

THIS WEEK AT

# The Church Of St. Anthony

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## MASSES

### SUNDAY MASSES:

SHRINE CHURCH - 7:00 & 10:30AM

PARISH CHURCH - 9:00, 10:15, 11:30AM,

12:45 and 7:00PM

### SATURDAY MASS VIGIL:

PARISH CHURCH - 5:00PM

(Fulfills Sunday Obligation)

### CONFESSIONS:

SHRINE CHURCH - Saturday 4:30-5:30pm

### DAILY MASSES:

#### SHRINE CHURCH

6:30 & 9:00AM Monday ~ Friday

9:00AM ~ Saturday

## ALL SAINTS

### NOVEMBER 1, 2015

“Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.” This antiphon for today’s responsorial psalm offers the focus of today’s readings. As we on earth celebrate the triumph of all the saints—the ones officially canonized by the Church, and the countless others who have also reached heaven—we add nothing to their glory. But we give ourselves reason to hope. We, too, long to see the face of God and believe that we can one day be counted among those whose robes, as John tells us in the book of Revelation, are washed “white in the blood of the Lamb” (Revelation 7:14).

The passage from John’s first letter offers further assurance: we are God’s children who will one day see God. But today’s Gospel pulls us past longing and reassurance into action. Jesus clearly tells us what we must do to be counted among the saints. We must be poor in spirit, hungry for holiness, merciful, singlehearted, and peacemakers. Then we, too, will see the face of God.

### THE BLESSED

Then, in the Gospel, we read Jesus’ formula for saint-making. “You will be blessed,” we are told: blessed if we are poor in spirit, sorrowing, lowly, hungry for holiness, merciful, single-hearted, peacemakers, and persecuted. Matthew’s words in this Gospel point us directly back to the first reading. “These are the ones who have survived the time of great distress; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb” (Revelation 7:14). Today we celebrate the triumph of those who already gaze on the face of God. Tomorrow we cry out for mercy with those in purgatory, who, like us on earth, still long to see God’s face.

Today’s Readings: Revelation 7:2–4, 9–14; Psalm 24:1–6; 1 John 3:1–3; Matthew 5:1–12a

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**ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31**

**PARISH CHURCH 5:00 PM**  
DIERDRE HART

**ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR ALL SAINTS  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1**

**SHRINE CHURCH 7:00AM**  
MARGARET McDONAGH  
**PARISH CHURCH 9:00AM**  
MARY & JAMES WOODLEY  
**PARISH CHURCH 10:15AM**  
NICOLINA, ANTHONY, ROSE & CHARLES MAZZA  
**SHRINE CHURCH 10:30AM**  
JOAN & JOSEPH LEONARD  
**PARISH CHURCH 11:30AM**  
MISSA PRO POPULO  
**PARISH CHURCH 12:45PM**  
ELISA CRUZ  
**PARISH CHURCH 7:00PM**  
ALBERTO CADAVEIRA, CLAUDIO GOMEZ  
& CARMEN BARBOSA

**MONDAY ALL SOULS DAY**  
6:30 AM MASS FOR ALL SOULS  
9:00 AM MASS FOR ALL SOULS  
**TUESDAY**  
6:30 AM ALEXANDER BALUYUT  
9:00 AM HOWARD F. ROSE  
**WEDNESDAY**  
6:30 AM FOR THE FORGOTTEN DECEASED  
9:00 AM JOSEPH FRANCIS GALLAGHER  
**THURSDAY**  
6:30 AM TIMOTHY HEIM  
9:00 AM (PARISH) JOSEPH MISTRULLI & FAMILY  
**FRIDAY**  
6:30 AM JOSE ABAD JR.  
9:00 AM AGNES PARCHEN & MARGARET KRAFT  
**SATURDAY**  
9:00 AM THOMAS & NANCY SHEEHAN  
5:00 PM STEPHEN MALONEY

**ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8**

**SHRINE CHURCH 7:00AM**  
THERESA SQUITIERI  
**PARISH CHURCH 9:00AM**  
MERCADO, EDSALL & MOORE FAMILIES  
**PARISH CHURCH 10:15AM**  
RUTH GIGLIO  
**SHRINE CHURCH 10:30AM**  
ROSALIE SCHERA  
**PARISH CHURCH 11:30AM**  
MISSA PRO POPULO  
**PARISH CHURCH 12:45PM**  
SALVATORE FIDANZA  
**PARISH CHURCH 7:00PM**  
BARBARA VILLANI



3<sup>RD</sup> Vincent Alipit & Carla Reformina



**BLESSED MOTHER SODALITY RUMMAGE SALE**

A Rummage Sale, sponsored by St. Anthony's Church Blessed Mother Sodality, will be held from 2:00 – 6:30 pm on Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, and from 9am to 2pm on Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015 in St. Anthony's School cafeteria, 34 West Nyack Rd., Nanuet. A BAKE SALE will also be held. Anyone wishing to donate items, in **GOOD, USABLE CONDITION**, may do so from 11:30am to 1pm on Saturday, November 7th in the cafeteria. **CLOTHING WILL BE ACCEPTED. NO FURNITURE OR ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT SUCH AS COMPUTERS, KEYBOARDS, RADIOS OR TELEVISIONS PLEASE. NO USED STUFFED ANIMALS.** A Donor Receipt will be given upon request. For further information, please call Diane at 623-3939 or Lucy at 623-5742.

**COFFEE AFTER MASS TODAY  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1**

Coffee, tea and more will be served after the 9:00, 10:15 and 10:30am Masses, next Sunday, November 1st sponsored by St. Anthony's School. All parishioners are welcome.

**BECOMING A CATHOLIC**

Is someone you know thinking about becoming a Catholic? Baptized in another denomination? Not baptized yet? St. Anthony's is currently holding information sessions on the RCIA [Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults] process for those thinking about joining our parish. Please call Barbara Peters at (845)598-1136, if you are interested.





*Susan DiSisto, from Family Life in the Archdiocese of New York, is presenting five more sessions of "Common Sense Parenting of Toddlers and Preschoolers" (Ages 0-6). Monday, 7-9 PM in the Media Center. See the info & registration procedure in this Bulletin. **Come - Join Us!***

*"Making All Things New" is beginning to have its effects in our Parish Life. Please read the insert in this bulletin. And, we hope to see you at the Thanksgiving Mass/Social for the Cluster at St. Francis! Information in the flyer!*

Peace, Prayer, & Gratitude, Fr. Jerry

**TITHING NEWS:** Last week our collection totaled \$26,214.50. Last year our collection totaled \$27,690.50. Thank you!

#### ATTENTION PARENTS:

#### **COMMON SENSE PARENTING, FOR PARENTS OF TODDLERS AND PRESCHOOLERS,**

Are you finding it challenging to raise your children? Do you want to reduce children's problem behavior? Do you want strong, healthy relationships with your children, with all the support, discipline skills and information you could have for living out your calling from God? Explore some real solutions in the Education for Parenting workshop **Common Sense Parenting, for parents of toddlers and preschoolers, ages 0-6.** CSP will aid you in building good family relationships, preventing and correcting misbehavior, using consequences, teaching self-control and staying calm. These classes explain how to approach discipline as *positive teaching rather than punishment of children*. Raise well-behaved kids by using these **tested, proven parenting techniques**. Come join us to learn these effective methods and **practice them, too**. \$30, series of Mondays, 7:00-9:00 PM, November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30. Church of St. Anthony, 36 West Nyack Road, Nanuet, NY, 10954. **Registration is a must:** contact Sue DiSisto, 646-794-3191 or [susan.disisto@archny.org](mailto:susan.disisto@archny.org)

**BAPTISMS:** First and Fourth Sundays of the month at 2:00 PM. Instructions for parents of children to be Baptized must be arranged with the Priests of the Parish. Only instructed Catholics should be invited as Godparents. A copy of the child's birth certificate is required when you meet with the priest.

**CONFESSIONS:** Saturday afternoon 4:30 - 5:30 PM in the Shrine Church.

**MARRIAGES:** Arrangements should be made at least six months before the marriage takes place.

**SICK CALLS:** Any time. Do not neglect to call a priest to a person seriously ill (while the person is conscious, if possible).

**NOCTURNAL ADORATION:** Each First Friday 7:00pm until 8:00pm in the Shrine Church.

**NOVENAS:** To St. Anthony: Tuesdays after the 9AM Mass; Miraculous Medal: Monday at 8PM in the Shrine Church.

**HOLY HOUR - EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT, BENEDICTION & CONFESSIONS:** on Tuesdays from 7:00-8:00pm in the Shrine Church (Confessions if priests is available).

#### **SOCIETIES:**

**BLESSED MOTHER'S SODALITY:** Meeting on Monday after 3rd Sunday, at 7:30 PM in the School Cafeteria.

**SHRINE TO THE UNBORN AT ST. ANTHONY'S** - A Shrine to the Unborn has been installed in St. Anthony's Shrine Church. The centerpiece of the shrine is an image of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. A Book of Life is enshrined there. Those who have suffered the loss of an unborn child, through stillbirth, miscarriage or abortion, or of a child who lived for just a short time, may have his or her name inscribed in the Book. If you wish to have a child included; applications are available at St. Anthony's Church office 623-2138. There is no fee but donations will be received with gratitude.

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**TODAY:** ALL SAINTS  
CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD at the 9:00 & 10:15am Masses will be for Kindergarten thru 4<sup>th</sup> Grade.  
JUNIOR CHOIR REHEARSAL from 2:00pm- 3:00pm in the Parish Church.  
COFFEE AFTER MASS – After the 9:00, 10:15 & 10:30am Masses in the Shrine Basement sponsored by St. Anthony's School.

**MONDAY:** MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA at 8:00pm in the Shrine Church.

**TUESDAY:** NOVENA TO ST. ANTHONY following the 9:00am Mass in the Shrine Church.  
HOLY HOUR from 7:00-8:00pm in the Shrine Church.  
P.R.E.P. Classes for 8<sup>th</sup> year students ~ sign-in 6:50pm (SHARP).

**WEDNESDAY:** SENIOR CLUB MEETING from 12:00pm-3:00pm in the Shrine Church Hall.  
P.R.E.P. Classes for 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> year students from 7:00 - 8:30pm.  
ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL at 7:30pm in the Parish Church.

**THURSDAY:** ADULT BIBLE STUDY from 10 - 11am in the Rectory.  
P.R.E.P. Classes for 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> year students from 7:00 - 8:30pm.

**FRIDAY:** FIRST FRIDAY ~ NOCTURNAL ADORATION – 7:00pm to 8:00pm in the Shrine Church.  
POLISH AMERICAN CREATIVITY SOCIETY FOR CHILDREN - from 6:00pm to 7:30pm in the School.

**SATURDAY:** P.R.E.P. Classes for 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> year students from 9:00 - 10:30am.  
BLESSED MOTHER SODALITY RUMMAGE SALE from 2pm to 6:30pm in the School Cafeteria.  
CONFESSIONS from 4:30 to 5:30pm in the Shrine Church.

**NEXT SUNDAY:** CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD at the 9:00 & 10:15am Masses will be for Kindergarten thru 4<sup>th</sup> Grade.  
BLESSED MOTHER SODALITY RUMMAGE SALE from 9am to 2pm in the School Cafeteria.  
JUNIOR CHOIR REHEARSAL from 2:00pm- 3:00pm in the Parish Church.

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### **PRIEST - CELEBRANTS FOR NOVEMBER 7th & 8th**

| <b>SCHEDULE:</b>                     |                        | <b>MASS SCHEDULE:</b>              |                   |
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| <b><u>SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7th</u></b> |                        | <b><u>SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8th</u></b> |                   |
| <b>CONFESSIONS:</b>                  | 4:30 -5:30PM FR. JERRY | SHRINE CHURCH                      | 7:00AM FR. JERRY  |
|                                      |                        | PARISH CHURCH                      | 9:00AM FR. BILL   |
| <b>MASS SCHEDULE:</b>                |                        | PARISH CHURCH                      | 10:15AM FR. BILL  |
| PARISH CHURCH                        | 5:00PM FR. CRESUS      | SHRINE CHURCH                      | 10:30AM FR. JERRY |
|                                      |                        | PARISH CHURCH                      | 11:30AM FR. ED    |
|                                      |                        | PARISH CHURCH                      | 12:45PM FR. ED    |
|                                      |                        | PARISH CHURCH                      | 7:00PM FR. CRESUS |

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### **NIGHTFEVER NYC - ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL - NOVEMBER 20, 2015**

Before we kick off the Year of Mercy, Nightfever NYC will be hosting this night of praise, worship and reconciliation at Saint Patrick's Cathedral (50th Street and 5th Avenue). We will have the opportunity to pray before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament as well as light candles to honor Our Lord. The evening of music and prayer will be from 7pm to 9pm. Confessions will be heard throughout the night. Come and be a part of this night, where the Cathedral will have its doors open to all New Yorkers so they can come, pray, and love the Lord. For more information, email us at [nightfevernyc@gmail.com](mailto:nightfevernyc@gmail.com).



**DID YOU KNOW . . .** that the **Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate** is the first apostolic women’s congregation in the Ukrainian Catholic Church? Founded in 1892 in Western Ukraine for the poor and uneducated people in Ukraine, the SSMI’s have spread to 15 countries throughout the world. Our ministries include teaching, health care, catechetical & pastoral ministry, sewing priestly vestments. Following the charism of our foundress, Blessed Josaphata Hordashevska, the SSMI’s have gone and continue to go “where the need is the greatest.” Today, in the province of the Immaculate Conception in the USA, we own and operate St. Mary’s Villa Spiritual & Educational Center (845-753-5100) and St. Joseph’s Adult Care Home (845-753-2555) in Sloatsburg, NY. We also teach in St. Nicholas School in Passaic, NJ and Minersville, PA respectively. For more information, please call Sr. Kathleen, SSMI at 845-753-2840, e-mail: [ssminy@aol.com](mailto:ssminy@aol.com) and visit our website: [www.ssmi-us.org](http://www.ssmi-us.org) or on facebook under the names of Kathleen Hutsko and St. Joseph’s Adult Care Home.

**H.A.N.D.S. (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 H.A.N.D.S. who lost her son & daughter-in-law in a boating accident. Their bodies were never recovered. All groups meet from 6:30 to 8:00pm. The next meeting will be November 4th & 17th. Meetings are held at International Headquarters, 9 Scott Drive, New City, NY 10956. Services are free of charge. Ann is also available for personal one-on-one counseling sessions. H.A.N.D.S also now has a **WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS GROUP** facilitated by Ann Carucci, who lost her husband. These meetings are held every Monday at 9 Scott Drive, New City. For further information please contact Ann Carucci at 634-6706.

**CHINA SUPPORT GROUP**

Come join other adoptive families and be part of our support group. For information, problem solving hints, and a discussion of issues that will impact our children and our lives, be part of a pioneer group that will forge strong bonds and friendships between our children and families. We will be meeting in the Shrine Church Hall at 7:00pm on the first Tuesday of the month. **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.

**PRO LIFE MASS**

There is a Pro Life Mass celebrated every 1st Monday night of the month at 7:30pm at St. Francis of Assisi Church, 128 Parrott Road in West Nyack. The next Pro Life Mass will be on Monday, November 2nd.

**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 Care Navigation Center 855-951-CARE (TTY/TDD): 711). Our Care Navigator are here to help you from 8:00am to 8:00pm., seven days a week. Help from a Care Navigator is totally free.

**CATHOLIC WIDOW AND WIDOWERS CLUB OF ROCKLAND COUNTY**

The Catholic Widow and Widowers Club of Rockland County will be meeting on 11/15/15 at 6:30pm at St. Augustin’s Church (downstairs). Dessert and coffee will be served. Guests are welcome. For information call Dotty at 845-623-1739.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS McCLOSKEY COUNCIL #4565 WHEELCHAIRS FOR VETERANS**

On Saturday, November 14 at 12:30pm at St. Francis of Assisi Church the McCloskey Council #4565 of the Knights of Columbus will be distributing free foldable wheelchairs to veterans. The Council is receiving sixty of these brand new wheelchairs. They have 20” seat width and solid rubber tires. For further information please contact Stephen Barry at 914-924-6463 or email [SbarryEsq@yahoo.com](mailto:SbarryEsq@yahoo.com).

**WOMEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT ST. ZITA'S VILLA**

If you can spare 2 hours just once or twice a month, St. Zita's Villa for adult women needs volunteers to help serve meals and assist with arts and crafts and other recreational activities for the residents. Located at 50 Saddle River Rd, Monsey NY. St. Zita's is operated by the Roman Catholic Sisters of the Reparation of the Congregation of Mary. The volunteers program is coordinated by Catholic Daughters Court John Paul II, headquartered at St. Zita's. For information, Please contact Jeanne Flaherty at 917-572-8345 or email [jeanne@geocap.com](mailto:jeanne@geocap.com).

**ALBERTUS MAGNUS HIGH SCHOOL**

**The COOP Exam** is on Friday November 6<sup>th</sup>, all 8<sup>th</sup> grade students wishing to attend a Catholic High School please pick up an application at the Albertus Magnus Admissions Office or register online at [www.coopexam.org](http://www.coopexam.org) - Albertus Magnus Code: 307.

**"Falcon for a Day" Program** Conclude December 11<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are given the opportunity to shadow a freshmen student. Spend a day; you'll stay four years! Register online at [www.AlbertusMagnus.net/FalconVisits](http://www.AlbertusMagnus.net/FalconVisits).

**ST. JOSEPH'S REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE**

On Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m., Saint Joseph Regional H.S., Montvale, NJ will be hosting an Open House for prospective students (6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys) and their families to gain more information concerning St. Joseph Regional, its programs & the people who make up the SJR community. SJR students will provide tours (beginning at 6:30 p.m. & 7:30 pm) and guests will have the opportunity to speak with SJR faculty, administrators & parents. For more information & directions please call the school at 201-391-3300 or register at [www.sjrnj.org](http://www.sjrnj.org).

**ST. JOSEPH REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TWO DAY CHRISTMAS CRAFT SPECTACULAR**

On Saturday, November 7th and Sunday, November 8th, Saint Joseph Regional H. S., Montvale, NJ will be hosting its Christmas Craft Spectacular from 10a.m. until 4:00p.m., showcasing the talents of 100 crafts people and fine artists. The whole first floor will be used. Admission is \$2.00. Children and senior citizens (65+) are free. NO STROLLERS PERMITTED. [www.saintjosephregional.org](http://www.saintjosephregional.org)

**PARAMUS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL FALL CRAFT SHOW**

Paramus Catholic High School, 425 Paramus Rd. in Paramus will be having a Fall Craft Show on Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am to 5:00pm. Admission is \$3.00 per person, children 10 and under are FREE. No strollers or pets please. For additional show information and directions go to [www.pjspromotions.com](http://www.pjspromotions.com).

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS McCLOSKEY COUNCIL 4565 NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY**

On December 31, 2015 from 8:00 pm to 1 am at St. Francis' Rader Hall, the Knights of Columbus-McCloskey Council 4565-will host a New Year's Eve Party with delicious food, open bar, champagne at midnight, live band and dancing and a 50/50 raffle. Tickets are \$50.00 per person. Please contact Nick Vero at 845-536-1338 – St. Anthony's Parish or Steve Duschaneck at 732-503-1656 – St. Francis' Parish for further details.

**PRIME TIME FOR KIDS TEACHER ASSISTANT NEEDED**

Prime Time for Kids, located on Phillips Hill Road in New City, is seeking teaching assistants for their program. If you are interested please call Donna Bogin at 845-639-2425. Fax a resume to 845-639-2433.

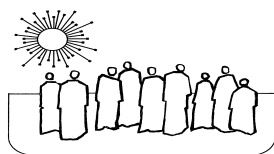
**IMMACULATE HEART ACADEMY FALL MUSICAL**

Immaculate Heart Academy will present its fall musical, *42<sup>nd</sup> Street*, on Nov. 14 at 8 p.m., Nov. 15 at 3 p.m., Nov. 20 and 21 at 8 p.m., and Nov. 22 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$15. The Nov. 15 matinee performance is Grandparents' Day; grandparents can purchase tickets for the reduced price of \$10. The cast and crew are made up of students from IHA, St. Joseph Regional, Bergen Catholic and Don Bosco Prep high schools. For more information or a ticket order form, please visit [www.ihanj.com](http://www.ihanj.com) or call IHA at 201-445-6800. Immaculate Heart Academy is located at 500 VanEmburch Ave., Township of Washington, NJ 07676.

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**All Saints**

**November 1, 2015**



See what love  
the Father has bestowed on us  
that we may be called the children of God.  
— 1 John 3:1

## **MAKING ALL THINGS NEW PARISH STATEMENT**

As many of you know this past July Cardinal Dolan issued his directives regarding all parishes in the Archdiocese. These directives were a direct result of the Making All Things New planning process. Over the last two years each parish collected data from their parishioners and ministries, this information was then brought to and used by the cluster to which the parish belonged. The information was then pooled together and shared with the Archdiocese, this information included but was not limited to Religious Education, Adult Faith Formation, Finances, and Sacramental Life. After reviewing and considering this information the Cardinal issued his directives to each cluster. Our cluster consists of the following parishes, St. Anthony, St. Augustine, St Francis and the newly formed parish of St. Paul/St. Ann.

Some of the goals that Cardinal Dolan promoted are as follows:

- Enhancing the vibrancy of parish life
- Foster a greater appreciation for and participation in the Sunday Eucharist
- Support new initiatives for the youth and young adults
- Ensure that all parishioners have opportunities for quality life long Catholic Education
- Increase collaboration among all entities in the local, national and universal church

The directive that had the biggest impact on our cluster was the merging of St. Paul and St. Ann parishes, both parishes are working together to ensure a smooth transition for all parishioners and the cluster is supporting them in any way that we can. Both parishes continue to have representation at the cluster meetings. Each parish in our cluster has an implementation team as well as a lay representative on the cluster steering committee. Using both the directives from the Cardinal and the information gathered by each parish the cluster steering committee has prioritized its work and has created the following sub-committee's in response to the Cardinal's directives: Young Adult, Youth, Bereavement and Liturgy, each of these committees is led by one of the four pastors, and has a representative from each parish. We are planning several joint Liturgical celebrations, ongoing training for ministries and an increase in youth and young adult activities.

You may follow the work and events of our cluster at **Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.** You may email any questions, thoughts or concerns about the Making All Things New process to **Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.** We are planning our first cluster event on Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. The cluster will be celebrating a Thanksgiving Family Mass with a reception to follow. Mass will be celebrated at St. Francis of Assisi in West Nyack, NY. Please join us as we give thanks for the many blessings the Lord has bestowed upon us as individuals, parishes, and as a newly formed cluster, keeping in mind that we are all Neighbors in Christ.

We look forward to seeing many of you there and we ask for your prayers as we continue to work together to Make All Things New.