



Padre's Corner

May 20, 2018
Pentecost Sunday

Haifa, Israel is known as the epicenter of the Baha'i Faith marked by spectacular and colorful gardens beckoning visitors to seek the peaceful tranquility reflected in these magnificent sectors of foliage. The faith was established in Iran in 1863, around the time of the Civil War in the United States. With no clergy or specific tenets, the ideology expresses itself through the unity of all religions and nations under the watchful yet distant eye of the all powerful one God. The word Baha'i means splendor and glory. The 5-7 million worldwide practitioners of the faith seek a respectful union of Muslim, Judaism, and Christianity. Prophets are revealed through the centuries in a progression, meant to build on the best theological concepts of goodness and prayer that preceded them. In the troubled Middle East back in January, there was a sense of beauty and hope in the face of those spectacular flowers. In the most famous adherents of the Baha'i Faith began as a singing duo in the wild Los Angeles, California scene of 1969. Both born in Texas, James Seals (October 17, 1941) and Darrell Crofts (August 14, 1940) moved to the West Coast to begin their singing career on the West Coast of vast performing opportunities. 200,000 fans saw them perform on April 6, 1974 at the California Jam Festival in Ontario, California. At Bogota High School during that period of time in the seventies I relished the following songs of " Seals and Crofts : " Summer Breeze, Hummingbird, We May Never Pass This Way Again, I'll Play For You, You're The Love, and Castles In The Sand. The group made a decision of faith later in 1974, putting God before mammon.

"Unborn Child" was released in February of 1974, unleashing months later tremendous controversy that derailed their career as their concerts were protested and the Warner Brothers musical label dropped them. The words of this poignant song went like this : " Oh little baby, you'll never cry, nor will you hear a sweet lullaby. Oh unborn child, if you only knew just what your momma was planning to do. You're still clinging to the tree of life, but soon you'll be cut off before you get ripe. Oh unborn child, beginning to grow inside your momma, but you'll never know. Oh tiny bud, that grows in the womb, only to be crushed before you can bloom... Oh no momma, just let it be. You'll never regret it, just wait and see. Think of all the great ones who gave everything that we might have life here, so please bear the pain. Mama stop ! Turn around, go back, think it over. " These words of affirmation of human life were vilified by the many voices against such beauty, in the aftermath of Roe versus Wade in January of 1973 which legalized abortion (based on the lie of a false rape allegation by the late Norma Leah McCorvey, who later became Catholic and renounced her anti-life viewpoints).

Crofts would eventually offer this recollection of the public distaste for the album also called " Unborn Child " : " Warner Brothers warned us against it. They said this is a highly controversial subject, we advise that you don't do this. And we said but you're in the business to make money; we're doing it to save lives. We don't care about the money... It was a double-edged sword. It hurt us in one way, and helped us in another. It turns over fans, is what it does. If you're against something, you lose those fans. But if you're for it, you gain some fans. And that's kind of what happened.. Some of the pro-abortionists called up the radio stations and demanded equal time. Well, that killed the airplay on it.. I think we got more good results out of it than bad, because a lot of people called us and said we're naming our children after you, because you helped us decide to save their lives with that song. That was very fulfilling to us. " Nearly twenty years ago a young woman came to me as a pregnant teenager, fearful of strong family forces leaning on her to have an abortion. An aunt, who knew of my adoption background and deep pro-life beliefs, encouraged her to see me. I walked by her side during the entire pregnancy, and had the privilege to baptize a beautiful boy. I was vilified by some of that family for standing up to their efforts to destroy that unborn baby, and hope when God calls me home one day that He will save my soul based on actions like this rather than my sinfulness. I recently procured an autographed photo of Seals and Crofts, plus their entire musical collection on CD. They still are heroes to me, in a demented age that can somehow justify the execution of an innocent baby in the womb. Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta once told me God will never bless a country that legally kills the Unborn Child. Listen to that song. God help us.

Father Bill

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. May 21

7:00am Andrew Heitman

In Loving Memory

By The Grehl Family

Noon Peter Matthews

By Paron Family

Johnnah John Ungab

By Algene Ungab

Tues. May 22

7:00am Michael Stein

By Estate of Luke Stein

Noon Doug McCauley

(11th Anniv)

By Wife Jeannine

Wed. May 23

7:00am Souls in Purgatory

By Kawula Family

Noon Craig Macfarland

By Wife

Bertha Benish

By Son Eddie

Thur. May 24

7:00am Susan Randall

By Mary Randall

Noon Louise Sawoska

(5th Anniv)

By Husband

Fri. May 25

7:00am Ann Pinkocze

By Brother

Noon Kathleen Finneran

By Parone Family

Sat. May 26

Noon Pope Franics

4:30pm Robert Schaffer

By Gloria & Sam Yonnone

Shirley Corizzo

By Mary & Butch Leoce

Sun. May 27

8:30am Patrick William

McDonough

By Arlene & Dominic Sosta

Paul & Rachel Neugebauer

(57th Wedding Anniv)

11:00am August Pirillo

By Wife & Sons

Andrea Murphy

By Jim & Kathleen Peloso



WEEKLY COLLECTION

May 12-13, 2018

1st Collection \$ 6957

2nd Collection 1841

TOTAL \$ 8798

MASS ATTENDANCE

May 12-13, 2018

4:30pm 188

8:30am 181

11:00am 179

1:30pm 163

Total 711

The 2nd Collection this week is for
Catholic Home Missions and the Church in
Latin America



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

HEALING MASS

Our Lady of Fatima Church on Route 32 in Plattekill
Today, May 20th at 4:00pm. All are invited.

THANK YOU

To all who participated in Fr. Bill's 25th Jubilee
Mass and reception celebrated on May 15th.
We ask God to bless Fr. Bill as he continues his
ministry and we wish him many more years of
health and prosperity as he guides our
parishes.



CONGRATULATIONS TO
ALL OUR CHILDREN WHO RECEIVED FIRST HOLY
COMMUNION TODAY, MAY 20, 2018 AT THE 11 AM
and 1:30 PM MASSES. PLEASE CONTINUE TO
PRAY FOR THEM AND THEIR FAMILIES.

SUMMER IS AROUND THE CORNER AND VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS BACK!

JULY 9 – July 13

VBS will be held in the Sacred Heart-Saint Francis
Religious Education building. 24 South Robinson
Avenue, Newburgh. For more info, call the REP
Office at 561-2589

TODAY
PENTECOST SUNDAY

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11

During the Feast of Pentecost, tongues of fire came to rest on the heads of the disciples and they were filled with the Holy Spirit. Each disciple began speaking in a different language, and were understood by people from many different regions who were amazed at what they had witnessed.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

Paul explains that we are all members of one body. We have all been baptized in one Spirit and although numerous, we are one through Christ.

Gospel: John 20:19-23

John describes Jesus' first visit to the disciples after his resurrection. He gave them the Holy Spirit and the power to forgive other people or hold them responsible for their actions.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday

Jas 3:13-18; Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday

Jas 4:1-10; Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday

Jas 4:13-17; Mk 9:38-40

Thursday

Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:41-50

Friday

Jas 5:9-12; Mk 10:1-12

Saturday

Jas 5:13-20; Mk 10:13-16



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, Brian Scott Monahan, Chelsea Dunderdale, Mary Hollenbeck, Donnie Ruckdeschel, Patrick Comyns, John Marullo, Jaddon Johnson, Rina & Richard Bozzone, Rebecca Pacella, Lena PARISH MISSIONBiasini 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, Michelle Ryan, and Abigail Means.

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 25th at 7:00pm, May 26th at 7:00pm and May 27th at 12 noon**. Tickets are \$10.00. For questions please call Fran Lego at 845-569-3494.



Food Pantry Hours:

Friday 9:00am to 12noon

Saturday 9:00am to 12noon

Located at

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

The Food Pantry

will be closed

Friday, June 1st

and

Saturday, June 2nd

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**. 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 3rd 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.



COFFEE & BAGEL HOUR

Join us this morning for coffee and bagels after the **8:30am Mass**, in O'Connor Hall.



The Memorial Flower arrangement on the altar this weekend of May 19 & 20, is in the memory of Barbara Pavlik by her loving husband and family.

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 is 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 1st 6pm to 10pm**

Saturday, June 2nd 12noon to 10pm

Sunday, June 3rd 1pm to 6pm

On Sunday, June 3rd, 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.



Sacred Heart School, 148 Windsor Highway in New Windsor is looking for part time help in their kitchen from the hours 9:00am to 1:00pm for the rate of \$10.00 per hour. For inquiries please call the school office at 845-561-1433

PARISH MISSION

Al Barbarino, a Lay Franciscan with the Friars of the Renewal, active Knights of Columbus member and spiritual speaker will present a **Parish Mission** here at St. Francis on **Sunday, June 10th at 5:00pm** and **Monday, June 11th at 6:00pm**. The Mission will focus on "Trying to Live our Catholic Faith in Today's World".

Al will also be a guest speaker and singer at all the Masses on Saturday June 9th and Sunday, June 10th.

APARTMENT FOR RENT

Newly renovated, two bedroom, 1st 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



CAT & DOG LOVERS - DID YOU KNOW?

The oldest cat ever was named Crème Puff and lived an amazing 38 years and 3 days and resided in Austin, Texas. The oldest dog ever was Bluey, an Australian Cattle Dog, who lived to the astounding age of 29 years and 3 months and resided in Australia.

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

TROPICAL COSTA RICA

Visiting San Jose, Coffee Plantation, Guanacaste, Monteverde, Cloud Forest and Zarcero

October 5-13, 2019

GREEK ISLES CRUISE & EUROPE

Including The Passion Play of 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