



Padre's Corner

May 27, 2018
Most Holy Trinity Sunday

"Where To Retire" is a monthly publication offering a plethora of retirement locations where one can escape to after the grinds of a career are over, be it rounds of golf or easy living in Florida or California. Maybe Arizona or South Carolina. The process seems so easy to mail an information card or access a website, before flying like an eagle to resort settings of ease and comfort. On this Memorial Day weekend, where I am in Washington State on the West Coast to do a baptism of dear friends, the allure of barbecues and gratitude for those who protect our freedoms in the military add to the mystique of planning for a life after work. For many this assumes a stock market that remains healthy, not like the dips of 666 (biblical numbers) and over 1000 in early February (called market corrections). I dream of these future realities myself, especially in those moments when priesthood tests my patience and strength. How much money should we save for that day of the golden parachute from the company, or what age to start collecting social security add to the myriad of complex decisions to make for that guaranteed day awaiting us. Correct, these are guarantees? Ask Oscar Gamble, who played in the 1970's for the New York Yankees and particularly the 1976 World Series team. Star pitcher Ron Guidry recalled: "No matter what was going on around the team, as soon as you saw Oscar, you knew it was going to be a good day. Back then, we needed a guy like that. He was one of our unsung heroes." Gamble had those retirement dreams we all have. However, life throws baseball curveballs at us. On January 31, Oscar Gamble died of jaw cancer at the age of 68.

"The life of man, so short in itself, is still of longer duration than the judgment and the affections of his contemporaries," reflected Germaine de Stael in BrainPickings.org. Joseph Loconte, historian, wrote in WeeklyStandard.com: "Many have built a temple to Folly. She has a habit, though, of betraying her worshippers and turning devotion into disillusionment." Chuck Tanner, 1928-2011, managed the Pittsburgh Pirates to a World Series ring in 1979. He was born on the special national day of July 4 in New Castle, Pennsylvania and died in that same location on February 11 (the feast day of Our Lady of Lourdes). A witty baseball legend, these words still echo from his soul: "You can have money piled to the ceiling, but the size of your funeral is still going to depend on the weather." There is nothing guaranteed in this world, not even waters in the canals of Venice in Italy for a gondola ride (due to severe droughts three months ago). Perhaps my spiritual point is this: how about all of us prepare for something that is guaranteed like taxes to pay.

Entrance to heaven or eternal life is the short of it. That is our ultimate retirement destination, forever within the sunny gaze of God. That means sorting through lots of possessions to distribute, monies to be given away equitably, and sins to be forgiven on that murky road to everlasting life. Pondering and reflecting on Nick Foles could be a starting point. He was the Super Bowl MVP who quarterbacked the Philadelphia Eagles to a February 4 victory over the New England Patriots, through the final score of 41-33. What does this football champion want to do after his National Football League career comes to its inevitable ending? The sports hero Nick Foles wants to become a Christian pastor when he retires, with that nod toward eternity I am speaking of. "I wanted to be a pastor in a high school. It's on my heart. I took a leap of faith last year and signed up to take classes at seminary. I wanted to continue to learn and challenge my faith... You want to impact people's hearts... When I speak to students, that's such a time of young men and young women's lives that there's a lot of things that are thrown at them. So much temptation in this world, so much going on with social media and the Internet that you want to talk to them and address it and share all the weaknesses I have because I've fallen many times. It's something I want to do. I can't play football forever. I've been blessed with an amazing platform and it's just a door God has opened, but I still have a lot of (seminary) school left and a long journey." Foles almost retired a few years ago, and asked God in prayer about whether to return to football or not. He would be the first to tell us that there is a super bowl on planet earth centered on a football field, but a Super Bowl in Heaven rooted in the imperishable and supernatural soul.

We all need to be ready for that catapult into death, where money and human connections cannot save us. Jesus can and will, but He needs our cooperation and strong beliefs.

Father Bill

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. May 28

7:00am Veterans

Noon Mary Ellen McCartney

By Family

Johnnah John Ungab

By Algene Ungab

Tues. May 29

7:00am Military Families

Noon Beatrice Petsch

By Sister in law, Clotilda

Wed. May 30

7:00am Mary F. Miller

By Daughters, Helen & Marion

Noon Elizabeth Kozlowski

By Elaine Lee

Thur. May 31

7:00am Public Servants

Noon Dave & Louise Carnright

Anniversary

By Mary King

Fri. June 1

7:00am City of Newburgh

Noon Charlie Messina

Healthy Blessings

By Staff

Sat. June 2

Noon Helene Kerin

Healthy Blessings

By Staff

4:30pm John & Nancy Squillini

Mamie & Louie James

By Family

Sun. June 3

8:30am Andrea Murphy

By Palm Weavers

11:00am Anna Schaffner

By Family

Ann & Anthony Farkas

By MaryAnn and Tony Farkas



WEEKLY COLLECTION

May 19-20, 2018

1st Collection \$ 5620

2nd Collection \$ 1186

TOTAL \$ 6806

MASS ATTENDANCE

May 19-20, 2018

4:30pm 170

8:30am 169

11:00am 235

1:30pm 252

Total 826

The 2nd Collection this week is for
LAWN MOWING



CONGRATULATIONS

to our students who have received the Holy Spirit in Confirmation at Sacred Heart Church this past Friday, May 25. Please keep these young adults in your prayers. May God watch over them and bless them always.



THERE IS STILL TIME TO REGISTER FOR VIRTUS TRAINING SESSION

Nancy Sporbert from the Archdiocese Safe Environment Office will conduct a Virtus Training workshop on Tuesday, **May 29th 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 **Holy Hour** with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this **Wednesday** from **5:00pm to 6:00pm** is for the intention of **SOULS OF WAR VETERANS**

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
MOST HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY

First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40

Moses asks the people if they have ever seen anything as great as the actions of God. He reminds them that there is only one God and all people must keep his commandments. If the laws of God are kept, his people will prosper all their lives.

Second Reading: Romans 8:14-17

Paul explains that through the Holy Spirit, we become children of God. As heirs of God we must be willing to suffer as Christ was if we are to share in his glory.

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

Jesus asks his disciples to go to other nations and teach others all that they have learned. He asks that these new followers be baptized in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

The Most Holy Trinity

Sunday

Dt 4:32-34, 39-40; Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20

Monday

1 Pt 1:3-9; Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday

1 Pt 1:10-16; Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday

1 Pt 1:18-25; Mk 10:32-45

Thursday

Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Lk 1:39-56

First Friday

1 Pt 4:7-13; Mk 11:11-26

First Saturday

Jude 17, 20b-25; Mk 11:27-33



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 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, Michelle Ryan, and Abigail Means.



Food Pantry Hours:

Friday 9:00am to 12noon

Saturday 9:00am to 12noon

Located at

The Msgr. Valastro Activity Center

319 Broadway in Newburgh

**NOTICE: The Food Pantry will be closed
Friday, June 1st and Saturday, June 2nd**

In your goodness please bring **TUNA or CANNED CHICKEN** 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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH ADORATION

The Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, Juan Diego Youth team will be holding First Sunday of the Month Adoration here at St. Francis on June 3, from 2:00pm to 7:00pm. They will meet in O'Connor Hall at 2:00 pm. For those attending the 1:30 pm Spanish Mass at St. Francis, please go to O'Connor Hall following Mass.

HOSPITAL AND HOMEBOUND MINISTRIES

If you have a few hours a week, or a month ... please consider donating of few hours of your time. St. Francis Church will be having Eucharistic Minister Training with specialized segments to include preparation for Hospital and Homebound Ministries. More info to follow.

The Summer Program at Nora Cronin Academy needs your help. We have an exciting academic and enrichment program planned for the students of NCPA. With your support we hope to bring the girls to the 911 Museum and Memorial for a group tour, and to purchase fiction and non-fiction books for our 6,7, and 8 grade literary circles. This year we have 45 girls in the program. A donation of \$50 will cover the cost of one girl, however we gratefully accept any amount. To donate please make check payable to NCPA-Summer Your Leadership Academy (SYLA) and mail to Dr. Cathy Squillini, 69 Bay View Terrace, Newburgh, NY 12550.



Bless those whose dear ones have died. We remember with compassion and heartfelt thanks those who have died serving our country. Amen



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.

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

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.

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*



The St. Francis Rectory and The Sacred Heart Rectory will be closed on Monday, May 28 in observance of Memorial Day.