



Joseph Wambaugh wrote a 1973 novel called "The Blue Knight " Later a 1975 television series, the novel received national acclaim initially through a movie film in 1973 on NBC that starred the late actor William Holden. He played Officer Bumper Morgan of the Los Angeles Police Department, in his final weeks before potential retirement. Burned out after many years on the force, he is torn emotionally between fellow officers who do not want him to leave because of his wise experience on the job and a girlfriend worried about his safety on the rough streets of Los Angeles. Torn by the pending decision, Morgan has a possible final case in his police career of finding the killer of a prostitute. Tough street gangs stunt his ability to make progress on the case, especially as word gets around that he will soon be entertaining retirement. Bumper wonders if he has wasted his life, considering the rampant amount of street crime that seems largely unaffected by the courageous efforts of the police to thwart their efforts.

At his greatest point of confusion and discouragement, a grace-filled moment permeates his world so he can reflect positively on his career job or vocation. A young boy, from a broken or dysfunctional family, begins to see him on the street beat as a role model to emulate. Morgan is initially skeptical about this good influence on the boy, but his heart eventually melts when he realizes that the boy is quite sincere about the officer's direct influence for the better on his young life. There is human sunshine to be found in the nitty gritty streets of smoggy Los Angeles, California. The grace of God can still work in human beings, despite the most dire and miserable of street conditions.

Stress and burnout can impact the most optimistic of us. On a recent visit to see very good friends in Staten Island, I recalled how their entire life was spent giving their children the very best in life including their religious education. The children are now married or off on their own, still stoking concerns by their parents about the making of right decisions. I am sure that many parents, especially those in advanced age, wonder if their efforts were all worth it. The world of marriage produces much burnout, further strained when divorce emerges as the painful conclusion. Of course there are marriages that emerge unscathed by these horror stories, but I have met very few that did not have some sort of catastrophe or tragedy that eventually prevailed upon the winning streaks of family success.

The life of a priest also has its many challenges and strains. Not having a wife or family as a potential support system, the priest is often alone trying to face the myriad of obstacles that parishioners bring to him. The acute challenges, like that faced by Officer Bumper Morgan in the crime-riddled streets of 1970's Los Angeles, also face your resident priests and me in the equally tough streets of the City of Newburgh. We so want to have good and solid spiritual friends that have our back, who we can trust care about our well being. Sometimes I choose correctly, and sometimes not. When I have been failed by another, I have discovered that God opens up the doors of so many in my life that really do care about both my future and that of the parish. Priests experience burnout also, and wonder at times about their life decisions and commitments. Five of my seven other classmates ordained in 1993 have left the ministry. I have not been immune from these considerations. However, I must say that the good people of Saint Francis of Assisi here on Benkard Avenue have become a blessing to me at a point in my life when I need it most. The good Presentation nuns, that move into the convent on September 1, represent the encouraging women that I need also in my life. In the midst of our stresses, burnouts, and disillusionments our prayerfulness and the goodness of God enables us all to find our way and to grow in faithful wisdom within the unfolding process of cumbersome life events and moments. God give me (us) strength. **Father Bill**

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. July 4 Independence Day
 7:00am Our Nation
 Noon Our Military

Tues. July 5 St Elizabeth
 7:00am The Unborn
 Noon Antoinette Smiehorowski
 By Patricia Porvaznik

Wed. July 6 St. Maria Goretti
 7:00am Our Politicians
 Noon Andrew Lasek
 By Mark Lasaek

Thur. July 7
 7:00am Patrick Garzione
 By Wife Marilyn
 Noon Mary & Joseph Vitay
 By Mary Ann & Tony Farkas

Fri. July 8
 7:00am Vocations
 Noon Perry "Pat" & Ida Benson
 By Ida Barcia

Sat. July 9 St Augustine
 Noon The Homeless
 4:30pm Eleanor Murphy
 Caroline Fremgen
 By Mary Ann Fabiano

Sun, July 10
 8:00am Andy & James Wassi
 By Bill & Marion Pushman
 11:00am Joseph & Louise
 Naclerio
 By Family

Weekly Collection

June 25-26, 2016
 1st Collection \$5,696.00
2nd Collection \$1,416.00
 TOTAL \$7,112.00

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
BLACK & INDIAN MISSIONS

MASS ATTENDANCE
 June 25-26, 2016
 4:30 pm 178
 8:00 am 196
 11:00 am 176
 Total 550

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 **Our Nation**.

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

FOOD FOR THE POOR
 In your goodness please bring **CANNED VEGETABLES** to Church next weekend to be distributed to the less fortunate thru our Food Pantry.

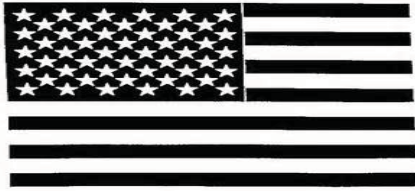
ON **SEPTEMBER 11th** A Pancake Breakfast and Raffle sponsored by the Elks Club to help support the Deacon Jack Seymour Food Pantry.

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



REGISTER YOUR CHILD TODAY for the 2016-2017 school year. For registration forms or for more information please call Lynda Piper, our Religious Education Coordinator, at the Religious Education Office at 561-2589.

HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY



A PRAYER FOR AMERICA

Father in Heaven,
We, the people, in the land of the free
and the home of the brave,
desperately need You.
We beg for Your guidance and wisdom
for our leaders.
We ask You to protect our land
from enemies, both within and without.
And, we praise You for the freedom
We have through the blood of Your Son.
Amen



PRAYER

S 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, Robert Landi



CONGRATULATIONS TO
Keli Shevlin, the winner of \$219.00 in our June monthly 50/50 Club Raffle. Be sure your envelope is in so you can be in our July drawing.

CHILD PROTECTION

Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious or layperson serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Sr. Eileen Clifford, O.P. at 212-371-1000 x2949 or Deacon George Coppola at 917-861-1761. Both may also be reached via e-mail at victimassistance@archny.org. Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website, www.archny.org. In keeping with the Archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.



The Catholic Daughters will be hosting a Pot Luck Supper on Wednesday, July 13th at 6:00pm in Gallo Hall at Sacred Heart School in Newburgh. Service awards will be presented. Spouses and new members are welcome to attend. For further information please call Maureen Kelly at 562-9462.

ST. FRANCIS CALENDAR OF EVENTS!!

July 2-3 Birthday Blessings at all masses

July 8 (Friday evening) **Night Under the Stars.**

Outdoor Mass at 7 pm. Blessing of our new Prayer Garden, followed by an outdoor movie with toasted marshmallows, s'mores, & popcorn... Weather permitting.

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

ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL

We are in need of Eucharistic Ministers to serve at St. Luke's Hospital during the week. If you have a few hours to spare and are interested in helping out please call Suzanna at 561-5162.



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CARDINALS STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

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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.



On Tuesday, July 12th 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

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.

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Also, the shelter runs a thrift shop located at 436 Route 94 in New Windsor. They offer many unique items for sale. Stop by and check it out.

Did you know? The ancient Chinese carried Pekingese puppies in the sleeves of their robes.

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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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