



## **PADRE'S CORNER**

**November 6, 2016**

Faith involves not just a movement of the intellect and reason, but also of the heart and soul filled with receptors to the emotional impact of our deep-rooted convictions. I am with 103 pilgrims this week in Italy, experiencing all of these dimensions of our spirituality. Our experiences will be conveyed to you in a few days, upon our return to the United States on **November 10**. By then, America will have a new president. I pray the winning candidate will protect our country, spur onward job growth, protect religious freedoms, encourage strong family life, and be desirous of legislation to protect the unborn child. I often think of Saint Mother Teresa's comments decades ago that a country cannot expect blessings from God if it destroys the unborn child. In other words, blessings economically and protection from terrorists.

Journeying in Italy allows for the intimate exchanges of our faith with history, culture, and legacy. Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome allows us to walk the grounds of the first martyrs, including Saint Peter upon whose tomb the basilica rests. Nearby is the Coliseum, which evokes memories of the early Christians enduring pain and suffering at the hands of non-believers through their faith in Jesus. Near the Coliseum is the Roman Forum, containing the ruins of a once prosperous community where leisure and entertainment meant more than core religious values. Florence will engage us with the works of Michelangelo, such as the gracefully tall image of King David. Pompeii recalls the ruins of another affluent community, devoid of the spiritual union with God that could have saved it as a killer volcano struck. All of these encounters, plus an audience with Pope Francis, permits an engaging of the senses for interior growth.

Connectivity with our faith is often the polar opposite of our highly technological culture, which can seem remote and distant as we become more robotized as a people. Social media encourages this disconnect, as it replaces the phone calls and letters that once were part and parcel of human encounters. While recognizing its value for people separated by large distances, it has become a consistent replacement against the deeper connections that once prevailed of hanging out on a house porch or playing in a park amongst youngsters. The computerization of the masses almost looks like the zombie-like cult film of 1968 "Night of the Living Dead," with its empty faces and unmoved souls. Case in point is a recent article I read about the growing presence of tiny implants in a finger, that allows the person to avoid manual elevations of the body for such normal actions such as unlocking a door or accessing a parking gate. Called RFID (Radio Frequency Identification Technology), a tiny glass cylinder the size of a piece of rice is installed under the skin hopefully with sterilized equipment. Medical records can also be stored with the implant, plus the ability to make purchases. In my mind this not only increases the impersonalization of the culture, but the robotized furtherance that stunts and impedes human relational development. Friendship, once vivid and lovely, can also walk down this slippery slope.

I have disconnected from a few connections where this has happened, but God has provided new friendships for me that are creative and spiritually alive. This is what our faith and parish is supposed to be about. At Saint Francis of Assisi, here on Benkard Avenue, I (we) have tried to create a community setting where our connections are not mechanical but life-giving. Our main church offers lots of opportunities for prayerfulness through colorful imagery, including the meaningful statues of past saint icons (such as Therese of Lisieux, Catherine Laboure, John Vianney, and Padre Pio). The prayer garden can be accessed 24/7 every day of the week. If someone is troubled with a dilemma at three in the morning, the garden is there for them.

The four Presentation sisters occupying the convent also bring that personal touch of faith to the grounds of our parish. The catechetical program grows under the leadership of Sister Laura Urbano, who is also establishing youth groups for different age brackets. She is also helping me to offer Spanish Masses on a regular basis, to encourage our neighborhood residents to give our church a participant chance. Sister Gloria is establishing a senior group which will embrace academic, social, travel, and spiritual endeavors. The Deacon Jack Seymour Food Pantry continues to serve vast amounts of the needy, not through robots but caring human beings volunteering to bring bright lights to our troubled times. God bless us and our country. **Father Bill**

# MASS INTENTIONS

## Mon. Nov. 7

7:00am All Souls Novena  
Noon Laura Cerone  
By Family

## Tues. Nov. 8

7:00am Ann & Anthony Farkas  
By Mary Ann & Tony Farkas  
Noon All Souls Novena

## Wed. Nov. 9

7:00am The Unborn  
Noon Donald Deyo  
By Jesse & Margaret Deyo &  
Family

## Thur. Nov. 10

7:00am Vocations  
Noon James Van Wart  
By Brenda O'Dea

## Fri. Nov 11

7:00am Our Veterans  
Noon Jonathan Como  
By Dr. & Mrs. Latonero

## Sat. Nov 12

Noon Pilar Arestin  
By Lucy Salcedo & Lucy  
Delfine  
4:30pm Edward Trizinsky  
By Wife Loretta & Family  
**Anna Chinoransky**  
By Family

## Sun. Nov 13

8:00am Barbara Palumbo  
By Mary Ann & Tony Farkas  
**Margaret Hardy**  
By Daughter Ann  
11:00am H. Robert Patterson Jr  
(20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)  
By Wife & children  
**Steve Jaffee**  
By Wife Mary



## WEEKLY COLLECTON

October 29-30, 2016  
1<sup>st</sup> Collection \$5,795.21  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection \$1,187.00  
TOTAL \$6,982.21

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

The 2<sup>nd</sup> collection this weekend is for  
**PARISH MINISTRIES**

## MASS ATTENDANCE

October 29-30, 2016  
4:30pm 215  
8:00am 174  
11:00am 255  
Total 644



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 Unborn**.

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

## The 2017 MASS BOOK

Is now open  
Rectory Hours 9:00am to 3:00pm

## MASS IN SPANISH

Our next Scheduled Spanish Mass will be on Sunday  
**November 20<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm**. All are invited to attend.

## Teen Youth Ministry

We are looking for teens between ages of 12-18 to join  
our Youth Ministry. Our kickoff activity will be a  
**movie afternoon**, followed by **pizza** and **refreshments**  
on Sunday, **November 13<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 to 6:00pm** in  
O'Connor Hall. Come and join the fun, we look forward  
to seeing you there!

## HIGH SCHOOL CONFIRMATION GROUP

The high school Confirmation group meets on Fridays,  
4:30pm until 6:00pm in the St. Francis Convent, 153 Benkard  
Avenue. Entrance is off the back parking lot next to the  
parish office and rectory. The group is only for 9-12 graders  
who have not received Confirmation and are interested in  
doing so. Please speak to Sr. Laura if you have questions.

## Adult Catechisis

Any adult who has not received their sacraments and  
would like to do so, please see Sr. Laura or leave your  
name at the Rectory, 561-1317



### PRAYER S FOR THE SICK

Vincenza Secor, Aaron Stagliano, Kelly Stafford, Robyn McGraw, John Sabo, Andrew Costanzo, Marie Wiegak, Rose, Stephen Sabo, Ashley Barco, Tom Scalzo, Nora Brickter, 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, 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, Carmen DeCrosta, Parker, Jane Holloway, Dore Williams, Hank Kensing, Virginia Ranaudo, Sheryl McGrath, Landi Family, Michelle Ryan, Rosalind Morrison, Donna Delconte, Joan Ponesse, Jim Taylor, Marilyn Lennox, Bruno Marchatta, Anne McClellan, Robert Vance, Rose Mitchell



### CONGRATULATIONS TO.....

**Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Pardavila**, the October winner of **\$267.50** in our Monthly 50/50 Raffle. Be sure your envelope is in for our next drawing in November.

### THE CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

On Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup> Sr. Virginia Wilkinson of the Presentation Sisters will take us through **Matthew 25: The Corporal Works of Mercy** 2016 edition. She will look at the human face of those in society most in need and explore the role justice plays in our living out the corporal works of mercy. She will discuss the challenges of our call to clothe the naked, welcome the stranger, visit the imprisoned and shelter the homeless examining the root causes of some of these societal ills and ways to advocate on behalf of those in need.. Sister Virginia will present **two sessions** in O'Connor Hall **10:30am to 12noon**, and **7:00pm to 8:30pm**.

### ST. FRANCIS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Nov 9<sup>th</sup>** - Eucharistic Adoration 5pm-6pm in Church  
**Nov 13<sup>th</sup>** - Youth Group 4pm-6 pm in O'Connor Hall  
**Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>** - The Corporal works of Mercy by Sr. Virginia  
 10:30am to 12 noon **and** 7:00pm to 8:30pm  
**Nov 19<sup>th</sup>** - Holiday Open House 6pm in Rectory  
**Nov 20<sup>th</sup>** - Bagel & Coffee Hour after 8am Mass  
**Nov 20<sup>th</sup>** - Spanish Mass 2pm  
**Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> & Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>** - Tag Sale in O'Connor Hall



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

In your goodness please bring **PERSONAL CARE ITEMS** such as **TOOTHPASTE, SOAP, DEODORANT, ETC.** to Church next weekend to be distributed to the less fortunate thru our Food Pantry.

The Food Pantry will be **closed** Friday, **November 11<sup>th</sup>** and Saturday **November 12<sup>th</sup>** for Veteran's Day weekend.

The Food Pantry will be **closed** Friday, **November 25<sup>th</sup>** and Saturday, **November 26<sup>th</sup>** for the Thanksgiving weekend.

*Thank you* to all who participated in the Elks raffle and breakfast to benefit the St. Francis Deacon Jack Seymour Food Pantry on Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. The Food Pantry is very grateful to all the friends and families of the Pantry who attended. **I could not be success without your support!**

The money the Food Pantry will be receiving is being calculated and will be shared with you when finalized.



### CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS POST #386 RECRUITMENT DRIVE

James Formato will be here before and after all Masses next weekend to speak about the Catholic War Veterans of the USA, the only Veterans Service organization for Catholics. Family members of a Catholic Veteran are also invited to join the Friends of CWV Post #386. Stop by after all the Masses to receive a brochure/application and speak with a member to see how you and your family can join a truly unique organization.

### CCHD COLLECTION

Next week's collection for the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)** needs your help. CCHD was founded to break the cycle of poverty in the United States by funding organizations that help individuals help themselves. With a tradition of improving education, housing situations, community economic development, CCHD continued to make a positive impact in communities nationwide. Your contribution will defend human dignity and reach out to those living on the margin. Please give to the CCHC Collection.

### DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Remember Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> ends Daylight Savings Time....set your clocks back one hour.

### ELECTION DAY

Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> is Election Day. Please remember to go to the polls and cast your ballot.



Please join us for our Second Annual Holiday Open House at our Rectory on **Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>** from **6:00 to 8:30pm**. Last year so many people were gracious enough to donate appetizers and desserts and we welcome that again this year. We have a sign-up sheet in the back of the Church for people attending and also for those who wish to donate.



### ATTENTION ALL MYTYHBUSTERS

Practice for our Children's Christmas Choir for the 4:30pm Christmas Eve Mass will begin on Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Desiree Abbruscato, our Music Director, at 845-541-0769 for more information.

### ADULT CHRISTMAS CHOIR

**NEEDED:** Adult singers for our Christmas Masses. Christmas choir practices are scheduled for 7:00pm on Thursday evenings beginning November 17<sup>th</sup>. For more information please contact our Music Director, Desiree Abbruscato at 845-541-0769 or [abbruscator@aol.com](mailto:abbruscator@aol.com).

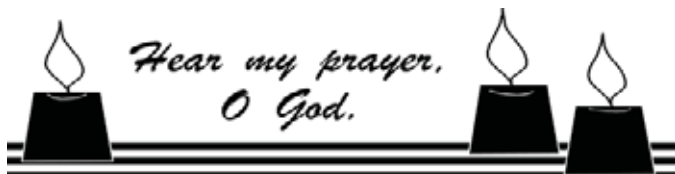


### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

We will be collecting shoe boxes filled with toys for Operation Christmas Child from November 1<sup>st</sup> thru November 13<sup>th</sup>. These boxes will be distributed all over the world to children in war torn areas. Brochures are in the back of the Church, explaining the project and also have the "Girl" "Boy" labels for the boxes. Bring your filled boxes and leave them at the altar railing steps by November 13<sup>th</sup>. For any questions or more information please call Suzanne Campora at 561-5162.



On **Saturday December 3<sup>rd</sup>** from 9:00am to 2:00pm and **Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>** from 9:00am to 1:00pm Food Pantry volunteers Kitty Bernard and Margaret Miller will host a tag sale to benefit St. Francis Church. Due to the generosity of so many of our parishioners we have an overabundance of goods and will **no longer be able to accept donations**.



**The Catholic Daughters, Court Patricia #195** will be meeting on Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm in Msgr. Valastro Activity Center at Sacred Heart Church in Newburgh. We will be hosting a pizza party and playing Bingo. We will be collecting items for our annual "Baby Shower" for Catholic Charities of Orange County. New members are always welcome. For further info please contact Maureen Kelly at 562-9462.



### ANNUAL CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

From November 5<sup>th</sup> until December 11<sup>th</sup> we will be collecting gifts for boys and girls from ages 1 to 12. Please take an "**Angel**" gift selection from the Christmas Giving Tree located in the back of the Church. Bring your new, unwrapped gift and leave it under the tree. The gifts will be distributed to local children through the Parish Food Pantry. We ask that you bring in all gifts by December 11<sup>th</sup> so we have time to distribute them all before Christmas.



### CASINO BUS TRIP

On Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, VFW Post 1161 and CWV Post 386 will co-host a bus trip to the Sands Casino in Bethlehem, PA. Departure is 8:30am from the Newburgh Wal-Mart parking lot. The bus will depart for home at 4:30pm. Cost is \$35.00 per person. Each will receive a **\$30.00 Free Slot Play** and a **\$5.00 Food Coupon** plus a **chance to win the trip free**. For Reservations or more information please call John Raszcewski at 845-562-3705.

*'We all have the duty to do good'*  
Pope Francis

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