



A MESSAGE OF HOPE FROM OUR PASTOR.....

One week in battle against the “invisible enemy” of the viral attack imperiling the world, like the wise and spiritual beings God wants us to be, we learn from the counsel of others on a continual basis.

A parishioner wrote me: “This is a purgatory for all of us right now. A time of reflection and prayer. People can't really go anywhere, so I say it is a good time for all of us to look at ourselves during this unique Lent. At the end, whenever that may be, hopefully people will have a stronger desire for the presence of God. God will get us through this. We must use this silent time to get to know Him better. Our world is certainly a different place than it was just a few days ago. People are fearful, but we need to remind ourselves that God is here and did not leave us.”

While our spiritual minds are of utmost importance, we must not neglect our physical bodies. With gyms closed, walking is an excellent option to explore as a coping mechanism to the stresses of our age. I walk nearly two hours each night with my three adopted dogs, yes, right here in the City of Newburgh.

Bob Timmons wrote an essay on this opportunity of personal growth in the March 20 edition of the “Star Tribune “out of Minneapolis, Minnesota. He quoted Jean Larson, who is a professor at the “Center for Spirituality and Healing” at the University of Minnesota.

Larson reflected: “If we're out on a walk in nature, if we're being present in this moment, feeling the air, it does bring a momentary calmness to you, and that is restorative. We live in this world of a thousand paper cuts. It's just an accumulation of stress. So, these moments where we can turn that off, and let our brains and bodies and spirits reboot, reinvigorates us and brings us that ability to go back into it. “

With official word now from the Archdiocese of New York that Holy Week is cancelled, a thought of inspiration and hope that we can dig deep inside our spiritual roots to find the will to move toward the light of God at the end of this tunnel of turmoil.

In the summer of 1974, at the conclusion of my freshman year at Bogota High School in New Jersey, I was feeling quite low about life. My grades were average, in addition to the shock of being cut from the basketball team. I felt undeserving of going to the Yankees baseball game my dear Dad was taking me to. From within, came a resolve to do much better in my sophomore year. I asked God, as a teenager who went to Mass every week, to give me the strength and courage to get out of this dark cave I had fallen into. Two months later my grades soared to “A” and the sports teams did not cut me. One cheerleader even thought I was cute.

My point is that uniting ourselves in free will with God can transcend all obstacles, be it the Coronavirus or the closure of parish buildings with sacraments. The faith remains if we wish it. Father Bill

PLEASE NOTE: During this time when we are not permitted to gather for Mass, Father Bill will be live streaming Mass every Sunday morning at 10:00am via Facebook (St. Mother Teresa Parish, Sacred Heart-Saint Francis Churches, Newburgh, NY). Please join Father Bill for the Mass so we may all stay strong and united in our faith. We will get through this with God's help and with the help of one another.

May God continue to Bless Us All.

SACRED HEART	SECOND COLLECTION	SAINT FRANCIS
Monday, March 30 9:00am By	Nothing to report – Masses canceled by Archdiocese due to Coronavirus Sacred Heart-St Francis Weekly Collection 2020 1 st Collection \$ 2 nd Collection \$ TOTAL \$	Monday, March 30 7:00am Communion Service 12:00pm By
Tuesday, March 31 9:00am Joan Ponesse By Pat Lansperry		Tuesday, March 31 7:00am Communion Service 12:00pm By
Wednesday, April 1 9:00am By	Sacred Heart Mass Attendance, 2020 5:30 10:00 12:00 TOTAL	Wednesday, April 1 7:00am Communion Service 12:00pm By
Thursday, April 2 9:00am By		Thursday, April 2 7:00am Communion Service 12:00pm By
Friday, April 3 9:00am Anthony Marullo By Gelsomina Gilbert	Saint Francis Mass Attendance March, 2020 4:00 8:30 1:30 TOTAL	Friday, April 3 7:00am Communion Service 12:00pm By
Saturday, April 4 9:00am By 5:30pm Deceased Members of Porvaznik Family By Pat Porvaznik	Mass Intentions for This Weekend March 28 & 29, 2020 -Sacred Heart 5:30pm John Porvaznik Jr 10:00am Pasquale Mugnano 12:00pm Pasquale Mugnano	Saturday, April 4 4:00pm Mary Hollenbeck By Mary Abbruscato PRAYER & PENNANCE, REPARATION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY, CONVERSION OF SINNERS, WORLD PEACE
Sunday, April 5 (PALM SUNDAY) 10:00am Rita Welch By The children of Jack & Ellen Leonardo Sculley 12:00pm Ralph Puglielli By Wife & Children	Mass Intentions for This Weekend March 28 & 29, 2020 Saint Francis 4:00pm Robert Davidson Harold VanVlack 8:30am Joseph Lee Eugenia Evans	Sunday, April 5 (PALM SUNDAY) 8:30am PHYLLIS DUFFY By June

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

During these difficult times without being able to have our weekly Masses, we kindly ask whatever offerings you are able to make, please mail them to Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta Church, 301 Ann Street, Newburgh, NY 12550 or drop them off in the mailbox located outside the rectory door on the Ann Street side. You can also sign up for the online giving program by clicking on these links:

<https://stfrancisnewburgh.churchgiving.com/>

<https://sacredheartnewburgh.churchgiving.com/>

Thank you for your continued support and generosity

TODAY FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14

This reading is a loving promise that the Lord will put His spirit into his people and will let them live.

Second Reading: Romans 8:8-11

Paul reminds the Romans that they are not people of the flesh but people of the Spirit because the Spirit of God dwells in them.

Gospel: John 11:1-45

In great detail, John tells the story of the raising of Lazarus to life. Upon learning of the death of Lazarus, his dear friend, Jesus goes to comfort Martha and Mary. After proclaiming, "I am the Resurrection and the Life," Jesus goes to the tomb of Lazarus and restores him to life.

Selling of Palms

Monday, March 30th through Friday April 3rd
11:00am-1:30pm in O'Connor Hall at St. Francis
11:00am-1:30pm in the Chapel at Sacred Heart

Palm Sunday –Distribution of palms will be from 12:00-3:00pm on Sunday, April 5th in the parking lots of both Sacred Heart and St. Francis Church.

Sacred Heart Church –will be open for private prayer on
Holy Thursday - 10:00am-2:00pm
Good Friday – 10:00am-2:00pm & 5:00pm-8:00pm
Holy Saturday – 10:00am-2:00pm
Easter Sunday -12noon-3:00pm

St. Francis Church

Holy Thursday – 11:00am-2:00pm
Good Friday – 11:00am-2:00pm
Holy Saturday – 11:00am-2:00pm

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

These Masses will be streamed live via Facebook

Holy Thursday, 7:00pm
Good Friday, 3:00pm
Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil) 8:00pm
Easter Sunday 10:00am



Deacon Jack Seymour Food Pantry Hours:

*****DUE TO THE CORNOVIRUS CRISIS, THE DEACON JACK SEYMOUR FOOD PANTRY WILL BE CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

Please remember the following members of the armed service in your prayers.

US Marines, Sgt. C.J. Kozlik - US Army
LCDR Thomas O. Mennerich – USN, LCDR Abby K. Mennerich Lorfeld – USN, Keith O'Connor - US Army, Sgt. Anthony Colotti - US Army, Nicholos M. Pisani - US Navy
Capt. Bryan Malone - US Army, Airman Matthew Cook - Air Force, PFC.Cory Ray Kretzmer - US Army
Sgt Vincent Thurston - US Marines, Pvt Francis Thurston - US Marines, E2 Thomas Pacenza III - USAF
Pvt. Haley Pacenza - US Army, Airman Samantha Trappe - Air Nat'l Guard, S/Sgt Grant Drumgold - Air Force
M/Sgt Theresa Castellane - Air Force, SPC Patrick D.Ortland - US Army, PFC David Recine Jr. - US Army
PFC Matthew F. Lease USMC, If you know of someone deployed overseas, please let us know.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Deacon Peter Haight, Vincenza Secor, Aaron Stagliano, Maureen Kelly, Anne McClellan, Donnie Ruckdeschel, Bobbi Hull, Jim Formato, Paul Neugebauer, Catherine Fossella, Julia Vecchio, Gloria Presutti, Beulah Politi, Tom Marino, Maverick Coolidge, Carol Retuer, Barbara Wolyzyn, Anthony Bilello, Mary Michele Lease, Eliana Rose Mary Valenti, David Vandermast, George Quintyne, Carol Brown, Ariana Cruz, Rina Bozzone, Jaddon Johnson, Eileen Burke, Ken Masten, John Marullo, Joann Fayo-Perry, Kathleen Bachman, Mike Fitzgerald, Samuel Cerone, Jr, Frances Marino, Joan Michalowski, Jean Mendoza, Michelle Ryan, Jamel Issa, Patricia Rifenburg, April Carlyon, Margaret Juliano, Erin Garvey, George Sarvis, Guiseppe Gagliardo, Teresa Centeno, Cindy Cerone, Patrick Fayo, Jr., Rebecca Pacella, Janie Favoino, Bea Gruini, Carol Bourdage, Sharon Mendoza-Lindenauer, Albert Irwin, Barbara Colurciello, Joyce Diaz, Peyton Flaig, Maurena Luzzi, Mary Leoce, Arlene Sheridan, John Raszcewski, Giovanna Garrison, Jessica Pearson, Marie Cronin, Theresa Dombroski, Austin Galvin, Nancy D'Addio, Lorraine Santacroce, Adele Esposito, George Fredrickson, Joe Coyle

Please call the rectory (561-2264) to add / delete names from this list

***Yesterday is gone.. Tomorrow has not yet come ..
We have only today.. Let us begin.***

Saint Mother Teresa