



Padre's Corner

September 10, 2017
Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

"If you build it, they will come" derives as a thought from the 1989 baseball film, "Field of Dreams". Starring Amy Madigan, James Earl Jones, and Kevin Costner my first viewing of the film was in Vermont of that year as a group of seminarians went on a skiing trip. In front of a fireplace, on a wintry night, I experienced the spirited power of our dreams in this film. Costner plays an Iowa farmer who is longing to reconnect with his deceased dad, who used to play catch with him. Building a baseball diamond in the midst of the cornfields not only recalls the soul of his dad, but members of the 1919 Chicago White Sox baseball team accused of illegally betting on the World Series that season.

The power of our dreams leads to creative ideas, buildings, factories, families, dioceses, parishes, athletic conquests, musical scores, and dramatic acting sequences. What is the source of that power: the world or God? We often learn from our culture where the power should not come from. In a recent concert of a 1960's musical legend, he defined the creative energy of the songs as deriving from the unstable sixties decade and the use of drugs (marijuana, hashish, and "yellow mellow "). Obviously we do not want those unstable forces to be the foundation of our creativity.

The world of cinema can often leave us confused, even in the messages of the super heroes that draw large audiences to the theaters. "Wonder Woman" provides once such example. The daughter of an ancient deity, created during World War II, was truly courageous in the recent film working with mortal human beings to bring an end to World War I in 1917. I even configured her as a metaphor to Our Lady of Fatima, who predicted the end of the war through prayer. I also sensed an overall theme of goodness (Jesus) and raw evil (Nazi's under Hitler), whose ideas are not killed when the inspirational leaders die but continue to live in the hearts and souls of their adherents or listeners. There was even a probing thought of inspiration in "Wonder Woman" where she examined: "Life is not about what we deserve, but what we believe: I believe in love. Only love can truly save the world. There is a light and darkness in each of us: we choose which side to take." The destructive mustard gas used during the war by evil ideas is destroyed, much as mutual weapons of mass destruction today must be. The goodness of the courageous human spirit prevails.

Imagine my disappointment when I learned, during later research, that the original inspiration for this female super hero back in the 1940's was Margaret Sanger. Who is she? Sadly, the 1920's pioneer of birth control and abortion population curtailment programs worldwide. My heart sunk even further when I unearthed a comic from a few years ago of "Wonder Woman" protecting an abortion clinic, in the defense of human freedom. I realized again that our power sources of inspiration cannot be movies, athletes, singers, business leaders, politicians, or other rock stars of modern day culture. The inspiration must be God through His Son and Spirit in our religious world of faith, prayers, and sacraments especially Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. Our efforts to make the City of Newburgh a better place must be rooted in this reality, much like Jesus on our parish lawn facing the city with a world globe in His hand conveys. We seek Him for our power to do good and avoid evil.

Saint Boniface offers words of consolation, as we try to implement these spiritual truths for better living. Born in 673, Boniface became a monk before later becoming a bishop in Bavaria (part of our forthcoming December pilgrimage to Germany, Austria and Switzerland). He was martyred in 754. He opined: "In Her voyage across the ocean of this world, the Church is like a great ship being pounded by the waves of life's different stresses. Our duty is not to abandon ship but to keep Her on course. The ancient fathers showed us how we should carry out this duty: Clement, Cornelius, and many others in the city of Rome, Cyprian at Carthage, Athanasius at Alexandria. They all lived under emperor's who were pagans; they all steered Christ's ship - or rather His most dear spouse, the Church. This they did by teaching and defending Her, by their labors and sufferings, even to the shedding of blood. I am terrified when I think of all of this. Fear and trembling came upon me and the darkness of my sins almost covered me." As our world, Church, society, and parishes change we need His power.

Fr. Bill

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. Sept. 11

7:00am John Barcia

By Wife Ida

Noon Joan Sablinski

By Natalie Quick

Tues. Sept. 12

7:00am Mary & Joseph Vitay

By Mary Ann & Tony Farkas

Noon Ralph Puglielle

By Gloria & Sam Yonnone

Wed. Sept. 13

7:00am Peter & Mildred

Zalanowski

By Family

Noon Mary Ann Fabiano

By Arlene Quinn

Heather Catala

"Health & Blessings"

By Tomi

Thur. Sept. 14

7:00am Deacon John Buckley

By Mr. & Mrs. Francis Bedetti

Noon Bertha Benish

By Son Eddie

Deacon John Buckley

By Post 386 Cath War Veterans

Fri. Sept. 15

7:00am Ed Golden

By The Ewanich Family

Noon Ginny Cook

(4th Anniv)

By The Cook Family

Sat. Sept. 16

Noon St Francis Parish

4:30 Special Intention

By Ida Barcia

John & Nancy Squillini

Sun. Sept. 17

8:30am Camille Moriello

By Bob & Denise Morgan

11:00am Beverly Barney

By Bob & Carol Ruckdeschel

Janice M Dunn

By The Reynolds Families

Gerard & Sheryl Walker

By Family



WEEKLY COLLECTON

Sept 2-3, 2017

1st Collection \$ 6,368.00

2nd Collection 1,589.00

TOTAL \$ 79597.00

MASS ATTENDANCE

Sept 2-3, 2017

4:30pm 165

8:30am 163

11:00am 178

1:30pm 55

TOTAL 561

The 2nd Collection this week is for
**CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS
THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA**



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

Hear God's Voice

HURRICANE PRAYER

O Heavenly Father, all the elements of nature obey your commands, including hurricanes. Calm the storms that threaten us and turn our fear of Your power into praise of Your goodness. Grant this through Our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen

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



FLOWER MEMORIALS

The flowers in the sanctuary this weekend are
"In Loving Memory of Ginny Cook"
By Altar Server John (Grandson) and Family

TODAY

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9

God has appointed the prophet as a watchman over his people. If he fails to give them warning against sin, he will be held responsible.

Second Reading: Romans 13:8-10

In this beautiful letter, Paul says that all commandments are contained in this: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus explains to his disciples how to respond to those who wrong them – with gentleness and practical wisdom. He promises that whenever "two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in their midst."

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday

Col 1:24—2:3; Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday

Col 2:6-15; Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday

Col 3:1-11; Lk 6:20-26

Thursday

Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Friday

1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Saturday

1 Tm 1:15-17; Lk 6:43-49



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, Shawn Zuzio, Donald (Leed) Zubawicz and Louise McHugh

COLUMBUS DAY MASS and PARADE

The St Patrick's Cathedral Italian Apostolate is sponsoring their 40th Annual Columbus Day Mass and Parade on **Monday, October 9, 2017 at 9:30am** at St. Patrick's Cathedral. His Eminence Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan will be the celebrant. To **receive free tickets** e-mail columbusday@archny.org or call 646-794-2000.



Food Pantry Hours:

Friday 9:00am to 12noon

Saturday 9:00am to 12noon

In your goodness please bring **PERSONAL CARE ITEMS such as toothpaste, deodorant, soap, shampoo, etc.** to Church next weekend to be distributed to the less fortunate in our area thru our Food Pantry.

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.

FAMILY RETREAT

The Franciscan Friars of the Renewal are hosting a free family retreat for all parents, children, adolescents and youth on **Saturday, September 23** from **8:30am to 3:00pm** at St. Mary's Church, 180 South Street in Newburgh. All are invited. For more information call 914-963-0250. To pre-register visit www.newburghfriary.org.

RETIRO FAMILIAR

Invitan los Frailes Franciscanos de la Renovacion y el ministerio de jovenes Corazon Puro. Locacion: 180 South St, Newburgh, NY at St. Mary of the Assumption Church. Date: 23 de Septiembre Time: 8:30am – 3:00pm. Gratis: It's free. Para mas informacion: 914-963-0250. Para pre-registracion visita: www.newburghfriary.org.

Horario para Confesion en enpanol: Cada primer Viernes del mes. 5-7pm en el Convento de Santa Maria de la Asuncion, 180 South Street, Newburgh.



SISTERS OF THE PRESENTATION
of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Sisters of the Presentation invite you to a **4 session series "Learn about Dementia"** sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association, Hudson Valley Chapter. The workshops will be held from **11:15am to 12:15pm** in the Administration Center, 84 Presentation Way, off Jackson Avenue in New Windsor.

Wed 9/13 - Understanding & Responding to Dementia

Wed 9/20 - The Basics, Memory Loss

Wed 9/27 - Effective Communication Strategies

Date TBD - Spirituality & the Dementia Patient

The workshops are free and you may attend any or all sessions. Please RSVP @ 845-401-8531.



Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Patricia #195 will meet at **7:00pm on Wednesday, September 13th** in the Msgr. Valastro Activity Center. We will be collecting supplies for our Troops. New members are always welcome. For further information please call Linda DeWeitt at 845-565-7837.



Religious Education

Religious Education Program classes

Begin the week of September 18, 2017

Mondays	Grades 1-6	4:30 to 6:00pm
Mondays	Grades 7&8	6:30 to 8:10pm
Tuesdays	Grades 1-6	4:45 to 6:15pm
Wednesdays	Grades 7&8	6:00 to 7:40pm

Confirmation Classes for High School Students

Tuesdays	Grades 9-12	6:30 to 8:00pm
See Sister Laura		



Our St. Francis Seniors will hold their monthly meeting on Wednesday, September 13 at 12:30pm (after the 12:00 noon Mass) in O'Connor Hall.



SAVE THE DATE

Our beloved Fr. Peter has a dual celebration coming soon. He will be celebrating his 80th Birthday on November 3rd and the 50th Jubilee of his Ordination on December 21st. The parish has chosen Sunday, November 5th to honor Fr. Peter. There will be a Mass of Thanksgiving for Fr. Peter at 11:00am with a dinner later that afternoon at Temple Hill Tavern & Catering in Vails Gate. Details to follow as arrangements are finalized.

ST. FRANCIS CALENDAR OF EVENTS
Sept 13th - Eucharistic Adoration 5:00-6:00pm
Sept 13th - Senior Meeting 12:30pm O'Connor Hall
Sept 15th - Youth Group 6:30 pm O'Connor Hall
Sept 17th - Altar Server Appreciation Day

15th ANNUAL HEALING MASS IN HONOR OF ST. PEREGRINE

On **Thursday, September 14th at 7:00pm** at the Chapel at **Mt. Alvernia**, Delavergne Avenue, Wappingers Falls, NY. All patients, survivors, families, friends, and medical community are invited. Mass and blessing with a relic of St. Peregrine and communal rite of Anointing of the Sick followed by a social. For more information please call 845-297-5706.

HEALING MASS

Third Sunday of the Month Healing Mass on **Sunday, September 17th at 4:00pm** St. Mary's Church, Route 9W in Marlboro. Call 914-456-7539 with questions.



Our Presentation Sisters will be selling raffle tickets for their congregation after all the Masses this weekend. All proceeds from the raffle will help further the mission of the Sisters

Father Bill is hosting two 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.

AN INVITATION FROM THE JEWISH COMMUNITY IN NEWBURGH

The Jewish Community of Newburgh invites you to Slichot, that moment when we search our souls before the Jewish New Year. This year we search the soul of our nation.

Temple Beth Jacob and Congregation Agudas Israel invite the entire interfaith community for a searching of our collective soul, to repudiate hate and racism and to commit to increasing tolerance and respect.

Join us **Saturday, September 16th at 7:30pm** at **290 North Street** in Newburgh as we enter the New Year, atone for our sins and make a plan to ensure that our country remains a beacon of liberty and justice for all.

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: _____