



1969 was a magical year in my youth. I was a fifth-grader at Saint Joseph's Grammar School in Bogota, New Jersey. The parish was served by the Carmelite priests out of Chicago, Illinois and the teaching sisters were the Franciscans from Peekskill, New York.

Astronaut Neil Armstrong touched his foot on the surface of the moon for Apollo 11 on July 20, an event watched on grainy television sets in numerous homesteads. As a budding sports fan, I remember the football New York Jets behind Joe Namath upsetting the heavily favored Baltimore (now Indianapolis) Colts at the Super Bowl on January 12 of that year. Later in 1969 on October 16, the baseball New York Mets (played at the old Shea Stadium with the Jets in those long ago days, when baseball and football teams shared the same iconic stadiums) toppled another Baltimore franchise the Orioles in the World Series. The "Brady Bunch" television series commenced on ABC September 26, with widow Carol marrying widower Mike Brady in front of a minister (played by the late actor Dabbs Greer, who starred as the Reverend Alden in "Little House on the Prairie"). Richard Milhous Nixon became the 37th president on January 20, succeeding Lyndon Baines Johnson. The "Haunted Mansion" attraction opened at "Disneyland" in Anaheim, California (a place visited many times starting in 1979 when my cousins received me frequently in Southern California). The Woodstock Festival at a farm near Bethel, New York was held August 15-18. Too young to attend, I most recently went to that location for a "Beach Boys" concert (another singing group that brought vivid images to surfing, cars and the beach in the 1960's while also touching the divine with the melodic song "God Only Knows"). The "Scooby Doo" cartoon premiered on CBS September 13. Dave Thomas opened the "Wendy's" fast food franchise on November 15 in Columbus, Ohio. An adoptee like myself, he was an articulate man of faith who stood behind the value of the unborn child.

Famous people who died were President Dwight Eisenhower on March 28, actor Jeffrey Hunter on May 27 (played Jesus in "King of Kings, "after a starring role as Captain Christopher Pike in the original "Star Trek" episode called the "Cage"), actress Judy "Wizard of Oz "Garland on June 22, and movie director Leo McCarey on July 5 ("Going My Way" and the "Bells of Saint Mary's," with Bing Crosby as Father O'Malley). I remember 1969 for another innocent media venture, inspiring me to recently buy a Ford (first car manufacturer in America was created on June 16, 1903 in Michigan). There was a musical group called the "Going Things," who promoted the Ford label with records and even a television special. Their signature phrase was "Ford Is A Better Idea," a fusion of words and music that I often observed as a commercial while watching the "NBC Game of the Wee " with baseball announcers Curt Gowdy and Tony Kubek. One of the singers was a female lead with "Sergio Mendes and Brasilia 66." 1969 is a year in my youth often recalled, with a 1969 "Going Things " Ford framed ad in my car.

After this long historical flashback, the casual reader may legitimately ask what in the name of God does any of this have to do with our religious faith. Here is my explanation. History can be harsh, and leave any of us hardened and cynical. Our faith in God can often leave us in the same mental state especially when we endure the deaths of loved ones, sickness such as cancerous tumors, economic downfalls, the betrayals of relationships that were once loving plus trusted, and fears of terrorist organizations in our worldwide community.

In the midst of such reality checks, we all need to recover and revisit the innocence that allows us to reconnect to past and present through an optimistic lens and viewpoint. Without sugar-coating what is bad and difficult, being optimistic allows for hope and a transcending soaring of the spirit that embraces what is good and virtuous so we can still absorb creatively our imaginations and future dreams. We can then make lemonade out of the lemons. After all of the ups and downs that Saint Francis of Assisi Church has experienced over the decades, is this not an excellent way to perceive its future legacy and historical contributions?

God bless us one and all. Father Bill

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. Aug. 29

7:00am John Bouchard
By Como Family
Noon St. Francis Parish

Tues. Aug. 30

7:00am Tita Quintas
By Mr & Mrs Kaplowitz
Noon Dr. Vincent Lombardi
(3rd Anniv)
By Son Steve Immitt

Wed. Aug. 31

7:00am Fred Quintas
By Mr & Mrs Kaplowitz
Noon Diane Piper-Rader
By Arlene Dietrichsen and
Dorothy Kimball

Thur. Sept 1

7:00am Thomas Conroy
By Mr & Mrs Kaplowitz
Noon Barbara Palumbo
By Mary Ann & Tony Farkas
Harold Hardy
By Daughter Ann

Fri. Sept. 2

7:00am Ralph Corizzo
By Family
Noon Katherine Conroy
Health & Blessings
By The George Family

Sat. Sept 3

Noon Our Nation
4:30pm Adam Soltis
By Family

Sun. Sept 4

800am Rose Grossholz, Jane
Baranski, Nancy Barton
& Helen Russio
By Girl Scout Leaders
11:00am Michael & Marzia
Ruggiero
By Natalene Quick
Lillian & Edward
Siegler
By Family

Weekly Collection 

August 20-21, 2016
1st Collection \$6,536.00
2nd Collection \$1,531.00
TOTAL \$8,067.00

Our sincere thanks for your generosity and support
of our Parish. God bless each and every one of
you....always

The 2nd collection this weekend is for
AIR CONDITIONING

MASS ATTENDANCE

August 20-21, 2016
4:30pm 165
8:00am 155
11:00am 216
Total 536

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Our Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed  
Sacrament on Wednesday from 5:00pm to  
6:00pm will be for the special intention of The  
Presentation Sisters.

The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy is recited on  
Sundays at 10:40am before the 11:00 am Mass.

## FR BILL'S INSTALLATION MASS AS PASTOR

AND

## ANNUAL BLUE MASS TO COMMEMORATE THE 15<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF 9/11

Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>  
11:00am Mass

Reception to follow Mass in our school gym.  
All are invited to attend.

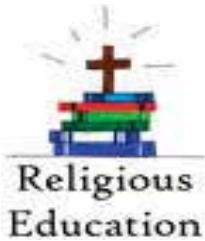
We have had several inquiries from parishioners who  
wanted to know what they could do to assist with the  
reception. Anyone wishing to help can bring finger type  
desserts like **cookies** or **brownies** and leave them in the  
gym prior to Mass.

Also we are looking for a cleanup crew to help after the  
reception. If you can help call the rectory at 561-1317.



## **BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP**

A bereavement support group will begin on  
September 14<sup>th</sup> at a private home. One group will  
meet on Wednesday afternoons from 2:00pm to  
4:00pm and another group will meet Wednesday  
evenings from 4:30pm to 6:30pm for a total of eight  
sessions. If you or someone you know might be  
interested in joining the "Journey", please call  
Beverly Austin at 845-245-4143 for more details.



## Program News

### REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

The opening for the 2016-2017 school year is just a few weeks away. Now is the time to think about also registering your children for religious education classes.

For registration forms or for more information please call Lynda Piper, our Religious Education Coordinator, at the Religious Education Office at 561-2589.

Register your child **now** to secure the day and time most convenient for you.



Food  
Pantry  
Needs

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

In your goodness please bring **ONE POUND PACKAGES OF RICE** to Church next weekend to be distributed to the less fortunate thru our Food Pantry.

**OUR FOOD PANTRY WILL BE CLOSED**  
**Friday September 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**and**  
**Saturday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**FOR THE LABOR DAY WEEKEND**

## \$\$\$ FOOD PANTRY FUNDRAISER \$\$\$

### OUR FOOD PANTRY IS SPONSORING A RAFFLE AND BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER.

On Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> from 8:00am to 12:45pm there will be a breakfast at the Newburgh Elks Building on Washington Street in Newburgh. Also, 300 raffle tickets will be sold at \$50.00 each. There will be **5 \$1,000 winners, 1 \$500 winner and 2 \$250 winners.** Each raffle ticket purchased admits 2 people to the breakfast. Breakfast without the raffle ticket is \$10 per person. All profits go directly to the Food Pantry.

The breakfast menu will include: eggs, pancakes, sausage, bacon, toast, coffee and tea. Tickets will be available soon along with additional information.



## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Vincenza Secor, Aaron Stagliano, Kelly Stafford, Robyn McGraw, John Sabo, Andrew Costanzo, Marie Wiejak, Rose, Stephen Sabo, Ashley Barco, Jean Kaiser, Tom Scalzo, Nora Bricker, Gary Lake, Genevieve Pilch, Agnes Casey, Brianna Barker, Keith Webber, Jake Bryan DeStefano, Rose Marie Michalowski, Meryl Chatham, Vincenturia Cullen, Amy Meyer, Vinnie Yonnone, Grace Keller Peacock, Mary Corwin, Jean DeCicco, Don Hughes, David Jennings, Robert Johnson, Karen Wells, Marcia McKay, Victoria Palkovic, Elaine Pietrzak, Maureen Luzzi, Joyce Poponiak, Corrine Gammino, George Vecchio, Jr, Carol Brown, Teresa Centeno, Matthew Gallagher, Luzia Araujo, Celio Thomaz, Sherry Collins, Rosalie Nogay, Richard and Rina Bozzone, Antonio Troia, Cody Favoino-Finkbeiner, Marie Louis, Sacha Samuel George, the Koch Family, Frank Pietrzak, John Marullo, Rose Jurik, Robert & Helen Osborn, Manuel DiNapoli, Jennie Serrano, Eddie Koza, Barbara Woloszyn, Gary McGraw, Rachael Neugebauer, Patricia Denniston, Arlene Dietrichsen, Maureen Kelly, Deacon Larry Kawula, Abigail Ryan, Debra Thurston, Toby Persico, Alexis Johnson, Barry Johnson, James R. Purpura, Bob Smith, Tom Kingery, Bud Smith, Amy Finnegan, Jane Pustola, Justin, Peter, Rita, Janice Ruggiero, Angela, Wayne, Abbie K., Dominick Denisi, Sebastian Denisi, Pam Denisi, Linda Hummel, Joseph Michalowski, Joann Quicksell, Frances Dolan, Daniel D'Elicio, Fr. Fred Kempferi, Hazel Yonnone, Carmen DeCrosta, Parker, Jane Holloway, Dore Williams, Hank Kensing, Virginia Ranaudo, Sheryl McGrath, Robert Landi, Michelle Ryan, Rosalind Morrison, Donna Delconte



## It's that time again!!!

Our St. Francis Annual Parish Picnic will be held on **Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>** starting at **1:00pm** at the Cronomer Valley Fire Department on 296 North Plank Road (Route 32) in Newburgh.

Back by popular demand, **The Phase 5 Oldies Dance Band.....** so bring your dancing shoes.

Tickets at the door - \$10 Adult, \$5 children over 12 and \$25 Family. Children under 12 are free. 50/50 drawing and door prizes.

If you would like to volunteer with set up, cooking, serving or clean up please contact Jim at 562-5927.

## **\*\*ABSENTEE BALLOTS\*\***

Absentee ballot applications for those going on the trip to Italy, or for anyone needing one for November's election, are available in the back of the church.

### **ST. FRANCIS CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Aug 30<sup>th</sup>** – Bible Study 7:00pm O'Connor Hall  
**Aug 31<sup>st</sup>** – Eucharistic Adoration 5pm to 6pm in Church  
**Sept 11<sup>th</sup>** – Fr Bill's Installation as Pastor & Blue Mass  
**Sept 18<sup>th</sup>** – Catechetical Sunday 11am Mass  
**Sept 18<sup>th</sup>** – Parish Picnic 1:00pm  
**Oct 26<sup>th</sup>** – Mass for Our Country 6:00pm  
**Oct 30<sup>th</sup>** – Food Pantry Breakfast Fundraiser  
**Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Tag Sale in O'Connor Hall



### **TAG SALE**

On December 3<sup>rd</sup> Food Pantry volunteers Kitty Bernard and Margaret Miller will host a tag sale to benefit St. Francis Church. If you are doing some Fall cleaning or clearing out your closets and cupboards of unwanted items which you would like to donate please call the rectory at 561-1317 to make arrangements to drop off items.

### **THE WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA**

Our Lady's Blue Army Shrine, 674 Mountain View Road East, Asbury, NJ invites you to celebrate the Apparitions Our Lady of Fatima. She requested three shepherd children to continue to pray the Rosary in order to obtain peace and the end of the war. Pray the Rosary in the beautiful Outdoor Rosary Garden. Visit the Holy House USA, containing crushed stone from the Holy House of Loreto; the actual baldacchino and altar over which the last great apparition of Fatima took place; and the largest extant piece of the tree on which Our Lady stood at Fatima.

Confessions start at 10:30am, Rosary Procession at 12Noon, 12:30pm Guest Speaker Rev Frederick Miller, Holy Mass at 1:00pm and ends with the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00pm For more information please visit [www.bluearmy.com](http://www.bluearmy.com).



### **EMPTY EGG CARTONS**

The Food Pantry receives eggs in bulk. They ask if you could save your empty egg cartons, bring them to church and leave them in the back with the food donations. They will then fill the cartons and distribute them to their clients.



### **FLOWER MEMORIALS**

are now available for anyone wishing to memorialize a loved one, honor someone or in thanksgiving to God for favors granted. Arrangements which will be placed in the sanctuary cost \$35 and can be ordered by calling the Rectory at 561-1317.

### **RECOVERY SUNDAY**

"Recovery Sunday" is a national day of prayer during the month of September for those suffering from addictions. Cardinal O'Connor first instituted "Recovery Sunday" in 1999 designating a weekend in September to pray for those with addictions and their families. Cardinal Dolan would like to reintroduce the tradition in our parishes in 2016. He has designated September 25<sup>th</sup> as "Recovery Sunday" where we pray for those dealing daily with addiction and recovery issues as well as those who love and support them on the difficult journey to healing.

### **PILGRIMAGES**

**Plans have been finalized for two pilgrimages hosted by Fr. Bill in 2017.**

**1) Spain Pilgrimage** for 11 days, April 24<sup>th</sup> thru May 4, visiting Lisbon, Fatima, Salamanca. Avila, Madrid, Lourdes Montserrat and Barcelona.

**2) Alpine Christmas Adventure** for 11 days, December 4<sup>th</sup> thru 14<sup>th</sup> visiting Frankfurt, Freiburg, Lucerne, Innsbruck, Salzburg, Oberammergau, Neuschwanstein, Munich, Rothenberg and Heidelberg.

Brochures are located in the back of the church. To register or for additional information please call the rectory 561-1317.



### **13<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL**

### **KENNEDY CATHOLIC GOLF CLASSIC**

To be held on Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at the Centennial Golf Club, 185 John Simpson Road, Carmel, NY. To Register or for more information visit [KennedyCatholic.org/golf-outing](http://KennedyCatholic.org/golf-outing) or call 914-232-5061 ext 121

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