



## Padre's Corner

May 13, 2018  
Ascension of the Lord

"Where can the weak find a place of firm security and peace, except in the wounds of the Savior? Indeed, the more secure is my place there the more He can do to help me. The world rages, the flesh is heavy, and the devil lays his snares, but I do not fall, for my feet are planted on firm rock. I may have sinned gravely. My conscience would be distressed, but it would not be in turmoil, for I would recall the wounds of the Lord: He was wounded for our inequities. What sin is there so deadly that it cannot be pardoned by the death of Christ? And so if I bear in mind this strong, effective remedy, I can never again be terrified by the malignancy of sin." So reflected Saint Bernard of Clairvaux (1090-1153), the famed Cistercian order abbot of France. He was canonized a saint by Pope Alexander III in 1174. Bernard knew much about the human struggle with sin, often himself jumping into ice water when he experienced temptations against the flesh. Jesus is the ultimate understanding force of human nature, weakness, and discouragement.

On the January pilgrimage to Israel with fifty parishioners this incredible side of our Savior was dipped into with the toes of our faith (at the Jordan River plus the Sea of Galilee, where He was baptized and spoke parable lessons of spiritual prowess), even at the Dead Sea where thousands of years ago the multitudes turned against the ways of the Lord. To see and embrace the sacred spots that Jesus visited Himself was beyond awesome, literally walking on the paths that His feet once touched. The message of mercy that Saint Bernard referred to was endearing during this Middle East excursion. Observed was the cave spot of His birth in Bethlehem, healing miracles at the pools of Bethesda, the grounds of the decaying palace of King Herod (who was jealous of the Baby Jesus and His followers), path of the stations-of-the-cross in Old Jerusalem, and the spectacle of the Crucifixion with burial at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. There was also the special experience of riding a camel, animals deriving from ancient times that Jesus would have observed like we did recently in the Holy Land.

Israel is a complicated area today torn by the same tensions and hatreds which He likewise saw. Shortly before our trip there was an outbreak of new tensions which threatened to reduce the size of our group. Thankfully cooler heads prevailed, so the rich memories unearthed would not be curtailed. Another spectacular series of spots visited was the site of the first miracle performed by Jesus at Cana of Galilee (church is built on top of the ancient catering hall, where couples in pilgrim groups visiting once again can renew their vows), and to an ancient synagogue in Capernaum built on top of an earlier structure Jesus once studied in (located mere yards from the home of Saint Peter's mother-in-law, where there is evidence of early worship and Masses).

When Jesus was walking the dusty roads of Jerusalem to the martyrdom hill of Golgotha, the sights and sounds of human voices and commerce would have been quite similar past and present. The visitors to the Western or Wailing Wall, the one remaining piece of the temple destroyed by the Roman Army in 70 AD, had opportunities to genuinely pray in a region that Jesus likewise frequently interacted with. While it is true that one can experience the words and actions of Jesus solely through the Scriptures, without going to the Holy Land, experiencing where He lived and breathed has a special allure to it. What emerged by the end of the pilgrimage was an appreciation for the faith handed down to each of us by our predecessors.

The Franciscan order, beneficiaries of the one collection per year for these holy territories, preserve these holy sites for pilgrims of today. They are to be commended for this courageous and demanding work of mercy. There are also the memories of many stray dogs and cats that we were able to greet and feed to a certain extent. Had I been able to take them all home to New York I would have. The same for two little kittens in Cuba last August, obviously separated from their mother, who I still think of and pray were rescued by some good people. Amazing God above please bless us.

Father Bill

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Mon. May 14

7:00am Mary F. Miller  
By Daughters Helen & Marion  
**Ann & Anthony Farkas**  
By Mary Ann & Tony Farkas  
Noon Mother's Day Novena

### Tues. May 15

7:00am Mother's Day Novena  
Noon Deacon Peter Haight  
By Kawula Family  
6:30pm Fr. Bill Damroth  
25<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Mass

### Wed. May 16

7:00am Mother's Day Novena  
Noon Mr & Mrs Nick Di Napoli  
By Niece Clotilda  
**Zofia Wilkanowska**  
By Granddaughter Krystina

### Thur. May 17

7:00am Marion Miller  
By Helen Miller  
Noon Mother's Day Novena

### Fri. May 18

7:00am Mother's Day Novena  
Noon Mary & Joseph Vitay  
By Mary Ann & Tony Farkas

### Sat. May 19

Noon Mother's Day Novena  
4:30pm Rocco Pacella Jr &  
**Thomas Di Donato**  
By Shirley Pacella

### Sun. May 20

8:30am Anna & Alex Yuhas  
By Bill & Marion Pushman  
**Steve Jaffee** (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv)  
By Wife Mary  
11:00am Barbara Pavlik  
By Husband & Children  
**John J. Abbruscato**  
By Kathy Alfano



### WEEKLY COLLECTION

May 5-6, 2018

1<sup>st</sup> Collection \$ 5,104.00  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection 1,190.00  
TOTAL \$ 6,294.00

### MASS ATTENDANCE

May 5-6, 2018

4:30pm 162  
8:30am 136  
11:00am 147  
1:30pm 138  
Total 583

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection this week is for  
**MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS**



Our **Holy Hour** with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this **Wednesday** from **5:00pm** to **6:00pm** is for the intention of **OUR FRST HOLY COMMUNION STUDENTS.**

### HEALING MASS

Our Lady of Fatima Church on Route 32 in Plattekill  
on Sunday May 20<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm  
All are invited



### **VIRTUS TRAINING SESSION**

Nancy Sporbert from the Archdiocese Safe Environment Office will conduct a Virtus Training workshop on Tuesday, **May 29<sup>th</sup>** at **6:30pm** in **Gallo Hall of Sacred Heart School.** It is advisable to pre- register on the Archdiocesan website <http://www.archny.org/virtus>. If you need help registering please contact Sr. Laura at 347-207-5020.

**Anyone who intends to work with the Youth Ministry must attend this session if they have not completed their Virtus Training.**



Our children will receive First Holy Communion at the 11:00am Mass next weekend. Please keep them in your prayers as they welcome the Lord into their lives.

**TODAY**  
**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

**First Reading:** Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

Jesus had appeared many times to His disciples after His resurrection. On this final occasion, Jesus' departing message is that they will soon receive the Holy Spirit to strengthen them in their work. No sooner does He say this, he is taken up to heaven before their eyes.

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 1:17-23

Paul prays that God may grant wisdom and enlightenment to the Ephesians so that they may know the great hope to which they are called. Every power has been given to Christ who now reigns in heaven. He is the "head of the church, which is His body."

**Gospel:** Mark 16:15-20

Jesus told His disciples to go and spread the gospel to every creature, to the world. Jesus also spoke of the signs that will accompany those who believe in Christ. After He spoke with them, He was taken into heaven and took His seat the right hand of God.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday**

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17

**Tuesday**

Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11a

**Wednesday**

Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11b-19

**Thursday**

Acts 22:30, 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26

**Friday**

Acts 25:13b-21; Jn 21:15-19

**Saturday**

Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Jn 21:20-25



**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

Vincenza Secor, Aaron Stagliano, Marie Wiejak, Ashley Barco, Agnes Casey, Rose Marie Michalowski, Carol Brown, Luzia Araujo, Celio Thomaz, Rosalie Nogay, Rose Jurik, Robert & Helen Osborn, Rachael Neugebauer, Maureen Kelly, James R. Purpura, Jane Pustola, Frances Dolan, 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 Mc Parkland and Family, Jozef Froniewski, Teresa Centeno, Bobbi Hull, Emily Cooley, Frank Celeste, Amy Finnegan, Brian Hanrahan, Toni Loparco Shepardson, Donald (Leed) Zubawicz, Louise McHugh, Alex Galant, Evelyn Kawula, Taylor Fogel, Jake Tigar, Paul Neugebauer, Julia Vecchio, Vanessa Rivera, Elizabeth Rich-Provenzano, Jim Formato, Paul O'Herron and Michael Peter Antonelli



**COFFEE & BAGEL HOUR**

Join us for coffee and bagels after the **8:30am Mass** next **Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>** in O'Connor Hall.



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

**The Msgr. Valastro Activity Center**  
**319 Broadway in Newburgh**

In your goodness please bring **ONE POUND PACKAGES OF RICE** 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 Mr. Bourdage before showing up at the pantry, please.

**TRUCK DRIVER NEEDED**

The Pantry is in need of a volunteer to drive a 26 foot truck (no special license is required) which you would pick up at Budget, go to the Food Bank in Cornwall to pick up our order, drive to the Food Pantry to deliver our order, then drive the truck back to Budget. **No lifting is involved. Needed every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday.** Call Paul Zalanowski 845-234-8564 for more details.



**Held in Honor of Konrad Mann**  
**Sunday, May 20 - 10:00am to 4:00pm**  
**Storm King Engine Company**

**233 Hudson Street**

**Cornwall-on-Hudson, NY**

**Appointments appreciated call 1-800-933-2566.**

**Walk-ins also welcome**

Konrad, husband and father of two children was diagnosed in January with Acute Myeloid Leukemia and is receiving chemotherapy and blood transfusions at Westchester Medical Center. Please support this cause.

**LIVING OUR FAITH**  
**SENIOR BREAKFAST**

The Adult Faith Formation annual breakfast will be held on Saturday May 19<sup>th</sup> in Galo Hall at Sacred Heart School immediately following the 9:00am Mass in the Church Chapel. For anyone who has not yet called Sacred Heart Rectory to make a reservation, we ask that you do so by Monday, May 14<sup>th</sup>.



### Sacred Heart Annual Italian Feast

Honoring Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and St. Anthony will be held on June 1,2 and 3. The tradition os over 100 years old and is a great family event. There will be good food, music and fun for the kids.

Hours are **Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup> 6pm to 10pm**

**Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> 12noon to 10pm**

**Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> 1pm to 6pm**

On Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, there will be the traditional procession with the statues around the streets of the church culminating at the Feast site. Fr. Justin Cinnate, O Carm from the National Shrine of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel will celebrate the noon Mass and lead the procession.

### **\*\*ICELAND'S MAGICAL NORTHERN LIGHTS\*\***

Discover Iceland, a land and culture forged by fire and ice. Steaming lava fields and massice glaciers sculpt mountains and valleys, leaving thundering waterfalls and plunging fjords.

**The Collette Travel Agency** will be here on **Monday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm** in **O'Connor Hall** to do an informational presentation on our Iceland pilgrimage.

### *The Addams Family*

Bishop Dunn Memorial School Drama Club is presenting the play, **The Addams Family** at Aquinas Hall Theater at Mt St Mary College on **May 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm** and **May 27<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon**. Tickets are \$10.00. For questions please call Fran Lego at 845-569-3494.

### **TO THE MOON AND BACK**

Sacred Heart School is hosting their annual Cash-n-Cocktails fundraiser on **Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>** from **7:00pm to 10:30pm** at their St. Joseph Campus, 148 Windsor Highway in New Windsor. Each **\$100 ticket** admits two to the cocktail party where there will be a live band, beer, wine and appetizers at which time the **three \$5,000 winners** will be picked. For tickets contact Mary Gould 914-805-2332 or Dr. Gina Cook 845-541-4126. For more information please email [ginacookdds@gmail.com](mailto:ginacookdds@gmail.com).

*Mothers are where life begins  
and love never ends*



Sacred Heart School, New Wndsor at St. Joseph's Campus, 148 Windsor Highway would lke to invite you to our open house on **Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm**. Come tour our school, meet our teachers and learn how to recive Financial Assistane towards tuition. For questions e-mail [msheathershs@gail.com](mailto:msheathershs@gail.com) or 845-561-1433.

### APARTMENT FOR RENT

Newly renovated, two bedroom, 1<sup>st</sup> floor apartment with wood floors and deck in back located at 138 Benkard Avenue. \$1,000/month.

Electric and heat are separate

First/last/security to move in,

Call 845-219-6850 for an appointment

### UPCOMING PILGRIMAGES

Hosted By:

Father Bill Damroth

#### NORTHERN NATIONAL PARKS

Featuring Yellowstone National Park and Grand Teton National Park

August 24-31, 2018

#### ICELAND'S MAGICAL NORTHERN LIGHTS

February 14-20, 2019

#### HIGHLIGHTS OF ENGLAND & SCOTLAND

Visiting Stonehenge, Salisbury, Bristol, Bath, Stratford Lake District, Edinburgh, York Oxford and London

March 11-21, 2019

#### GREEK ISLES CRUISE & EUROPE

Including The Passion Play pf Oberammergau

May 13-23, 2020

### 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*

