



Padre's Corner

February 4, 2018
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Everyone needs beauty as well as bread, places to play in and pray in where nature may heal and cheer and give strength to body and soul alike." Provocative visions like this one were often uttered by the naturalist John Muir, who was born calendar year 1838 in Scotland and died on Christmas Eve in 1914 Los Angeles. He inspired the creation of the National Park Service, and the shaping of Yosemite National Park in 1890 California. Presbyterian by baptism, Muir was an avid reader of the Bible. He saw the natural world as that which "came straight from the hand of God, uncorrupted by civilization and domestication." Muir reflected on each mountain he discovered as a baptismal experience. Leonard Bernstein (1918-1990), the composer, would have been a kindred spirit with Muir via this anecdotal point: "A great artist leaves us with the feeling that something is right in the world."

Famed actor John Wayne (1907-1979) converted to Catholicism a few days before his death of cancer on June 11, 1979. His tombstone at the Pacific View Memorial Park in Newport Beach, California reads:

"Tomorrow is the most important thing in life. Comes into us at **midnight** very clean. It's perfect when it arrives and it puts itself into our hands. It hopes we've learned something from yesterday." In 1970 Wayne produced a variety show that praised the beauty of America, despite the tumult of the Vietnam War that polarized the nation. Discord and division like we see in the United States today, imbedded in both decades by political tensions dividing good-hearted citizens. A montage of famous actors and actresses sang "God Bless America," the likes of Lucille Ball, Jack Benny, Dan Blocker and Michael Landon plus Lorne Greene of "Bonanza," George Burns, Glen Campbell, Johnny Cash, Bing Crosby, Phyllis Diller, Bob Hope, Celeste Holm, Dean Martin, William Shatner, and Red Skelton among the notables. Only William "Captain Kirk" Shatner of "Star Trek" is still with us. Despite the philosophical and political differences within this esteemed group, they still came together to thank God in song for the beauty of our country.

The visuals of what can be found in a sports stadium, such as Petco Park in San Diego or Yankee Stadium in the Bronx. Brian Mirakian, who works in an executive level at Populous Activate which designs stadiums, tapped into the creative beauty of each person or fan within these futuristic thoughts. "Having the drawing power necessary to pull those people into our buildings has never been more critical. The traditional arena was fundamentally designed around a static in-seat experience. But the behavioral patterns for this next-generation visitor are dramatically different - they want to come into the building and have the ability to choose their own adventure." The human spirit can leap from sports stadiums to historic nations like Mexico, to observe religious treasures that honor God with personal expressions of faith that are centered in creativity rather than rigidly-controlled environments. Baroque artist Cristobal de Villapando (1649-1714) was such an inspirational force, as we all can be in our community connections, in paintings such as the one from 1683 entitled "Moses and the Brazen Serpent and the Transfiguration of Jesus" which embraces a novel theme for that day and age. The thematic choice in the painting is the deep connections between the Old and New Testament, much like bookends or mother and child rooted and connected to each other.

Our mental journeys can then travel to North Korea, where the world is on edge from the despotic threats of an unhinged dictator. Father Gerard Hammond, of the Maryknoll order not far from Newburgh, in Ossining, is one of the few westerners to bring the spiritual wisdom of God to North Korea through a Christian humanitarian organization called the Eugene Bell Foundation. Eighty-four years young and fifty-seven years as a priest, the good padre underscored his works for "the people who have no voice...those forgotten." We can see life and its challenges as beautiful or ugly. Said the televangelist Joel Osteen, who I met at a North Jersey book-signing in Northvale on October 25: "We all have giants or obstacles that try to keep us from possessing what God has promised, especially in our dreams. We have two choices: we can quit and live in mediocrity, or we can fight and take hold of the victory." I need this attitude with the parish merger. So do you in life. Father Bill

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. Feb. 5

7:00am Sandra Mennerich

By Paul & Linda Zalanowski

Noon Ann C. Greehy

By Rich Family

Julia Grieco

(3rd Anniv)

By Family

Tues. Feb. 6

7:00am Pope Francis

Noon Tran Thi Kim Xuyen

By Rich Family

Wed. Feb. 7

7:00am Blessings on Sacred
Heart/St Francis Churches

Noon Bill Cathcart

By Wife Barbara & Family

Thur. Feb. 8

7:00am St. Francis Parish

Noon Barbara Paolini

By Brother Eddie

Fri. Feb. 9

7:00am Deanna Mill

By Paul & Linda Zalanowski

Noon John & Shirley Ciolek

“Special Intention”

By Mary King

Sat. Feb. 10

Noon Margaret Hardy

(6th Anniv)

By Ann

4:30pm Ernest, Maurice & Edith
Minckler

By Kathy, Mary & Susan

Sun. Feb. 11

8:30am Gloria Sodano

By Mona & Sam Sodano

Albert Pushman Jr.

By Bill & Marion Pushman

11:00am Barbara Pavlik

(1st Anniv)

By Husband & Children

Ann Pinkocze

By John & Maureen Schjorring



WEEKLY COLLECTION

January 27-28, 2018

1st Collection \$ 5,174.50

2nd Collection 2,235.00

TOTAL \$ 7,409.50

MASS ATTENDANCE

January 27-28, 2018

4:30pm 173

8:30am 145

11:00am 183

1:30pm 122

Total 623

The 2nd Collection this week is for
ST. FRANCIS PARISH MINISTRIES



Our Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this
Wednesday from 5:00pm to 6:00pm is for the intention of
Blessings on Sacred Heart/ St Francis Churches



FLOWER MEMORIAL

The Flowers in the sanctuary this weekend are

“In Loving Memory of Bill Cathcart
on his Third Anniversary”

Given by Wife Barbara & Family

HOSPITAL MINISTRY

We are in need of a Eucharistic Minister to serve at St.
Luke's-Cornwall Hospital on the first and second
Tuesday of each month. If interested please contact
Suzanna Campora at 561-5162 for details.



PRE-K AND KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE

Sacred Heart School, New Windsor at the St. Joseph Campus
would like to invite you to our Pre-K and Kindergarten Open
House on Wednesday, February 7th at 6:00pm. Tour our
school and meet with our teachers to get curriculum
overview for our 2018-19 school year.

Hope to see you there!



TODAY
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Job 7:1-4, 6-7

In this passage, Job laments the drudgery and pain all people sometimes experience in life. He talks of troubled days and restless nights. But he does mention that the days move along swiftly, which can remind us that our time here on earth is quite limited and should be well spent.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

Paul explains to the Corinthians that he has no choice, but must preach the gospel. He tells of making himself all things to all people, in order to save some of them. He reminds them that he does this willingly, in the hope of sharing in the blessings of the gospel.

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

Jesus cured Simon and Andrew's mother of a fever, then others with illnesses or demons came to see him. He cured those who were ill, and cast out the demons of the others. Then he went off and prayed alone until his followers sought him out. Jesus and his disciples then moved on to other villages to proclaim the good news.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday

1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday

1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday

1 Kgs 10:1-10; Mk 7:14-23

Thursday

1 Kgs 11:4-13; Mk 7:24-30

Friday

1 Kgs 11:29-32, 12:19; Mk 7:31-37

Saturday

1 Kgs 12:26-32, 13:33-34; Mk 8:1-10



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, Manuel DiNapoli, 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, Jake Tigar, Paul Neugebauer, Julia Vecchio, Eileen Burke, Michelle Ryan, Abigail Means, Ann Bouche and Vanessa Rivera.

APARTMENT FOR RENT – 138 Benkard Avenue across from St. Francis Church. 3 bedroom, 2nd floor, electric & heat are not included, first, last and one month security required. Call 845-29-6850 for appointment.



Food Pantry Hours:
Friday 9:00am to 12noon
Saturday 9:00am to 12noon
at our new location
The Msgr. Valastro Activity Center
319 Broadway in Newburgh

In your goodness please bring **CANNED FRUIT** 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](tel:845-863-6504). All students need to pre-register with Mr. Bourdage before showing up at the pantry, please.

THE BACKPACK PROGRAM

The Backpack Program has begun. Anyone interested in volunteering to help with this program should speak to one of the Food Pantry members.

HELP NEEDED

The Food Pantry is looking for help on Wednesdays unloading their Food Bank Delivery. If you can give us a few hours helping on Wednesday afternoons at 1:30pm please stop by our new location at 319 Broadway. We would be most grateful.

A driver is needed for Thursdays at 11:00am to pick up donations at Shop Rite in Vails Gate. If you can help, please call Paul Zalanowski at 845-234-8564.

FREE RELIABLE TAX PREPARATION

Your taxes can be prepared for free by IRS Certified Volunteers and is open to individuals, seniors and families. For an appointment call 2-1-1 or 1-800-899-1479, 7 days a week from 9:00am to 7:00pm.



VALENTINE'S DINNER DANCE

.....Saturday, February 10th from 6:30pm to 10:30pm at Temple Hill Tavern and Catering, 171 Temple Hill Road in Vails Gate. \$35 per person paid in advance (\$40 at the door). Cash bar. Featuring music by DJ Ming. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Council 444. For more info or to make your reservation please call Bill Kuntz at 201-697-9920.



CONGRATULATIONS TO.....

Mr & Mrs Frank Ceriello the January winner of **\$150.00** in our Monthly 50/50 Raffle. Be sure your envelope is in for our next drawing for February.



St. Francis Seniors will meet on **February 7th** at **12:30pm** after the 12noon Mass in O'Connor Hall. All are welcome.



HYGIENE DRIVE

The Newburgh Enlarged City School District Is holding a Hygiene Drive from **February 9th** thru **March 12th** for the 745 youth considered homeless who are enrolled in the district. **Help Us To Help Them.** Items needed are bar soap, tooth brushes and tooth paste, deodorant, shampoo and conditioner, laundry detergent pods, brushes, combs, feminine hygiene products and chap stick. The district **CANNOT** accept razors or mouth wash. Also needed are elementary aged underwear and sweatpants. **Drop Off At.....**

St. Francis Church Entrance

Saturdays Feb 10, 17, 24, Mar 3, 10 - 3:30 to 5:30pm

Sundays, Feb 11, 18, 25, Mar 4, 11 - 8:00am to 2:30pm

St. Francis O'Connor Hall

Mondays Feb 12, Mar 12 - 9:00am to 10:00am

Fridays, Feb 9, Mar 2, 9 - 2:30pm to 4:00pm

PLEASE NOTE

SCANDINAVIAN & ST. PRTERSBBURG CRUISE

Deposits are due **NOW** for the September Cruise. NAWAS, our travel agency, has called to tell us that once the ship sells out NAWAS will be informed and those waiting to sign up will be denied.

UPCOMING PILGRIMAGES

Hosted By:

Father Bill Damroth

SCANDINAVIA & ST. PETERSBURG CRUISE

On Board the NCL Norwegian Breakaway

September 21- October 3, 2018



Copenhagen (Denmark), Warnemunde (Germany), Tallinn (Estonia), St. Petersburg (Russia), Helsinki (Finland), Stockholm (Sweden)

Starting at \$3,049 per person including airfare. includes roundtrip air from New York, Cruise taxes, port charges and transfers between airport/hotel/pier.

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### NORTHERN NATIONAL PARKS

Featuring Yellowstone National Park

and Grand Teton National Park

August 24-31, 2018

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ICELAND'S MAGICAL NORTHERN LIGHTS

February 14-20, 2019

AUTHOR REPRISES SPY WEDNESDAY BOOK READING & SIGNING

This Spy **Wednesday - March 28, 2018** - author **Mary Claire Kendall** will once again grace us with her presence and read from and sign copies of her book "*Oasis: Conversion Stories of Hollywood Legends*" in **O'Connor Hall** at **6:00pm**. Learn about the fascinating stories of healing and recovery through the Catholic faith of some of Hollywood's biggest stars including Alfred Hitchcock. Gary Cooper, Bob Hope, Mary Astor, John Wayne, Ann Southern, Jane Wyman, Susan Hayward, Lana Turner, Betty Hutton, Ann Miller and Patricia Neal. She will also give us a glimpse of some of the stars she is writing about in Oasis II including Hattie McDaniel, Babe Ruth and Alec Guinness. Copies of Oasis I will be sold this year at the discounted price of \$10 per copy.



Jesus heals
the broken hearted

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**



FURRY FRIENDS MNISTRY

DID YOU KNOW ??? A fifteen year old cat has probably spent 10 years of his life sleeping.