



PADRE'S CORNER

JUNE 19, 2016

" The cross means there is no shipwreck without hope ; there is no dark without dawn ; no storm without haven. " When Saint John Paul II uttered these words, during the time of his papacy from 1978 through his death in 2005, they reflected wisdom and faith from his broad history of suffering within the realm of many human accomplishments. Born on May 18, 1920 in the Poland village of Wadowice, his baptized name of Karol J. Wojtyla would experience so much pain in the early years of his life. In 1929, his mother Emilia died followed three years later in 1932 by his oldest brother Edmund. Nine years later in 1941 his father Karol left this world. Three major losses in the first two decades of his life. As a teenager in 1938, young Karol studied drama at the Jagiellonian University in Cracow. He enjoyed skiing, and young ladies found him very enjoyable to be around and marriageable material. Fate and history for him then took over, as the Nazis took over Poland in 1939 in the prelude to World War II. Over the next four years of 1940-1944, Karol sidestepped deportation to the work camps of Germany by working at both a quarry (where rock is removed from the ground) and a chemical factory near Solvay. In the midst of this trauma of war, he entered an underground seminary to study for the priesthood at night under the guise of working during the day. Located in Cracow, the brave rector who led the training ground for future priests was Cardinal Adam Stefan Sapieha. The seminarians acted out their spirituality and strength of spirit, as well, in an underground drama group called the " Rhapsodic Theatre. " These young souls were realists, knowing full well the dangerous times they were living in. God gave them the ability to embrace their reality while clinging to their faith, and let Him be their guiding light to where He wanted them to be vocationally speaking.

When World War II ended in 1945, Karol was able to emerge with many other students from the underground seminary to become open students of theology. He was ordained a priest on November 1, 1946 in Cracow. In his first few parish assignments he worked with Polish immigrants living in Rome, where he was pursuing further academic studies, under the mandate of Cardinal Sapieha. In 1948 Father Karol returned to Cracow as both professor and assistant in parishes, before being ordained an auxiliary bishop in 1958 for Poland by Pope Pius XII. While becoming an Archbishop in 1964 and Cardinal in 1967, he was heavily involved in the document writings of Vatican II during the years of 1962-1965.

He became Pope John Paul II on October 16, 1978 after the death of Pope John Paul I just three weeks before on September 28 at the age of 65. The 263rd pope since the first (Peter the Apostle), he said from the balcony of Saint Peter's Square that October afternoon : " Be not afraid. Open up, no ; swing wide the gates to Christ. Open up to His saving power the confines of the State, open up economic and political systems, the vast empires of culture, civilization and development. Be not afraid. " In his subsequent twenty-six years of being pope he would courageously promulgate the tender teachings of mercy toward our sinfulness, become a stalwart against communism throughout the world, stand tall with a life definition from the moment of conception full throttle against abortion, speak of the font of faith as a strategy to the confused lives of immigrants, and ecumenically reach out to Jews as our " eldest brothers " and the Muslim community during the painful times of evil terrorism that continues to threaten the world today. About his priesthood, the future Saint said : " There was a clear sense that what I heard in my heart was no human voice, nor was it just an idea of my own. Christ was calling me to serve him as a priest. And you can probably tell that I am deeply grateful to God for my vocation to the priesthood. Nothing means more to me or gives me greater joy than to celebrate Mass each day and to serve God's people in the Church. That has been true ever since the day of my ordination as a priest. Nothing has ever changed this, not even becoming Pope.

My pilgrim group from our parish visited the baptismal church of Saint John Paul II this past November while in Cracow, Poland. This November in Italy, we will see his tomb at Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome. His living example kept me in the seminary back in 1987, when I was thinking of leaving. His saintly example today keeps me a priest, despite all of its human difficulties. This is why I plan to have a statue of him and Mother Teresa, in the near future, in the grotto area at the front of the church near the altar as human reminders of " the Rock of the Church. " The Rock of Faith enables you and me to face our life obstacles to do His plan, despite the struggles and failures. Preview for my next Padres Corner : a high school basketball team experience involving me and the stirring song by Burt Bacharach bellowing outwards entitled " God Give Me Strength. " Please pray for God in me and I pray for Him in you. Father Bill

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. June 20

7:00am Fathers Day Novena
 Noon Craig Mac Farland
 By Wife

Tues. June 21

7:00am Haley Family
 By Barbara & Ed McDaniel
 Noon Fathers Day Novena

Wed. June 22

7:00am Fathers Day Novena
 Noon Bill Cathcart
 By Wife Barbara & Family

Thur. June 23

7:00am Patrick Lewis
 (9th Anniv)
 By Mommy
 Noon Fathers Day Novena

Fri. June 24

7:00am Fathers Day Novena
 Noon Frank Iovine - Blessings
 on his ordination as Deacon
 By George & Liz Ewanich

Sat. June 25

Noon Barbara Walters
 By The Valentine Family
 4:30pm Fathers Day Novena

Sun. June 26

8:00am D'Elcio Family
 By Rocky & Mary Jane D'Elcio
Jane & Charles Baranski
 (62nd Wedding Anniv)
 By Children
 11:00am John Baptist Barcia
 By Wife Ida
Louis J. Tallarico
 By John & Jeanette Mirabilio

Weekly Collection 

June 11 -12, 2016

1st Collection \$6,677.21

.....2nd Collection \$1,831.00

.. TOTAL \$8,508.21

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
PARISH RESTORATION

MASS ATTENDANCE

June 11-12, 2016

4:30 pm 200

8:00 am 168

11:00 am 216

Total 584

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 NEWLY ORDAINED DEACONS.**



Food  
Pantry  
Needs

**Food Pantry Hours:**  
 Friday 9:00am to 12noon  
 Saturday 9:00am to 12noon

**FOOD FOR THE POOR**

In your goodness please bring **ONE POUND PACKAGES OF RICE** to Church next weekend to be distributed to the less fortunate thru our Food Pantry.

ON **SEPTEMBER 11<sup>th</sup>** A Pancake Breakfast and Raffle sponsored by the Elks Club to help support the Deacon Jack Seymour Food Pantry.

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

**RECTORY OFFICE NEW SUMMER HOURS**

Monday thru Thursday 9:00am-3:00 pm  
 Friday 9:00 am-2:00 pm

The St Francis of Assisi Historical Society, headed by Al Certo, is looking items to add to our collection of memorabilia for display. If you have any items you would like to donate please call the rectory at 561-1317.

## CAMP VERITAS 2016

Camp Veritas is a one-week play and pray sleep away summer camp for teens going into 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grades. It will be held at three USA locations in 2016; July 23-30 at Mt. Saint Mary College in Newburgh, NY, July 31-August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at Summit Lake Camp in Emmitsburg, MD and August 14-20, 2016 at Camp Lakota in Wurtsboro, NY. More details and enrollment forms for campers and volunteers (18 & over) can be found at [www.campveritas.com](http://www.campveritas.com).



*Our Prayers* for the Sick:, Vincenza Secor, Aaron Stagliano, Kelly Stafford, Robyn McGraw, John 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, Deacon Larry Kawula, Abigail Ryan, Debra Thurston, Toby Persico, Alexis Johnson, Barry Johnson, James R. Purpura, Bob Smith, Tom Kingery, Bud Smith, Amy Finnegan, 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, Fr. Fred Kempferi, Hazel Yonnone, Carmen Dacrosta, Parker Jane Holloway, Dore Williams, Hank Kensing, Virginia Ranaudo, Sheryl McGrath



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #444

The Hudson Valley Knights of Columbus Charity Ball will be held on June 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at St. Mary's Council in Fishkill. Proceeds will be going to Special Olympics. For more information please contact Grand Knight Ken Ryan at 845-667-1582. The Knights off Columbus are always looking for new members.

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**CARDINALS STEWARDSHIP APPEAL**  
We have now reached our goal...any further contributions will go to help our parish.

THANK YOU to our most recent donors Mr & Mrs Donald Barney, Mrs Francis Beauchamp, Mr & Mrs Joseph Como and Mr & Mrs Gary Roche.

# Thank You!

## FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

The Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal is vital in sustaining all the good that we do for the church in New York.

## HEALING MASS

Fr. Richard McAlear O.M.I., one time pastor of Our Lady of Hope community in Balmville, is an international; speaker, conference leader, retreat master and author ministering the healing power of Jesus Christ around the world. Join him for this exceptional Mass, followed by a Healing Service, open to all.

Sunday July 24, 2016

Praise & Worship at 1:30pm

Mass 2:00pm

Doors Open at 1:15pm

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## HELPING THOSE IN NEED

If there is anyone asking for money around our church outside of Mass, please refrain from doing so. Be generous in giving to our Food Pantry. That is where and how we can assist those who are truly in need. The Deacon Jack Seymour Food Pantry assists with dignity and privacy. Helping people in need is our responsibility as Christians; and donations to our Food Pantry is the best way to support this need. Those who have been approaching parishioners are recipients of the Food Pantry. Thank you.

### **Continuous Kindness for Cats & Canines**

Back by popular demand by so many generous animal lovers, we now have a 'Little Furry Friends Ministry'. All donations will go to help the New Windsor SPCA...A no-kill pet shelter. Please notice the blue "pet food bowl" as our way to help "feed" a good cause with your monetary donations. And, the "heart paws decorated" box for any type of pet supplies you wish to donate.



**Did you know?** The United States has the highest dog population the world.

### **A FATHER'S PRAYER**

*Lord, may we always follow Your example of strong love and patience. May we remember to pass on to our children, the wisdom You have given us.*

*Grant us a caring and loving heart like Joseph, father to Jesus. Help us to guide our children in the path of goodness.*

*We pray that you would continually bless our families as we set a good example for our children.  
Amen*

### **ST. FRANCIS CALENDAR OF EVENTS!!**

**June 18** 6:00 pm **Movie Night** – "The Garden of Allah with Marlene Dietrich and Charles Boyer.

**June 26** **Coffee and Bagel Hour IS CANCELLED** for June.. but look for our upcoming July date.

**July 2-3** **Birthday Blessings** at all masses

**July 8** (Friday evening) **Night Under the Stars**. Mass at 7 pm , Blessing of our new Prayer Garden, followed by an outside movie with toasted marshmallows, smores, & popcorn... Weather permitting.

**July 17** **Coffee and Bagel Hour** after the 8:00am Mass

### **HOLY YEAR OF MERCY**

**December 8, 2015 – November 20, 2016**

*It is a favorable time to heal wounds,  
a time to offer everyone the way of  
Forgiveness and Reconciliation."  
Pope Francis*

### **PHOTO BOOK OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH TO GO ON SALE THE LAST WEEKEND IN JUNE.**

This book was compiled to offer the parishioners of St. Francis the ease of identifying the various religious statues and sacramentals used in the Church, as well as the figures in the stained glass windows and the saints and apostles seen in "The Final Judgement" mural above the Sanctuary. This book was originally printed for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the parish but now has been updated through 2015. If anyone were to order this book through the company, the cost would be \$115.86 (plus tax, shipping & handling). However, Fr. Bill has been able to arrange a special price for our parish at \$70. Jim Formato, author of the book will be available as well as the book (for viewing) after all masses during the weekend of June 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>. Payment is expected at the time of ordering (cash or check made out to St. Francis Parish). This would make an excellent historical memory book for your family!

### **MOVIE NIGHT**

**On Saturday; June 18<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm, we will be showing the movie, "The Garden of Allah". Pizza and light refreshments will be served. Please contact Jeannine McCauley at [jeansey50@yahoo.com](mailto:jeansey50@yahoo.com) or 914-263-0572 if you are planning on attending.**

### **LOVE TO COOK?**

**Please share your culinary delights.**

**We would love to hear from you.**

If you would like to share a family recipe with our St. Francis Family please do so. We will put it on Flocknote and the more we receive, the better chance we have of a new cookbook. Email your recipe to [saintfrancisnewburgh@gmail.com](mailto:saintfrancisnewburgh@gmail.com) or drop it off at the rectory.

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