



Junior year at Bogota High School in New Jersey was memorable for me, especially being on the basketball team. Very energetic, I was often the sixth man off the bench. My strength was more defense than offense. The roar of the crowds was great for the fragile ego of a typical teenager, and having a special cheerleader call out my name during introductions and game breaks. The junior prom was approaching, and there was one cheerleader I liked in particular. Not wanting to be rejected, I canvassed a friend's sister who was also a cheerleader. She was certain the one I liked would say "yes." My confidence grew, as did a plan when the right time would be most appropriate to pop the question. I decided to ask before practice one afternoon, thinking I would smell okay before the sweaty onslaught of practice. I might have said a prayer to God, but am not sure now. The heart raced and the chest pounded in anticipation. She had to say "yes" my thinking went, because after all I was a basketball player. In a matter of seconds, after posing the question to Marjorie, I learned quickly the pain of heartbreak and human rejection. The ability of another person to take away our strength, confidence, and dreams was learned at such a young age. The human tendency to find our energy and strength through persons, places, and things is also a common mistake we Christians make. When life circumstances spear us with a painfully cutting jab, we find human ways to cope which are usually woeful and inadequate. Ultimately, our hope must be placed in and derived from God so that our human angers and disappointments are kept in check. Otherwise, we can create much trouble for ourselves and others minus the filters of spiritual prayer and the grace of God. Burt Bacharach, the famous musician I have met three times in life twice at concerts plus once at a book signing, recorded a song a decade ago called "God Give Me Strength." Some of the lyrics reflect human anguish as we search for the strength of God, in the midst of decisions or actions usually beyond our control. "Now I have nothing, so God give me strength. Cause I'm weak in her wake, and if I'm strong I might still break... She was the light that I'd bless. She took my last chance at happiness. So God give me strength. I can't hold onto her, God give me strength. When the phone doesn't ring and I'm lost in imagining. Everything that kind of love is worth as I tumble back down to earth... God if she'd grant me her indulgence and decline I might as well, wipe her from my memory. Fracture the spell, as she becomes my enemy... Since I lost the power to pretend that there could ever be a happy ending... So God give me strength, God give me strength."

We each must ask God for the path to seek, and let Him bless us with the graces that will follow that adherence to His will. Despite the challenges of the priesthood, which sometimes includes human betrayals like Jesus experienced from Judas, there is so much beauty in my vocation as you have in yours. I share with you, in closing, beautiful thoughts from a good friend who knows me very well. Apply these sentiments to your life, based on decisions to let God decide your direction toward the future. "A few times you mentioned the trials of the priesthood. I thought it would be a good idea to tell the people of the wonderful experiences you have had thanks to the priesthood. You would most likely never had the opportunity to have these beautiful memories and experiences were it not for the path you chose... You have met so many people during your priesthood from many walks of life, and around the world, and keep in touch with many of them (who) are your close friends now. There is no way you would have made so many friends had you taken a different path. You have traveled to many parts of the world and seen the beauty of God's creation; the Holy places that God has touched firsthand through His time on earth or through His saints. You have been to Central America, Europe, the Holy Land. Had you been in an office working at Verizon (previously the Bell System when I was a telephone company employee), you would never have had the chance to see and experience all this. You have gotten to see and will soon see the many personal places you enjoy (Cooperstown, Little House on the Prairie and Custer's Last Stand in South Dakota). You continue to travel and see the beautiful holy sites through your pilgrimages. You have met some truly great and holy people (Mother Teresa, Pope John Paul II). You have met and remain friends with Hollywood entertainers, athletes, and even a famous author. Thanks to your priesthood you have been able to help so many people spiritually through the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass you do with such reverence, the confessions to free people of their sins even though it weighs heavily on you emotionally, the baptisms of the newborn, a child's First Communion, confirmation, and first confession. All this for the people and most of all for the Glory of God. You are always there for everyone even though it weighs on you. Even though you wonder and think of the family life (you sacrificed for the priesthood with no marriage); you have built a wonderful family life around you through many friends, other priests, plain acquaintances, and even your beloved pets especially Moondoggie. I am sure there are many more things you can add, some I may have forgotten, but for me, it has been a great blessing and pleasure to know you... Thought I would share it with you. God bless you always Father Bill." God bless all of you also. FB

# MASS INTENTIONS

**Mon. June 27**

7:00am St Francis Parishioners  
 Noon Lewis Bozzone  
 By Family

**Tues. June 28**

7:00am The Homeless  
 Noon Antoinette Smiehorowski  
 By Patricia Porvaznik

**Wed. June 29**

7:00am All Graduates  
 Noon John & Lucille Faricellia  
 By Jamie & Sarina

**Thur. June 30**

7:00am Vocations  
 Noon McDaniel Family  
 By Family

**Fri. July 1**

7:00am Newly ordained Priests  
 Noon Newly ordained Deacons

**Sat. July 2**

Noon Our Nation  
 4:30pm Melba Fabrizio  
 By Lastowski Family  
**Marge Mulligan**  
 By Desiree & Tom

**Sun, July 3**

8:00am Jennifer Lynn Lofaro  
 By Linda & Paul Zalanowski  
 11:00am Helen Prekel  
 (17<sup>th</sup> Anniv)  
 By Ron & Fran Soltis

*Weekly Collection* 

June 18 -19, 2016  
 1<sup>st</sup> Collection \$7,213.00  
 .....2<sup>nd</sup> Collection \$1,867.00  
**TOTAL \$9,080.00**

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

The 2<sup>nd</sup> collection this weekend is for **GROUNDS UPKEEP**

**MASS ATTENDANCE**

June 18-19, 2016  
 4:30 pm 180  
 8:00 am 190  
 11:00 am 227  
 Total 597

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 5:00pm to 6:00pm will be for the special intention of all recent **GRADUATES**.



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

**FOOD FOR THE POOR**  
 In your goodness please bring **BOTTLES OR CANS OF JUICE** 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.

**RECTORY OFFICE NEW SUMMER HOURS**  
 Monday thru Thursday 9:00am-3:00 pm  
 Friday 9:00 am-2:00 pm



Registration is now open for our 2016-2017 school year. For registration forms or for more information please call Lynda Piper at the Religious Education Office at 561-2589.

## 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).



### 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

### 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 recipes 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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**CARDINALS STEWARDSHIP APPEAL**  
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### FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

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### PHOTO BOOK OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH GOES ON SALE THIS WEEKEND

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 our 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 and handling). However, Fr Bill has been able to arrange a special price for our parish of \$70.00. Jim Formato, author of the book will be available, as well as the book (for viewing) after all the Masses this weekend. 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!

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

**June 26** Coffee and Bagel Hour is **CANCELLED**

for June, but we'll be up and running on July 17th

**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, s'mores, & popcorn... Weather permitting.

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

### ***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?** Cats make about 100 different sounds so go ahead and talk to yours.



On Tuesday, July 12<sup>th</sup> VFW Post 1161 and CWV Post 386 will co-host a bus trip to the Sands Casino in Bethlehem, PA. Everyone is welcome to join in for a day of fun and excitement.

Departure time is 8:30am from the Newburgh Wal-Mart parking lot. The bus will depart for home around 4:30pm. Tickets are \$35.00 per person. Each person will receive a \$35.00 package from the casino consisting of \$30.00 free slot play and a \$5.00 food coupon, plus a chance to win the trip free.

To sign up please call John Raszcewski at 845-562-3705

### **ST. FRANCIS HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

.....headed by Al Certo is always looking for 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

## **HEALTY ORANGE FARMERS MARKET**

.....is again this year operating on **Tuesdays** from **10:00am to 2:00pm** starting **July 5<sup>th</sup>** thru **Oct 25<sup>th</sup>**. Located at the Green Lot across from 141 Broadway (between Lander and Johnston streets) they will offer fresh vegetables and fruits, honey, eggs, herbs, baked goods and Polish foods. They will accept EBT, WIC, FMNP, senior coupons and Veterans coupons.

For more information contact Meg Oakes at 845-360-6691.

### **AED**

Our parish is in receipt of a donated Automated External Defibrillator aka AED. Class instruction for CPR and 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. If you are interested, please call the rectory at 561-1317 with your name and contact information.

### **HOLY YEAR OF MERCY PRAYER**

#### **Lord Jesus Christ**

Send your spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord and your church.

With renewed enthusiasm bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy, you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. AMEN

### **BECOME A MEMBER OF OUR PARISH TODAY**

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