



PADRE'S CORNER

September 4, 2016

Mark Twain, famed author of imaginary adventures for Huckleberry Finn and Tom Sawyer, was born in 1835 in Missouri and died in 1910 in Connecticut. At the early outset of his career, he was a newspaper reporter for the "Virginia City Territorial Enterprise" and a riverboat pilot on the Mississippi River. Thirsting for travel for experience and spiritual growth, Twain offered these thoughts about the personal and communal value of visiting elsewhere. "Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bow lines, sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore, Dream, Discover... Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry, and narrow-mindedness". Saint Augustine wrote fourteen centuries before Twain: "The world is a book and those who do not travel read only one page."

My desire to travel has been part of life acutely since graduating from high school, as I saw a large world of ideas and cultures out there to examine and explore. My first excursions were a car ride to Canada, and the beginning of many flights to see family in California. Priesthood has afforded many more pilgrimage experiences to countries as diverse as Russia, Israel, Spain, Portugal, France, Ireland, Italy, Germany, Poland, Holland, Jordan, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, Austria, Guatemala, El Salvador, Mexico and Medjugorje. The parish at the end of October has a trip to Italy with over 100 participants, and two next year both in late April (Spain, Portugal, France) and early December (Switzerland, Austria, Germany). Posters in the back of the church promoting these spiritual experiences are meant to excite the imagination, and connect those going more deeply with sacred spots of the Catholic Church internationally

In late July of this year I flew to South Dakota, with the same concept cited above of expanding my mind and experiencing faith in a deeper way. Going through Badlands and Custer National Park vividly depicted the grandeur of what God has created for us, along paths of inspiration. At Custer, free buffalo actually came right up to cars on the roadside filming this incredible scene of nature meeting people. Mount Rushmore explored the themes of country, creation, unity, strength of human spirit, independence, expansion, and tenacious perseverance through the late 1920's mountain carvings of four great president pioneers in the first 150 years of American history in the United States. In unreal depth were the images of George Washington (first president), Thomas Jefferson (declarations of unity), Abraham Lincoln (uniting a divided nation) and Theodore Roosevelt. (inspired the creation of the National Park Service). In De Smet, the town cemetery holds the mortal remains of Charles and Caroline Ingalls who inspired the "Little House on the Prairie" stories written by their famed daughter Laura. Also buried there are their daughters Mary, who was blind from her teenager years onward, and Carrie. A live pageant bridged the harsher aspects of life, escaping the bad weather elements and trying to find food to survive, with the essential spiritual component of faith in God.

Pilgrims back then in the 1800's had this deep sense of the earthly and the divine, believing they were both connected and integrated. When a culture or nation forgets that bridge of reason and faith, a whole different type of attitude emerges which is selfish. Attending Mass at Saint Joseph's Cathedral in Sioux Falls and Saint Thomas Aquinas in De Smet did establish that connection, with homilies and intercessions imploring God to bring rain to the thirsty farmlands that employ so many of its citizens there (as well as Minnesota, Wyoming, and Montana which was also on my itinerary during that time away).

To be reminded of this history, built upon by the present, is why travel is so critical for our psychological development. Stiff approaches to existence make one rigid, critical, and anxious about all matters of life. Travel opens us up to other viewpoints, perspectives, and readings worldwide without forfeiting our sense of self-possession through faith in God and His Church on planet earth. To be fearful or critical of travel with new experiences is to become stilted and dull. The travel posters in the back of the church are meant to inspire hope, dreaming, adventure, and the richness of our faith as it spans the grand expanse of countries and passing of time through the centuries. I am not operating a travel agency, but a parish church as pastor open to the beauty of life and humanity deepened through travel as introduced to us by Almighty God. Join us in these travel adventures if you can. **Father Bill**

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. Sept. 5

7:00am Tom Rozmacinski (L)
By Lasek Family
Noon All Laborers

Tues. Sept. 6

7:00am Thomas Randall
By Mary Randall
Noon Andrew Lasek
By Family

Wed. Sept. 7

7:00am Jonathan Como
By Mr. & Mrs. Kaplowitz
Noon Ann & Anthony Farkas
By Mary Ann & Tony Farkas

Thur. Sept 8

7:00am Veronica & John Soltis
By Ron & Fran Soltis
Noon Deceased Members of the
Heumann Family
By Schaffner Family

Fri. Sept. 9

7:00am Happy 60th Anniversary
Mom & Dad
By Colleen & Michael Corizzo
Patricia Randall
By Mary Randall
Noon Jonathan Como
By The George Family

Sat. Sept 10

Noon Stephen Csubak
By Wife Regina
4:30pm John & Nancy Squillini
Louis J. Talerico
By Betty (Gemma) & Larry Lanning

Sun. Sept 11

800am Joseph Morstatt
Rita Lucas
By Family
11:00am *Blessings for Fr. Bill
*In Memory of All Who
Lost Their Life on 9/11
*All Men & Women in
Uniform

Weekly Collection

August 27-28, 2016
1st Collection \$5,656.00
2nd Collection \$1,503.00
TOTAL \$7,159.00

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
PARISH MINISTRIES

MASS ATTENDANCE

August 27-28, 2016
4:30pm 138
8:00am 174
11:00am 207
Total 519



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 VICTIMS OF 9/11 AND THEIR FAMILIES**

The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy is recited on Sundays at 10:40am before the 11:00 am Mass.

FR BILL'S INSTALLATION MASS AS PASTOR

AND

ANNUAL BLUE MASS TO COMMEMORATE THE 15TH ANNIVERSARY OF 9/11

Sunday, September 11th
11:00am Mass

Reception to follow Mass in our school gym.
All are invited to attend.

We have had several inquiries from parishioners who wanted to know what they could do to assist with the reception. Anyone wishing to help can bring finger type desserts like **cookies** or **brownies** and leave them in the gym prior to Mass. Also we are looking for a cleanup crew to help after the reception. If you can help call the rectory at 561-1317.

SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA

Cannonized September 4, 2016

Merciful Father,

You gave Saint Teresa of Calcutta the gifts of faith and charity at any cost, leading her to consecrate her life to serving the poorest of the poor. She allowed the thirsting love of Jesus on the Cross to pierce her heart, making a well from which the living water of His love overflows to quench the thirst of the poor. Give us that same grace to imitate her example of total trust in You, fidelity to Your Church, and offering the gift of self for those in need.

We ask this through Christ
Amen

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CARDINAL

Upon consultation with Fr Bill Damroth, pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Church in Newburgh, I happily appoint Larry Kawula to serve as Deacon at St. Francis of Assisi Church effective August 21, 2016.

WELCOME DEACON KAWULA

WELCOME TO

Sr. Laur, Sr. Virginia, Sr. Gloria and Sr. Pat of the Presentation Sisters of the Blessed Virgin Mary who have moved into our convent.



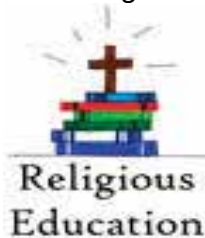
FLOWER MEMORIAL

The flowers in the sanctuary this weekend are "In Loving Memory of William & Eugenia Evans on their 60th Wedding Anniversary" By Colleen & Michael Corizzo



CONGRATULATIONS TO.....

Mr. P. Lander, the August winner of \$238.00 in our monthly 50/50 Raffle Club. Be sure your envelope is in for our Next drawing on September.



Religious Education Program News

REGISTER NOW - The 2016-2017 school year opens this week. If you haven't yet registered your child/children please do so now as classes start on Mon. Sept. 19th, Tues Sept 20th and Wed Sept 21st.

Information packets are being mailed to parents of all registered children this week.

*For registration forms or for more information please call Lynda Piper, our Religious Education Coordinator, at the Religious Education Office at 561-2589.

*September 18th is Catechetical Sunday – All teachers and aids will receive a blessing at the 11:00am Mass.



The Knights of Columbus, Council 444 invite you to their Annual Columbus Day Ball, honoring "Knight of the Year" Greg Gaetano, on Sunday, October 9th from 6:00 to 10:00pm at Mountainville Manor, 199 Taylor Road, Mountainville, NY. \$45 per person includes dinner, dancing and door prizes. There will be a cash bar. Please RSVP by October 2nd to Vincent Calosso at 917-825-3299 or Bill Kuntz at 201-697-9920.



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

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

FROM THE FOOD PANTRY STAFF.....

* Thank you to all our parishioners who so generously gave school supplies to the children of the Food Pantry.

* The Elks of Newburgh is sponsoring a raffle and breakfast for the St Francis Deacon Jack Seymour Food Pantry. There will be 300 raffle tickets sold at \$50.00 each.

* Each ticket entitles the holder to 2 breakfasts on Sunday, October 30th between the hours of 8:00am and 12noon at the Newburgh Elks Lodge at 356 Washington Street.

* There will be 5 - \$1,000 winners, 1 - \$500 winner and 2 -\$250 winners

* All proceeds from the breakfast and raffle will go to the St. Francis Deacon Jack Seymour Food Pantry.

* Breakfast entry without a raffle tickets will cost \$10.00 per person.

* Raffle tickets are available for purchase at the rectory.

* Raffle tickets can also be purchased after Masses beginning September 10th.



The Catholic Daughters, Court Patricia #195 will be meeting on Wednesday, September 14th at 7:00pm in the Msgr. Valastro Activity Center at Sacred Heart Church in Newburgh. We will be collecting much needed toiletries and personal care items for our Armed Forces, both men and women, who are stationed overseas. New members are always welcome. For further info please call Maureen Kelly at 562-9462.

**** ABSENTEE BALLOTS ****

Absentee ballot applications for those going on the trip to Italy, or for anyone needing one for November's election, are available in the back of the church.



On December 3rd Food Pantry volunteers Kitty Bernard and Margaret Miller will host a tag sale to benefit St. Francis Church. If you have items you no longer want and would like to donate them for the Tag Sale please call the rectory at 561-1317 to make arrangements to drop them off.



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, 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, Carmen DeCrosta, Parker, Jane Holloway, Dore Williams, Hank Kensing, Virginia Ranaudo, Sheryl McGrath, Robert Landi, Michelle Ryan, Rosalind Morrison, Donna Delconte



It's that time again!!!

Our St. Francis Annual Parish Picnic will be held on **Sunday, September 18th** starting at **1:00pm** at the Cronomer Valley Fire Department on 296 North Plank Road (Route 32) in Newburgh.

Back by popular demand, **The Phase 5 Oldies Dance Band.....** so bring your dancing shoes.

Tickets at the door - \$10 Adult, \$5 children over 12 and \$25 Family. Children under 12 are free. 50/50 drawing and door prizes.

If you would like to **volunteer** with **set up, cooking, serving** or **clean up** please contact Jim at 562-5927.

ST. FRANCIS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sept 6th – Bible Study 7:00pm O'Connor Hall
- Sept 7th – Eucharistic Adoration 5pm to 6pm in Church
- Sept 11th – Fr Bill's Installation as Pastor & Blue Mass
- Sept 18th – Catechetical Sunday 11am Mass
- Sept 18th – Parish Picnic 1:00pm
- Oct 9th – Ice Cream Social
- Oct 26th – Mass for Our Country 6:00pm
- Oct 30th – Food Pantry Breakfast Fundraiser
- Nov 19th – Holiday Open House 6:00pm
- Dec 3rd – Tag Sale in O'Connor Hall



BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

A bereavement support group will begin on September 14th at a private home. One group will meet on Wednesday afternoons from 2:00pm to 4:00pm and another group will meet Wednesday evenings from 4:30pm to 6:30pm for a total of eight sessions. If you or someone you know might be interested in joining the "Journey", please call Beverly Austin at 845-245-4143 for more details

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.

BECOME A MEMBER OF OUR PARISH TODAY

__YES! I want to register as a member of St. Francis of Assisi Parish and receive offertory envelopes.

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