March 1, 2020  •  First Sunday of Lent

“...One does not live by bread alone but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.”
Matthew 4: 4
**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.


If you know of any of the above named who should be removed from the list due to a return to good health, please inform the Rectory Office. No call is necessary to remain on the list. They 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 Gandelos, Nicholas D’Urso, Connor McKiernan, and Patrick Sullivan.

**The Week of 3/1 - 3/8**

- **Saturday, February 29**  
  5:30pm Mass: Nicholas Tammarra  
  req. by Anthony & Maryann Ferrara

- **Sunday, March 1**  
  8:30am Mass: Frank Aiello and Frank & Santa Millo  
  req. by Mafalda & Rosalie Aiello  
  10:15am Mass: Mike, Mary & John Staunton  
  req. by Sean & Helen Cutney  
  12Noon Mass: Blanche & Vinny Giangaspro  
  req. by Ofelia Monaco

- **Monday, March 2**  
  9:00am Mass: James Devine  
  req. by The Bongiorno Family

- **Tuesday, March 3**  
  9:00am Mass: Nancy Ellen Foerster  
  req. by Bea Foerster

- **Wednesday, March 4**  
  9:00am Mass: Mass for the People

- **Thursday, March 5**  
  9:00am Mass: James Edward Devine  
  req. by Janetlee & John Pilliteri

- **Friday, March 6**  
  9:00am Mass: Vincent Briant, Robert Hammer & Robert Robinson  
  req. by Paula & Pierce McManus

- **Saturday, March 7**  
  9:00am Mass: LIVING INTENTION ~ (Birthdays)  
  Germain & Lea Calixte  
  5:30pm Mass: Mary & Jerry Campion  
  req. by Maureen Donoghue & Family

- **Sunday, March 8**  
  8:30am Mass: Robert Schweizer & Caroline Hinkle  
  req. by Susann Schweizer  
  10:15am Mass: Susan Lemon  
  req. by Ann McManus & Family  
  12Noon Mass: Joseph & Jack Casey  
  req. by The Concannon 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.”

**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.
### The Week of 3/1 - 3/8

#### First Sunday of Lent

**Sunday**
- Masses - 8:30am; 10:15am; 12noon (Church)
- Share the Word - 10:15am (Classrooms 1,2,3)
- Baptism - 1:30pm (Church)
- Youth Group Meeting - 7pm (Rader Hall)

**Monday**
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - 8am-9pm (Rectory Chapel)
- Morning Prayer - 8:45am (Church)
- Mass - 9am (Church)
- Senior Citizens - 1pm (Rader Hall)
- Religious Education Classes - 5-6:30pm
- Adult Faith - 7pm (Conference Room)
- Women’s Cornerstone Meeting - 7pm (Classrooms 1,2)
- RCIA - 7:30pm (Rectory Dining Room)
- Respect Life Mass - 7:30pm (Church)
- Knights of Columbus Meeting - 8pm

**Tuesday**
- Morning Prayer - 8:45am (Church)
- Mass - 9am (Church)
- Scripture Study - 10am (Classrooms 13,14,15)
- Religious Education Classes - 4:30-6pm
- Altar Server Training - 6:30pm (Church)
- Religious Education Classes - 7-8:30pm
- Liturgy Committee Meeting - 7pm (Rectory Chapel Office)
- Catholic Daughters Officers Meeting - 7pm (Classroom 15)
- Choir Rehearsal - 7:30pm (Church)

**Wednesday**
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - 8am-9pm (Rectory Chapel)
- Morning Prayer - 8:45am (Church)
- Mass - 9am (Church)
- Religious Education Classes - 4:30-6pm
- Religious Education Classes - 7-8:30pm
- Baptism Class - 7pm (Rectory Chapel Office)
- First Communion Parent Meeting - 7:15pm (Rader Hall)

**Thursday**
- Morning Prayer - 8:45am (Church)
- Mass - 9:00am (Church)
- Clare’s Cove - 10am - 3pm
- Religious Education Classes - 5-6:30pm
- Women’s Cornerstone Meeting - 7pm (Classroom 4)
- Catholic in Recovery Meeting - 7:30pm (Classroom 15)

**First Friday**
- Morning Prayer - 8:45am (Church)
- Mass - 9am (Church)
- Clare’s Cove - 10am - 3pm
- Lenten Souper Supper - 6pm (Rader Hall)
- Stations of the Cross - 7pm (Church)
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - 7pm (Church)

**Saturday**
- Morning Prayer - 8:45am (Church)
- Mass - 9am (Church)
- Clare’s Cove - 10am - 3pm
- Baptism - 1pm (Church)
- Confession - 4:30pm (Church)
- Mass - 5:30pm (Church)
- Catholic Daughters Military Bridge - 6-30pm (Rader Hall)

**Sunday**
- Masses - 8:30am; 10:15am; 12noon (Church)
- Share the Word - 10:15am (Classrooms 1,2,3)
- Taize - 7pm (Church)
- Youth Group Meeting - 7pm (Rader Hall)

This year’s Collection for 2/23/2020 was $7,743.25
Last year’s Collection for 2/24/2019 was $8,258.25

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**Lenten Morning Prayer**

The Morning Prayer of the Church will be recited Monday through Saturday, before Mass at 8:45am. This is an opportunity to begin our day in union with the whole Church in praising God.

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**Lenten Stations of the Cross**

Friday Evenings During Lent
St. Francis of Assisi Church ~ 7:00PM

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**First Friday Holy Hour**

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed during a Holy Hour from 7-8pm every First Friday in the 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 **March 6th** and every First Friday.

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**Support-A-Baby**

The weekend of **March 7-8** will be Support-A-Baby weekend. Our boxes will be in the Narthex to accept your donations. We greatly appreciate the generous response you, our parishioners have shown in the past to help us assist Birthright in their work with needy mothers. We thank you for your continued support.

The regular Support-A-Baby program will not be held in April out of respect for the Holy days of Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. Support-A-Baby will continue the first weekend in May.

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**St. Francis Prayer Shawl Ministry** will meet on Wednesday, **March 18th**. New members are most welcome. For more information, please call Sr. Pat at (845)634-4957 or email at sfaphogan@gmail.com

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**Save The Date**

**Upcoming Liturgical Events**

Lenten Stations of the Cross ~ Friday Evenings - 7pm
Taize ~ Sunday, March 8th - 7pm
Parish Mission ~ Monday-Wednesday, March 23-25
Reconciliation Monday ~ Monday, April 6

Watch the bulletin for more details and more upcoming liturgies.
Lent ~ the Basics

Why Prayer, Fasting and Alms? The Lenten basic practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving are rooted in Jesus’ original guidance about how to be his disciples that we find in the Sermon on the Mount (Mt ch. 5-7). *The Catechism of the Catholic Church (#1966-1972) also reminds us that Jesus here outlines for us the new law which, if we embrace and implement it, will lead us more surely to the interior renewal and growth in holiness and perfection that Jesus expects of us as his disciples.*

Should I Set Lenten Goals? Absolutely. Reflect prayerfully about your Lenten resolutions before making them. Then make yourself a list. But be modest. You may be setting yourself up for disappointment if you set unrealistic goals. And doing a little with love and devotion is spiritually more beneficial than trying to do much but doing it halfheartedly.

The Three Lenten Disciplines

Fasting: Expresses our desire to find happiness in God rather than in the satisfaction of our physical needs. The control we gain over our appetites helps us recognize more deeply that all true and lasting pleasure comes from God. Knowing this we are freed to gratefully accept food and savor it, or to avoid or limit foods that we know are unhealthy for us. Through fasting, our relationship to ourselves is reoriented toward God.

Almsgiving: Provides assistance to the poor among us and helps us recognize God as the true source of our security. Property and wealth exercise less control over us when we give away or share our wealth out of love for God and for others. Almsgiving is a way of bringing our relationship to others into the orbit of Christ’s love.

More about **The Three Lenten Disciplines** and **The Symbols of Lent** next week.
**Lenten Supper Supper**

**Friday, March 6, 2020**

6:00 PM in Rader Hall

Come and join with your Parish family for a simple Lenten meal before Stations of the Cross.

Dinner will consist of a choice of 2 soups, macaroni and cheese and a salad.

Stations of the Cross will follow immediately after dinner in the church. Families are invited to bring their children and join in the meal and Stations of the Cross. This event is open to the entire Parish; it is a wonderful opportunity to share in Lenten prayer as a community.

A Family Catechesis Opportunity sponsored by the Adult Faith and Family Catechesis teams

Please RSVP to the RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE no later than March 3rd: (845)638-4215 / stfrancisprepoffice@gmail.com

We look forward to sharing this evening with you.

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**TAIZE EVENING OF PRAYER**

What is a Taize Evening of Prayer?
Taize prayer is meditative prayer.

We are invited to this meditative prayer by singing “scriptural chants”. Included in this time of prayer and music, there will be an opportunity for each person to come before the foot of the Cross and leave personal burdens, hurts, or concerns with the Crucified Christ.

Where: St. Francis of Assisi Church
When: Sunday, March 8th
Time: 7:00 PM

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**SAVE THE DATE… March 27-28, 2020**

What: Cornerstone Retreat
Who: Catholics from 18 – 100+
When: Friday 6:30 PM – Saturday 9:00 PM

Come spend some time to see how God is working in your life and in the lives of others!
Give yourself a casual, stress-free opportunity to have some “ME” time with God.
Become everything that you were created to be!
Develop a stronger connection to God so that you may live the life God wants you to live.
Make the effort, because the best things happen when you least expect them!

Please pick up your application in the Narthex!

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**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH**

**CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS FOR 2019**

This year the 2019 donations letters will be sent out upon request. If you need a letter of your 2019 contributions to our Sunday, Holy Day and Special Collections, kindly contact the Rectory office via email (stfrancisassisi@gmail.com), phone (845-634-4957) or mail. Please include your full name, address, contact phone number and envelope number. Thank you.

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**BOOK STUDY**

*The Return of the Prodigal Son* by Henri J. M. Nouwen

The powerful Gospel story, Rembrandt’s painting, and Nouwen’s book help us look at the themes of jealousy, anger, homecoming, affirmation, and reconciliation.

Date: March 2, 2020
Time: 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM
Place: Religious Ed Conference Room
Diving into the beauty of the faith has never been easier. Join Formed.org - a video on demand and digital content service that features audio, video, eBooks, documentaries and feature-length films from some of the world’s most credible Catholic sources. There is something for every member of the family to help them grow closer to Christ and His Church.

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Save the Date

Golden Jubilee Wedding Mass
Sunday, June 7, 2020 at 2:30 PM Saint Patrick’s Cathedral
His Eminence, Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan Celebrant.

The Golden Jubilee Mass is for couples celebrating 50 years of marriage during 2020. All those who wish to attend must register with their parish and will be given a ticket for admission. Pews will be reserved for Golden Jubilee couples only. Additional guests will be accommodated in pews outside of the reserved section in general seating (up to 4 guests). All Golden Jubilee couples will receive a commemorative certificate. Couples who are unable to attend the Mass but are celebrating 50 years of marriage can also register with their parish to receive a certificate.

Registration will close on Monday, May 18, 2020 at 5:00 PM.

Someone Who Can Listen
Everyone goes through crises sometimes. When that is happening, we can benefit from a conversation with an experienced professional counselor who shares our Catholic perspective. Our parish can make a connection for you through the archdiocese's PARISH COUNSELING NETWORK. Our parishioners can make an appointment to meet with a professional counselor in Rockland County or anywhere in the archdiocese for up to six meetings, with only a $10 co-pay per session. Tell Father that you would like to talk with a counselor. He will contact the appointment desk on your behalf and then you can call and arrange your first visit. If interested, please contact the Rectory (845)634-4957.

Blessed are the parishioners, who use their numbered envelopes; who write the amount in the correct box; who seal the envelope without scotch tape, name stickers, or staples; and do not tie the paper in knots or fold the money or checks in envelope. Thanks...for this makes our work easier!!!

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.

To find out more visit www.ParishGiving.org
Parish Giving 1707 Fourth St, Trenton, NJ 08638
(866)307-7140 info@ParishGiving.org

40 Days for Life
Please consider one hour a week for Lent praying on public property outside Planned Parenthood in Spring Valley. God hears every prayer! For more information, please contact (845)492-6709 or Rachelminister1@aol.com.

Day of Prayer and Reflection for Liturgical Ministers
Saturday, March 7, 2020 10 am–3 pm
St. Joseph’s Seminary, Yonkers
Please be advised that this event is now SOLD OUT and no longer accepting registrations. Please visit nyliturgy.org/workshops for information on future liturgy and music events.

Healing And Nurturing Distraught Survivors
H.A.N.D.S 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 March 4 & 17. Services are free of charge. Ann is also available for personal one-on-one counseling sessions. H.A.N.D.S. has a Widows And Widowers Group facilitated by Ann Carucci, who lost her husband. These meetings are held every Monday evening at H.A.N.D.S. International Headquarters. Contact Ann Carucci (845)634-6706.

God is Weaving a Tapestry of Your Life!
An Afternoon of Reflection for Men and Women hosted by the Associates of the Dominican Sisters of Sparkill on March 14th, 1:00-3:45 PM. Come for Nourishment, Personal Enrichment, and Spiritual Growth. Dominican Convent, 175 Route 340, Sparkill, NY. Doors open at 12:30 pm ~ Mass at 4:00 pm **Free Will Offering** Please respond by March 10th to Carol Davide at camd51@icloud.com or (845)570-0242.

St. Joseph’s Adult Care Home
Art Auction ~ Saturday Evening March 28, 2020
Please join us for a relaxing evening enjoying beautiful artwork and delicious appetizers from our wonderful local restaurants. Gorgeous artwork framed at amazing prices. All profits benefit St. Joseph’s Adult Care Home Building Fund. A fun evening for a great cause. Admission is $20/person - $30/couple. Preview: 7PM, Auction: 8PM. Reservations requested. Call Sr. Michele or Kathy for details (845)753-2555. St. Joseph’s Adult Care Home 125 Sisters Servants Lane, Sloatsburg, NY.

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金婚婚礼圣礼
周日，6月7日，2020年2:30 PM 圣帕特里克大教堂
枢机主教，蒂莫西·迈克尔·多兰枢机主教

圣礼是为庆祝2020年婚礼50周年的情侣。所有希望参加圣礼的人必须在他们的教区注册，并将获得一张入场券。金婚夫妇的座位将被限定在保留的区域外。所有金婚夫妇将收到一个纪念证书。无法参加圣礼的夫妇也可以在他们的教区注册，以获得一张证书。

注册将于周一，5月18日，2020年5:00 PM截止。

有人可以倾听
每个人都会经历危机。当这种情况发生时，我们可以从与一个经验丰富的专业顾问进行交谈中受益，他/她分享我们的天主教视角。我们的教区可以为您与教区的PARISH COUNSELING NETWORK建立联系。我们的教区成员可以预约与专业顾问见面，他们可以在Rockland County或教区内的任何地方与您预约。教区为每次会面提供最多六次，每次预约10美元。告诉神父，你想和顾问交谈。他将联系预约处为您服务，然后您可以拨打并安排您的首次访问。如果感兴趣，请联系rectory (845)634-4957。

祝福的教区成员，他们使用编号信封；
他们在正确的框内写金额；
他们用透明胶带封信封，不使用姓名贴纸或大头钉；
不将纸张打结或折信封。谢谢...这样我们的工作更容易!!!

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