



## Padre's Corner

October 15, 2017

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fort Tryon Park in Upper Manhattan places the Cloisters Museum amongst its historical visitor treasures. Founded on May 10, 1938 the establishment is connected to the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Over 5000 pieces of art form its composition, mostly from monasteries and abbeys in France dating from the 12th-15th centuries. One example is the Cuxa part of the Cloisters, once the Benedictine Abbey of Saint Michel abandoned in 1791 on the eve of the violent French Revolution (which resulted in the execution of many, including priests, at the guillotine). In another chapel from Northern Spain are four tombs, from the Bellpuig de las Avellanes Monastery. There are numerous statues of saints, chalices, vestments, tapestries, furniture, stained glasses, altars, and crosses from other once-occupied sacred Catholic settings. What was once alive with priests, nuns, parishioners, sacramental lives, and prayer have now been declassified into show-and-tell museum pieces. While appreciative that the religious history is preserved, something is spiritually missing. The Eucharistic celebrations are no more. There is an empty feeling, while recognizing the absence of what was once an active parish.

Many of the twenty-one California missions, established by Saint Junipero Serra starting in 1769, have the same empty feeling now serving as state museums. When parishes close, such as Saint Mary's in Newburgh, the faithful have that same sense of loss. Population shifts, declining numbers of priests, and declining finances are all legitimate factors behind closing churches even dating back to these medieval times. Walking past a closed church evokes these same sad sentiments. Even baseball stadium "cathedrals" stimulate the tear glands in fans when they are closed and razed, burying with it all the memories and original bricks out of which it was once constructed.

I remembered a great sense of loss when the old Yankee Stadium, built in 1923, was rendered into nothingness a decade ago. The original stadium was where I went to my first Yankees game in 1968, with my late Dad, watching Mickey Mantle in his final season as a baseball player. When the new stadium was opened, I recall the old being draped in a black material that reminded me of a black pall during a funeral burial. The location of the original ballpark, where Babe Ruth once chased fly balls in right field, has some remnants like upper stadium frieze (facade) that remain like the surviving artifacts in a museum. However, minus the crowds things are just not the same.

Andy Rooney (1919-2011) gave a weekly reflection on "60 Minutes," from 1978 to 2011 on CBS. They were commentaries on slices of American life. He once recalled: "I've learned that simple walks with my father around the block on summer nights when I was a child, did wonders for me as an adult... That I wish I could have told my Mom that I love her one more time before she passed away." The passing of the seasons, times of your life, ages, decades, and centuries all possess this painful detachment from what was familiar and loved. The old neighborhoods, stadiums, parish churches, Main Street stores, movie theaters, parks filled once with childhood laughter and baseball swings, and the voices of our loved ones eventually close or go silent in most cases.

(Madonna wrote a heart-throbbing song called "This Used To Be My Playground." One verse echoed: "This used to be my playground. This used to be my childhood dream. This used to be the place I ran to whenever I was in need of a friend. Why did it have to end... because life is short. And before you know you're feeling old, and your heart is breaking. Don't hold onto the past.") There is one constant, however, in the midst of all the change and loss. God remains ever present to us.

In early Christianity, the early house churches from the first through third centuries are gone from the days when the faith could not be legally professed. But, the faith persisted in the hearts and souls of those long gone from centuries ago. The same faith then likewise endured loss, change, grief, sadness, illness, and death. We tap into that river of faith today, drawing upon the spiritual strength of our ancestors in the Catholic tradition.

Father Bill

# MASS INTENTIONS

## Mon. Oct. 16

7:00am World Peace  
Noon Michael McGuire  
By Henry Sawoska

## Tues. Oct. 17

7:00am St. Francis Parish  
Noon Deacon John Buckley  
By Frank Cook

## Wed. Oct. 18

7:00am Klara Van Dusen  
By Paul & Linda Zalanowski  
Noon Louise Sawoska  
(4 years in heaven)  
By Husband

## Thur. Oct. 19

7:00am All Priests  
Noon Paula Bresnan  
By Gloria & Sam Yonnone

## Fri. Oct. 20

7:00am Ill & Suffering  
Noon Olga Deagostino Meehan  
By Daughters

## Sat. Oct. 21

Noon Kathleen Park  
By Richard & Teresa Schaffner  
4:30pm James & Mary Slack Sr.  
By Kathy, Mary & Susan  
Michael Pacella  
By Formato & Rolfs Families

## Sun. Oct 22

8:30am Joseph & Virginia  
Dombroski  
By Nick & Helene Stagliano  
Mary Lee Lancaster  
By Andrea & Bob Murphy  
Patrick Lewis  
By Mom  
11:00am Phil Tallarico  
By Joanne & John  
Francis Burke  
By Pat Green & Jackie Gallagher



### WEEKLY COLLECTON

Oct 7-8, 2017  
1<sup>st</sup> Collection \$ 6,294.00  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection 1,671.00  
TOTAL \$ 7,965.00

### MASS ATTENDANCE

Oct 1-8, 2017  
4:30pm 170  
8:30am 160  
11:00am 197  
1:30pm 65  
TOTAL 592

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection this week is for  
ORGAN REPAIR



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

**2018 MASS BOOK  
WILL OPEN  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 23  
AT 9:30AM**

### PRO LIFE MARCH

Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>  
9:00am Mass at St. Francis  
Rosary Procession to Planned Parenthood  
136 Lake Street, Newburgh  
(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 of the Renewal

## TODAY

### TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### **First Reading:** Isaiah 25:6-10a

This passage describes the new Jerusalem as a heavenly banquet on the mountain with the Lord God wiping away all tears.

#### **Second Reading:** Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

In simple, direct words, Paul thanks the Philippians for alleviating his hardships. He stresses, though, that he is as accustomed to poverty as to abundance and finds all his strength in Christ.

#### **Gospel:** Matthew 22:1-14

Once more speaking to the chief priests and the elders, Jesus relates the parable of the wedding banquet. A King, preparing a wedding banquet for his son, summons all the invited guests. When, after several invitations, no guests arrive, the King commands his servants to "go out into the byroads and invite anyone you come upon." Again, Jesus warns the elders, "the invited are many, the elect are few."

### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

#### **Monday**

Rom 1:1-7; Lk 11:29-32

#### **Tuesday**

Rom 1:16-25; Lk 11:37-41

#### **Wednesday**

2 Tm 4:10-17b; Lk 10:1-9

#### **Thursday**

Rom 3:21-30; Lk 11:47-54

#### **Friday**

Rom 4:1-8; Lk 12:1-7

#### **Saturday**

Rom 4:13, 16-18; Lk 12:8-12



### **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, Vic Landi and Alex Galante

### **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

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



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

In your goodness please bring **BOTTLES OF JUICE** 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.



### **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.



### **2017-2018 Class Schedules**

<b>Mondays</b>	<b>Grades 1-6</b>	<b>4:30 to 6:00pm</b>
<b>Mondays</b>	<b>Grades 7&amp;8</b>	<b>6:30 to 8:10pm</b>
<b>Tuesdays</b>	<b>Grades 1-7</b>	<b>5:00 to 6:30pm</b>
<b>Wednesdays</b>	<b>Grades 7&amp;8</b>	<b>6:00 to 7:40pm</b>

### **Confirmation Classes for High School Students**

<b>Tuesdays</b>	<b>Grades 9-12</b>	<b>6:30 to 8:00pm</b>
See Sister Laura		



### **FALL FESTIVAL FOR YOUTH**

**Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017**  
**6:30pm to 8:30pm**

**Sacred Heart School Gym - 9W and Ann Street**  
**Open to all 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Grades**  
**Come and join the fun**

## BAGEL & COFFEE HOUR



Join us today after the **8:00am Mass** for coffee and bagels in O'Connor Hall.



## NEWBURGH CHAMBER MUSIC

.....will present a rare double quartet performance of The American String Quartet and The Aeolus String Quartet **today, Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm** at **St. George's Church**, 105 Grand Street in Newburgh. Tickets are available at the door or on line at [www.newburghchambermusic.org](http://www.newburghchambermusic.org). Adults \$25.00, Students \$5.00. The concert is followed by a reception with the artists.



## MOVIE NIGHT

On **Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00pm** in O'Connor Hall we will be showing "**The Cardinal**" - the story of a young Catholic priest from Boston who rises to the office of Cardinal. For pizza and refreshment ordering purposes, RSVP by Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup> to Jeannine McCauley at 914-263-0572 or [jeansey59@yahoo.com](mailto:jeansey59@yahoo.com).



## POCKETBOOK BINGO

Sacred Heart School @St. Joseph Campus, 148 Windsor Highway in New Windsor will host a pocketbook Bingo on Friday November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Doors open at 6:00pm and calling starts at 7:00pm. Bring your own beverages and food. \$40 admission entitles you to 10 bingo games, dabber, Door Prize Ticket, dessert and water. Contest for best decorated table (if you come with a group of 8). For any questions please call 561-1433.



## Fun for Seniors

Our St. Francis Seniors are going to The Culinary Institute of America's, American Bounty Restaurant for lunch on Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 12:00noon. Cost for the 3 course meal is \$22.95 + 17%. There are still a few openings. To sign up please call Sr. Gloria at the rectory at 561-1317.

## HOOP SHOOT



The Newburgh Elks #247 will host its annual Hoop Shoot competition on **Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## FIFTH SUNDAY ROSARY



A rosary service for the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in October will be held at Sacred Heart Church in Newburgh **following the 12:00noon Mass on Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>**. 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.

## HAPPENINGS AT ST. FRANCIS

### BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS 2017

Last Saturday afternoon 40 parishioners came to take part in this annual event. Besides the wide variety of handsome dogs we had classy looking cats and adorable little hamsters all blessed by our Fr. Bill. It was a nice way for fellow animal lovers to mingle and chat on a warm fall day.

### CANDLE LIGHT ROSARY PROCESSION

Last Saturday evening at 7:00pm we had our very first Candlelight Rosary Procession honoring Our Lady to mark the beginning of "The Month of the Rosary". We were delighted that over a dozen people attended. and hope that this new tradition will grow.



## 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*.

## ST. FRANCIS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Oct 15<sup>th</sup>** - Coffee & Bagel Hour

**Oct 18<sup>th</sup>** - Eucharistic Adoration 5:00-6:00pm

**Oct 20<sup>th</sup>** - Youth Group 6:30 pm O'Connor Hall

**Oct 21<sup>st</sup>** - Movie Night 6:00pm O'Connor Hall