



Human challenges in life prompt us to turn to each other for encouragement and prayerful support, which puts us on the bridge to the ultimate help of God. A courageous female friend writes to me : " I am sorry not to have reached out since our last exchange. I just found out I have breast cancer. Please keep me in your prayers. " A retired sports athlete buddy implored : " Hey pal, can I ask you a favor ? Please offer prayers today for me. My work has come to a crossroad of sink or swim. It has been rough, but with God it will work out. God bless, and thanks. " A family is wiped out in a horrific tragedy. The children are no more. I say prayers over their caskets wondering how did it all come to this. Why did God allow this to happen, which was a frequent question often uttered by Job in the Old Testament.

A son has his parents living in Italy. His wife reflected that they " shared a lifetime of memories despite the ocean that separated them. " Sixty-five years of marriage part way recently as they died within two months of each other. Grief compounded for loved ones not once, but twice. Parents in broken marriages still trying to paint a positive face for their children receiving church sacraments, with a meal to reflect their spiritual love and support. Friends we once thought would be lifetime pals, suddenly shifting gears and treating us like we don't exist. Once dynamic interactions being reduced to social media exchanges, that have as much meaning as a flea falling in love with another flea. Teenagers fearful that bad family associations could leave them in peril, as they maintain a stiff upper lip of optimism and hope in a frequently bitter and frustrating world.

Saint Augustine wrote nearly 1600 years ago : " The house of my soul is too narrow for thee to come into me ; let it be enlarged by thee. It is in ruins, do thou restore it... Our pilgrimage on earth cannot be exempt from trial. We progress by means of trial. No one knows himself except through trial, or receives a crown except after victory, or strives except against an enemy or temptations. " Even great saints like Augustine went through the many human battles we continue to experience in modern day America. These saints are not plaster pieces of material that we cannot relate to, but flesh and bones that understand well the pains we navigate our way through.

Saint Therese of Lisieux, the Little Flower, died in 1897 at the tender age of twenty-four. Living in anti-clerical times in France, a century after the French Revolution, she weathered the adversity through a simple yet time-tested faith. She prayed for a convicted murderer, Pranzini, as he faced the guillotine. Moments before his execution he grabbed the cross a priest was holding in front of him, and kissed it. He embraced heaven just in time, largely due to the prayers of a young girl who would later become a saint of tremendous influence.

Each of us has the religious potential to positively impact the lives of others, much as the saints of the past did. By no means is this easy, especially when it involves others we have perceived to have wronged us. God's grace can assist us to capably guide loved ones, as well as face our own inner demons. At the recent " Cancer Relay " in Newburgh, on June 4, I offered a midnight Mass. I referred to the cancers we all have be it physical, emotional, mental, psychological, and/or moral. We turn to God and each other, asking for divine grace and sound human insight. An open heart plus patience will guide us to the heavenly light. Thinking positively, even with those who have seriously wronged us, can allow for each moment to provide a teaching principle of interior growth with proper introspection. May God grace us for such. **Father Bill**

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. July 18

7:00am All Police Officers
Noon Pilar Arestin
By The George Family

Tues. July 19

7:00am Our Military
Noon Marie Herbison
(10th Anniv)
By Family

Wed. July 20

7:00am Donald Barney
By Wife and Family
Noon Barbara A. McDaniel
By Children

Thur. July 21

7:00am Thomas Dickson Jr.
(10th Anniv)
By Family
Noon Frances Schaffner
By Family

Fri. July 22

7:00am Politicians
Noon Sam & Pat Thatcher
By Friends

Sat. July 23

Noon St Francis Parish
4:30pm Jennie Deyo
By Jesse & Margaret Deyo & Fam
Joseph Vitale
(6th Anniv)

By Wife & Family

Sun, July 24

8:00am Jonh Geelan
By Family
11:00am David Herbison
By Family
Katherine Fahn-Grohoski
By Loving Family

Weekly Collection

July 9-10, 2016

1st Collection \$6,167.00

.....2nd Collection \$2,156.21

TOTAL \$8,323.21

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 MINISTRIES

MASS ATTENDANCE

July 9-10, 2016

4:30pm...220

8:00am...unavailable

11:00am...197

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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 **MILITARY**.

CONGRATULATIONS Father Bill Damroth

on his appointment as Pastor here at
St. Francis of Assisi Church.

Plans are being made for his Installation Mass followed by a Reception in O'Connor Hall to take place Sunday, September 11th.
Details to follow.

ANNOUNCED MASSES

A beautiful way to remember someone on an anniversary, if they are ill, or if they have died. We do encourage you to consider having a Mass offered for their intention. Many times we forget that a Mass can also be offered for the living on the occasion of a special moment in their life or when they are sick. These Masses are called "Spiritual Bouquets". Announced parish Masses are available thru the rectory.

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

Coffee and Bagel Hour
today after the 8:00am Mass
in O'Connor Hall



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.



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

FOOD FOR THE POOR

In your goodness please bring **JELLY** to Church next weekend to be distributed to the less fortunate thru our Food Pantry.

THE HOLY FACE
THE GOLDEN ARROW

We have been blessed with a picture of *The Holy Face* which has been placed near the altar on the pillar to the left of the pulpit. Sister Mary of St. Peter, through her devotion to the Holy Face received from Jesus a most important prayer called **The Golden Arrow**. This prayer is an "Act of Praise" which Jesus has asked in reparation for the blasphemies against His Holy Name.

THE GOLDEN ARROW

May the most holy, most sacred, most adorable, most incomprehensible and ineffable Name of God be forever praised, blessed, loved, adored and glorified in Heaven, on earth, and under the earth, by all the creatures of God and by the Sacred Heart of Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the Most Holy Sacrament of the altar. Amen



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 Bricker, 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, Christine Mariani

***MARY, A Biblical Walk
with the Blessed Mother***
**An eight part Bible Study Course
Featuring Dr. Edward Sri**

Every Tuesday evening from August 2nd thru September 20th at 7:00pm in O'Connor Hall, Deacon Frank Iovine will conduct a bible study course on Mary. In the film **Mary** you willVisit the grotto of Mary's home, the cave where Christ was born, and other rarely seen places in the Holy Land.See the significance of Mary as you explore the Biblical roots of our beliefs about her.Deepen your devotion to Mary as you discover our Blessed Mother in a uniquely personal way.

Registration cost is \$25.00 for workbook. To register call the rectory 561-1317.



Our times Call For Prayer

**Our Lady invites us to pray the Rosary together
The Rosary is our weapon**

Please join us as combined parishes praying the Rosary, led by the Knights of Columbus, Council 444, on the 5th Sunday of the month, July 31, 2016, after the 12:30pm Mass at Our Lady of the Lake Chapel, Rt. 52 in Newburgh.

Msgr. Henry O'Carroll Memorial Car Show

Sponsored jointly by the Knights of Columbus, Council 444 and the Saturday Nite Cruisers of Orange County will be held on Sunday, August 14th from 10:00am to 3:00pm (Rain date August 21st) at the Walmart Shopping Center on Route 300 in Newburgh. Pre-registration is \$15.00 and Vendor Spots are \$25.00. For more information please contact Ken Ryan at 845-565-8015, Charles Smith at 845-561-8647 or Dan Keenan at 845-562-9353.

OUR LADY'S BLUE ARMY

On Saturday, August 6th Our Lady's Blue Army Shrine located at 674 Mountain View Road in Washington New Jersey invites all to honor Our Lady's Plea of December 10, 1925 requesting Five Consecutive First Saturdays of Reparation. Their program "*You at Least Try to Console Me*" which begins at 10:30am includes confessions, Rosary with meditation, Mass, Benediction, a talk on the Last Vision of Fatima and ends with the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00pm. For more information visit www.bluearmy.com or call 908-689-1700 ext 210



The New Windsor American Legion Post 1796 is hosting its annual Golf Tournament "The Cathy Burke Memorial Golf Tournament" on Monday, August 15th at the Otterkill Golf & Country Club in Campbell Hall, NY. All proceeds will be utilized for a scholarship to a cadet enrolled in the Air Force Junior "ROTC" program at Newburgh Free Academy.

Registration and breakfast from 8:00-9:00am, shotgun start at 9:00am sharp. \$150 per golfer includes cart, lunch and beverages, clams and steak dinner with open bar.

For more information contact Commander Jack Powell at 845-561-9847 or Nickl Volkringer at 845-564-6259.

PILGRIMAGES

Plans have been finalized for two pilgrimages hosted by Fr. Bill in 2017.

1) Spain Pilgrimage for 11 days, April 24th thru May 4, visiting Lisbon, Fatima, Salamanca. Avila, Madrid, Lourdes Montserrat and Barcelona.

2) Alpine Christmas Adventure for 11 days, December 4th thru 14th visiting Frankfurt, Freiburg, Lucerne, Innsbruck, Salzburg, Oberammergau, Neuschwanstein, Munich, Rothenberg and Heidelberg.

Brochures are located in the back of the church. To register or for additional information please call the rectory 561-1317.

lewd pictures and dirty language never enter -

7) *Blessed is the home where the priest is called in time for the dying* – for their illness will be alleviated and death will be blessed.

8) *Blessed is the home where parents are consoled by the love of obedient children* – for it will be the dwelling place of just men, the sanctuary of virtues and the tabernacle of salvation.

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Every week there is evidence of our generous and kind parishioners "feeding" this little (good) cause in ways of cash donations and donations of pet supplies. Our "Little Furry Friends Ministry" would like to thank everyone for their help and we hope for their continued support throughout the year. Containers for donations will continue to be located at the back of the church

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