



Padre's Corner

October 8, 2017

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rich experiences in life of travel, religious worship, sporting events, family blessings, shared meals, concerts, and a multitude of other endeavors are deepened with the presence of loved ones. A wonderful movie is always better when discussed afterwards with a trusted companion. Skiing in Vermont runs better with fellow skiers. When the crowd is gone, which I observed recently while traveling through Vermont in late June, not much is open and the excitement of enlivened memories pales in comparison to the winter months. Nothing is perfect of course, as there can be human opposition to the dreams and plans that God has prayerfully laid out before us in our discernment. This can be a challenge alike to parents, office managers, coaches, and even Pastors.

Jonathan Adler, a designer, wrote in "Bloomberg Business Week" these reflection points: "Having a naysayer can be motivating. Rebel against a dream crusher from your past." There is also the component of trying to live out the mission God has given to us, despite the opposition of a few or even within the culture-at-large. George Orwell, the futurist author of "Animal Farm" in 1945 and **four years later "1984"** (he lived 1903-1950), wrote in the "Daily Telegraph" of his native England: "The further a society drifts from the truth, the more it will hate those who speak it."

I tap into the observations of Saint Augustine from 1600 years ago, who added another level of thought on how human beings spiritually relate to each other. He used King David from over 3000 years ago as the template of expression. "I acknowledge my transgression, says David. If I admit my fault, then you will pardon it. Let us never assume that if we live good lives we will be without sin; our lives should be praised only when we continue to beg for pardon. But men are hopeless creatures, and the less they concentrate on their own sins, the more interested they become in the sins of others. They seek to criticize, not to correct. Unable to excuse themselves, they are ready to accuse others. This was not the way that David showed us how to pray and make amends to God, when he said: I acknowledge my transgression, and my sin is ever before me. He did not concentrate on other's sins; he turned his thoughts about himself. He did not merely stroke the surface, but he plunged inside and went deep down within himself. He did not spare himself, and therefore was not impudent in asking to be spared."

As our world and two parishes in Newburgh propel forward, an observation. As the spiritual leader of both Sacred Heart and Saint Francis of Assisi, blessed in union with my international priest friends Father Bejoy of India and Father Peter of Vietnam, we collectively and acutely see many wonderful shared parishioner moments ahead of us with you in the powerful joining of spiritual forces. Our Mass schedules remain intact, even added upon by the return of the Italian Mass to Sacred Heart on Sunday at eight. In addition to the ten and twelve there, there are plenty of opportunities for our parishioners to go to Mass in conjunction with the eight and eleven at Saint Francis plus the **one-thirty Spanish**. Weekdays we are covered with the nine at Sacred Heart, plus the seven and twelve noon at Saint Francis.

We also have many spiritual dreams of courses on the life of faith, continued opportunities to travel our beautiful world in the near future (Switzerland, Austria, Germany in December plus Israel in January) and possibly later in 2018 (cruise with Italy and Greece), picnics, bazaars, holy hour prayer experiences, continued attentiveness to fixing and maintaining our properties, reaching out to the hungry and confused, creating beautiful places of spiritual introspection on our grounds that we can retreat into like a prayer garden, and countless other creative dreams on the path to serving God. I will not allow the few naysayers, existing in any human structure or spiritual organization, to derail these religious wishes by cutting remarks or cunning interventions. God does not bless such efforts, but He does the 99.9 % of us trying not to live that way. Dear Lord, please bless us. **Father Bill**

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. Oct. 9

7:00am Giovanni Perugino

By Lena Riley

Noon Joseph & Bernice Mascetti

By Family

Tues. Oct. 3

7:00am Louis Randall

By Mary Randall

Andrew Lasek

By Parents

Noon Joseph Lee

By Family

Wed. Oct. 11

7:00am Fran (Special Intention)

By Mary King

Noon Ralph & Vivian Hall

By Family

Thur. Oct. 12

7:00am Mary & Joseph Vitay

By Mary Ann & Tony Farkas

Noon Charlie Messina

"Health & Blessings"

By Friends

Fri. Oct. 13

7:00am Las Vegas shooting victims

Noon Charlie Messina

"Health & Blessings"

By The Rich Family

Sat. Oct. 14

Noon St. Francis Parish

4:30 Rocco Pacella Jr and

Thomas DoDonato

By Shirley Pacella

Sun. Oct 15

8:30am Nick & Helene Stagliano

58th Wedding Anniv.

By Family

Pilar Arestin

(2nd Anniv)

By Family

11:00am Camille Moriello

By Cliff & Betty Davis



WEEKLY COLLECTON

Sept 30-Oct 1, 2017

1st Collection \$ 6,699.45

2nd Collection 1,177.00

TOTAL \$ 7,876.45

MASS ATTENDANCE

Sept 30-Oct 1, 2017

4:30pm 227

8:30am 176

11:00am 200

1:30pm 67

TOTAL 670

The 2nd Collection this week is for
MAINTENANCE & REPAIR



Our Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this Wednesday from 5:00pm to 6:00pm is for the intentin of VOCATIONS.

RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED

On Monday October 9th

in observance of the Columbus Day Holiday

Happy Columbus Day



THE ANNIVERSARY OF
THE DISCOVERY OF THE OF OUR COUNTRY

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

O Holy Spirit,
Spirit of wisdom and divine love,
impart Your knowledge, understanding and counsel
to youth that they may know the vocation
wherein they can best serve God.
Give them courage and strength
to follow God's holy will.
Guide there uncertain steps,
strengthen their resolutions.
shield their chastity,
fashion their minds,
conquer their hearts,
and lead them to the vineyards
where they will labor in God's holy service.
Amen

TODAY

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

This passage about the failure of the Lord’s vineyard is a metaphor for the ingratitude of the people of Israel and Judah. In tones of sadness and rebuke, the Lord asks, “What more was there to do for my vineyard?”

Second Reading: Philippians 4:6-9

In a moving appeal to the Philippians, Paul exhorts them to embrace all that is pure, decent, and admirable; then God’s peace will be theirs.

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

In another rebuke to the chief priests and the elders, Jesus recounts a parable in which the owner of a vineyard leases his vineyard to tenant farmers. When the owner sends his servants and even his son to claim his rightful share of the crops, the tenants kill all of them. With some bitterness, Jesus warns the chief priests that “the Kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to people that will yield a rich harvest

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday

Jon 1:1—2:2, 11; Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday

Jon 3:1-10; Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday

Jon 4:1-11; Lk 11:1-4

Thursday

Mal 3:13-20b; Lk 11:5-13

Friday

Jl 1:13-15, 2:1-2; Lk 11:15-26

Saturday

Jl 4:12-21; Lk 11:27-28



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’amario, 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, Louise McHugh, Pat Alexander and Vic Landi

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

We are in need of Eucharistic Minister volunteers to visit our hospital on the 1st and 2nd Wednesdays of the month. If you are interested and would like to help please contact Suzanne Campora at 561-5162.



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

FOOD PANTRY WILL BE CLOSED
Friday, October 6th
Saturday, October 7th
For the Columbus Day Holiday Weekend

In your goodness please bring **PANCAKE MIX & SYRUP** 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**. All students need to pre-register with Curt Bourdage before showing up at the pantry, please.



2017-2018 Class Schedules

Mondays	Grades 1-6	4:30 to 6:00pm
Mondays	Grades 7&8	6:30 to 8:10pm
Tuesdays	Grades 1-7	5:00 to 6:30pm
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		



ADULT CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

A program for adults 18 years of age or older who are Catholics seeking the sacrament of Confirmation. To participate you must have received the sacraments of Baptism and First Communion. The eight week program will cover a variety of topics including the Creed, prayer and spirituality, Sacred Scripture, tradition and the meaning of the sacrament of Confirmation. For more information please contact Sr. Pat Reills at 508-331-6044 or Sandra Corsetti at 845-561-4813.

ST. FRANCIS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Oct 11 th - Eucharistic Adoration 5:00-6:00pm
Oct 13 th - Youth Group 6:30 pm O’Connor Hall
Oct 15 th - Coffee & Bagel Hour
Oct 21 st - Movie Night



ROSARY RALLY

The Catholic War Veterans, Post 386 invite you to join them on **Saturday, October 14th** at **12noon** in front of Sacred Heart Church on Robinson Avenue in Newburgh as they pray the Rosary asking for the Blessed Mother's intercession for World Peace. Please bring your Rosary and lawn chair.

PRO LIFE MARCH

Saturday, October 21st

9:00am Mass at St. Francis

Procession to Planned Parenthood

while praying the rosary

(Remain in Church for Adoration if you are unable to march)

March back to St. Francis for Benediction

Light Reception

Sponsored by the Franciscan Friars



GRACE UNITED METHDIST CHURCH

Invites you to their Chili Cook Off on **Saturday, October 21st** at **5:00pm** at 468 Broadway in Newburgh. Come out, sample the entries and cast your vote for the best and enjoy a bowl of chili, cornbread, dessert and lemonade and ice tea all for **\$6.00** per person.



The Sands Casino Bus Trip

On **Tuesday, October 17th**, VFW Post 1161 and CWV Post 386 are co-hosting a bus trip to The Sands Casino in Bethlehem, PA. The bus will depart at 8:30am from the Wal-Mart parking lot and will depart for home at 4:30pm. Tickets are \$35.00 per person. You will receive \$30.00 in free slot play and a \$5.00 Food Coupon, plus a chance to win the trip free. To reserve your seat call John Raszcwski at 845-562-3705.

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. Wa

k 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.

FIFTH SUNDAY ROSARY



A rosary service for the 5th Sunday in October will be held at Sacred Heart Church in Newburgh **following the 12:00noon Mass on Sunday, October 29th**. All are invited to attend. Bring your prayer requests. Event sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Council 444. For questions call Ted Coughlin 845-913-5632 or Joe Coyle 845-561-7384.



MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD SCHOOL

Parent Guild is sponsoring a Fall Fling Tricky Tray at their school gymnasium at 180 Ulster Avenue in Walden on **Saturday, October 21st**. Doors open at **5:00pm**. \$20.00 entry fee. Prizes include Vera Bradley, Longaberger, Michael Kors, Coach, Thirty One and more. To purchase tickets or to reserve a table contact Gwen Kinchen at 845-913-5384 or e-mail at gnoloc@gmail.com.



HOOP SHOOT

The Newburgh Elks #247 will host its annual Hoop Shoot competition on **Sunday, October 22nd** from **3:00pm to 5:00pm** at 356 Washington Street. This free event is open to boys and girls ages 8-13. The Elks will also be collecting new or gently used sneakers to donate to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Orange County. Contact Mike Kerin 914-489-4661 for details or questions.

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.