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MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA

Devotions every Monday

after each Mass.

at 12 noon –3PM

MASSES

SATURDAY: 5:00 PM

SUNDAY: 8:00AM, 10:00 AM and 12:00PM

HOLY DAYS: Vigil: 5:00 P.M.

7:15 AM, 9:00 AM, and 6:30 PM.

WEEKDAY: Monday - Friday: 7:15AM & 9AM

Saturday: 9AM

Morning Prayer: Daily - 8:30 AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4PM—5PM or by appointment

WELCOME TO ALL!

Our Parish Family invites all
to be active and participating members
in every aspect of parish life!

We care for each other
and want to worship and serve
our Lord and one another.



SERVED BY:

Rev. Philip T. Persico, *Pastor*

Rev. Nana Ampah, *Weekend Associate*

Deacon Thomas J. Abbamont, *Deacon*

Mrs. Fran Berger, *Parish Manager*

Mrs. Janan Lane, *Rel Ed Coordinator*

Miss Anita Ghilardi, *Rel Ed Secretary*

Mr. Robert DeLuccia, *Trustee*

Mrs. Cathy Krug, *Trustee*

Mrs. Erin Sica, *Choir Director*

Mr. Frank Squillante, *Organist*

Mr. Brian Clifford, B.A.S.I.C.S.

Mrs. Suzanne Gerbosi, *Children's Choir*

Choir is in Session September through May

MEETINGS:

Parish Council: 4th Monday of the Month at 7:00 PM in the Father Dave Library. Chair: Brian Morrow 761-7294

Pancake Breakfast:

February 11th and May 20th

Social Concerns:

Maureen Mc Loughlin - 946-9334

Prayer Shawl Ministry:

Maureen Mc Loughlin - 946-9334

Christine Stephens - 761-7243

Rosary Altar Society:

Meetings: 4th Wednesday of the month at 7 P.M in the Church. No meetings January & February. President: Fritzi McClintock, 747-9104

High School Youth Group:

6:00-8:00PM, 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month.



PRAY FOR

*To everything there is a season
and a time for every purpose under heaven.
A time to be healed...*

Please remember to pray for:

*Peter Barbieri
Ben Balldasam
Gerry Blenkle, Sr.
Mary Bonomo
Nick Cacciola
Jeff Caponera
Al Cobuzzi
Rene Cobuzzi
Andrea Damato
Lou Dearstyne
Donald DeLandri
Anita DelVecchio
Matthew Phillips
Ed Delliveau
Frankie Dezell
Edward Di Capril
Joseph DiCioccio
Guido Doria
Alexandria Diemoz
John Edwards
Walter Franzken
Jason Fiore
Sabrina Gerstle
Fred Gillu*

*Joan
Nick Klaus
Teresa Lingardo
Gavin Little
Holly Lynch
Flavia Mirasole
Francesco Mirasole
Jaspere Miranda
Frank Morganthaler
Michelle Morganthaler
Alexa Nitting
Ginger Ragusa
Frankie Ragusa
Madeline Ragusa
Frank Rotelline
Kathy Schilio
Richard Schilio
Daniel Schoen
Traci Sinapi
Steven Soderquist
The Family
Carol Tucciarone
Fanny Zappi
Vincent Zappi*

And for all those who have no one to pray for them



Pray for all the souls of our faithfully departed, grant eternal rest unto them O lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.



Pray for Our Military

Please pray for those who are serving our country in the military, especially,

*Nicholas Capasso, U. S. Marine
Ensign Louis DePaolis, U.S. Coast Guard
Capt. Peter M Kavanagh 111, U.S. Army
Capt. Kyle J. Kavanagh, U.S. Marine
Sgt. Kyle Ross Martin, U.S. Marine
Alyson Oderifero, US Air Force
Christopher T. Oderifero, Sr. Airman, Air Force
Lt. Daniel Spies, U.S. Army
Capt. Michael Tillson, U.S. Army*

May the Lord watch over and protect them!

MASSSES for the WEEK

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Saturday, December 9

5:00pm Kathleen O'Neill
(Family)

Sunday, December 10

8:00am Luciano Corsini, Sr.
(Family)

10:00am For All The People
12:00pm Sally & Larry Notare
(The Roche Family)

Monday, December 11

7:15am Rev. Floyd Grace &
Rev. David Clifford
9:00am Andrea Camacho
(The Miraglia Family)

Tuesday, December 12

7:15am Rev. Ed Warnken
Rev. Lamont Hamilton
Rev. Brian Barret
9:00am Joan Stone
(Marge Murphy)

Wednesday, December 13

7:15am Carl Dottore
(Lori & Eric Schulze)
9:00am Mr. & Mrs. Gervasi Corera
(The Peries Family)

Thursday, December 14

7:15am Rev. Gene Hamilton
Rev. Bill Smith
9:00am Madeline Mosca
(Robert Cocciolone)

Friday, December 15

7:15am Francesco Miraglia
(The Sorrenti Family)
9:00am Don Guarnieri
(Mary Blank)

Saturday, December 16

9:00am Jose Pires
(Debbie Barbosa & Family)
5:00pm Dominick Massaro, Jr.
(Daughter, Marian)

Sunday, December 17

8:00am Salvatore & Assunta Conte
(Mario & Lucy Ann Conte)
10:00am Frank J. Oderifero
(Mom & Dad)
12:00pm Lawrence Sposato
(Family)



DIVINE MERCY CONTINUED-Jesus said to Saint Faustina: "I desire that every soul praise My goodness. I desire trust from My creatures. Encourage souls to place great trust in My fathomless mercy. Let the weak, sinful soul have no fear to approach Me. Even if it had more sins than there are grains of sand in the world, all would be drowned in the unmeasurable depths of My mercy." Diary, 1059.

NEWS OF COMFORT-In a time of preparation, much of it having to do with material things, it is good to hear the words of Isaiah, "Comfort, give comfort to my people, / says your God" (Isaiah 40:1). In a time of such stress and rush, when our usual burdens are augmented by piles of Christmas preparations, we can choose to slow down, take some time to heal, and appreciate the enormous gift we are about to receive. Christ, the Son of God, has become one of us, and knows our human limitations. Yet God, even now, is freeing us from the burdens that our inattentiveness to our God and to our deepest inner longings have heaped upon us. The Lord comes, not as a king with mighty armies, but as a shepherd leading the flocks with care and tenderness. Isaiah prophesies good news: our oppression is over, our sins forgiven. The savior we have awaited is coming, not the first time, but in the end times, as our salvation. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Many people think that Saint Francis originated the Christmas crèche, but its origins go far back. The Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome has housed what is said to be relics of the cradle of Jesus since the seventh century. In time, every year during the Christmas season the reliquary (container for relics) was surrounded by an increasingly grand three-dimensional scene of the place of Jesus' birth. Rocks and trees, houses, streams, figurines of villagers going about their daily tasks were all included. It was a very dramatic presentation. If you've ever seen an elaborate model train installation, you get the idea. The proper term for this depiction is *presepio*, from the Latin word for "surround" or "hedge."

Over the centuries, the custom spread first to churches, and then to aristocratic homes. In Italy, whole chapels are often set aside for the *presepio*, and it is not unusual to have hundreds of figures. It can sometimes be a challenge to locate the Holy Family amid the crowd, almost like a *Where's Waldo?* children's book. The oldest surviving *presepio* is in St. Mary Major and dates from the thirteenth century, although many pieces have been broken or lost. Saint Francis of Assisi took a decidedly creative step in 1233 in the village of Greccio, when he directed his followers to fill a manger with hay and tether an ox and ass nearby. He then invited the villagers to attend Mass outdoors near the crib, the worshipers themselves becoming a living *presepio*. By the seventeenth century, the tradition was well-established, particularly in Naples, and had a firm hold in Portugal, Spain, and in the Provence region of France. Today, it is not unusual to find *presepios* with five hundred figures, a vivid reminder of Emmanuel, God-with-us!—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



ADVENT RECONCILIATION—Our Advent Reconciliation will be Monday, December 18th from 3-8pm at Holy Name, as well as other parishes in the NY Archdiocese. (Times may vary.) Come to know more fully Jesus' Divine Mercy in this beautiful Sacrament of love and forgiveness.



CHRISTMAS MASS

SCHEDULE:

Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24th

Masses will be at 4pm

(Children's Choir), 7:30pm and 10:30pm .The Adult Choir will sing Carols at 10pm

Christmas Day, Monday, December 25th

Masses will be at 8am, 10am and 12noon

Please note: The 4th Sunday of Advent, December 24th morning masses do not count for Christmas Eve. There will be no Masses on Tuesday, December 26th and no 7:15am Mass on Wednesday, December 27th

ROSARY ALTAR BAKE SALE AND BASKET RAFFLE- After all the Masses the weekend, Saturday, December 9th and 10th, the Rosary Altar Society will have their Bake sale, Basket Raffle and Christmas items for sale. Come to the gym and buy some of the delicious goodies baked by the ladies of the Rosary Altar Society

MUNCHKINS WITH SANTA –On Sunday, December 10th after the 10am Mass Santa will be here to meet the Children of HNJ. All are invited! Parents bring your camera and snap a picture! Munchkins, apple juice, coffee and tea will be served! Also, thank you to all who helped make our 4th Annual Munchkins with Santa a great success—most especially, to Rosemary DeLuccia, the Religious Education Department, our Confirmation candidates (our elves) and all the Rosarians who are always supportive .



Thank you for your continued support and generosity to Our Parish:

<i>November 26, 2017</i>	
Regular Collections:	\$ 10,396.00
Regular Collections 2016:	9,758.00
Catholic New York:	146.00
Parish Maintenance	1,603.00

SOCIAL CONCERNS

Thanksgiving Basket and donation letter from Sr. Alice Conrad:
 Dear Father Phil and Parishioners:
 We are overwhelmed by your generosity! Forty six) working poor families feasted on Thanksgiving Day, thanks to you. In fact, your beautifully filled bags will help feed them for weeks to come. Besides, the food, you blessed us with \$730 in food gift cards and monetary gifts. We are so grateful. Thanks to the support of so many, we were able to provide over 900 complete Turkey Dinners for working poor families, This was incredible! Helping the marginalized at Thanksgiving decreases the number of families who are victims of food insecurity. You have indeed made a difference in their lives. We have no way to thank you adequately but we always ask the “God of Surprises” to shower you with an abundance of unimagined blessings.
 Sincerely, Sister Alice Conrad, RDC,
 Director of Shepherd's Flock
 121½ Grace Church Street, Port Chester, New York

 **CHRISTMAS CRAFT THANKS-**
 Thanks so much to all our parishioners who helped to make Christmas crafts for residents of local nursing homes. Over 40 parishioners made gingerbread houses, Christmas trees, wreaths, Santa's, cards.... The crafts brightened the day of all the people who received them. Thanks so much to all who participated! The crafts were given to residents of seven nursing homes. Special thanks to Virginia Curry, Sister Gertrude, and Angela Giustino who helped distribute the crafts, plus the students and staff at the Valhalla Methodist Church nursery school who also donated crafts. Merry Christmas to all!

WINTER COAT COLLECTION- Do you have any winter coats you no longer need or no longer fit? We are collecting men's, women's, and children's winter coats now up to Dec. 17th. The coats can be used but clean and in good condition. New coats also accepted. Please leave all coats in the Social Concerns bins in the church vestibules. No other clothes at this time please, just coats! Thanks for helping to keep others who are in need warm this coming winter!

ITEMS NEEDED YEAR ROUND- We are collecting the following items year round-Travel Sized Toiletries- i.e.- soap, shampoo, deodorant, shaving cream, Men's sneakers and backpacks. The items may be dropped off in the Social Concerns Green Bins in the church foyers

CHRISTMAS ANGELS-CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR FAMILIES IN NEED - Christmas Gifts for Families - Thanks to all our parishioners who have so generously offered to buy Christmas presents for local families in need. Please return all your wrapped gifts no later than **Monday, December 11th**. Drop the presents off at the Rectory during normal business hours. We are aware of about 45 families who are having a tough time making ends meet. An index card for a family will be posted with each person in the family listed with suggested gifts/sizes. Print your name, phone number and email on the chart next to the family of your choice, take the index card, shop for the family and wrap the presents (if possible, include the gift receipt). Put a tag on each present for the intended recipient, e.g. girl - age 5; mom - size S, etc. Bring the gifts to the Rectory during regular business hours or call/email Gail Morrow (761-7294, gtmorrow@att.net) to arrange a time to meet. Thank you so much for helping others in need this Christmas

PRAYER SHAWL REQUESTS- Do you know someone who is ill or bereaved, or is feeling the effects of aging and could use a shawl or lap blanket for comfort and warmth? We will be happy to donate one to them. Please call or email Christine at 761-7243, crosestephens@optimum.net or Maureen at 946-9334, MMCL16@optonline.net to request a shawl or lap blanket. They will be happy to arrange a time to give you



NEW YEARS RESOLUTION- All of us have been given "talents" to use. Let's make sure this is the year we offer our gifts, which come from God, to God's service and for the good of our brothers and sisters. Whether it be knitting/crocheting for our Prayer Shawl Ministry, becoming a Eucharistic Minister or Lector, participating in arts and crafts for the elderly, becoming an RE teacher, joining the choir, etc.- make this the year you use your talents for others. God will bless your work. Make it your New Year's Resolution! James 2: 14-17

What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? ... Faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

Thank You

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**62nd ANNUAL MID-WINTER BALL
SATURDAY, JANUARY 27th, 2018
WHITE PLAINS WOMEN'S CLUB
Cocktail Hour- 6:30PM Sit Down Dinner- 7:30PM
DANCING AND OPEN BAR ALL EVENING
\$85.00 Per Person—\$170.00 Per Couple**

Now is the time to make your reservation.
All reservations must be paid in full by January 14th.

**THIS YEAR OUR HONOREE IS
FR NANA**

In order to keep the price down the entrée must be selected ahead of time. Therefore there are reservation forms in the church foyers to be completed noting your entree selection:

The cocktail hour will have four selections of hot Italian Antipasto Station with a cheese and market vegetables tapas bar.

The dinner menu choices are: Prime Rib of Beef, French Breast of Chicken and Parsley Crusted Salmon

With any questions about reservations, please call Gail and Brian Morrow at 761-7294

A PROGRAM WILL BE HANDED OUT THE EVENING OF THE BALL! The program will

include Business Advertising from our local merchants, as well as congratulatory "Notes to Fr Nana." You can take this opportunity to write a note of thanks for his dedication

and service to Holy name of Jesus Church

Please fill out the form below, and make sure to mark your envelope

"Mid-Winter Ball."

This is Holy Name of Jesus' second largest fund raiser, the first being Last Man Standing. Fr Phil is putting aside the profits from both for our roof fund

**Mid-Winter Ball—Program Advertisement
Company/Name**

Address

Phone Number

___ **Gold Page- \$200.00**

___ **Full Page- \$100.00**

___ **1/2 Page- \$50.00**

___ **1/4 Page Ad -\$25**

___ **Notes to Fr Nana \$25.00 and up**



THREE TO GET MARRIED- you, your fiancé and God The program satisfies the Pre-Cana requirements for the Archdiocese of New York. Offered by Legionaries of Christ priests and Regnum Christi NY Tri-State, January 19th through 21st. For more information, visit regnumchristi-nyctnj.org or call 914 244-3685

CALLING ALL YOUNG ADULTS- Are you a young adult looking for fellowship and faith formation? If so, please join the Credo young adult group based in Yorktown Heights. Credo is a group of Young Adults (18-35) whose mission is to lead young adults to the Faith for the renewal of the Church and the culture at large. Our activities include faith formation, retreats, adoration, social events, community service, and much more! Our monthly gatherings occur the 3rd Friday of every month at 7pm at St Patrick's Church in Yorktown Heights, NY Hope to see you there!
www.facebook.com/groups/credofaith Credo
YoungAdults@gmail.com

On Sunday December 10th at 7:30pm. **HOLY INNOCENTS**, Pleasantville will be having an **Evening of Advent Music** and Scripture Readings featuring the Holy Innocents Adult, Teen and Junior Choirs accompanied by parish musicians. Reception to follow in the Social Hall

CATHOLIC UNDERGROUND – every 2nd Saturday of the month at Our Lady of Fatima Church in Scarsdale, NY beginning at 7pm for young adults and young at heart. Next Date – January 13th. Check out their Facebook for all events - <https://www.facebook.com/catholicundergroundcentral>

IT TAKES MORE- Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than going to a garage makes you an automobile. —Billy Sunday

DO ANYTHING- I will go anywhere and do anything in order to Communicate the love of Jesus to those who do not know him or have forgotten him. —St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

HOPE- If you do not hope, you will not find what is beyond your hopes. —St. Clement

USE YOUR TALENT

Having only modest talent is no excuse for not using it. Think what the morning would be like if only talented birds sang! -Anonymous

MT. PLEASANT ITALIAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION invites you to attend one of our monthly general meetings, which is held every third Wednesday of each month. Our meetings are held at The American Legion, 52 Garrigan Avenue, Thornwood, NY 10594. For more information about our association, please feel free to call Elinor Marzelli at 914-946-6736.

SOCIAL WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS GROUP- We meet monthly, usually on the fourth Monday of the month, at Church of St Pius X, 91 Secor Rd, Scarsdale to honor our deceased spouses with a Mass at 7 PM in the small chapel off the main church, followed by a social meeting with refreshments. We plan activities and have meals at local area restaurants. We are planning a Christmas brunch at the Doral Arrowwood in December We welcome all Catholic Widows/Widowers.. For inquiries, call 914-715-5817 or email: cww10583@gmail.com.

FOOD FOR OUR FURRY FRIENDS- Our parishioner, Kathy Ferri, helps run the Hudson Valley Pet Food Pantry located in White Plains. They could use donations for cats and dogs, wet or dry. For further information call Kathy at 914-473-9551.

MEDICARE : Jack Lofaso who held an educational seminar on Medicare made simple here in September will be offering complimentary consultations to assist those enrolling in Medicare for the first time as well as those exploring a possible change in the current coverage during the upcoming Medicare Annual Enrollment Period (10/15 – 12/07) or thereafter. Contact Jack at 914-230-4517 to schedule your complimentary consultation.

ARCHCARE (The Continuing Care Community of the Archdiocese of New York)- Need help caring for yourself or someone else, but not sure where to turn with questions about: Housing for seniors and disabled persons, Access to healthcare, Health-related legal and financial issues, Dementia care, Transportation options, Caregiver support groups, Food and nutrition, Volunteer Opportunities. Call ArchCare. We'll answer. ArchCare Navigation Center-call 855-951-CARE. Care Navigators are there to help you from 8am to 8pm, seven days a week. Help from a Care Navigator is totally free.