



**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Guess Who started in 1965 as a musical group from Winnipeg, Canada. Starting in 1969 they released a number of hits such as American Woman, These Eyes, No Time, Laughing, and one of interest called Undun. The plot of the last song is about a girl at a party who goes into a coma after taking psychedelic drugs. Part of the lyrics went like this: "She's come Undun. She found a mountain that was far too high...She's lost the sun...She wanted truth but all she got was lies...Too many mountains and not enough stairs to climb. Too many churches and not enough truth. Too many people and not enough eyes to see. Too many lives to lead and not enough time." I saw the Guess Who perform a number of times, most recently on a cruise to the Caribbean featuring top artists from the 1970's including America (Horse With No Name, and Sandman about the social chaos and discord with the Vietnam War), BJ Thomas who I met (Raindrops Keep Falling On My Head, perhaps a metaphor of life difficulties), Poco (Crazy Love and Heart Of The Night), Michael McDonald formerly of the Doobie Brothers (borrowed the lyrics of Bacharach-David to sing a haunting version of What The World Needs Now Is Love), Ambrosia (Keep Holding On To Yesterday), and Styx (Lady, Come Sail Away). Delilah, a radio song-player counselor currently in Washington State offering Christian musings to cope with human problems, offered assurances for my priesthood as did actress Jennifer Harrison (Los Angeles Rams cheerleader, Three's Company, Dallas) who plunged into depths of difficult living when her career/marriage soured and she discovered Jesus in her life (plus a love for orphaned pets even donkeys, who have stripes in the shape of the cross and carried the Holy Family to Bethlehem).

Churches in the 1960's were alive and well with Mass attendance, the presence of sisters and brothers to teach in Catholic schools with full student attendance, plentiful priests to staff parishes, and strong financial portfolios for future construction of hospitals and orphanages. Perhaps it was the Vietnam War or the drug culture or changing mores, but the end of the decade into the watershed years of the early 1970's provoked a new spirit that grew suspicious of organized religion, government, and corporations. The Guess Who hinted at that fact with the song Undun. Net effects of the cultural transformation were a tumultuous drop of numbers in church attendance, vocations, donations, and massive defections of priests/sisters/brothers that continue into the present day of 2018. The Church seemed so strong when I was stationed at parishes in Yonkers, Newburgh, and Staten Island from 1993-2010. Staten Island was often described to me as a place where there was a 1950's feel to it, with huge numbers of Catholics practicing their faith. A recent call from a priest friend, who is the principal of a Catholic high school there, revealed different statistics within the last five years. Schools and parishes are closing, with Mass attendance down nearly forty percent. Social forces have made religion a whipping post of mockery, especially teachings on the beginning of life and the definition of marriage. This is the crisis that parishes face today throughout America and the world, particularly in Europe where attendance at Mass is in the low single digits.

Whereas Catholic parish life is regarded by many today as irrelevant, evidenced by the majority number of students going through the sacramental system that stop coming to Mass as well as their parents after the reception of Confirmation, there are also increasing signs of hostility toward organized religion in the land of the free and the home of the brave. Yes the United States where our citizenry of the past saw that point as worrisome concerns in other parts of the world, such as the Middle East. In the next edition of Padres Corner I would like to examine the French Revolution, which started in 1789. The philosopher Voltaire wrote during that period of time : " Every sensible man, every honorable man must hold the Christian religion in horror. " Of the same mindset then was Diderot : " Man will never be free until the last king is strangled with the entrails of the last priest. " To be a practicing Catholic now in any age group requires tremendous faith, sacramental prowess, prayerfulness, and spiritual courage to face people attacks outside and within the Church. In this context we collectively battle for the future survival of Sacred Heart and Saint Francis of Assisi Church. Father Bill

## SACRED HEART

**Monday, July 16**

9:00 am **Mary & Angelo Marino**

By Anthony Marino



**Sacred Heart Weekly Collection**

June 23/24

1<sup>st</sup> Coll: \$4747, 2<sup>nd</sup> Coll: \$1238  
\$5985

**Tuesday, July 17**

9:00 am **The Parishioners of Sacred Heart St Francis**

June 30 – July 1

1<sup>st</sup> Coll: \$5142, 2<sup>nd</sup> Coll: \$1119

TOTAL \$6261

July 7/8

1<sup>st</sup> Coll: \$6433, 2<sup>nd</sup> Coll: \$1486  
TOTAL \$7919

**Wednesday, July 18**

9:00 am **Volunteers of the Deacon Jack Seymour Food Pantry**

**Sacred Heart Mass Attendance**

June 30/July 1

July 7/8

5:30	126	5:30	116
7:30	64	7:30	62
10:00	138	10:00	133
12:00	<u>124</u>	12:00	<u>151</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>442</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>462</b>

**Thursday, July 19**

9:00 am **Health & Blessing for Deacon Peter Haight**



**Monday, July 16**

7:00 am **Pope Francis**

12:00 **Maria Cosentino**

By Daughter Clotilda

**Tuesday, July 17**

7:00 am **Family Life**

12:00 **Diana Malone**

**Health & Blessings**

By Dad

**Wednesday, July 18**

7:00 am **City of Newburgh**

12:00 **Craig Mac farland**

By Wife

**Thursday, July 19**

7:00 am **Public Servants**

12:00 **Marie Herbison 12<sup>th</sup> Anniv**

By Family

**Barbara A. Mc Daniel**

By Children

**Friday, July 20**

9:00 am **For the Intentions of the Parishioners on our Sick List**

**Saint Francis Weekly Collection**

June 30/July 1

1<sup>st</sup> Coll: \$5691, 2<sup>nd</sup> Coll: \$1314

TOTAL \$7005

July 7 /8

1<sup>st</sup> Col: \$5558.50 , 2<sup>nd</sup> Col: \$1402  
TOTAL \$6960.50

**Friday, July 20**

7:00 am **Frances Schaffner**

By Family

12:00 **Mary Lee Lancaster 1<sup>st</sup> Anniv**

By Nuzzo Family

**Saturday, July 21**

9:00 **For the Homebound Who are No Longer Able to Attend Mass**

5:30 pm **Paula Bresnan**

By Sandy Parisi & Family

**Anthony Macri 23<sup>rd</sup> Anv.**

By His Wife, Marion

**Saint Francis Mass Attendance**

June 30/July 1

July 7/8

4:30	169	4:30	159
8:30	174	8:30	157
11:00	125	11:00	169
1:00	<u>108</u>	1:00	<u>103</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>576</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>588</b>

**Saturday, July 21**

12:00 **Sacred Heart St. Francis Parish Families**

4:30 pm **Jennie Deyo**

By Jesse & Margaret Deyo

**Rosa Lee Cuffee**

Cindy & Craig Kretzmer

**Sunday, July 22**

7:30 am **Health & Blessings for John Roscino**

By Dominick & Judy Roscino

10:00 am **Shirley Policano**

By Filomena & Lorenzo Buda & the Romano Family

12:00 For the Intentions of the young people attending Camp Veritas this coming week.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for this weekend is for Our Parish Ministries

**Sunday, July 22**

8:30 am **Fasciano Family**

By Rocky & Mary Jane D'Elicio

Mary Bonetti

By The Bonetti J., Paden & Faugerstrom families

11:00am **John Geelan**

By Family

**John O'Connell**

By Schjorring Family

TODAY

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Amos 7:12-15

Amaziah (priest of Bethel) ordered Amos to leave Bethel and never prophesy there again. Amos replied that he had not been a prophet, but was a shepherd until he was called by God.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14 or 1:3-10

Paul exults God's immeasurable generosity as he recounts all the blessings that have been bestowed upon all God's people. We all became adopted children of God when we heard the message of truth Christ brought to us, and because of it, believed in him.

Gospel: Mark 6:7-13

Jesus gave the twelve disciples authority over unclean spirits and sent them out to preach and heal the sick. He advised them to bring nothing with them and to shake the dust from their feet of any town where they had not been welcomed. Jesus wanted them to understand what they would need to do in his place after his death.

Monday

Is 1:10-17; Mt 10:34-11:1

Tuesday

Is 7:1-9; Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday

Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Mt 11:25-27

Thursday

Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Mt 11:28-30

Friday

Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Mt 12:1-8

Saturday

Mi 2:1-5; Mt 12:14-21



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, Paul Neugebauer, Julia Vecchio, Vanessa Rivera and Elizabeth Rich-Provenzano, Jim Formato, Paul O'Herron, Michelle Ryan, and Abigail Means, Jean Kardel, Michael Peter Antonelli, Joann Fayo-Perry, Catherine Fossella, Pat Garziona, Deacon Peter Haight, Tom Hare, Frances Marino, Tom Marino, Beth Marshall, Jean Mendoza, Beulah Politi, Gloria Presutti, David Vandermast, Mary Venticinque, Mark Verlinger, Patricia Young, Jean Kardel, Patricia Rifenburgh, Jeffry Mauro, Cynthia Cannon, and Rita O'Shea



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.**

PARISH DEVOTIONS

St. Francis Church

Chaplet of Divine Mercy is recited every Sunday at 10:40 am

Weekly Miraculous Medal Novena following the Noon Mass every Tuesday

Weekly Adoration Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - Wednesdays 5:00 pm – 6:00pm. This Wednesday is for the Unborn

Sacred Heart

Rosary prayed following the 9:00 am Mass. Monday through Saturday in the Chapel.

Sacred Heart – First Friday Adoration is cancelled for the months of July & August.

Adoration will resume Friday, September 7, 2018

Members of the Armed Services - Please remember the following members of the armed service in your prayers.

- Sgt. Nick Kozlik – US Marines
- Spec C.J. Jozlik – US Army
- LT Thomas O. Mennerich USN
- LCDR Abby K. Mennerich USN
- Keith O'Connor US Army
- Sgt. Anthony Colotti US Army
- Nicholos M. Pisani US Navy
- Capt. Bryan Malone

If you know of someone deployed overseas, let us know.

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HELP SUPPORT OUR

DEACON JACK SEYMOUR FOOD PANTRY

Raffle tickets are now available \$20 each. Tickets are available for purchase at the rectory, or call Colleen Corizzo at 845-561-7905 for any questions regarding sale of raffles.

**Tickets will also be available after all St. Francis Masses of July 14 & 15 and at our Coffee & Bagel Hour AND Tickets will be available after all Sacred Heart Masses of July 21&22**  
**Drawing is September 9.**

**THIS IS OUR ONLY BIG FUNDRAISER FOR THE WHOLE YEAR.**



Lest We Forget.

## POPPIES

Members of the Catholic War Veterans will be at all the Masses this weekend distributing poppies to remember all those who have given their lives in battle for our freedom.

### **Sacred Heart – St. Francis Religious Education Program News**

We will start classes for Wednesday sessions on September 12, 2018. Wednesday session is from 6:00 pm-7:30 pm Grades are 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8.

We will start classes for Tuesday sessions on September 18, 2018. Tuesday session is from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm. Grades are 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and Intermediate 1. Intermediate 1 is for all those who have not made first communion and are in Grades 3 through 6.

If you have not received a registration form in the mail or would like one, please stop at the St. Francis Rectory between 9 am and 2 pm or Sacred Heart Rectory between 1 pm and 4 pm. To pick up one or email the Religious Education REP office for a form. Email: [REPSHSFnewburgh@gmail.com](mailto:REPSHSFnewburgh@gmail.com)

Any questions, please email the REP office or call Sister Laura at 347-207-5020

### **Sacred Heart – St. Francis Youth Ministry News**

Join us for the pre kick off of Youth Ministry with Movie night. **On August 4, 2018**, we will have **Youth-Family Movie Night**. After the 4:30 pm Mass at St. Francis Church, join us in the **St. Francis Rectory Parking Lot**, off the prayer garden, for outdoor movie fun. **(time 6:00 pm)** Bring your picnic supper. We will supply snacks, drinks, and dessert. **Admission is free for all.** Free raffle/door prizes. Popcorn and Cotton Candy will be \$1 each.

Remember Kick-off for Youth Ministry is September 16, 2018 with Youth-Family Catechetical Sunday Mass at 10:00 am in Sacred Heart Church and Grand Ice Cream sign up Social (youth and parents) at 6:30 pm in O'Connor Hall of St. Francis Church, Benkard Ave.

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



**MOVIE NIGHT - SATURDAY**, July 21 at 6 pm in St. Francis O'Connor Hall. This month we will be showing "Wonder" An incredibly inspiring story of August Pullman, A boy with facial differences attending mainstream schooling for the first time. Starring Julia Roberts.

For pizza and refreshment ordering purposes, please RSVP by July 20 to Jeannine McCauley at [jeansey50@yahoo.com](mailto:jeansey50@yahoo.com) or call 914-263-0572.

### ***COFFEE & BAGEL HOUR SUNDAY JULY 15***

*Join us in good food and good fellowship  
after the 8:30 Mass in O'Connor Hall.*



### ***Service Saturdays***

Many people have asked what they could do to help out around the Parish at Sacred Heart. We have begun a program called Service Saturdays. This will be the third Saturday of every month. Anyone interested in helping out around the Church, Rectory, and School should come to 9 am Mass on the third Saturday morning of the month. We will meet in the Sacred Heart rectory for coffee and bagels/donuts at about 9:30, at which time we would team up or break out individually for specific projects around the Church, Rectory, and School. Any skill level you have is great, even if it's minimal. This is a GREAT opportunity for individuals or families to get involved and foster a spirit of service in support of your Parish.

Any questions, call Joe Bilello at 914-715-9196.

Our next Service Saturday will be July 21st.

**PLEASE NOTE THE CORRECTED DATE**

*Hope to see you there!*

*Sacred Heart School, New Windsor is  
looking for a part time Maintenance worker.  
For inquiries, please contact the school office  
845-561-1433*



Please come to enjoy and support our  
Positive Parish Activities



FREE CONCERTS !!

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18 - 7 pm at St. Francis  
FRIDAY, JULY 20 - 7 pm at Sacred Heart  
SUNDAY, JULY 22 - 5 pm 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!

*Our Lady of Fatima Church  
on Route 32 in Plattekill is having a Healing Mass  
on July 15 at 4 pm. If you need extra info, please call  
Toni at 914-456-7539.  
Hope to see you there and God Bless.*

**The Back Pew - Jeff Larson**



Mild mannered Joe Christian knows that when trouble arises... THERE'S NO NEED TO FEAR... The HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD is here! **Ro 8:26-27**



CONGRATULATIONS  
TO

MRS. SHIRLEY PACELLA.!!!.....

The June winner of \$167 in our Monthly 50/50 raffle.  
Be sure to get your envelopes n for our next drawing in July

Mary Ann McGivney (former Sacred Heart School Principal) (or rep) will be speaking at all the Masses to encourage enrollment at Sacred Heart School at St. Joseph's Campus on July 14 & 15 at St. Francis.

*FIFTH SUNDAY ROSARY PROGRAM*

*A Rosary Service for the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in July will be held here at St. Francis of Assisi, Church following the 11:00 am Mass on Sunday, July 29, 2018. All are invited to attend. Bring your prayer requests.*

*This program is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Msgr. Henry O'Carroll Council #444. For more info please contact Ted Coughlin 845-913-5631 or Joe Coyle 845-561-7384*

*PARISH ACTIVITIES AT A GLANCE*

- July 15** Coffee & Bagel Hour  
O'Connor Hall after 8:30 mass
- July 18** Halo Youth Group Concert  
St. Francis - 7 pm
- July 20** Halo Youth Group Concert  
Sacred Heart - 7 pm
- July 21** Service Saturday  
Sacred Heart Rectory - 9:30 am
- July 21** Movie Night - "Wonder"  
St. Francis - 6 pm
- July 22** Halo Youth Group Concert  
St. Francis - 5 pm
- Aug. 1** Senior Meeting  
O' Connor Hall - 12:30 pm
- Aug. 8** Catholic Daughters Meeting  
Msgr Valasco Activity Ctr - 7 pm
- Sept. 9** St. Francis Picnic
- Oct. 13** Monticello Casino Trip



**NOTES FROM FROM "THE LOFT"** ... during the summer months, we will be reciting the Gloria and the Lord's Prayer for the Saturday/Sunday Masses during 'Ordinary Time'. In the fall we will return to singing all the parts of the Mass.

## MARY'S HOPE

The Staff at Mary's Hope would like to thank the Sacred Heart Community for all the food you have donated to help us feed the people of Newburgh. Your continued support is much appreciated.

Items needed this Month:

Complete Pancake Mix - Mac N Cheese  
Rice Small and Medium Bags  
Pork & Beans - Pasta in a Can - Tuna  
Hamburger Helper - Stuffing & Gravy  
Rice-a-Roni - Pasta & Spaghetti  
Soups (Tomas & Chicken Noodle)  
Canned Veggies (Peas, Carrots, & Mixed Vegetables)

**This Month's Parish Food Drive will be held  
July 28 & 29**

## BECOME A MEMBER OF OUR PARISH FAMILY TODAY

**YES!** I want to register as a member and receive offertory envelopes for:

Sacred Heart Church       St Francis Church

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**

## UPCOMING PILGRIMAGES

*Hosted By:*

*Father Bill Damroth*

### 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*

**WE ARE STILL A**



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE**



**TWO PARISHES  
ROOTED IN THE LOVE OF GOD  
NOW ONE PARISH FAMILY**