



Padre's Corner

April 16, 2017
Easter Sunday

Easter Sunday galvanizes each of us into one, with shared faith systems of optimism and realistic assessments of our human struggles. The constant challenges in the midst of the stuff of life is to find the light at the end of the tunnel, or within it.

Back in January, a ski resort lodge in the Assisi section of Italy was engulfed by an avalanche triggered by area earthquakes. Most of the vacationers were buried alive, eliciting the desperate measures of rescuers to dig them out. A few people were luckily saved, including even a few puppies. The fate of the others are now in the embrace of God.

There are also the challenges of the world, flesh, and devil that Easter also addresses through our relationship with Christ. Saint Augustine reflected this point 1600 years ago with these sobering words: "In this world you will suffer persecution... against Christ's army the world arrays a twofold battle line. It offers temptation to lead us astray; it strikes terror into us to break our spirit. Hence if our personal pleasures do not hold us captive, and if we are not frightened by brutality, then the world is overcome. At both of these approaches Christ rushes to our aid, and the Christian is not conquered. "

We also experience the loss of loved ones, even cultural icons. When actress Mary Tyler Moore died on January 25, the day I returned from a pilgrimage to Israel, I deeply felt the loss for reasons that "Padres Corner" will examine further next week. Suffice to say for now, Mary said in a 2013 PBS interview "Women have a very important role to play as mothers." She did not define herself as a feminist movement promoter. We offer our sufferings and blessings to Jesus in a poignant way today on Easter.

Speaking of Israel, there were many metaphors discovered during the ten days of travel to the Middle East, speaking to me of finding life in the midst of death. The Risen Lord underscores this point, as we find the silver linings in our battles through the lens of faith. The group of forty that I participated in (featuring three of us priests) explored spiritual visions in Mount Carmel along the Mediterranean coast (the site of Old Testament prophet Elijah defeating the pagan gods of Baal), ancient Capernaum to see a second-century synagogue built on top of the sanctuary Jesus once preached in (adjacent to the home of Saint Peter's mother-in-law), the Church of the Primacy on the Galilee waterfront where Jesus fed the multitudes as a prelude to the Eucharist, Mount Tabor the site of the transfiguration (Jesus interacting with Old Testament prophets Moses and Elijah), the numerous stray cats seeking human kindness with displays of trust throughout Israel, a small Franciscan church in Jericho with only 125 Catholics in a region engulfed by Islamic calls to prayer as the percentage of Christians diminishes rapidly because of a poor economy and religious persecution (run by a brave priest, native of New Jersey, who asked if he could visit our parish some day), the Bethlehem location of the birth of our Saviour in the Church of the Nativity (preceded by a visit to an olive wood gift shop, owned by Catholic Palestinians who are amongst the remaining eight percent Christian population that was ninety-five percent before warfare struck in 2000 to destroy the economy of tourism), Garden of Gethsemane as we entered Jerusalem to experience the sufferings of Jesus and His loneliness, the Wailing Wall which constitutes the first century remains of a temple destroyed by the Roman army (I did pray there thinking of the ancient prophets), Mass at the Holy Sepulchre (traditional spots of the crucifixion and burial of Jesus), Masada (remains of family units and even a synagogue from 2000 years ago, an escape location for King Herod), and the Dead Sea (adjacent to the once present Sodom and Gomorrah) which has been brought back to life as a popular resort.

There was also the serene Jordan River, in spots near where Jesus was baptized (the country of Jordan just yards away) and the defeat of the pagan entity named Pan (Syria pre the 1967 war) whose word became the "Bread of Life" in Jesus. Yours truly also rode a multi-humped camel in Jericho. Israel to me represented the victory in faith of our fears, demons, and death.

Father Bill

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. April 17

7:00am John & Nancy Squillini
Noon Easter Novena

Tues. April 18

7:00am Easter Novena
Noon Marion Miller
By Helen Miller
John Geelan
By Family

Wed. April 19

7:00am Easter Novena
Noon Ginny Cook
By Cook Family

Thur. April 20

7:00am Easter Novena
Noon Olga Deagostino Meehan
By Daughters

Fri. April 21

7:00am Barbara Palumbo
By Mary Ann & Tony Farkas
Noon Easter Novena

Sat. April 22

Noon Easter Novena
4:30 John & Victoria Dombroski
By Nick & Helene Stagliano

Sun. April 23

8:00 William Hurley
By Margaret & Rene Alphonse
Patrick DeLuca
By DeLuca Family
11:00am Schaffner & Geelan
Families
By Family
Art Szeli
By Pirillo Family



WEEKLY COLLECTON

April 1-2, 2017

1st Collection \$ 6,358.00
2nd Collection \$ 832.00
TOTAL \$ 7,190.00

April 8-9, 2017

1st Collection \$ 7,764.00
2nd Collection \$ 2,283.00
TOTAL \$ 10,047.00

MASS ATTENDANCE

April 8-9, 2017

4:30pm 280
8:00am 250
11:00am 320
1:30pm 85
Total 935

STATIONS OF THE CROSS 18

THE 2ND COLLECTION THIS WEEK IS FOR
PARISH MINISATRIES



Our **Holy Hour** with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesday from 5:00pm to 6:00pm is for the intention of **VOCATIONS.**



EASTER PRAYER

Lord, the Resurrection of your Son has given us new life and renewed hope. Help us to live as new people of the Christian ideal. Grant us wisdom to know what we must do, the will to want to do it, the courage to undertake it, the perseverance to continue to do it and the strength to complete it.

HEALING MASS

St. Mary's Church in Marlboro will have their monthly Healing Mass today, **Sunday, April 16th**, at 4:00pm. Celebrant will be Fr. Sal Cordova from New Paltz.

DIVINE MERCYSUNDAY WITH THE FRIARS

On **Sunday, April 23** at **2:30pm** the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal invite all to come to the Friary at 180 South Street for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 2:30pm followed by praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3:00pm with the opportunity for bilingual Confessions. The message of Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves all of us and wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins.

TODAY
EASTER SUNDAY

THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

First Reading: Acts 10:34a, 37-43

In this passage, Peter testifies that he and his followers saw the miracles performed by Christ, witnessed His death, and believe in His resurrection. Now they will proclaim to all that Christ is the Son of God.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Paul tells the Colossians that they will appear with Christ in glory. They should be mindful of things above rather than things on earth.

Gospel: John 20:1-9

In vivid detail, John tells us that when Mary Magdalene visited Christ's tomb, the tomb was empty. She told the apostles, who ran to the tomb, and saw the "wrappings" on the ground. The disciple who entered first "saw and believed."

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday

Acts 2:14, 22-33; Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday

Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday

Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35

Thursday

Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48

Friday

Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14

Saturday

Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15



Classes for the school year will end on:

Monday Sessions - April 24th

Tuesday Session - April 25th

Wednesday Session - April 26th

COME FOR A MOVIE EVENING

All sixth, seventh, eighth and high school students are invited to celebrate Easter with us tomorrow, Monday, April 17th from 5:00pm to 7:00pm in O'Connor Hall. We will be showing the Easter movie "Risen". Snacks will be provided. Bring your friends. For questions, speak to Sister Laura.

OPUS DEI

Opus Dei will hold a *Night of Recollection* on Wednesday, **May 17th** from **6:30pm to 8:30pm** at Most Precious Blood Church, 42 Walnut Street in Walden. Confessions will be available. All are invited to attend. For more information or questions please call Helene Stagliano at 564-1107.



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Vincenza Secor, Aaron Stagliano, Marie Wiejak, Ashley Barco, Agnes Casey, Rose Marie Michalowski, Elaine Pietrzak, George Vecchio, Jr, Carol Brown, Luzia Araujo, Celio Thomaz, Rosalie Nogay, Frank Pietrzak, Rose Jurik, Robert & Helen Osborn, Manuel DiNapoli, Rachael Neugebauer, Maureen Kelly, James R. Purpura, Jane Pustola, Joann Quicksell, Frances Dolan, Daniel D'Elicio, Fr. Fred Kempferi, Carmen De Crosta, Parker, Jane Holloway, Donna Delconte, Joan Ponesse, Jim Taylor, Marilyn Lennox, Bruno Marchatta, Anne McClellan, Louis Arbia, Dottie Rodriguez, Michael Rosenburg, Maureen Sullivan, Frank D'amarico, Amanda Keane, Tom (Manay) Conroy, Gertrude Poland, Rita Froehlich, Brian Scott Monahan, Chelsea Dunderdale, Bill Mowry, Susan Randall, Mary Hollenbeck, Donnie Ruckdeschel, Patrick Comyns, John Marullo, Carol Brown, Geroge Vecchio Jr, Jaddon Johnson, Rina & Richard Bozzone, Rebecca Pacella, Rose DiDonato Lena Biasini Zullo, Pam Kunert, Janet Coiteux, Vincent McParkland and Family and Jozef Froniewski.



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

In your goodness please bring **PANCAKE MIX & SYRUP** to Church next weekend to be distributed to the less fortunate in our area thru our Food Pantry.

The Pantry no longer needs egg cartons

Thank you to those who donated

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](tel:845-863-6504). All students need to pre-register with Curt Bourdage before showing up at the pantry, please.

ST FRANCIS UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr. 17th - Student Movie Night

Apr. 19th - Eucharistic Adoration 5:00pm to 6:00pm

Apr. 22nd - Movie Night "Fatima" 6pm O'Connor Hall

Apr. 30th - Clothing Drive

May 12th - Confirmation 5:30pm

May 21st - First Communion 11:00am

May 28th - Bagel Hour after 8:00am Mass

May 29th - Memorial Day Mass at Cemetery 9:00am

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

The Women's Ministry of Moulton Memorial Baptist Church, 54 Old Little Britain Road in Newburgh is presenting day long fellowship with Joanna Fruhauf and the Gracious Vine Band, Rhonda Dimmie and other like minded women of God. Start time is **9:00am** with registration & coffee, **10:00am** first session, **12:00 noon** lunch, **1:00pm** second session, ending at **3:00pm** with coffee and desert. Tickets are **\$5.00**. For questions or more information contact Glynnis Hey at 845-566-9577.



On **April 23**, Divine Mercy Sunday, the Sisters of the Presentation will engage in what Pope Francis terms the 8th work of mercy: having mercy on our “common home”. On the grounds of **Mt. St. Joseph** there will be a procession and short video beginning at **11 a.m.** at the Administration Center, 84 Presentation Way, in New Windsor. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome. For information, call 845-401-8531



FIFTH SUNDAY ROSARY PROGRAM

A Rosary Service for the 5th Sunday in April will be held at **Our Lady of the Lake Chapel** in Newburgh following the **12:30pm Mass on Sunday April 30th**.

All parishioners from the local parishes are invited to participate. Bring your prayer requests. The 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.



MOVIE NIGHT

On **Saturday, April 22nd**, in honor of the 100th Anniversary, we will show **“The Miracle of Our Lady of Fatima”**.

For pizza and, to Jeannine McCauley at jeansey50@yahoo.com or 914-263-0572.



APRIL IS “PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS MONTH”

Please show your support of the Hudson Valley SPCA by visiting their **“BloomingDEALS Resale Store”** located at 436 Route 94 in New Windsor.

You can also drop off any type of pet supply into our PAW PRINTS box in the back of the church. Suggestions for items most needed are pet food (dry or moist), paper towels, cleaning supplies, garbage bags, pet toys and used blankets and sheets. Thank you for helping these homeless animals.



The Newburgh Symphonic Chorale will add to observations of Earth Day with music “Celebrating Earth” on **Sunday, April 23**, at **4pm** at **St. George’s Church**, 205 Grand Street, Newburgh. The concert will include works by Haydn, Vaughan Williams, and Rutter as well as spirituals arranged for the Yale Glee Club by Marshall Bartholomew and Fenno Heath. Free will offering.



You are invited to join **Fr. Dennis M Dinan** as he celebrates a Mass of Thanksgiving on the occasion of the **25th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood on Sunday, May 7th at 3:00pm** at St. Joseph’s Church in New Windsor. Celebration to follow at St. Joseph’s School, Rt. 32 in New Windsor. Cocktail-hors d’oeuvre hour, buffet dinner (catered by Loughran’s), dessert, coffee/tea, beer, wine & soda. **Adults \$50**, Children 12 & under \$25, **children under 5 free**. Make check payable to **Father Dennis 25th Anniversary** and drop off at the rectory. For questions call Gloria at 845-561-1317.

4th ANNUAL CASH-N-COCKTAILS

Raffle tickets are now on sale for this annual fundraiser sponsored by Sacred Heart PTO to support Sacred Heart School. Tickets are \$100 each and gives you a chance to win one of three \$5,000 prizes. Each ticket also admits two to a reception to be held on Sunday, May 28th from 7:00 to 10:30pm at St. Joseph’s School. For further information contact Mary Gould (914-805-2332) or Dr. Gina Cook (845-541-4216) or e-mail ptosacredheart@gmail.com.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

Join Fr. Bill as he hosts a pilgrimage to the Holy Land on **January 8-17, 2018** visiting Haifa, Tiberias, Nazareth, Bethlehem and Jerusalem. Walk where Jesus walked in Jerusalem and visit the Mount of Olives, the Garden of Gethsemane and Mt. Zion. Also visit the Church of the Nativity, Shepherd’s Field, the Sea of Galilee and the sites of the Sermon on the Mount and the miracle of the loaves and fishes. Brochures are located in the back of the church and at the sacristy door entrance. For questions please call the rectory 845-561-1317.

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