



## Padre's Corner

June 10, 2018

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Immanuel Kant, philosopher from (Prussia)Germany, lived from 1724-1804. He is buried adjacent to the Konigsberg Cathedral in Kaliningrad, Russia. He once opined: "If man is not to stifle human feelings, he must practice kindness toward animals, for he who is cruel to animals becomes hard also in his dealings with men. We can judge the heart of a man by his treatment of animals." This loving thought comes from Kant's

"Lecture on Ethics." Saint Francis of Assisi would certainly agree. On our parish grounds we support the year-round feeding of birds, shelters for cats under the rectory deck, burial in the prayer garden of these innocent creatures who once walked amongst us, and adoption of those rejected by family situations or society. This rationale is why we have a collection box of support for the SPCA, which is a no-kill shelter in New Windsor. A touching story was recently in a publication called "The Week" The wording goes like this: "A South African pig that was saved from the slaughterhouse is now delighting the art world with her abstract paintings. The seven-month-old porker, called Pigcasso, was rescued as a piglet by animal rights campaigner Joanne Lefson. After Pigcasso began playing with some old paintbrushes, Lefson left out paint and a canvas to see what the pig would do. To Lefson's amazement, Pigcasso used her mouth to dip the brush in paint and swipe it across the canvas. Collector's have since forked over up to \$2000 for one of the pig's creations. Her artistic style, says Lefson, is probably what you'd call expressionist." While the world has countless stories of cruelty toward the animal kingdom created by God, there are also multitudes of kindness.

South Korea was not only the destination of the Winter Olympics in February, but the heartwarming setting for a touching rescue story by humans in the same vein as Pigcasso. Canadian figure-skater Meagan Duhamel adopted a mini-dachshund during 2017 Olympic run trials. Rescued from a farm harvesting dogs for meat consumption, by an animal rescue group called "Free Korean Dogs," Moo-tae was a pup afflicted by irregular-shaped legs because of cage confinement. Meagan adopted the pup from the group, and flew her back to Montreal to live out a life of unconditional love on both ends of the equation. This wonderful human being continues to inspire other Olympic athletes to likewise adopt, so these precious creatures from God do not end up on a dinner plate. She reflected about Moo-tae: "He's like a Saint. He's strong and calm... Most of the time, he just wants to sit in everybody's arms. He doesn't even care to play - he just walks up to everybody and wants to be held . "The story reminds me of a similar rescue effort four years ago during the Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia. Cruel local authorities had stray dogs captured, shot, and euthanized to "sanitize" the grounds for visitors and athletes. When the horror took foothold in the mainstream media, courageous rescue groups emerged to get the strays off the streets of a certain death sentence in exchange for loving arms and homes. Amanda Bird was one such human Saint, the director of marketing and communications for "USA Bobsled & Skeleton." She aptly named her dog Sochi, and recalled: "He's a 50-pound dog that thinks he's a 10-pound lap dog. He steals our spot in bed as soon as one of us gets up, and heats us up by wiggling his way between us if we show a moment of weakness. He goes ballistic when you say the word walk, and thrives in both the sun and snow. It may sound like he's your typical loving, goofy dog, but he is really a member of our family that we couldn't live without."

Martin Amis wrote in "[Macleans.ca](http://Macleans.ca)" this sobering thought: " There's a great urge to live on after you're dead. That's why we have children, partly, because we don't want the story to end with a whimpering full stop. " I obviously have no children as a priest, but that spirit of continuing to live on in the world after death can somewhat be assuaged by the pets I have adopted either through shelters like the SPCA or directly off the streets. Moondoggie , who also responds to the word " walk, " was in a Manhattan kill shelter before I was able to rescue him. How about my cats ? Friar came to me after a tragic homicide in Staten Island, Rivers was left off at a veterinary office in Pleasantville with the instructions to " euthanize " because of a move, Midnight was sprung free from a dark basement in Brooklyn where he had no light or human contact, Gidget came as a kitten from the SPCA in New Windsor ( like Moondoggie ), Charger lived in a stray cat colony in Yorktown Heights, and Guadalupe attended the first Spanish mass off the streets of Benkard before accepting my invitation to join my pet family on a frigid cold day. There are also two gerbils in the mix, plus the hundreds of birds daily that visit our parish grounds. A number of our parishioners generously bring bags of bird food to reduce the rectory cost. God bless the animals and the people loving them. **Fr. Bill**

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Mon. June 11

7:00am Williams Evans  
By Colleen & Michael Corizzo  
Noon Johnnah John Ungab  
By Algene Ungab

### Tues. June 12

7:00am Zalanowski Family  
By Paul & Linda Zalanowski  
Noon Carol Reuter  
Health & Blessings  
By Friends

### Wed. June 13

7:00am Parish Families of  
St. Francis & Sacred Heart  
Noon Special Intention  
For a Family in Need  
By Mary King



### WEEKLY COLLECTION

June 2-3, 2018  
1<sup>st</sup> Collection \$ 6120  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection 1100  
TOTAL \$ 7220

### MASS ATTENDANCE

June 2-3, 2018  
4:30pm 147  
8:30am 174  
11:00am 128  
1:30pm 124  
Total 573

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection this week is for  
Maintenance and Repairs



Our Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this  
Wednesday from 5:00pm to 6:00pm is for the intention of  
All Fathers

### **SUMMER IS AROUND THE CORNER AND VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS BACK!**

**July 9 – July 13**

VBS will be held in the Sacred Heart-Saint Francis  
Religious Education building. 24 South Robinson Avenue,  
Newburgh. For more info, call the REP Office at 561-2589.

### Thur. June 14

7:00am Our Youth  
Noon Charlie Messina  
Health & Blessings  
By Friends

### Fri. June 15

7:00am Helene Kerin  
By Friends  
Noon Albert Forest  
Health and Blessings  
By Henry Sawoska

### Sat. June 16

Noon The Homeless  
4:30pm Francine Orsini  
First Anniversary  
By Aunt & Uncle  
John Abbruscato  
By Cerone & Strano Families

### Sun. June 17

8:30am FathersDay Novena  
11:00am Fathers Day Novena

### **REQUIRED ANNOUNCEMENT ON CHILD PROTECTION**

Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Sr. Eileen Clifford, O.P. at 212-371-1000 x2949 or Deacon George J. Coppola at 917-861-1761. Both may also be reached via e-mail at [victimassistance@archny.org](mailto:victimassistance@archny.org). Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website, [www.archny.org](http://www.archny.org).

In keeping with the Archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.

Our Lady of Fatima Church will be having a Healing Mass on June 17<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm. Located on Route 32, in Plattekill.



**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE YOUNG  
WOMEN WHO GRADUATED FROM THE  
NORA CRONIN ACADEMY THIS PAST FRIDAY,  
JUNE 8, 2018.**

**MAY GOD BLESS EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU.**

*You gain Strength, courage and confidence by every  
experience in which you really stop to look fear in the  
face. Do the thing you think you cannot do.  
– Eleanor Roosevelt.*

**TODAY**  
**TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



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

**First Reading:** Genesis 3:9-15

God asked Adam why he ate the fruit from the forbidden tree. Adam blames his companion, who in turn blames a serpent. God then told the serpent it would be banned from other animals, and be an enemy of humanity.

**Second Reading:** II Corinthians 4:13—5:1

Paul describes our belief that "He who raised up the Lord Jesus will raise us up along with Jesus." Although our bodies grow weaker, each day our inner strength grows. Paul also describes our burdens as light when compared to the eternal rewards we can attain.

**Gospel:** Mark 3:20-35

Some of the scribes felt that Jesus was possessed and claimed that he expelled demons with help from Satan. Jesus silenced them by asking, "How can Satan expel Satan?" Jesus also warned them that although many sins would be forgiven, blasphemy against the Holy Spirit would not. Jesus was then told that his mother, brother and sisters were asking for him. He asked, "Who are my mother and brother and sisters? Whoever does the will of God is brother and sister and mother to me." This demonstrates Jesus' deep love for all those who love God

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**. All students need to pre-register with Mr. Bourdage before showing up at the pantry, please.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday**

Acts 11:21b-26, 13:1-3; Mt 5:1-12

**Tuesday**

1 Kgs 17:7-16; Mt 5:13-16

**Wednesday**

1 Kgs 18:20-39; Mt 5:17-19

**Thursday**

1 Kgs 18:41-46; Mt 5:20-26

**Friday**

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16; Mt 5:27-32

**Saturday**

1 Kgs 19:19-21; Mt 5:33-37



**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, 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, 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, Vanessa Rivera and Elizabeth Rich-Provenzano, Jim Formato, Paul O'Herron, Michelle Ryan, and Abigail Means, Jason Suchowiecki.

**WITNESS TO LIFE MASS AND PROCESSION**

Please come and join the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal as they celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on Saturday, June 16 at 9 am here at St. Francis Church. Immediately following Mass there will be a Rosary Procession to Newburgh Planned Parenthood – 136 Lake Street. If you are unable to walk, you are welcome to remain at St. Francis Church for Adoration.

**HELP UNSTUFF THE BUS -VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**  
Help UNstuff the Buses and restock food pantries before school is out and the need skyrockets. Unstuffing will take place at Sacred Heart School Gym, 24 S. Robinson Avenue on Sat. June 16, 5:30 – 8 pm and Sunday June 17 from 3:30 – 6 pm. Volunteers welcome for all or part of the time. Community Service letters will be provided. To volunteer – call Barbara at 294-5124 , ext 325

**Catholic Daughters, Court Patricia #195 will meet at 7 pm on Wednesday, June 13 in the Msgr. Valastro Activity Center. New members are always welcome. For more info, please contact Linda DeWitt at 845-565-7837**

**The Knights of Columbus #444 will be having its 8th annual car, truck, & motorcycle show at Sears at the Newburgh Mall on June 24. (Rain date July 1, 2018) 10 an – 3 pm ~ car registrants \$15, prior to June 21. \$20 day of show. Vendor spots \$30. Family fun day with raffles, food, drinks, music, vendors, and more. Free admission to spectators. Please call Ken Ryan @ 845-667-1582 for more info.**



### SPRING JEWELRY SALE June 23 & 24

The ladies from the Women's Craft Group at the Newburgh Ministry will be here at St. Francis Church to sell their one-of-a-kind handcrafted jewelry after all the Masses .



**CONGRATULATIONS TO  
MICHAEL & JANICE SUCHOWIECKI  
CELEBRATING THEIR 50<sup>th</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY  
THIS WEEKEND**



**COFFEE & BAGEL HOUR  
TODAY AFTER OUR 8:30 MASS  
Join us !**

*WELCOME AL BARBARINO  
OUR PARISH MISSION  
STARTS TONIGHT!  
SUNDAY, June 10  
Join us !*

Al Barbarino, a Lay Franciscan with the Friars of the Renewal, active Knights of Columbus member and spiritual speaker will present a **Parish Mission** here at St. Francis on **Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm** and **Monday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm**. The Mission will focus on "Trying to Live our Catholic Faith in Today's World".

Al will also be a guest speaker and singer at all the Masses on Saturday June 9<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup>.

### UPCOMING PILGRIMAGES

Hosted By:

Father Bill Damroth

#### NORTHERN NATIONAL PARKS

Featuring Yellowstone National Park  
and Grand Teton National Park

August 24-31, 2018

#### ICELAND'S MAGICAL NORTHERN LIGHTS

February 14-20, 2019

#### HIGHLIGHTS OF ENGLAND & SCOTLAND

Visiting Stonehenge, Salisbury, Bristol, Bath, Stratford  
Lake District, Edinburgh, York Oxford and London

March 11-21, 2019

#### TROPICAL COSTA RICA

Visiting San Jose, Coffee Plantation, Guanacaste,  
Monteverde, Cloud Forest and Zarcero

October 5-13, 2019

#### GREEK ISLES CRUISE & EUROPE

Including The Passion Play of Oberammergau

May 13-23, 2020



### THANK YOU

A gracious thank you to our Local Catholic War Veterans Post 386 for the donation of 5 much needed new flag stands for the service flags on our altar. We really needed them and you guys came through. Thank You.



Last week's Sacred Heart Annual Italian Feast was a huge success. We are grateful that this 100 plus year old tradition continues to stay strong!



**MOVIE NIGHT - SATURDAY, June 16 at 6 pm in O'Connor Hall.** This month we will be showing "The Boy In The Striped Pajamas". Based on the novel by John Boyne, this movie is the tale of a curious 8 year old who stumbles upon an unusual friendship - both ordinary & remarkable - but both inspiring and tragic.  
**For pizza and refreshment ordering purposes, please RSVP by Friday, June 15 to Jeannine McCauley at [jeansey50@yahoo.com](mailto:jeansey50@yahoo.com) or call 914-263-0572.**

### Scripture Study

At Sacred Heart is being held on Tuesdays, 4 pm - 5 pm.

All are welcome. For 561-2264 for more info.

### 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*