



PADRE'S CORNER

October 9, 2016

Milton Friedman, the famed economist of decades ago, once wrote in the "Financial Times" based in London: "Only a crisis, actual or perceived, produces real change. When that crisis occurs, the actions that are taken depend on the ideas that are lying around." The key to me is the ideas lying around in our head, heart and soul when moments of crisis strike you and me. Life has a way of throwing us curveballs at times that can be quite unsettling, and I am not immune from them either as a priest. Friends of mine are going through the agony of the impending death rattle of a beloved man, who spent his life in legal affairs helping others without counting his personal financial gain. He was a real blessing to immigrants coming from Central America, particularly Guatemala, offering top-notch legal counsel and representation fully cognizant of their meager funds. Most tasks were done for gratis. I have met few men more humble, generous, kind-hearted, and faithful than him. Yet, cancer has deteriorated him despite the deep-intentioned prayers from many people including me. I have asked God why him with so much good still to do for others and family in life and not those in advanced age who introduced the "playboy" culture to the world, the multi-billionaires trying to influence elections with their monies while transmitting an anti-life mentality around the international community, the dictators enslaving countries while suffocating legitimate human freedoms, and violent groups that destroy minds through deadly addictions.

We return to the ideas that Friedman spoke of, upon the news of two religious sisters murdered in Mississippi the week of August 21. These members of the School Sisters of Saint Francis spent their lives giving to the poor, as my buddy with cancer cited above does. In the Holmes County setting they worked in, in which half of the residents live in extreme poverty within the seventh poorest region in America, they gave hope in the way the Presentation sisters now in our parish do for our Newburgh neighborhood. One man helped by their work cried out: "(they don't) deserve to die like this, doing God's work. There's something wrong with the world." In the midst of the horror reflected the parish priest Father Plata, who knew the sisters, about the killer when asked about forgiving the attacker: "

Forgiveness is at the heart of being a Christian. Look at Jesus on the cross - Father, forgive them for they know not what they do." The same week as this nonsensical tragedy was the earthquake on August 23 in Amatrice, Italy that at last count claimed 300 lives. One was a young girl of nine named Giulia Rinaldo, whose embrace in the rumble allowed her younger sister Giorgia to continue to live. The local bishop of the area, Giovanni D'Ercole, said at one of the first funeral Masses: "Don't be afraid to cry out your suffering, I have seen a lot of this, but please do not lose courage. Only together can we rebuild our houses and our churches. Together, above all, we will be able to restore life to our communities. The village (church) bells will ring once more." The searing images of people, in that setting one hour north of Rome, lamenting on boulders that have buried loved ones and a bloody religious sister looking bewildered in her stained habit bring me back to that earlier question of why.

Why the September 11 attacks in the United States? Why dear God do these terrors in life happen? In the midst of the painful cries out of Italy, nine days after the 6.2 magnitude earthquake struck the region, a Golden Retriever dog was somehow rescued. Trapped on the first floor as his human family fled, he inexplicably survived as his owners came back to try to find him. Firefighters, like the heroes of September 11 and my own dad in the South Bronx days of 1957-1979, saved this pet gift of God to the world. One fireman recalled: "Luckily some beams had fallen in a way that they were holding up the weight of everything above them, leaving Romeo with a little niche that he was able to survive in." That niche represents the idea of faith that sustains each of us in the midst of our collective trials, tragedies, blessings and loves that weave in and out of our lives. Never give up hope no matter how difficult or complex life gets. Turn it all over to Jesus for His grace and guidance. Remember well the blessings God gives to us in free will, when the pain still strikes. The good sisters of Mississippi, my attorney friend, Giulia, the firefighters, and yes even Romeo return us to that idea of ultimate goodness and faith that still exists in our troubled times. Hold on tight in faith. That Milton Friedman is the idea that energizes me in the midst of crisis. **Father Bill**

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. Oct. 10

7:00am Louis Randall
By Mary Randall
Edward Yano Jr.
By Patrick & Sondra Lofaro
Noon Joseph Lee
By Family

Tues. Oct. 11

7:00am Unborn
Noon Craig McFarland
By wife

Wed. Oct. 12

7:00am Ralph Corizzo
By Family
Noon Ann Peters (34th Anniv)
By Leoce Family

Thur. Oct. 13

7:00am St. Francis Parish
Noon Lorraine Barton

Fri. Oct. 14

7:00am Our Politicians
Noon Ellen Alexander
By Food Pantry Family

Sat. Oct. 15

Noon St. Francis Parish
4:30pm Ann & Don McClellan
55th Wedding Anniversary

Sun. Oct. 16

8:00am Nick & Helene Stagliano,
57th Wedding Anniversary
11:00am Deceased Members of
Court Patricia #195
Catholic Daughters of the
Americas



WEEKLY COLLECTON

October 1-2, 2016
1st Collection \$5770.00
2nd Collection \$1597.00
TOTAL \$7367.00

*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
MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS

MASS ATTENDANCE

October 1-2, 2016
4:30pm 190
8:00am 168
11:00am 315
Total 673



Our **Holy Hour** with Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament on Wednesday from 5:00pm to 6:00pm will
be for the special intention of **THE UNBORN**.

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is recited on Sundays
at 10:40am before the 11:00am MASS

**Rectory Office will be closed
on Monday, October 10th**

**2017 Mass Book Opens
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18TH
AT 9:00AM IN THE RECTORY**

Announced Masses

A beautiful way to remember someone on the
anniversary of their death, if they are ill, or if they have
died. Many times we forget that a Mass can also be
offered for the living on the occasion of a special
moment in their life or when they are sick.



*The 2016-2017 school year is underway. If you haven't
yet registered your child/children please call Lynda
Piper, our Religious Education Coordinator, at the
Religious Education Office at 561-2589.

ST FRANCIS

HIGH SCHOOL CONFIRMATION GROUP

The high school Confirmation group meets on Fridays,
4:30pm until 6:00pm in the St. Francis Convent, 153 Benkard
Avenue. Entrance is off the back parking lot next to the
parish office and rectory. The group is only for 9-12 graders
who have not received Confirmation and are interested in
doing so. Please speak to Sr. Laura if you have questions.

MASS IN SPANISH

We will begin to have Mass in Spanish once a month at St.
Francis Church. Our first Sunday Spanish Mass will be
October 23, 2016 at 2:00pm. All are welcome to participate.



FLOWER MEMORIAL

The flowers in the sanctuary this weekend are "In celebration of our 57th Wedding Anniversary" by Nick & Helene Stagliano.

CATHOLIC UNDERGROUND NORTH

Sponsored by *Ignite Catholic Young Adults*

Will meet on Saturday, October 15th from 7:30pm to 10:00pm at the Dominican Center of Mount Saint Mary College, 330 Powell Avenue in Newburgh. The featured performer will be Rob Del Gaudio and featured artist Shaun Mrdjenovic. Join in for an encounter with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration and then an encounter with the Catholic Arts. The group meets every 3rd Saturday of the Month. For more information please visit CUNorth@IgniteTruth.org.

Teen Youth Group

We are looking for young people between ages 13-18 years old to be a part of the youth group. We will meet on Sundays in O'Connor Hall from 3:30 – 5:00pm. October 16th is the starting date. Look forward to seeing you there!

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

TAKE A STAND FOR LIFE

Till November 6th the Newburgh community joins with hundreds of other cities participating in peaceful vigil where we pray that with God's help we will mark the beginning of the end of abortion. The prayerful vigil will be held daily from 7:00am to 5:00pm at the Newburgh Planned Parenthood located at 136 Lake Street in Newburgh. Please only stand in the public rightaway outside of Planned Parenthood. For more information please contact Wendy Wood at ocrighttolife@gmail.com. or at 845-820-4366.



Movie Night -

Saturday 22nd, 6:00PM in O'Connor Hall featuring the 1940 Classic "The Shop Around The Corner" with James Stewart and Margaret Sullivan. Please contact Jeannine McCaulley at [914-263-0572](tel:914-263-0572) or jeanse50@yahoo.com if you are planning on attending.

CLOTHING BIN

Please note that we no longer have the Clothing Bin for unwanted clothes in our Church parking lot near the entrance to O'Connor Hall. Thank you to all who have so generously donated their gently used, no longer wanted items.



Food Pantry Hours:
Friday 9:00am to 12noon
Saturday 9:00am to 12noon

In your goodness please bring **JELLY** to Church next weekend to be distributed to the less fortunate thru our Food Pantry. **The Food Pantry is no longer in need of egg cartons.**

FROM THE FOOD PANTRY STAFF.....

- * The Elks of Newburgh is sponsoring a raffle and breakfast for the St Francis Deacon Jack Seymour Food Pantry. There will be **300 raffle tickets** sold at **\$50.00 each**.
- * Each ticket entitles the holder to **2 breakfasts** on **Sunday, October 30th** between the hours of 8:00am and 12noon at the **Newburgh Elks Lodge located at 356 Washington Street**.
- * There will be **5 - \$1,000 winners, 1 - \$500 winner** and **2 - \$250 winners**
- * **All proceeds** from the breakfast and raffle will **go to the St. Francis Deacon Jack Seymour Food Pantry**.
- * Breakfast entry without a raffle tickets will cost \$10.00 per person.
- * Raffle tickets can be purchased after Masses.

Raffle tickets are also available for purchase at the rectory.



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Vincenza Secor, Aaron Stagliano, Kelly Stafford, Robyn McGraw, John Sabo, Andrew Costanzo, Marie Wiejak, Rose, Stephen Sabo, Ashley Barco, Tom Scalzo, Nora Bricker, 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, Abigail Ryan, Debra Thurston, Toby Persico, Alexis Johnson, Barry Johnson, James R. Purpura, Bob Smith, Tom Kingery, Bud Smith, Amy Finnegan, 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, Fr. Fred Kempferi, Carmen DeCrosta, Parker, Jane Holloway, Dore Williams, Hank Kensing, Virginia Ranaudo, Sheryl McGrath, Landi Family, Michelle Ryan, Rosalind Morrison, Donna Delconte, Joan Ponesse, Jim Taylor, Marilyn Lennox, Bruno Marchatta, Anne McClellan, Robert Vance

ITALY TRIP MEETING

Fr Bill has scheduled an informational meeting for the Italy Pilgrimage on Sunday, October 16th at 1:30pm in O'Connor Hall.

ST. FRANCIS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Oct 09th** – Ice Cream Social, 12:30pm
- Oct. 12th** –Eucharistic Adoration 5pm to 6pm in Church
- Oct 16th** – Coffee & Bagel Hour
- Oct 16th** – Italy Trip Meeting 1:30pm in O'Connor Hall
- Oct 22nd** – Movie Night
- Oct 26th** – Mass for Our Country 6:00pm
- Oct 30th** – Food Pantry Breakfast Fundraiser
- Nov 19th** – Holiday Open House 6:00pm in Rectory
- Dec 3rd** – Tag Sale in O'Connor Hall



ALTAR SERVER APPRECIATION DAY

On **Sunday, October 30th**, the Msgr. Henry O'Carroll Council #444 of Newburgh and Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima Council #7460 of Cornwall-on-Hudson, Knights of Columbus, will host an annual event **honoring the boys and girls who serve as Altar Servers** at the Catholic parishes of Newburgh and Cornwall. The event supported by Court Patricia #195 of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas and Richard & JoAnne Sullivan of the Quigley Brothers Funeral Home will take place at the St. Thomas School building at 340 Main Street, Cornwall-on-Hudson from **2:00pm to 4:00pm**. For further information contact Deacon Tony Ferraiuolo at 845-562-4436 or apfspf@aol.com, or Gene Fenton at genefenton44@gmail.com.

Adult Catechisis

Those adults who have not received their sacraments and would like to do so, please see Sr. Laura or leave your name at the Rectory, 561-1317.



BUS TRIP

October 17, 2016 – Pocono Downs Casino, Pa. Bus Trip Hosted by VFW Post 1161 and CWV Post 386
Depart 8:30AM from Newburgh Wal-Mart and 4:30pm departure for return home. \$35/person. Includes \$25 free slot play and \$5 food coupon. Contact John Raszcwski, 845-562-3705. (Make checks payable to VFW Post 1161)

Coffee and Bagel Hour –
Sunday, October 16th after 8:00 Mass



ROSARY RALLY

You are invited to participate in a nation wide call to pray the rosary. Join our local rally on **Sunday, October 15th** at **12 noon** in the City of Newburgh.. We will pray in a small park on the north side of Broadway between the Newburgh Ministry on Johnston Street and the Motor Vehicle Department at lander Street. Let's honor Mary! Bring a folding chair. Street and lot parking is available.

FIFTH SUNDAY ROSARY PROGRAM

Sponsored for all the local parishes by the Msgr. Henry O'Carroll Council #444, Knights of Columbus. The Rosary service for the 5th Sunday in October will be held here at St. Francis of Assisi Church **following the 11:00am Mass on Sunday October 30th**. All are invited to participate. Bring your prayer requests.

Calling All Seniors

Sr. Gloria is starting a Senior Group, beginning this coming Wednesday, October 12th, 1:30pm in O'Connor Hall. Come and be a part. Come and visit with your peers, share your ideas for activities.

HEALING MASS

St Mary's Church on Route 9W in Marlboro will hold a Healing Mass next Sunday, Oct .16th at 4:00pm. For more information call 914-456-7539



Catholic Daughters, Court Patricia #195 will be meeting on Wednesday, October 12th at 7:00pm in Msgr. Valastro Activity Center at Sacred Heart Church in Newburgh. New members are always welcome. For further information Call Maureen Kelly at 562-9462.

BECOME A MEMBER OF OUR PARISH TODAY

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