



## Padre's Corner

August 27, 2017

### Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

"We will make decisions based on real-world outcomes, not inflexible ideology. We will be guided by the lessons of experience, not the confines of rigid thinking. And, wherever possible, we will seek gradual reforms not sudden intervention." I continue to look at these recent words of a world leader after meeting Pope Francis, and see some of these core thoughts as being quite helpful to me as the integration of two parishes spiritually and organically takes place. God has bestowed upon each of us the ability to combine prayer, experience, wisdom, flexibility, gradual progress, and further awareness based on gut reactions to know the right thing to do. Combine these ingredients together, like a wonderful salad or cake, and great things can happen to make the world a brighter place. Joel Osteen, the evangelist, underscored this in these words: "Friend, if you're going to live in victory, you have to know how to praise in your **midnight** hour - when things seem the darkest, when you're in pain, disappointed, lonely or experiencing a loss. When you praise Him no matter what, that's when God can enter your situation. That's when He can break your chains and set you free."

As Catholics, we do believe that the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist is the supernatural strength that enables us to be divine in a natural world. When others who deny this precept, or even those who just see the Eucharist as too small in size or just a symbol, confront this core belief that Jesus declared at the Last Supper we still make our declaration of faith that it truly is Him. The power to make us better was one of His promises, in the sacramental dimensions of the Church. Reflected Raymond de Souza, with the Knights of Malta and Human Life International, "The person who raises this objection must be a firm believer that it must be absolutely impossible to place the Encyclopedia Britannica on a single CD-ROM. But we know that the CD can contain the entire text, the diagrams, illustrations, and photographs - all that is in the hard copy - and, as a result, we have the exact same encyclopedia, the only difference being that it exists in a different form. Similarly, we have Christ's Body in the Holy Eucharist, in sacramental form, but no less real for that."

Back to this ability that we all have to make our neighborhoods a brighter place, if we so choose and make the effort. I offer the following illustrations to you as a spiritual springboard to greater effort and involvement, again remembering that all the good we do is rooted in this relationship of prayer and sacrament with Jesus. Both stories flow from the frequent early morning walks to Downing Park with Deacon Tony.

The first one jives with the rooted aspect of our connection to God. One day in early May we saw a huge branch from a tree sheared off, and deposited in the depths of the pond below. The balance of the huge tree edifice was hanging like a wishbone, ready to break again. Efforts to present this pending dangerous situation, near an activities building and smack in the middle of a major walking path, were falling on deaf ears. Meanwhile, the gap between two heavy branches leaning in opposite directions was growing based on the measurements of our inserted fingers. One morning three weeks later, on the last day of May, we both said "enough". A trusted friend from Sacred Heart was contacted, and the attachment to appropriate connections on his part were exercised. The very next day the tree was removed, because of people who care about the City of Newburgh coming together reinforced by concerns of possible injuries to others and/or property.

The other story, metaphorical for the spiritual relationship of our two parishes, took place the very same day (May 31) that the tree challenge was being handled. A dead cat was found in front of Sacred Heart School, apparently hit by a car. Our heartstrings were pulled, and we decided to not leave the little guy there by disposing of his body in a sacred and respectful way. With the help of rectory staff a grave was dug in the Saint Francis Prayer Garden, and after some prayers he was buried next to one of my gerbils who died six months ago during the parish pilgrimage to Italy. My buddy Moondoggie was present as the honor guard. Do good for God. Father Bill

# MASS INTENTIONS

## Mon. Aug. 28

7:00am Florence Aulogia and  
Sister Anna Oncia

By Sal Aulogia

Noon To St Anthony to aid Tom  
Breaton

By The Therrien Family

## Tues. Aug. 29

7:00am St Francis Parish

Noon Mary Ann Fabiano

By Formato & Rolfs Families

## Wed. Aug. 30

7:00am World Peace

Noon Dr. Vincent Lombardi  
(4<sup>th</sup> Anniv)

By Steve Immitt

## Thur. Aug. 31

7:00am Our Politicians

Noon Rachel Malpica  
"Health & Blessings"

By The Rich Family

## Fri. Sept. 1

7:00am Ill & Suffering

Noon Harold Hardy

By Daughter Ann

## Sat. Sept. 2

Noon Ralph L. Puglielle Sr.

By William J. Larkin III

4:30pm Craig McFarland

By Wife

Francine Orsini

By Angelina Monaco

## Sun. Sept. 3

8:30am June McKnight

By Carmela & David Rupp

11:00am Walter Orzechwski

By Wife Electra

Sergey Offenberg

By Joseph



## WEEKLY COLLECTON

Aug 19-20, 2017

1<sup>st</sup> Collection \$ 6,504.00

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection 1,872.00

TOTAL \$ 8,376.00

Feast of Assumption \$1,437.00

## MASS ATTENDANCE

Aug 19-20, 2017

4:30pm 155

8:00am 180

11:00am 190

1:30pm 60

TOTAL 585

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection this week is for  
**AIR CONDITIONING**



Our Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on  
Wednesday from 5:00pm to 6:00pm is for the intentin of  
**WORLD PEACE.**

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

## **SUNDAY MASS TIMES**

Effective September 1st

### **ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI**

Saturday Vigil – 4:30pm

Sunday – 8:30 & 11:00am

1:30pm (Spanish Mass)

### **SACRED HEART**

Saturday Vigil – 5:30pm

Sunday – 7:30am (Italian Mass)

10:00am & 12:00noon



We will have in person registration for  
Religious Education classes on the following dates:

At St. Francis of Assisi Church  
Sunday, August 27 10:30am to 12:30pm  
and 1:00pm to 3:00pm

At the Religious Education Program Office  
At Sacred Heart School Building  
Corner of Robinson Ave (Rt 9W) and Ann Street  
Wednesday, August 30<sup>th</sup>  
9:30am to 11:00am & 4:00pm to 6:00pm

## TODAY

### TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### **First Reading:** Isaiah 22:19-23

This passage refers to the use of authority and indicates the Key as the symbol of authority. The words "open" and "shut" refer to the power that will eventually be given to Peter.

#### **Second Reading:** Romans 11:33-36

Paul writes ecstatic and praise-filled words about God's plan for his people. In him, he writes, "all things are."

#### **Gospel:** Matthew 16:13-20

When Jesus asks his disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" Peter exclaims, "You are the Messiah!" Christ then declares that Peter is the "Rock" upon which he will build his Church, promising him the power "to bind" and "to loose."

#### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

##### **Monday**

1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Mt 23:13-22

##### **Tuesday**

1 Thes 2:1-8; Mk 6:17-29

##### **Wednesday**

1 Thes 2:9-13; Mt 23:27-32

##### **Thursday**

1 Thes 3:7-13; Mt 24:42-51

##### **First Friday**

1 Thes 4:1-8; Mt 25:1-13

##### **First Saturday**

1 Thes 4:9-11; Mt 25:14-30



#### **PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

Vincenza Secor, Aaron Stagliano, Marie Wiejak, Ashley Barco, Agnes Casey, Rose Marie Michalowski, George Vecchio Jr, Carol Brown, Luzia Araujo, Celio Thomaz, Rosalie Nogay, Rose Jurik, Robert & Helen Osborn, Manuel DiNapoli, Rachael Neugebauer, Maureen Kelly, James R. Purpura, Jane Pustola, Frances Dolan, Daniel D'Elicio, Carmen De Crosta, Parker, Jane Holloway, Donna Delconte, Joan Ponesse, Jim Taylor, Marilyn Lennox, Bruno Marchatta, Anne McClellan, Louis Arbia, Dottie Rodriguez, Maureen Sullivan, Frank D'amaro, Amanda Keane, Tom (Manay) Conroy, Gertrude Poland, Rita Froehlich, Brian Scott Monahan, Chelsea Dunderdale, Mary Hollenbeck, Donnie Ruckdeschel, Patrick Comyns, John Marullo, Jaddon Johnson, Rina & Richard Bozzone, Rebecca Pacella, Lena Biasini Zullo, Pam Kunert, Janet Coiteux, Vincent McParkland and Family, Jozef Froniewski, Teresa Centeno, Bobbi Hull, Angie Monaco, Emily Cooley, Frank Celeste, Amy Finnegan, Brian Hanrahan, Toni Loparco Shepardson and Shawn Zuzio



**Sacred Heart School** is accepting enrollment for Pre-K thru 8<sup>th</sup> grade for the 2017-18 school year. Please call 845-561-1433 for an appointment or stop by for a tour at their school at 148 Windsor Highway In New Windsor. Please visit our website <https://shsnewburgh.org> and see what we are about.



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

In your goodness please bring **ONE POUND PACKAGES OF PASTA & SAUCE** to Church next weekend to be distributed to the less fortunate in our area thru our Food Pantry.

The Food Pantry would like to **thank everyone** for their generosity in donating all the wonderful school supplies for the children of the families who use our facility.

If you are involved in a church and/or Newburgh School program and your child needs **volunteer hours**, the Food Pantry will coordinate service hours through Curt Bourdage at [845-863-6504](tel:845-863-6504). All students need to pre-register with Curt - Bourdage before showing up at the pantry, please.



#### **TO ALL THE PARISHIONERS OF ST. FRANCIS/SACRED HEART CHURCH**

On behalf of the steering committee and all the volunteers of the **St. Francis-Deacon Jack Seymour Food Pantry** we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all for your support of our one and only fundraiser for the year.

Our goal of selling 600 raffle tickets was achieved and the funds will be used to improve our refrigeration, pay for transportation of food from the food bank and improve the quality of food for our clients.

We serve over 50,000 people per year supplementing their needs by giving them equivalent of a three day supply of groceries.

In the near future we will present and explain our quarterly and yearly reports so all parishioners have a clear understanding of the continuing support you give **YOUR** pantry.



**Our Presentation Sisters will be selling raffle tickets for their congregation after all the Masses on September 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. All proceeds from the raffle will help further the mission of the Sisters.**



**ST FRANCIS of ASSISI  
PRAYER MINISTRY**

We are pleased to announce the start of our St. Francis Prayer Ministry whose mission will be to pray for anyone who has a need for healing, thanksgiving or special intention.

To **become a member** of the prayer team contact our Prayer Ministry coordinator Denise Morgan at [tibill12@aol.com](mailto:tibill12@aol.com).

You can **send your prayer requests** to Denise who will relay them to our prayer team members.



**MOVIE NIGHT**

On Saturday, **September 9th** we will be showing the movie **"The Shack"** at **6:00 pm** in O'Connor Hall. Starring Tim McGraw, this awe-inspiring film embraces the deepest emotions of faith and human struggles within their deepest depths. Despite the human propensity to lose hope, as these deep challenges strike, we will see how God grants the grace to deeply believe and persevere. Bring a box of tissues, an incredibly beautiful and touching cinematic experience. For pizza and refreshments planning, please RSVP to Jeannine McCauley at [914-263-0572](tel:914-263-0572) or email [jeanse50@yahoo.com](mailto:jeanse50@yahoo.com)

**ST. FRANCIS CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

<b>Aug 30<sup>TH</sup></b> - Eucharistic Adoration 5:00-6:00pm
<b>Sept 1<sup>ST</sup></b> - Youth Group 6:30 pm O'Connor Hall
<b>Sept 9<sup>TH</sup></b> - Movie Night 6:00pm O'Connor Hall
<b>Sept 13<sup>TH</sup></b> - Senior Meeting 12:30pm O'Connor Hall
<b>Sept 17<sup>TH</sup></b> - Altar Server Appreciation Day



**FURRY FRIENDS  
PET MINISTRY**

"My cup runneth over".....Actually it's our Hudson Valley SPCA donation box that is overflowing!! Thank you for all your donations of pet food, pet supplies and blankets and a special thank you for your continued generous monetary support for our Little Furry Friends ministry. The success of this project is outstanding. Fr. Bill will again be making a visit to present all of our collected items and funds to the shelter in New Windsor. They love when Fr. Bill visits! Because of your dedicated support, we can help the people that help these poor homeless animals.

**ADVERTISER'S CORNER**

*Thank you*

TO OUR BULLETIN

ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK, **I HOP RESTAURANT**, located at Crossroads Plaza, 44 Route 17K in Newburgh. They have a menu consisting of great breakfast, lunch and dinner selections. I HOP is offering 10% off your entire check with their ad located on the back of this bulletin. Call them at 845-569-4467 or visit their website at [www.ihop.com](http://www.ihop.com).



**PILGRIMAGES**

**1) ALPINE CHRISTMAS ADVENTURE  
December 4-14, 2017**

Visit Frankfurt, Freiburg, Lucerne, Innsbruck, Salzburg. Oberammergau, Neuschwanstein, Munich, Rothenberg and Heidelberg, featuring Europe's famous Chrstkindl Markets.

**2) THE HOLY LAND  
January 8-17, 2018**

Visit Haifa, Tiberias, Nazareth, Bethlehem and Jerusalem. Walk where Jesus walked in Jerusalem and visit the Mount of Olives, the Garden of Gethsemane and Mt. Zion. Also visit the Church of the Nativity, Shepherd's Field, the Sea of Galilee and the sites of the Sermon on the Mount and the miracle of the loaves and fishes. Brochures are located in the back of the church and at the sacristy door entrance. For questions please call the rectory 845-561-1317.



**ALTAR SERVER APPRECIATION DAY**

On Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> we will be honoring all our Altar Servers. We invite all our servers and their families to join us from 2:30 to 5:30 pm in O'Connor Hall.

**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.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Fill out and drop in the Offertory Collection or mail to St. Francis of Assisi Church, 145 Benkard Avenue, Newburgh, NY 12550.....and Welcome.**