



## Padre's Corner

June 24, 2018

### Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Tony Butala is the one remaining original member of the " Lettermen " singing group. Their beautiful songs began in February of 1958 at the Desert Inn Hotel Resort Showroom in Las Vegas, Nevada. He recalled : " In the late 50's, when you started a vocal group and wanted to stand out from the crowd, all you had to do was use a novel new name that would give your group a unique look and image. If you are a new group in today's world and you want to get noticed, you have to dye your hair purple or pink, multi-pierce your face, ears and tongue, and even then you may not be different enough to get any notoriety. " Butala was born nearly eighty years ago in Sharon, Pennsylvania. As a boy of ten his family moved to California, where he joined the Mitchell Boys Choir ( who sang in films such as White Christmas, War of the Worlds, and Peter Pan ).

Under the Capitol Records label their classic hits included : The Way You Look Tonight, When I Fall In Love, A Summer Place, Hurt So Bad, Going Out Of My Head, Can't Take My Eyes Off Of You, Put Your Head On My Shoulder, Shangri-La, Love, Smile, Traces/Memories, and my favorite Love Means You Never Have To Say Your Sorry. In their early years they performed with their college Lettermen sweaters on shows like American Bandstand, Ed Sullivan, Hullabaloo, Johnny Carson, Milton Berle, Steve Allen, and Dinah Shore. At a Lettermen concert I attended on February 17 at the Tilles Center in Long Island University, I not only had the opportunity to hear their melodies from a bygone era but meet this talented group afterwards. Butala told me he was a Roman Catholic, and seemed touched that a priest was inspired by his music.

The concert brochure given out at the Lettermen performance ( which also included the Association with " Cherish " and " Never My Love, " plus Gary Puckett & The Union Gap famous for " Young Girl " ) had these notes, reflecting a more innocent time of stable cultural mores : " They have sung and recorded in over fourteen languages and have received eighteen gold records internationally. Their All-American, clean-cut, no drugs image may have been a drawback in the hard rock era of the sixties and seventies, but the Lettermen stood by it. Says Butala, " I never thought people who did drugs were hip. " Even as the British Invasion dimmed other American artist record sales in the 60's, television and concert appearances sustained the Lettermen's career. The group has been a rarity that can perform from small college campuses to the posh Empire Room at the Waldorf Astoria in New York City ; from the Iowa State Fair to main showrooms in Las Vegas, Nevada ; from U.S.O. Shows in the jungles of Thailand and Cambodia to elegant concert halls with the world's most renowned symphony orchestras. "

Each of us seeks stability in life, nourished by loved ones we can trust and prudent decisions grounded in faith and experience. Since the early 1960's the worldwide community has been rocked by wars such as those in Vietnam and the current heartaches in the Middle East, stock markets that thrive and crash ( economic author John Aidan Byrne theorizes : " Fed meddling, the rise of high-speed algorithmic traders and the introduction of exotic products like risk-parity funds that the average investor can barely comprehend have only intensified the present danger, seasoned pros are warning. " ), and a serious decline in participation with organized religion which is openly mocked by media shows and journalistic commentaries ( Pastor Tim McGregor of the Lighthouse of Hope Church in western Maryland commented : " It is as though in popular culture being a person of faith has gone from being a virtue to a liability... Forty percent of my congregation is under thirty years old. That is the good news. They are the future ; they are the consumers of news and products and entertainment who can push back against the cultural decline in respect for people of faith. " ). As Sacred Heart is merged into by Saint Francis of Assisi effective July 1 our pastoral leadership team, staff, and parishioners are likewise challenged to be spiritually relevant versus the cultural tides that treat Christians like simpletons while rejecting our sacred teachings on the beginnings of life and what defines love and marriage. We try to stem this tide through worship, prayer, education, youth ministry, social outreach through the food pantry, prudent uses of human resources, and Christ-centered courage. Father Bill

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Mon. June 25

7:00am Rose & Dick Grossholz  
Happy 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
By Your Loving Daughters  
Noon Johnnah John Ungab  
By Algene Ungab  
Special Intention  
By Family

### Tues. June 26

7:00am Anthony M. Formato  
24<sup>th</sup> Annivisary  
By Family  
Noon Special Intention  
By Mary King  
Special Intention  
By Family

### Wed. June 27

7:00am Susan Randall  
By Mary Randall  
Noon Special Intention  
By Family  
In Memory of Helen & Raymond  
Detmer  
75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
By Rita & Frank with Love

### Thur. June 28

7:00am Lucas / Baluta Families  
By Paul & Linda Zalanowski  
Noon Special Intention  
By Family

### Fri. June 29

7:00am Helen Kerin  
By Staff  
Noon Special Intention  
By Family

### Sat. June 30

Noon Special Intention  
By Family  
4:30pm McDaniel Family  
By Family  
Adrian "Butch" Gokey, Sr.  
By Betty Mazzocki & Family

### Sun. July 1

8:30am Ralph Corizzo  
By Colleen & Michael Corizzo  
Special Intention  
By Family  
For our Parish Families of  
Sacred Heart Saint Francis  
11:00am Vincent & Louise  
Naclerio  
By Family  
For our Parish Families of  
Sacred Heart Saint Francis



### WEEKLY COLLECTION

June 16-17, 2018  
1<sup>st</sup> Collection \$ 6101  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection \$ 1439  
TOTAL \$ 7540

### MASS ATTENDANCE

June 16-17, 2018  
4:30pm 147  
8:30am 188  
11:00am 129  
1:30pm 120  
Total 584

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection this week is for  
Parish Grounds



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

HEADS UP – The next meeting of the St. Francis  
Senior Citizen Group will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed,  
July 11<sup>th</sup>, not July 4<sup>th</sup>. The group decided that we  
would have an indoor picnic and members are asked  
to bring a dish to be shared with the group. ALL  
ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

**ATTENTION:  
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL FOR THIS SUMMER  
HAS BEEN CANCELLED.**

NATURALIZE NY - People applying for  
U. S. Citizenship is expensive. Access free  
legal assistance and register to win a \$725  
voucher. Call 800-566-7636 or go to  
[www.NaturalizeNY.org](http://www.NaturalizeNY.org) for more info.

## NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

### First Reading: Isaiah 49:1-6

Isaiah tells how the Lord called to him from birth and gave him his name. He explains that although he thought he toiled in vain, his strength is in the Lord in Whose sight he has been made glorious. God made him a light to the nations so that salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

### Second Reading: Acts 13:22-26

John heralds the coming of Jesus by proclaiming a baptism of repentance. He says, "Behold, one is coming after me; I am not worthy to unfasten the sandals of his feet." The children of the family of Abraham and those who are God-fearing have received the word of salvation.

### Gospel: Luke 1:57-66, 80

Elizabeth gave birth to a son whom she named John. On the eighth day, when her neighbors and relatives came to circumcise the child, they wanted to call him Zechariah, after her father, but Elizabeth's husband wrote on a tablet, "His name is John." Immediately he spoke blessing God and the people became afraid. All who heard of the incident knew that the hand of the Lord was with John.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday

2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday

2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday

2 Kgs 22:8-13, 23:1-3; Mt 7:15-20

Thursday

2 Kgs 24:8-17; Mt 7:21-29

Friday

Vigil: Acts 3:1-10; Gal 1:11-20; Jn 21:15-19

Day: Acts 12:1-11; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19

Saturday

Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Mt 8:5-17

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Vincenza Secor, Aaron Stagliano, Marie Wiekak, 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, Marjilyn Lennox, Bruno Marchatta, Anne McClellan, Louis Arbia, Dottie Rodriguez, Maureen Sullivan, Frank D'amario, Amanda Keane, Tom (Manay) Conroy, Gertrude Polan, 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 and Elizabeth Rich-Provenzano, Jim Formato, and Paul O'Herron, Michelle Ryan, 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**

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**. All students need to pre-register with Mr. Bourdage before showing up at the pantry, please.

**HELP SUPPORT OUR DEACON JACK SEYMOUR FOOD PANTRY**  
Raffle tickets are now available to purchase at the rectory, or call Colleen Corizzo at 845-561-7905 for any questions regarding sale of raffles.  
**THIS IS OUR ONLY BIG FUNDRAISER FOR THE WHOLE YEAR**

## 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.

## THIS WEEKEND

### SPRING JEWELRY SALE June 23 & 24

The ladies from the Women's Craft Group at the Newburgh Ministry will be here at St. Francis Church to sell their one-of-a-kind handcrafted jewelry after all the Masses. Please stop by after Mass and support this wonderful cause.



**The Memorial Flower arrangement on the altar this weekend of June 23-24, is in the memory of Susan Randall by Mary Randall.**

**SAVE THE DATE**



**FREE CONCERTS !!**

**WEDNESDAY - JULY 18 at St. Francis**

**THURSDAY - JULY 20 at Sacred Heart**

**SUNDAY - JULY 22 at St. Francis.**

The Halo Youth Group from the Doves of the Desert Church Choir in Glendale, AZ contacted Fr. Bill and he has invited this wonderful youth group to sing at our churches! More info to follow.

**TODAY**

**THIS SUNDAY June 24 10 am – 3 pm**



**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** will be hosting their 8<sup>th</sup> Annual **CAR SHOW** near **SEARS** at the **NEWBURGH MALL**. 1401 Union Avenue, Newburgh. Free Admission to spectators.

Enjoy A **FAMILY FUN DAY** with **RAFFLES, FOOD, MUSIC....**

and even **BATMAN !!**



**Our Continuous Kindness for Cats & Canines is Truly Continuous !!**

Once again Fr. Bill has visited the Hudson Valley SPCA in New Windsor. And once again on behalf of the kind supporters of our Little Furry Animal Ministry, has donated \$1015 which will be put towards an air purifier and veterinary costs. AND we donated another FULL trunk full of pet food and supplies. (check out the poster in the church)



**THANK YOU**



*Until one has loved an animal, a part of one's soul remains unawakened. ~~ Anatole France (1844-1824)*

**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 July 1, from 2:00pm to 7:00om. 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.



**CONGRATULATIONS**

**TO**

*Laura Zaminenick & Vincent DiBello  
married here at  
St. Francis Church on June 23, 2018.  
The best thing to hold on to in life is  
God and Each Other*



**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**