



Tanzania is a missionary territory that the Maryknoll order ministers to, and invites people of all stripes and colors to experience as an outgrowth of educational pursuits and spiritual development. I sponsored an Irish friend a few months ago, evolving out of my own Maryknoll pilgrimage three years ago to the Central American countries of Guatemala and El Salvador. On that trip I saw places of martyrdom for the faith, suffered by many priests and nuns. Their courageous stories will never be forgotten by me. These wonderful religious defended their people against injustices instigated by the hands of the official government, hostile to human rights. Maryknoll nuns were among the victims, left on a roadside in the capital San Salvador like they were meaningless blobs of tissue. Archbishop Oscar Romero was assassinated also in that city area on March 24, 1980 while saying Mass at a hospital chapel. I was part of a group of priests and deacons that worshipped at that very altar. My friend Katie had a different testimony in Tanzania. She saw people struggling to survive, but clinging to faith and family to endure. One woman with severe cerebral palsy (malfunctioning of the brain and nervous systems) would crawl to the parish church each day to attend Mass from her home, and the priest would then bring her Holy Communion at the appropriate time. The simplicity of living, uncomplicated by the material and financial obsessions of our modern American culture, is engrained in the lifestyles and habits of major sections of the overall world population. Americans, myself included, are often obsessed by the results of our favorite sports teams and the deaths of entertainment giants. This is why travel to learn other viewpoints is beneficial.

Self-examination is not easy, often involving painful introspection. The internal process is difficult, as we also apply the lens of what the expectations of God is in our life. He wants us to live for Him, but we all often fall way short. We can become frustrated by our failures, which our prayers and His grace can help us to conquer. (Be inspired by these words of the Jentezen Franklin Media Ministries, in an article entitled " Rebounding Out of the Snare of the Devil. " ... Inevitably, there will be times in each of our lives where we miss the game-winning shot. We all fail. We all fall short. But do you know something ? God has never sought after perfect people. Think about it. Moses murdered someone and then went into hiding. David committed adultery, and had a man killed to cover it up. Samson chose a woman over his calling. Peter pronounced boldly he had nothing to do with Jesus Christ, not once, but three times ! These were not accidents ; these were intentional sins. God had every right to smite them. But what did He do ? He used them. Moses became the deliverer of millions of Israelite people. David was one of Israel's greatest kings. Samson's calling was never revoked. And out of all the disciples, it was Peter whom Christ chose to build His church. Maybe you, like these men, have made some pretty poor choices. You may have experienced disappointment in your marriage, or maybe you have given up on a God-given dream... God is in your corner ! He is for us, not against us. He forgives us because He loves us, blots out our mess-ups for His own sake. He chooses not to bring up our past, yet sees us for who we will be. If He isn't holding your wrongs against you, why are you holding them against yourself ? Honestly repent of that which is holding you back, praise Him, and know that you are standing on a firm foundation. One that has unlimited second chances. ") I hope our parish can be a place of renewed vision, as individuals and a community of believers. Our times worldwide are trying, and can test even the spiritually strong. Let us help each to His path and will. Blessings. Father Bill

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. May 9

7:00am Mothers Day Novena
 Noon John Baptist Barcia
 By His Wife, Ida

Tues. May 10

7:00am Ermelindo Serrano
 By Michael & Colleen Corizzo
 Noon Mothers Day Novena

Wed. May 11

7:00am Mothers Day Novena
 Noon Lambert Family
 By Ann & Dan McClellan
Theresa Foti-Clavio (1st Annv)
 By Philip Masciola

Thur. May 12

7:00am Robert Anthony Michon
 By Chris
Ann & Anthony Farkas
 By Mary Ann & Tony Farkas
 Noon Mothers Day Novena

Fri. May 13

7:00am Mothers Day Novena
 Noon John Barcia
 By Linda & Tom Rattigan

Sat. May 14

Noon Our Youth
 4:30pm Mothers Day Novena
 Caroline Walsh
 By Judy and Dom Roscino

Sun. May 15

8:00am Andrew Wassi
 By Bill & Marion Pushman
 11:00am John & Stephanie
 Naclerio
 By Family

Weekly Collection 

April 30-May 1, 2016

1st Collection \$8464.21
2nd Collection.. 1251.00
TOTAL...\$9715.21

Our sincere thanks for your generosity and support of our Parish. God bless each and every one of you....always

**The 2nd collection this weekend is for
 The Maintenance Fund**

MASS ATTENDANCE

April 30-May 1, 2016

4:30 pm	180
8:00 am	146
11:00 am	<u>540</u>
Total	866

The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy is recited on Sundays at 10:40 am before the 11 am Mass

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Our Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesday from 5 pm to 6 pm will be for the special intention of Our Parish Family.

Eucharistic Minsters needed to serve at St. Luke's Hospital during the week. If you are interested in helping, please call Suzanna at -845-561-5162



**Food Pantry Hours:**

Friday 9:00am to 12noon  
 Saturday 9:00am to 12noon

**FOOD FOR THE POOR**

In your goodness please bring Bottles of Juice to Church next weekend to be distributed to the less fortunate thru our Food Pantry.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED PLEASE !!**

Our Food Pantry is in need of a volunteer to take cardboard to the transfer station on Route 17K on a weekly basis. Please contact Paul or Linda at 845-561-6406.

The Food Pantry also needs someone who could paint the entrance way and trasom at the food pantry. Any who would like to volunteer, please contact Paul or Linda Zalanowski at 845-234-8564 or 845-926-0626

**Worth printing twice:**

**A THANK YOU FROM DEACON JACK**  
 I want to thank everyone for the wonderful honor you bestowed on me on Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. Everything was simply wonderful - the dedication ceremony, family and friends, food, and even the weather!! It is so heartwarming to see how my vision of helping the needy has grown into what it is today. You should all be proud. A big heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone who was a part of this most memorable day! May God continue to Bless Us All.  
 With love and prayers,  
 Deacon Jack

## ST. FRANCIS HAPPENINGS !!

May 7 & 8 Birthday Blessings at all our Masses

May 12 Francine Boucher will present "Witness of Jehoval", a great and informative 58 minute film.

May 14 Movie Night 6 pm Featuring the Warner Brothers Movie, MAX

May 15 Coffee and Bagel Hour after the 8 am Mass. Great place for coffee and conversation.

May 16 Lady of Fatima special mass 5:30 pm

May 18 Confirmation of our young adults 6 pm

June 5 Save the Date !! *Annual Church Dinner* at Cronomer Valley Fire House, Town of Newburgh...more details to follow.

### **CASH –N-COCKTAILS**

#### **An Enchanted Evening at Sacred Heart School**

May 21 from 7 pm to 11 pm. Each ticket admits 2 guests to the cocktail party which includes live entertainment, beer, wine, soda, and appetizers!. Only 300 tickets will be sold at \$100 each with 3 cash prizes: Grand Prize is \$10,000, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize is \$2,500, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize is \$1000. Presence is not required to win. Please contact Mary Gould at 914-805-2332 or Dr. Gina Cook at 845-541-4216 or email [ptosacredheart@gmail.com](mailto:ptosacredheart@gmail.com) for further information. It's going to be a fun evening.



*Our Prayers* for the Sick:, Vincenza Secor, Aaron Stagliano, Kelly Stafford, Robyn McGraw, John nz Sabo, Andrew Costanzo, Marie Wiejak, Rose, Stephen Sabo, Ashley Barco, Jean Kaiser, Tom Scalzo, Nora Brickter, Gary Lake, Genevieve Pilch, Agnes Casey, Brianna Barker, Keith Webber, Jake Bryan DeStefano, Rose Marie Michalowski, Meryl Chatham, Vincenturia Cullen, Amy Meyer, Vinnie Yonnone, Grace Keller Peacock, Mary Corwin, Jean DeCicco, Don Hughes, David Jennings, Robert Johnson, Karen Wells, Marcia McKay, Victoria Palkovic, Elaine Pietrzak, Maureen Luzzi, Joyce Poponiak, Corrine Gammino, George Vecchio, Jr, Carol Brown, Teresa Centeno, Matthew Gallagher, Luzia Araujo, Celio Thomaz, Sherry Collins, Rosalie Nogay, Richard and Rina Bozzone, Antonio Troia, Cody Favoino-Finkbeiner, Marie Louis, Sacha Samuel George, the Koch Family, Frank Pietrzak, John Marullo, Rose Jurik, Robert & Helen Osborn, Manuel DiNapoli, Jennie Serrano, Eddie Koza, Barbara Woloszyn, Gary McGraw, Rachael Neugebauer, Patricia Denniston, Arlene Dietrichsen, Maureen Kelly, Jason Suchowiecki, Deacon Larry Kawula, Abigail Ryan, Debra Thurston, Toby Persico, Alexis Johnson, Barry Johnson, James R. Purpura, Bob Smith, Tom Kingery, Bud Smith, Amy Finnegan, Janice Suchowiecki, Jane Pustola, Justin, Peter, Rita, Janice Ruggiero, Angela, Wayne, Abbie K., Dominick Denisi, Sebastian Denisi, Pam Denisi, Linda Hummel, Joseph Michalowski, Joann Quicksell, Frances Dolan, Daniel D'Elicio, Mary Ann Keenan, Fr. Fred Kempferi

A new ministry is being formed – The St. Francis of Assisi Historical Society, headed by Al Certo. If you have any interest, or have St. Francis or Newburgh memorabilia that you would like to donate, please contact the Rectory.

### **MOVIE NIGHT MAY 14<sup>th</sup> - 6 PM**

**On Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm, we will be showing the movie "MAX", a precision trained military dog serving in Afghanistan. It's s story of friendship, mystery and excitement. Pizza and light refreshments will be served. Please contact Jeannine McCauley at [jeanse50@yahoo.com](mailto:jeanse50@yahoo.com) or 914-263-0572 if you plan on attending.**

**The St. Francis Dart Ball Team is in need of three men for next year's season. If you are free on Thursday evenings from September thru April and can throw a dart 25 feet, give us a call. This is an exciting baseball dart game with great fellowship and great fun. No obligation. Call John Mitchell for more information 845-561-7104.**

### **Our Lady of Fatima – The Pilgrim Virgin Statue**

Our parish has been blessed to receive the Pilgrim Virgin Statue on Monday, May 16. There will be a special Mass at 5:30 pm. The Custodian of the statue, here in the United States, will talk about the message of Fatima. Many miracles and signal graces have been reported where the statue has traveled.

### **Witnessed of Jehovah**

**May 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm, O'Connor Hall**

This 58 minute film helps you know what to say instead of "Sorry, We're Not Interested!" Francis presented Pope Pius and The Holocaust this past February to rave reviews. This promises to be equally as great and informative.

**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS is having an adopt a highway event on May 21. Meeting place is at The Council Building on Old Little Britain Rd at 9 am. PLEASE COME AND HELP US.**

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**The Catholic Daughters** will be meeting on Wednesday, May 11, 2016 at 7 pm in Sacred Heart Church in Newburgh. We will have our traditional May crowning of the statue of the Blessed Mother – followed by the recitation of the rosary. A short business meeting to follow at Msgr. Valastro Activity Center. New members are always welcomed. For further information, please call Maureen Kelly at 562-9462

**WE ARE AT 59% OF OUR GOAL FOR  
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The 2016 Cardinals Stewardship Appeal is still going on. Your gift to The Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal is vital in sustaining all the good that we do for the church in New York. **Our goal is \$39,500** and so far we have reached \$24,421.21. We are more than half way there. **PLEASE REMEMBER TO  
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**COUPLES CELEBRATING THEIR 50<sup>TH</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**  
anytime during 2016 are invited to attend the Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at the Cathedral of St. Patrick, Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm or Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 on, Pre-registration is required. Please contact the rectory at 561-1317 for registration. The closing date to register for the Mass is Tuesday, May 24, 2016. This event is sponsored by the Family Life/Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of New York.

**SO MANY ANIMAL LOVERS –THANK YOU AGAIN!**  
Even after the close of our month-long drive to help the New Windsor SPCA, we received \$90 more in checks. AND people are asking for us to continue this "little ministry" for our furry friends. So by popular demand, we will be having a small area to receive pet articles and monetary donations throughout the year. And any upcoming 'SPCA pet events' will be in our bulletin.

**Saratoga Casino & Raceway Bus Trip  
May 16, 2016**

The VFW Post 1161 and CWV Post 386 will co-host a bus trip to the Saratoga Casino & Raceway in Saratoga Springs, NY. Departure is 8:30 am from the Newburgh Wal-Mart parking lot. The bus will depart for home around 4:30. Tickets are \$35 per person. Each person will receive a \$15 package consisting of \$10 in Free Slot Play and a \$5 Food Coupon for Lucky Joe's, plus a chance to Win This Trip FREE!! To sign up, please call John Raszcewski at 845-562-3705. Checks payable to VFW 1161.

The parish is in receipt of a donated Automated External Defibrillator aka AED. Class instruction for CPR and the use of the AED will be scheduled upon the registration of the first 8 – 10 persons. The course will be conducted by a certified instructor at a cost of \$30-\$40 per person. Card certificates will be issued upon completion of this course, which will be approximately 4 hours in length. Date of the course will be set in the very near future. Please call the Parish with your name and contact info at 845-561-1317.

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