



## Padre's Corner

**March 25, 2018**  
**Palm Sunday**

Richard Christian Halverson was born on February 5, 1916 in Pingree, North Dakota. After receiving a Bachelor of Theology from Princeton Theological Seminary in New Jersey he walked in the circles of evangelists like Billy Graham leading to ministry as associate pastor at the First Presbyterian Church in Hollywood, California which offered him widespread national exposure. Halverson continued his ministerial growth in Bethesda, Maryland at the Fourth Presbyterian Church from 1958-1981. This assignment brought him large access to many politicians of both major political parties. The trajectory of his spiritual career led to the chaplaincy of the United States Senate in Washington D.C. from February 2, 1981 through December 31, 1994.

Reverend Halverson was also widely connected during his Senate chaplaincy with the National Prayer Breakfast, which commenced as a national spiritual event in 1956 within the nation's capital. (Mother Teresa conveyed a strong pro-life message at this breakfast on February 3, 1994 three years before her death.) He died on November 28, 1995 in Arlington, Virginia. The late Senate Chaplain once said this to the gathered politicians: "January 13, 1982. Bitter cold had hit the nation. In many cities traffic was halted by heavy snow. Here in Washington a plane load of happy people waited impatiently for takeoff, anticipating warm weather in Florida. Finally, after a long delay, Air Florida Flight 90 lifted up from the runway. Seconds later the plane plunged into the icy Potomac River, killing more than seventy passengers. Just seconds - from thrilling anticipation to death. The transience of life! Yet we plan as though somehow we can escape the inevitable, as though we're somehow invulnerable. It won't happen to us. The statistic is irrevocably true; no advancement in technology and knowledge has ever been able to alter it; the ratio never changes. One death for every person born. We prepare for everything else - education, career, home, vacations, retirement. Why not the one absolutely certain event?"

March 25, this very Palm Sunday weekend date, will remain forever fixed in my memory bank as the fateful airplane moment of January 13 cited above was entrenched in the thought processes of the late and great Senate Chaplain. On that March date in 2010, I received one of the greatest crucifixions that life could dish out. God blessed me with one of the most wonderful fathers. He was 79 years young that year after a life of service to others. Bill was a United States Marine during the Korean War in the early 1950's, stationed at one point near the Chosin Reservoir of that conflict where so many Marines lost their lives. Were he alive today I wonder what he would say about the current American conflicts with North Korea. He married my mother Barbara Ellen in 1955, at a Catholic Church in the South Bronx in an area of many closed churches today. She worked for New York Telephone, and he as a New York City fireman whose district of Ladder Company 44 included the old Yankee Stadium dating from 1923. Happily joined together for five years, there was one big thing missing. God was not blessing them with children for whatever reason. They chose adoption leading to me, Jeanne Marie, John, and Joe from the New York Foundling Hospital in Manhattan run by the Sisters of Charity. The Foundling began in 1869, the same year as Major League Baseball. My dad worked for twenty-two years as a fireman, before I helped get him a job at New Jersey Bell Telephone where he worked for nearly two decades before retiring.

My parents educated we four in the faith, making sure we had clothing and food before they did. When he was diagnosed with terminal lung cancer in 2005 doctors gave him one year. He gave me his fire department uniform jacket and a 1959 log entry book, smelling every fire he was ever at, knowing how proud I was of him. I wore each day during my ten years of employment with New Jersey Bell, 1978-1988, a tie clasp with "FDNY" on it in honor of him. He rarely cried, but did at my ordination at Saint Patrick's Cathedral in 1993 under the hands of the late John Cardinal O'Connor. On **March 25, 2010** my mother called me from Bogota, New Jersey to give him last rites. She knew God was ready for this saintly man. I came, getting ready afterwards for a Catholic high school girl's retreat in Staten Island. I left my dear dad after anointing him never expecting that within the hour he was gone and with God in Heaven.      **Father Bill**

# MASS INTENTIONS

## Mon. Mar. 26

7:00am Jonnah John Ungab  
By Agene Ungab  
Noon Grafton Boucher  
By Di Spigna Family

## Tues .Mar. 27

7:00am Susan Randall  
By Mary Randalol  
Noon Annette Zalanowski  
Health & Blessings  
By Paul & Linda Zalanowski

## Wed. Mar. 28

7:00am Eugenia Evans  
(3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv)  
By Colleen & Michael Corizzo  
Noon Souls in Purgatory

## Thur. Mar. 29 Holy Thursday

4:30pm Mass of the Lord's  
Supper

## Fri. Mar. 30 Good Friday

5:30pm Liturgy of our Lord's  
Passion

## Sat. Mar. 31 Holy Saturday

5:30pm Easter Vigil Mass

## Sun. Apr. 1 Easter Sunday

8:30am Easter Mass  
11:00am Easter Mass  
1:30pm Spanish Mass



### WEEKLY COLLECTION

March 17-18, 2018

1<sup>st</sup> Collection \$ 6,165.00  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection 1,941.00  
TOTAL \$ 8,106.00

### MASS ATTENDANCE

March 17-18, 2018

4:30pm 187  
8:30am 177  
11:00am 177  
1:30pm 225  
Total 766

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection this week is for  
**MAINTANENCE AND REPAIR**



Our Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this  
Wednesday from 5:00pm to 6:00pm is for the intention of  
THE CITY OF NEWBURGH

### **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.



### RECONCILLATION MONDAY

MARCH 26, 2018

Confessions will be heard

3:00pm-5:00pm St. Francis Fr. Bill  
5:00pm-7:00pm Sacred Heart Fr. Bejoy



### STATIONS OF THE CROSS FRIDAYS

St Francis Church 5:30pm  
Sacred Heart Church 7:00pm  
Spanish - Via Crucis - viernes 7:00pm



### PALM SALES

Handmade palm creations made by our dedicated  
Palm Weavers will be on sale at both  
Saint Francis and Sacred Heart Churches during the  
Palm Sunday weekend Masses  
March 24<sup>th</sup> - 4:30pm and 5:30pm  
March 25<sup>TH</sup> - 7:30am, 8:30am, 10:00am, 11:00am,  
12noon and 1:30pm

### ALL ARE INVITED

Circolo Italiano di Azione Cattolica invites you to join  
them for the Celebration of the Holy Mass of the  
Resurrection in Italian with Fr. Giuseppe Siniscalchi,  
CFR on Easter Sunday at 7:30am at Sacred Heart  
Church. Reception immediately following Mass.

**TODAY  
PALM SUNDAY**

**First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7**

Isaiah describes the pain and insults of the Servant of God. Yet he sounds hopeful when describing God as his help, knowing he will not be disgraced.

**Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11**

Paul exults Christ's great sacrifice of humbling himself to become human and die on the cross. He explains that this is why we should now realize the importance of honoring both his name and memory.

**Gospel: Mark 14:1—15:47**

Mark describes the events leading up to Christ's crucifixion. The Last Supper is described, explaining where the Eucharist began. Judas betrays Jesus and his suffering at the hands of the Sanhedrin (Council) is detailed.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday**

Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11

**Tuesday**

Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

**Wednesday**

Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25

**Thursday**

Chiasm Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21  
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14;  
1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

**Friday**

Is 52:13—53:12; Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9; Jn 18:1—19:42

**Saturday**

Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a; Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a,  
10-13, 15-18; Ex 14:15—15:1; Is 54:5-14; Is 55:1-11;  
Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Rom 6:3-11;  
Mk 16:1-7



**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, Rachel 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'amaro, 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, Vanessa Rivera and Elizabeth Rich-Provenzano.

**ST. FRANCIS DART BALL**

**The St. Francis Dartball Team needs a few men for their next season. If interested or if you have questions please call Tom Flagler at 845-564-5725.**



**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**

**THE FOOD PANTRY WILL BE CLOSED  
on March 30<sup>th</sup> & March 31<sup>st</sup>  
for the Easter Holiday.**

In your goodness please bring **CANNED TUNA & CANNED CHICKEN** 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.

**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.**



**Golden Jubilee Wedding Mass**

The Archdiocese of New York's Golden Jubilee Wedding Mass will take place on Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2:15pm at St. Patrick's Cathedral. This mass, for couples celebrating 50 years of marriage in 2018 will be celebrated by Cardinal Timothy Dolan. To register to obtain tickets please call the rectory at 561-1317. Registration will close on Monday, May 14<sup>th</sup>

**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.

# Holy Week Schedule

## Reconciliation Monday

March 26, 2018

Confessions

3:00pm - 5:00pm - St. Francis

5:00pm - 7:00pm - Sacred Heart

## Holy Thursday

March 29, 2018

9:00am - Tenebrae - Sacred Heart

4:30pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper - St. Francis

7:00pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper - Sacred Heart

6:00pm - 10:30pm - Repository - St. Francis

8:30pm - 11:00pm - Repository - Sacred Heart

## Good Friday

March 30, 2018

9:00am - Tenebrae - Sacred Heart

12:00Noon - Stations of The Cross - St. Francis  
Prayer Garden

3:00pm - Liturgy of Our Lord's Passion - Sacred Heart

5:30pm - Liturgy of Our Lord's Passion - St. Francis

7:00pm - Stations of The Cross - Sacred Heart

7:00pm - Stations of The Cross & Veneration  
(Spanish) - St. Francis

## Holy Saturday

March 31, 2018

9:00am - Tenebrae - Sacred Heart

11:00am - Blessing of Easter Food - St. Francis

5:30pm - Easter Vigil - St. Francis

8:00pm - Easter Vigil - Sacred Heart

## Easter Sunday

April 1, 2018

Sunrise Service in Prayer Garden - St. Francis - this is  
a service, not a Mass

7:30am, 10:00am, 12Noon - Sacred Heart

8:30am, 11:00am, 1:30pm - St. Francis



The Rectory Office  
will be closed

Holy Thursday - March 29th

Good Friday - March 30<sup>th</sup>

*"When we give alms,  
we share in God's providential  
care for each of his children*

POPE FRANCIS

### PLEASE NOTE;

Due to inclement weather this celebration has been  
rescheduled from March 13<sup>th</sup> to April 24<sup>th</sup>



SISTERS OF THE PRESENTATION  
of the Blessed Virgin Mary

## NATIONAL CATHOLIC SISTERS WEEK

March 8-14

Join the Presentation Sisters of the Blessed Virgin Mary as we celebrate National Catholic Sisters Week and who we are as Women Religious. An evening of Adoration, Praise & Worship on **April 24<sup>th</sup>** at **6:30pm** at Mt. St. Joseph Chapel, 64 Presentation Way in New Windsor.

*'Whenever we do something together, something good, something beautiful, everyone changes. All of us change in some way and this does us good.'*  
Pope Francis

### UPCOMING PILGRIMAGES

Hosted By:

Father Bill Damroth

#### 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

#### GREEK ISLES CRUISE & EUROPE

#### INCLUDING THE PASSION PLAY OF OBERAMMERGAU

Visiting Athens, Mykonos, Ephesus, Patmos, Crete,  
Santorini, Corinth, Munich & Salzburg

### 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**