



## Padre's Corner

**April 1, 2018  
Easter Sunday**

**"The real man smiles in trouble, gathers strength from distress, and grows brave by reflection." These words of vision were uttered by the political writer Thomas Paine, born in 1737 England. He wrote "Common Sense" in 1776, which inspired America in its rush to independence. John Adams, the second president (1797-1801) after George Washington, reflected about Paine in this way: "I know not whether any man in the world has had more influence on its inhabitants or affairs for the last thirty years than Tom Paine." Thomas was a Quaker, which influenced his perception of human rights and the role of government to foster those rights. He opined: "These are the times that try men's souls." Paine's ideas also added fuel to the fires of the French Revolution in 1787, but he was imprisoned by opposing the massive executions taking place instead of the peaceful calls for reform he wished for. Paine died on June 8, 1809 in the Greenwich Village section of Manhattan, New York.**

**Nearly a century after Thomas Paine came another inspiring statesman in England who penned these cautionary words during a time of national crisis. "At last I had the authority to give directions over the whole scene... God alone knows how great it is. I hope it is not too late... (To the Cabinet) We shall go and we shall fight it out, here or elsewhere, and if at last the long story is to end, it were better it should end, not through surrender, but only when we are rolling senseless on the ground... Quite a number seemed to jump up from the table and came running to my chair, shouting and patting me on the back. There is no doubt had I at this juncture faltered at all in leading the nation, I should have been hurled out of office... There was a white glow overpowering, sublime, which ran through our island from end to end." This statesman was Winston Churchill who was born on November 30, 1874 and died on January 24, 1965. He was Prime Minister of England from 1940-1945 and 1951-1955. Churchill had acute perceptions about the evil empire being developed by Adolf Hitler as early as 1937. His greatest fears materialized in 1939 when the Nazi's invaded Poland and began its assault on the rest of Western Europe. When British troops were trapped at Dunkirk in May of 1940 on the beaches of France, Churchill outwitted the evil forces through a methodical removal of the soldiers via civilian boats undetected by the Nazi's. The drama and courage of Churchill were dramatized in the film "The Darkest Hour," which I saw in late December at a Newburgh waterfront treasure: The Downing Cinema.**

**Last week I referred to my courageous father, who served America as a Marine during the Korean War before the Bronx as a New York City Fireman. This week I crossed the Atlantic Ocean to honor two similar individuals for their heroics in England of the eighteenth and twentieth centuries. However, on this Easter Sunday we must leapfrog our human lightning rods of inspiration for another Who was divine as well as human.**

**Jesus Christ existed from the very start of the world (Book of Genesis: In The Beginning) in the Holy Trinity as the Son of God, and chose to walk among us two thousand years ago. He is the ultimate example and metaphor of courage, steadfastness, mental acuity, sticking with the plan of the Father in heaven, unleashing an abundance of grace on planet earth, forgiving our sinful transgressions by divine mandate and mercy, giving us the interior strength through the sacraments to repent and be mindful through perseverance, the face of compassion and goodness, story teller of miracles, battler for the lowly and disenfranchised, moral supporter of each of us within the context of our struggles and warship battles, true friend in a world where we must be wary of who to truly trust, lover of the environment and animal kingdom formed by the Creator, not giving up adventurer spirit, resistance against the religious and cultural establishment of stodgy and stifling thought, manager or life coach of our future moves and decisions, and arbiter of what is right and wrong as we navigate through life. Through a daily relationship with Jesus, Easter is every day.**

**Father Bill**

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Mon. April 2

7:00am Jonnah John Ungab  
By Algene Ungab  
Noon Easter Novena

### Tues. April 3

7:00am Eugenia Evans  
By Colleen & Michael Evans  
Noon Easter Novena

### Wed. April 4

7:00am Pope Francis  
Noon Easter Novena

### Thur. April 5

7:00am Easter Novena  
Noon Rev. Francis Fabian  
(86<sup>th</sup> Anniv)  
By Parish

### Fri. April 6

7:00am Easter Novena  
Noon Orlando Cosentino  
By Daughter Clotilda  
Walter Marvel  
(3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv)  
By Wife & Family

### Sat. April 7

Noon Easter Novena  
4:30pm Dorothy Hale  
By Kathy, Mary & Susan  
Mary Ellen McCartney  
By Family

### Sun. April 8

8:30am John & Victoria  
Dombroski  
By Nick & Helene Stagliano  
Ann Malinowski  
(1<sup>st</sup> Anniv)  
By Family  
11:00am Dr. Frank Catania  
By Wife & Family  
Ida Barcia  
By Jesse & Margaret Deyo  
Deceased members of  
Schaffner & Geelan Families  
By Family



### WEEKLY COLLECTION

March 24-25, 2018

1<sup>st</sup> Collection \$ 6,956.00

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection 2,249.00

TOTAL \$ 9,205.00

### MASS ATTENDANCE

March 24-25, 2018

4:30pm 232

8:30am 225

11:00am 280

1:30pm 241

Total 978



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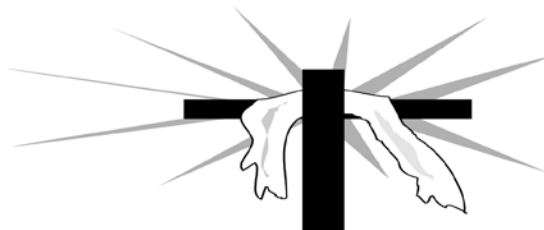
Thank you to all the wonderful ladies who spent a good portion of Lent making the beautiful Palm Creations for all to purchase for Palm Sunday. These dedicated ladies include: Joan Mattarocchia, Fran Maxwell, Joan Marvel, Angie Monaco, Fran Monaco, Barbara Perillo, Maureen Schjorring, Maria Szeli, Lucy Salcedo, Rosie Salcedo, Judy Grehl, Carol Kyles, Kathryn Cerone, Margaret Deyo, Carol Smith, Linda Zalanowski. Ann Cullen, Cathy Hughes, Kathi Darrigan (Justino), Jean DiNapoli, Monica Patrick, Nancy Sheals, Pat DeNisco, Diane Halstead, Pat Grimm and Rachael Neugebauer. **Thank you ladies!!!**

### 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



Our Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this Wednesday from 5:00pm to 6:00pm is for the intention of EASTER BLESSINGS UPON OUR PARISHES.



**TODAY**  
**EASTER SUNDAY**  
**THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

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

Peter discusses Jesus' life of preaching and healing. Jesus was crucified, then he rose up and was seen by his chosen witnesses. Peter also mentions the importance of all the disciples bearing witness to what they saw, so that many people would believe in Jesus, and have their sins forgiven through him.

**Second Reading:** Colossians 3:1-4

Paul asserts that we must pay attention to higher realms rather than earthly concerns. Our life is not yet completely known to us, until Christ appears and we are raised to glory in him.

**Gospel:** John 20:1-9

When Mary Magdalene discovered Jesus' tomb was open, she told Simon Peter and another disciple. They ran to the tomb and Peter went inside. He found the burial wrappings on the ground, with the head covering separate from the rest. The other disciple came in and they believed what they saw, although until then they had not understood the Scripture's message of Jesus' resurrection.

**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

**First Friday**

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

**First Saturday**

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



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



**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 VEGETABLES** 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.

**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.



Sacred Heart Church is sponsoring their annual blood drive to be held in their gymnasium on **Sunday, April 22, 2018** from **8:00am to 2:00pm**. Walk-ins are always welcome. Please support this very worthy cause as the need is great and blood supplies are low.

**HOSPICE VOLUNTEER SPRING TRAINING**

at  
90 Crystal Run Road  
Middletown, NY  
Wednesdays, 10:00am - 5:00pm (7 weeks)  
Begins April 11 thru May 23<sup>rd</sup>  
for more information contact  
Debra Epstein  
**845-565-4849** or [debrae@hospiceoforange.com](mailto:debrae@hospiceoforange.com)



## CONGRATULATIONS TO.....

**Don Rehrey, Jr.** the March winner of **\$177.50** in our Monthly 50/50 Raffle. Be sure your envelope is in for our next drawing for April.



St. Francis Seniors will meet on **Wednesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm** after the 12noon Mass in O'Connor Hall. After a long snowy winter we are looking forward to getting together again. All are welcome.



### FOR THOSE SUFFERING THE LOSS OF A LOVED ONE

There is no preparation for the loss of a loved one. Everyone's journey in the process is unique and different. There is an outreach ministry within our parish family that may assist you as you travel through the process. It is faith-based and focuses on sharing, understanding, compassion and acceptance.

We will meet for eight Tuesdays beginning April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018. If you, or someone you know, might be interested in joining our "journey", or if we can assist you, in any way, please contact Beverly Austin [bevaustin09@gmail.com](mailto:bevaustin09@gmail.com) or call her cell 914-805-5803, or Deacon Thomas Neppel through e-mail [tneppel@verizon.net](mailto:tneppel@verizon.net) or home phone 845-562-1341 or cell phone 845-541-0421.



### EXPERIENCE THE FLAME OF LOVE OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

The National Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, 70 Carmelite Drive in Middletown is hosting a full day program on Saturday, April 14, 2018 from 10:00am to 4:30pm. Fr. James Blount, Spiritual Director of the Society of Our Lady of the Trinity and charismatic preacher will be a guest speaker. \$30.00 per person includes breakfast and lunch. For more information or to register by April 5<sup>th</sup> please call Mary at 845-591-4801.



### 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  
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GREEK ISLES CRUISE & EUROPE  
Including The Passion Play of Oberammergau  
May 13-23, 2020



### 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>

### SACRED HEART SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Sacred Heart School @ St. Joseph's Campus, 148 Windsor Highway in New Windsor would like to invite you to their Open House on **Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm**. Come tour our school, meet our teachers and learn how to receive Financial Assistance towards tuition. For questions call 845-561-1433.

**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**