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DEVOTIONS AND FAMILY PROGRAMS

Saturday Evening Mass----- 4:30 pm
Sunday Masses-----8:00 & 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 Hour----- Wednesday evenings from 5:00 to 6:00 pm
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

The Building of God's Church is an ongoing Mission. Please remember the Church and "in particular" your Parish in your will.



Saint Vincent Ferrer was born in Valencia, Spain in 1350. A Dominican preacher he died in Vannes, France in 1419. On the homily of a priest at Mass, he once wrote : " Each sinner in your congregation should feel moved as though you were preaching to him alone. Your words should sound as though they were coming, not from a proud or angry soul, but from a charitable and loving heart. Your tone of voice should be that of a father who suffers with his sinful children ... He struggles to free them, raise them up, and cherish them like a mother ... Whether you are gently encouraging the fainthearted or putting the fear of God into the hardhearted, the penitent should feel that you are motivated only by pure love. " I was baptized at Saint Vincent Ferrer in Manhattan. Parishioners must also pray for their priests, who also struggle with weaknesses like everybody else does. When people mock or judge others who make mistakes, I cringe deeply. Every one of us would be blushing if all of our thoughts and actions were exposed to the public. I often hear self-righteousness from those purporting to be Christian, while throwing the keys away from certain types of sinners. This attitude is not of Jesus.

Pope Francis recently issued a document of 60,000 words entitled " On Love In The Family. ". He addressed many Catholics, who are struggling in their relationship with the Church. Many of those feeling distanced may be in new marriages that are civil in nature, not sanctioned by the Church. Where the document leads in terms of defined policy is in the domain of the Holy Spirit, but these words in part from Pope Francis can apply to either individuals or families. " By thinking that everything is black and white, we sometimes close off the way of grace and of growth... Even people in an objective state of sin can be eligible to receive the help of the sacraments... No family (person) drops down from heaven perfectly formed. Marriage (relationships) entails a mixture of enjoyment and struggles, tensions and repose, pain and relief, satisfactions and longings, annoyances and pleasures... Stress on families (individuals) can be aggravated by fears about steady employment, finances and the future of children... (Recalling the breakdown of nearly half of marriages) and recalled that Jesus showed compassion for an adulterous woman. " People of a parish including the priest need to absorb these spiritual treasures of insight. In no way do these reflections condone sin or imply not struggling to overcome them, " as the truth will set us free. " But, every person struggles with temptations and sinful orientations that often emerge when one is under great pressure or confusion about life. To write someone off or banish them is not the way of Jesus. Our Lord was particularly merciful to the imprisoned. Jesus also reached out to the homeless and hungry. On April 10 at two o'clock on a gorgeous afternoon, our parish dedicated the food pantry to Deacon Jack Seymour who reflected faith in action back in 1997 as the guiding spirit to such a humanitarian venture here at Saint Francis of Assisi. Three families initially came when the pantry was located at our parochial school. As the numbers expanded of the needy, the apostolate ventured to O'Connor Hall and then across the street to the 1909 original church and school. There is no judgment of those entering the pantry doors : very Jesus like. Father Bill

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. April 18

7:00am Souls in Purgatory
By Loving Daughters
Noon Diane Dempskie
By Friend

Tues. April 19

7:00am Craig MacFarland
By Wife
Noon Louise Dubaldi
By Carmela & David Rupp

Wed. April 20

7:00am Richard Evans Jr.
(30th Anniv)
By Michael & Colleen Corizzo

Wed. April 13 (cont)

Noon Helene Kerin
Health & Blessings
By CDA Members of
Court Patricia

Thur. April 21

7:00am Helene Kerin
By St. Francis Friends
Noon Irene Parisi
By Gloria & Sam Yonnone

Fri. April 22

7:00am Stanley Prekel
(23rd Anniv)
By Ron & Fran Soltis
Noon Anthony M. Formato
By His Wife, Frieda

Sat. April 23

Noon St. Francis Parish
Ministries
4:30pm Barry & Therese Conklin
By Family

Sun. April 24

8:00am Frances Dabroski
By Bill & Marion Pushman
11:00am Bill Cathcart
By Wife, Barbara & Family

Weekly Collection 

April 9-10, 2016

1st Collection \$7228.00
.....2nd Collection.. 1992.00
TOTAL...\$9220.00

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 Ministries

MASS ATTENDANCE

April 9-10, 2016
4:30 pm 215
8:00 am 160
11:00 am 340
Total 715

The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy is recited on Sundays at 10:40 am before the 11 am Mass
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Our Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesday from 5 pm to 6 pm will be for the special intention of The Unborn.

Eucharistic Minsters needed 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 One Pound Packages of Pasta & Sauce 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 !!

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

April 17 THIS SUNDAY Com join us at our Coffee and Bagel Hour after the 8 am Mass.

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.

**Cancer is the second leading cause of death in New York State.** Cancer Prevention Screenings help to detect cancer early, when treatments can be more successful. If having no insurance is a barrier to preventative care, the YWCA's Cancer Services Program Orange County (CSPOC) can help. NO COST breast and cervical cancer screenings for eligible women 40+ in age and no cost colorectal cancer screenings for eligible women and men 50+ are available through the CSPOC. The CSPOC will coordinate appointments with participating providers. Please call for information 845-561-8050, ext 15



*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

MY CHOICE Pregnancy Care Center 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Fundraiser. Sunday, April 24 from 4:30 to 7:00 pm, Goodwill Church, Route 207 Montgomery, NY PSVP no later than April 15<sup>th</sup> for more info, call 845-561-3057.

## Catholic School Regional 5K Race – April 23<sup>rd</sup> At Burke Catholic High School, Goshen.

Support local Catholic elementary schools in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual 5k Run/Walk. Registration begins at 7:30 am and race time is at 8:30 am. To register, go to [www.uso5k.com](http://www.uso5k.com)<<http://www.uso5k.com>>. This fun, family, fitness event continues to grow each year and brings together Catholic School students, parents, faculty, administrators, alumni and supporters. Event sponsors are needed. For more info contact Christine Bodeker at 845-590-2869 or [ccb44@optonline.net](mailto:ccb44@optonline.net)<<mailto:ccb44@optonline.net>>

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.

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

We are looking to have Boy Scout and Girl Scout 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.**

## **SANDS CASINO, PA-- BUS TRIP on April 19**

On Tuesday, (4/19) The VFW Post 1161 and CWV Post 386 will co-host this bus trip. Everyone is welcome to join in for a day of fun and excitement. Departure is 8:30 am from the Newburgh Wal-Mart parking lot. The bus will depart for home around 4:30 pm. **Tickets are \$35 per person.** Each person receives a \$35 package consisting of \$30 in FREE slot play and a \$5 found coupon, plus a chance to win this trip free. Please call John Raszcewski at 845-562-3705. Marke checks payable to VFW 1161.



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**25<sup>th</sup> Annual Capuchin Appalachian Mission**

July 9-17, 2016. Teens and adults travel in a fleet of vehicles filled with clothes and books for the needy, tools, and materials, from CYFM in Garrison to Harlan, KY, to serve in one of the poorest areas of the United States. Challenge yourself and join us, send in your application today. Fee is \$225 plus required fundraising; application and \$100 deposit. Deposit due by April 25. For more info call 845-424-3609.

**THE CARDINALS STEWARDSHIP APPEAL**

The 2016 Cardinals Stewardship Appeal has begun. 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.

THANK YOU to Mr. & Mrs. Robert Coffey, Mr. & Mrs. Michael Colandrea, Mr. & Mrs. George Ewanich, Mr. & Mrs. Harold Heno III, Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Mattarocchia, Ms. Marie Mills, Mr. & Mrs. Philip Montrone, Ms. Carol Probst, Mrs. Katherine Valenzano, The Welsh Family, and Mr. & Mrs. Gary Wenzel

. **Our goal is \$39,500** and so far we have reached \$21,421.21. We are more than half way there. We can do this! **PLEASE REMEMBER TO MAKE YOUR DONATION TODAY!**

ABC PIZZA in New Windsor is in need for Kitchen Help and Waitress. Apply in person. 562-2060.

***COUPLES CELEBRATING THEIR 50<sup>TH</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1:30 pm or Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

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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.

Girls' Day-By-Day-Agape (DDA) Retreat, April 21-24 2016: For and by high school teens 15+ years. Teen TEAM members present talks on their own lives, struggles and triumphs in Christ: Registration deadline is April 19, 2016. For more info call: 845-424-3609.

Capuchin Outreach Program (COP) June 26-July 1, 2016—A "FRAN"-tastic opportunity for high school students to earn service hours and find joy in serving the needy of the Hudson Valley. From help fixing homes to outreach to the elderly and sick. Challenge YOURSELF and join us, send in your application today. Fee \$225 plus required fundraising; application & \$125 deposit due by April 25. Visit our website: CYFM.org or call 845-424-3609 for more info.

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.

BECOME A MEMBER OF OUR PARISH TODAY

__YES! I want to register as a member of St. Francis of Assisi Parish and receive offertory envelopes.

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