



Padre's Corner

June 17, 2018

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Alexis Falconieri, born in Florence, was one of seven Italian men to establish the Order of the Servites of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which was approved in 1304 as a religious community by the Vatican or Holy See. A written description from that period of time examined the members before establishing the order, in this way: " First, as regards the Church. Some of them had never married, having vowed themselves to perpetual celibacy; some were married men at the time; some had lost their wives after marriage and now were widowers. (While working for the Bell System in middle 1980's, I met a family in the Bergen County town of Paramus, New Jersey. The wife fled Cuba as a young girl with her parents, in the aftermath of the 1959 revolution. She had one daughter with her husband, and became a cloistered Carmelite nun after he died.)

"Second, regarding their status in the city of Florence. They belonged to the merchant class and engaged in buying and selling the goods of this world. But once they found the Pearl of great price, our order, they not only gave all they had to the poor but cheerfully offered themselves to God and our Lady in true and loyal service." (My first job out of Bogota High School in 1977 was with the book publisher Prentice-Hall in Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey. One afternoon an employee with the company for ten years said in a melancholy way to me : " Another day another dollar. " His comment has never left me to this very day, as it forced me at that tender age of seventeen to believe that my destiny would be more than just collecting checks and spending. My spiritual soul wanted something that was more than raw business transactions.)

"Third, concerning their devotion and reverence to our Lady. In Florence there was an ancient guild dedicated to the Blessed Virgin. Because of its age and the number and holiness of its members, both men and women, the guild had acquired a title of preeminence and was called the Major Guild of Our Blessed Lady. These seven men were devoted to our Lady and belonged to this guild before they established their own community. " (For a period of ten years, from high school graduation to the end of my phone company career, I attended the weekly Monday evening novena at Saint Joseph's in Bogota, New Jersey. I would go up to the image of Mary, without fail, at the end of the novena to ask for Her steady hand and guidance. Would She help me to find a suitable marriage partner for a future family, or pave open the difficult road to priesthood necessitating leaving my New Jersey Bell / Bell Atlantic career and the normal desires for a wife and children? Since then I have had to tune into the Blessed Mother station numerous times in stages of blessing and turmoil crisis mode. Like a good mother She never abandons us, despite our frailties and propensities toward recklessness and abandonment. She loves us like Her Son does.)

"Fourth, as for their spiritual perfection. They loved God above all things and dedicated their whole lives to Him by honoring Him in their every thought, word and deed... But when by God's inspiration and the special urging of our Lady they had firmly resolved to form a community together, they set in order everything that concerned their homes and families, left to their families what they needed and gave all the rest to the poor. Then they sought the advice of virtuous men of good judgment, and described their plans to them. " (I recall vividly my Hyundai Sonata pulling out of my family home in Jersey in late August of 1988, heading to the seminary to test out the possibility of a vocation. The rector Monsignor John McIvor, who has since left the priesthood, wisely allowed me to live and study at the Saint John Neumann Seminary Residence for six months in the Riverdale section of the Bronx to work out my decision. This allowed me to reach ten years with the telephone company, good enough for partial pension benefits which I collect as these words are written. I left many things behind, including a bookcase purchased at Sears in Hackensack for business textbooks necessary for a management degree from Saint Peter's College in Jersey City. Seminary professors guided me toward wise decisions. Our stories often mirror others.). Father Bill

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. June 18

7:00am Fathers' Day Novena
Noon Charles & Rose Grossholz
By Family
Ferdinand Miller
By Helen and Marion Miller

Tues. June 19

7:00am Fathers' Day Novena
Noon Johnnah John Ungab
By Algene Ungab

Wed. June 20

7:00am Fathers' Day Novena
Noon Olga Deagostino Meehan
By Daughters
Louise Sawoska
"Wedding Anniversary Blessings"
By Husband

Thur. June 21

7:00am Patrick Lewis
By Mom
Noon Fathers' Day Novena

Fri. June 22

7:00am Fathers' Day Novena
Noon Haley Family
By Family

Sat. June 23

Noon Fathers' Day Novena
4:30pm Veronica Natovich
By Family
Stuart Menzies
By Doris Therrien

Sun. June 24

8:30am D'Elcio Family
By Rocky & MaryJane D'Elcio
Special Intention
By Family
11:00am Craig Macfarland
By Wife
Ralph Puglielle
By Wife & Children



WEEKLY COLLECTION

June 9-10, 2018
1st Collection \$ 5500
2nd Collection \$ 1506
TOTAL \$ 7006

MASS ATTENDANCE

June 9-10, 2018
4:30pm 170
8:30am 167
11:00am 233
1:30pm 108
Total 678

The 2nd Collection this week is for
The Parish Restoration / Endowment Fund



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

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SACRED
HEART STUDENTS WHO GRADUATED
THIS PAST FRIDAY, JUNE 15.**

"Those who achieved success do not stop. They never become complacent; they keep learning and looking for the new knowledge. Never think you have made it, there is always more to learn and do."
Catherine Pulsifer



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
IS BACK-- SIGN UP NOW TO SAVE YOUR SPOT!
July 9 – July 13**

VBS will be held in the Sacred Heart-Saint Francis Religious Education building. 24 South Robinson Avenue, Newburgh. Fee is \$35 per child. Don't forget to register! For more info, call the REP Office at 561-2589

TODAY
ELEVENTH 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: Ezekiel 17:22-24

God will restore the kingdom of Judah, as symbolized by the cedar. The deed is emphasized by the words, "As I, the Lord have spoken, so will I do."

Second Reading: II Corinthians 5:6-10

Paul acknowledges "that we are, in a sense, away from the Lord while in this life and bound to our bodies." We will be fully united with God in the next life, if we please him in this life.

Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

The reign of God is compared to a mustard seed which is the smallest of seeds yet grows to become the largest of shrubs. Similarly, God's community grows gradually until it becomes large and strong.

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.

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

1 Kgs 21:1-16; Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday

1 Kgs 21:17-29; Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday

2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday

Sir 48:1-14; Mt 6:7-15

Friday

2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20; Mt 6:19-23

Saturday

2 Chr 24:17-25; Mt 6:24-34

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 and Paul O'Herron, Michelle Ryan, Abigail Means, and Jason Suchowiecki.

TRUCK DRIVER NEEDED

The Pantry is in need of a volunteer to drive a 26 foot truck (no special license is required) which you would pick up at Budget, go to the Food Bank in Cornwall to pick up our order, drive to the Food Pantry to deliver our order, then drive the truck back to Budget. **No lifting is involved.** Needed every 3rd Wednesday. Call Paul Zalanowski 845-234-8564 for more details.

THE CITY OF NEWBURGH PRESENTS

A Faith-Based and Non-Profit Organization Resource Workshop Monday, June 18, 2018
9:30 am – 3:00 pm Activity Center
401 Washington Street, Newburgh, NY
Registration: 9:30 am
.. Learn about federal and state grant resources
.. Learn how to build and deliver more effective services in their communities
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND FREE OF CHARGE

SAVE THE DATE



FREE CONCERTS !!
JULY 18 at St. Francis
JULY 20 at Sacred Heart
JULY 22 at St. Francis.

The Halo Youth Group from the Doves of the Desert Church Choir in Glendale, AZ contacted Fr. Bill and he has invited this wonderful group to sing at our churches! More info to follow.



God, bless all the fathers in this world. Guide them to be good role models and loving to all their children. Help them to be a father like You are. Give them grace and patience to handle all situations in a loving way. Amen

Sunday June 24 10 am – 3 pm



THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will be hosting their 8th Annual **CAR SHOW** near **SEARS** at the **NEWBURGH MALL**. 1401 Union Avenue, Newburgh. Free Admission to spectators.

Car registrant \$15, prior to June 21. \$20 day of show. Vendor spots \$30.

Enjoy A FAMILY FUN DAY with **RAFFLES, FOOD,**

MUSIC.... and even BATMAN !!



Sacred Heart Scripture Study

Meetings are on Tuesdays between 4 – 5 pm in the chapel at Sacred Heart with Fr. Bejoy as moderator. All are welcome to spend some time in reflection and conversation about the Scriptures.

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



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

KAILA DiDOMENICO & JOE DISCIGLIO

married here at

St. Francis Church on June 16, 2018.

May your love continue to grow year after year.

Many Blessings from your St. Francis Family.



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*