan Tynatishon, Janet Martin, Dorothy Andrade, Baby West Lines-Gottlock, Mary Valastro, Marie Valentine, Darrin Wiekamp, James Hanley, Edward Boyanoski, John Casale, Stephen Bailey, Jackie Boylan, Madison Martignetti, Gabrielle DiCarlo, Sean O'Dwyer, Barbara McEntee, Jared Cummings, Margaret Cassidy, Isabella Barone, Nella & Mario Ferlich, Elyne Kilkenny, Lucy Navarro, Gerard Navarro, Kiley Fantino-Brunson, Elizabeth Colucci, Sr. Mary Ann Morrelli, and Daniel Hogan Cheatham. If you have returned to good health, please call the Rectory Office and ask that your name be removed from our Prayer List. No need to call if you wish to remain on this 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.

## BAPTISMS



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, **James George McDonnell**, child of James & Lindsay (Wamsley) McDonnell. Please pray for this child and for his parents, that they may be faithful to God's call to salvation.



## BANNS

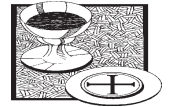
- II. Courtney Regan & Ryan Davan
- III. Virginia Parla & Michael Monahan



## 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 will begin in the fall. If you are interested in joining the RCIA, please contact Sr. Pat at 634-4957.

## Mass Intentions The Week 9/12 - 9/20



### Saturday, September 12

- 9:00am Mass **James P. Murray**  
*req. by Eileen Murray*
- 5:30pm Mass **Annie Lally**  
*req. by Sean & Helen Cunney*

### Sunday, September 13

- 8:30am Mass **Alex Stachnik & The Deceased Members of the Cleary Family**  
*req. by Charlotte Stachnik & Family*
- 10:15am Mass **Vinny Barone**  
*req. by The Barone Family*
- 12Noon Mass **Giovanni & Maria Monaco**  
*req. by Ofelia Monaco*

### Monday, September 14

- 9:00am Mass **Mario Nicoletti**  
*req. by The Nicoletti Family*

### Tuesday, September 15

- 9:00am Mass **Betty Nasisi**  
*req. by John Reynolds*

### Wednesday, September 16

- 9:00am Mass **Dominick Soreco**  
*req. by Joyce Leonard*

### Thursday, September 17

- 9:00am **Jack Higgins**  
*req. by Fran & Nancy*

### Friday, September 18

- 9:00am **William Sharkey**  
*req. by Donald & Susan Larkin*

### Saturday, September 19

- 9:00am **Mass for the People**
- 5:30pm Mass **Fr. Dennis Fernandes and Grace & Alphonse Anderrocci**  
*req. by Dr. & Mrs. Richard Kubik*

### Sunday, September 20

- 8:30am Mass **The Deceased Members of the Jenks Family**  
*req. by Marion Bean*
- 10:15am Mass **Eileen & Timothy Herlihy**  
*req. by Teddy, Diana Herlihy & Family*
- 12Noon Mass **John Gilmore**  
*req. by The Brosnan Family*



*If you have arranged 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 9/13 - 9/19**  
**Twenty-Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

**Sunday**

- Masses - 8:30am; 10:15am; 12noon (Church)
- Family Mass - 10:15am (Church)
- Ice Cream Social Rehearsal - 3pm (Rader Hall)

**Monday**

- Mass - 9am (Church)
- Senior Citizens - 1pm (Rader Hall)
- Ice Cream Social Rehearsal - 6pm (Rader Hall)
- ALANON - 7pm (Classroom 11)
- Catholic Daughters - 7pm (Classroom 13,14,15)
- RCIA - 7:30pm (Rectory Chapel Office)

**Tuesday**

- Mass - 9am (Church)
- Bereavement - 7pm (Classroom 6)
- Knights of Columbus - 8pm

**Wednesday**

- Mass - 9am (Church)

**Thursday**

- Mass - 9am (Church)
- Clare's Cove - 10am-3pm
- Teacher's Opening Meeting - 6:30pm (Rader Hall)
- Wedding Rehearsal - 7pm (Church)

**Friday**

- Mass - 9am (Church)
- Clare's Cove - 10am-3pm
- Women's Cornerstone (Rader Hall & Classrooms)

**Saturday**

- Women's Cornerstone (Rader Hall & Classrooms)
- Mass - 9am (Church)
- Clare's Cove - 10am-3pm
- Book Discussion - 10am (Rectory Dining Room)
- Wedding - 3pm (Church)
- Confessions - 4:30pm (Church)
- Mass - 5:30pm (Church)

**September is Hunger Awareness Month**  
**in Rockland County**

"Hunger" exists in Rockland County. Statistics certainly affirm the purpose of the **St. Francis Bread Ministry**.

*Myth: Rockland is affluent with few people who go hungry*

**Fact:** Over 20,000 people in Rockland are served by local Food Pantries EACH MONTH;

*Myth: Only destitute residents rely on Food Pantries*

**Fact:** 1 in 7 people in the US do not have enough food; 1 in 4 people in Rockland live at 200% of poverty or below; that equates to a family of 4 making \$40,000 or less per year

*Myth: Rockland's pantries are well staffed & funded*

**Fact:** More than half are operated by volunteers and their budgets are expected to be cut significantly in 2015.

**St. Francis Bread** will be collecting food from September 19-27 after all of the Masses.

**We are a Tithing Parish**

This Year's Collection for 9/6/2015  
 was \$8,531.00  
 Last Year's Collection for 9/7/2014  
 was \$10,345.00

**Bereavement Sessions**  
**(Ministry of Consolation)**

St Francis of Assisi, West Nyack, **Tuesdays, 7:00 PM- 8:30 PM, September 15 through October 20.** Please call the rectory at 634-4957. If you have lost a loved one, come for discussion, understanding and faith in healing.

**Women's Book Discussion**  
**The Nightingale ~ Kristin Hannah**

**When:** September 19  
**Time:** 10:00am (Rectory Dining Room)

**Scripture Study ~ Paul's Letter to the Philippians**

St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians gives us a vivid impression of the early Christian's experience of Jesus. This letter is an "openhearted letter", a letter between friends about their relationship with their mutual friend, Jesus.

**When:** Tuesday mornings, September 22, 29, October 6, 13, 20  
**Time:** 10:00 - 11:15 AM, **Rooms:** 13, 14, 15

**An Evening of Prayer and Reflection on the**  
**Ministry of Grand-Parenting**  
**Presented by Virginia Brown**

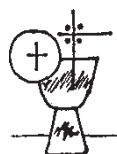
Please treat yourself to this "up-lifting" presentation and come away with a deeper appreciation of your role as a grandparent! It is an opportunity for you to reflect on both the challenges and the joys of being a grandparent. Invite a friend to join you. You will be delighted you did!

**When:** Monday, September 28th  
**Time:** 7:00 PM  
**Where:** St. Francis of Assisi Church, West Nyack

**2016**  
**Mass Intentions**



**The 2016 Mass Book will open on Friday, September 18, 2015.** Anyone wishing to have a Mass celebrated during the year 2016 can come to the rectory, enter through the front door starting at **10am**. Reservations will be on first-come, first-served basis.



**Priest - Celebrants for 9/19 - 9/20**

5:30pm	Fr. Richard
8:30am	Fr. Richard
10:15am	Fr. McKeon
12 Noon	Fr. McKeon

## ***Forms of Consecrated Life***

*We are within the Year of Consecrated Life in the Universal Church and I want to dedicate this article to this topic. The reasons behind this are not only the fact that Pope Francis, who declared the Year of Consecrated Life, is coming to New York in just two short weeks but also due to the fact that we have two consecrated women on the staff of our Parish. Yes, that's right, two consecrated women.*

*You are very aware of Sr. Pat Hogan who two years ago celebrated her fiftieth anniversary in consecrated life. Sr. Pat is a member of the Dominican Sisters of Sparkhill and has taken vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. These vows are more formally called the evangelical counsels because they call a woman (or man) in religious life to live the virtues and counsels of the Gospel in concrete ways and in holiness of life. Along with the vows, religious live a specific charism that guides their ministry and service to the Church. In the case of Sr. Pat, the Dominican Sisters of Sparkhill have a specific goal of the proclamation of the reign of God through a ministry for justice.*

*The other consecrated woman on our staff is Nancy Doran, our Faith Formation Director. Nancy is a widow and in recent years has discerned a call to consecrated life. As a result, she has joined a religious community called the Society of Sister for the Church. Officially established by ecclesiastical authority in 1976, these sisters live as vowed religious women as they work for and with the people of God, the Church. They are under the direction and sponsorship of the Bishop of Paterson, NJ as their ecclesiastical authority. This Society allows women to live alone or with others but not a communal lifestyle with no "corporate property" (meaning that property and possessions are still owned by the individual woman). As celibate women, the Society of Sisters for the Church live prayerfully and simply and dedicate themselves, through private vows of celibacy, obedience and poverty, to serve the apostolic needs of the Church.*

*Please pray for these women as they live out their consecration to God for us and the whole Church. May many more women follow in their footsteps for the future of the Church and the Kingdom of God!*

*Fr. Robert F. McKeon*

## **WOMEN'S CORNERSTONE 2015**

Read what some of our past attendees had to say about Cornerstone...

*"During and after the retreat, I found an inner peace." ...Georgiann*

*"I felt going on a spiritual retreat wasn't for me but it was the best thing I ever did. I felt so amazing, loved, and closer to GOD." ...Adrienne*

*"I was invited by a friend to attend the Cornerstone Retreat. Although I had reservations at first, I came away with a renewed feeling of peace, spirituality and closeness to God." ...Betty*



**Please join us  
WOMEN'S CORNERSTONE 2015  
26 hours of quality time with God and some fantastic women**

Who: Women from 18 to 100+

When: Friday Evening September 18, 2015 thru  
Saturday Evening September 19, 2015

Where: St. Francis of Assisi Rader Hall

Why: YOU are unique.  
YOUR life is unique.  
YOU are an amazing woman.  
YOUR story is part of God's story.



Come and see how God is working in your life and in the lives of others. Here is a casual, stress-free opportunity to have some "Me" time with God. Become everything that you were created to be! Our goal at Cornerstone is to help you develop a stronger connection to God so that you may live the life God wants you to live.

Please Contact Ann Marie Ferraro 845-634-6403.

## From the Religious Education Office

**2015-2016 Religious Education School Year:** Now that school is back in session, religious education classes are not far behind! Religious education classes will begin according to the following schedule:

Monday, September 21st: 5th Grade will meet from 5:00 - 6:30 PM

Tuesday, September 22nd: 3rd Grade will meet from 4:00 - 5:30 PM

7th Grade will meet from 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Wednesday, September 23rd: 4th Grade will meet from 4:00 - 5:30 PM

9th Grade will meet from 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Thursday, September 24th: 2nd Grade will meet from 4:00 - 5:30 PM

6th Grade will meet from 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Saturday, September 26th: Kindergarten and 1st Grades will meet from 9:30 - 11:00 AM

All classes (except 9th grade) will gather in Rader Hall to be assigned a class. Ninth grades will go directly to their classroom.

The 8th grade classes will start on Wednesday, November 18th. Additional information will be sent home regarding 8th grade classes.



**Catechists Needed:** We are still in need of catechists to teach 5th and 6th grade religion classes. If you are interested in passing along your faith to the children of our parish, please call the Religious Education Office at 638-4215. Fifth Grade meets on Monday afternoons from 5:00 - 6:30, and 6th grade meets Thursday evenings from 7:00 - 8:30.

**Registration for I Am Special Pre-School Programs:** We are currently holding registration for our Monday program for 3 year-olds, and Thursday program for 4 year olds. The Monday program meets from 9:30 - 11:00 AM, and the Thursday program meets from 10:00 - 11:30 AM. Please call the Religious Education Office for more information, 638-4215.

**Reminder to our 2nd, 8th and 9th Grade Students:** If you are looking for the Mass attendance slips that are handed to Fr. McKeon, Fr. Richard or Fr. Anthony after Mass, you can find them on the St. Francis website, [www.stfrancis-assisi.org](http://www.stfrancis-assisi.org), on the Faith Formation page, under Weekly Mass Attendance Form.

**Catechist Formation Classes:** The following Level 1 classes will be held for catechists and home school parents:

Monday, September 14th - Christian Prayer

Monday, September 21st - Faith and Discipleship

Classes are held in the Msgr. Edward J. Weber Education Center, from 7:00 - 9:00 PM.



If you have a child older than 2nd grade who may have missed a sacrament (Baptism, First Penance, First Communion or Confirmation), and they need to be prepared to receive the sacrament so they may enter the religious education program, please contact the Religious Education Office at 638-4215.



**Please Join Us At Our  
Annual Fall Family Festival**

Sunday, September 27th, 2015  
Immediately Following the Noon Mass

**FUN ~ FOOD ~ MUSIC ~ GAMES...**

Sponsored By:  
The Office of Religious Education  
The Catholic Daughters of The Americas  
The Knights of Columbus  
Additional Information To Follow

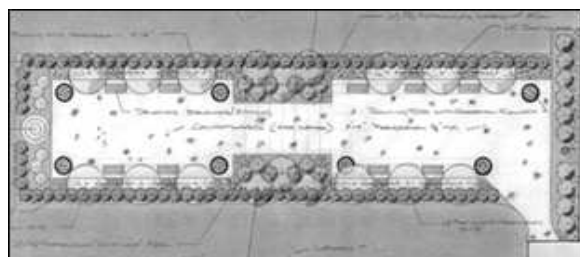


**Save the Date:**

**September 25th through November 6th.**

The Christlife series will once again be offered here at St. Francis beginning with the Discovering Christ Course. The goals of the seven week course are to help participants enter or renew a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, experience the love of the Father and to be empowered by the Holy Spirit to live as his disciples in the Catholic Church. The evening begins at 6:30pm with a meal and fellowship, followed by prayer, teachings and small group discussion. The evening concludes at approximately 9:30pm. For additional information email GiGi Sico at [gigi.sico@yahoo.com](mailto:gigi.sico@yahoo.com) or call the rectory 845-634-4957. Flyers are available in the Narthex.

## *St. Francis of Assisi Prayer Garden*



*Remember that prayer experiences are all different.*

*Allow yourself to receive whatever comes to you,  
without expectations of what should happen.*

*May the St. Francis of Assisi Prayer Garden bring you comfort,  
serenity and healing in this sacred space.*

Please contact Mary 845-634-4957 or [marymcorretjer@aol.com](mailto:marymcorretjer@aol.com)  
with any questions.



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ONLINE - ParishPay.com

PHONE - 866-PARISH-1, 866-727-4741

ENROLLMENT CARD - Return card to St. Francis Rectory

## CLARE'S COVE

We are getting ready! The shelves are stocked, and the racks being filled. Donations of books, household items and clothing will be accepted. Please, NO LARGE BLACK PLASTIC BAGS. Clare's Cove will reopen on Thursday, September 17th. We look forward to seeing all our long time shoppers, and greeting newcomers to our shop.

**Please Join Us at Our Annual Golf Tournament to be held Monday, September 21, 2015 at the Phillip J. Rotella Golf Course.**

Registration begins at 10am, Tee Off is 11am Shotgun start. Lunch will be served, dinner and awards are 5:00pm. The cost is \$150 per golfer. Register by taking a brochure located in the narthex and returning it to rectory. Come and spend a beautiful day with your fellow parishioners.



## DANCING WITH ST. FRANCIS STARS FUNDRAISER

Friday, October 2, 2015 ~ 7:30 P.M.  
ALBERTUS MAGNUS HS  
\$35 per person

BYOB: Beer or Wine  
Light Refreshments Provided  
Doors Open at 7pm



**Knights of Columbus CHARITIES**  
*United in Charity.*

The Knights of Columbus 300 Club event will be on Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, at St. Francis of Assisi, Rader Hall from 12:00 Noon to 4:00 PM at \$20.00 per ticket. More details to follow.

## 3rd Annual Ice Cream Social Fundraiser



Saturday, October 10th at 7:00 PM and Sunday October 11th, at 2PM, St. Francis of Assisi will host its third annual Ice Cream Social in Rader Hall. Proceeds from this years fundraiser will benefit the family of Larisa Karassik.

Join us for a super-fun event consisting of ice cream sundaes, silly antics, and an awesome series of comedic skits in which a group of young volunteers bring their favorite Super Hero and Super Villian characters to life. We hope that everyone will turn out for this annual family fun event, which promises to be both delicious and entertaining. Children are encouraged to come in costume! Cost will be \$10.00 per person. Tickets can be purchased at the door.

If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer for this event, please contact Kathy Hoehmann: [cbhoehmann@gmail.com](mailto:cbhoehmann@gmail.com) or 914-522-5956.

## Calling all chefs and bakers.....

The St. Francis Fall Festival will be held on Sunday September 27th., following the 12:00 mass. All are invited to join us for an afternoon filled with fun, food and friends. We are currently looking for people to enter the pie baking and chili cookoff contests. If you have a favorite homemade recipe or a new one that you'd like to tryout please consider entering.. Monetary prizes will be awarded in 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. For more information, please see the sign up sheet in the Narthex. Hope to see you all there.

## Murder At The Masquerade



Saturday, October 17, 2015

St. Francis Church, West Nyack ~ Rader Hall ~ 7pm

All You Can Eat Buffet Dinner, Beer, Wine and A Comedy Murder Mystery Show by *The Killing Kompany* (NY City's Leading Comedy Mystery Dinner Theater Group)



Tickets \$45 per person / \$80 per couple  
Contact Alice Van Cott at 845-642-6705

Sponsored by the CDA ~ Court St. Clare of Assisi



### Our Journey Continues.....

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City State Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_

We/I hereby pledge our/my gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to be paid in installments of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ over a period of \_\_\_\_\_ years.

Payments made:    monthly                      quarterly                      annually                      other \_\_\_\_\_ (circle one)

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*"Start by doing what is necessary, then what is possible, and suddenly you are doing the impossible." - St. Francis of Assisi*