



## PADRE'S CORNER

September 18, 2016

Neversink Valley Museum of History and Innovation is located in the Sullivan County rural town of Cuddebackville, one hour from Newburgh. The area was not just the historical locale of the D & H Canal and the Caudebec Inn, but a favorite spot for the early silent film endeavors of D.W. Griffith, the "father of the motion picture industry." Fort Lee, New Jersey was the earlier film spot of importance, before giving way to Cuddebackville (for its mountainous views) and eventually the warm weather of Hollywood in California (which also was far enough away from the legal lawsuits that plagued the film industry on the East Coast pioneer days). Griffith filmed eighteen silent movies in this rustic Sullivan setting from 1909-1911. Famed actors Mary Pickford, Lottie Smith, and Mack Sennett joined him for these jaunts and ventures. Sponsored by the corporate name of the Biograph Players, these early cinema pioneers were supported and transported by the influential Predmore family. Griffith would say: "No better light for making motion pictures than Cuddebackville at twilight".

On a recent Saturday night, fending off the attacks of the killer mosquitos, I watched five of these silent films accompanied by some friends and a live musical organist (since the films had no musical score built into the original film itself). One of them was from 1910, called "The Modern Prodigal." We will see all five on a future parish movie night. Film production notes of "The Modern Prodigal": in the opening of this subject we find the callow youth as he points towards the city's spires, exclaiming to his dear old mother, "Mother, there in the big city is my sphere. There will I turn the world over." Off he goes cityward, ambitious and presumptuous, and perhaps we may add reckless. Alas, the city's whirl is quite a change from the simple quiet life in the country and the youth falls a victim to the snares that beset the unsophisticated.

After a bitter experience he returns, and in symbolism we show him in the raiment of sin, a convict's suit. Approaching his old home, he sees there in front of the door the old chair in which sat his mother on the day of his depart. What a difference! On that day there shone the sunshine of hope; today, the clouds of despair. As he regards himself in his prison garb, he utters that penitential cry of the ancient prodigal. "I am no more worthy to be called thy son". Turning away, he staggers exhausted to the pigsty, where he eats ravenously the husks upon which the swine feed. At this point we show the other side, the watchful father and his son. The father is the sheriff and has just received the notice of a convict's escape and a reward offered for his capture, the poor convict, meanwhile, being hounded from place to place by the pursuing guards. The sheriff's young son yields to temptation and is guilty of stealing apples and then lies about it. For this the father chastises him, so in the spirit of rebellion, he goes swimming with his playmates. Here he is guilty of disobedience and is made to suffer. Going beyond his depth, he is carried by the swift running current into the Rapids. The boy's drowning seems inevitable, but the cries of his companions are heard by the fugitive, who is hiding in the bushes by the side of the stream, and at the risk of his life and liberty he plunges into the seething torrent and drags the child to safety just as the father having been informed of the child's peril. Here is an awkward situation. He is torn by conflicting inclinations. As father of the rescued boy, he owes the fugitive an immeasurable debt of gratitude, but as sheriff it is his duty to arrest the convict. Here is where duty is unreasonable. However, there is no compromise where duty is concerned, and he is forced to perform it, odious though it be. At his home he leaves the prisoner in charge of his wife while he gets his carriage. The mother allowing maternal love to guide her feelings, feigns sleep that the prisoner may escape with a suit of civilian clothes, and return to his own despairing mother.

As the poor unfortunate approaches his home, his mother, stretching forth her hands, exclaims, "My son was dead and is alive again; he was lost, and is found." This modern parable of the famous Biblical story speaks volumes to each of us today. All of us, including me, are guilty of thoughts and words plus actions that would leave each of us shamefaced should it be made public. We are all guilty. Yet, Jesus loves us so much that He is willing to forgive by grace our sins and offenses in exchange for our repentance and remorse. We can never give up on ourselves or others who disappoint us. God wants to save us because He made us with an internal soul that cannot perish. Be hopeful. **Father Bill**

# MASS INTENTIONS

**Mon. Sept. 19**

7:00am Andrew Heitman  
By Loving Friends  
**Noon Orlando & Maria  
Cosentino**  
By Daughter Clotilda

**Tues. Sept. 20**

7:00am Jeff Fanning  
By Brother  
**Noon Kamryn Elizabeth Bartone**  
By John & Kelly Zago

**Wed. Sept. 21**

7:00am Vocations  
**Noon Bill Cathcart**  
By Wife Barbara

**Thur. Sept 22**

7:00am St Francis Parish  
**Noon Craig McFarland**  
By Wife

**Fri. Sept. 23**

7:00am Patrick Spina Sr.  
By Michael & Colleen Corizzo  
**Noon Suzanne Sweeney**  
By Food Pantry Friends  
**Ian Fanning (L)**  
**“Happy Birthday”**  
By Mom & Dad

**Sat. Sept 24**

**Noon Thomas Conroy**  
By The George Family  
**4:30pm Walter & Toni Lastowski**  
By Lastowski Family  
**Margaret Crudele**  
By Family

**Sun. Sept 25**

**8:00am Josephine Pushman**  
By Bill & Marion Pushman  
**Stella Irwin**  
By :Family  
**11:00am Doris Jean & Robert  
Mains**  
By Family  
**Joseph Vitale**  
By Wife & Family



**WEEKLY COLLECTON**

September 10-11, 2016  
1<sup>st</sup> Collection \$6,988.21  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection \$2,164.00  
**TOTAL \$9,152.21**

*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 our  
**MAINTENANCE FUND**

**MASS ATTENDANCE**  
September 10-11, 2016  
4:30pm 178  
8:00am 138  
11:00am 500  
Total 816



**FLOWER MEMORIAL**

The flowers in the sanctuary this weekend are  
**“In Loving Memory of Grandma Ginny Cook”**  
By Altar Server John & Family



**Eucharistic  
Adoration**

Our **Holy Hour** with Exposition of the Blessed  
Sacrament on Wednesday from 5:00pm to 6:00pm will  
be for the special intention of **VOCATIONS.**

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



**Religious  
Education**

**Program News**

\*The 2016-2017 school begins with classes starting this  
week on Mon. **Sept.19<sup>th</sup>**, Tues **Sept 20<sup>th</sup>** and Wed **Sept  
21<sup>st</sup>**.

\*If you haven't yet registered your child/children please  
call Lynda Piper, our Religious Education Coordinator,  
at the Religious Education Office at 561-2589.

**TODAY IS CATECHETICAL SUNDAY**

All teachers and aids will receive a blessing at the  
11:00am Mass.



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

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

**FROM THE FOOD PANTRY STAFF.....**

- \* 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 30<sup>th</sup>** between the hours of 8:00am and 12noon at the **Newburgh Elks Lodge located 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 can also be purchased after Masses..
- \* **Raffle tickets are also available for purchase at the rectory.**



**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, Landi Family, Michelle Ryan, Rosalind Morrison, Donna Delconte, Joan Ponesse, Jim Taylor, Marilyn Lennox



Sister Helen Marie Raynor, PBVM (60 years) and Sister Yliana Hernandez, PBVM (50 years) invite you to the Celebration of their Jubilees on Saturday, October 15, 2016. Mass will be celebrated at 1:30pm at St. Francis Church followed by light refreshments in O'Connor Hall. Please RSVP by September 25<sup>th</sup> by calling 845-567-0708 (number of adults/children).

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE**

.....is a focused pro-life campaign with a vision to access God's power through prayer, fasting and peaceful vigil to end abortion. There kickoff campaign starts Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm at Newburgh Planned Parenthood, located at 136 Lake Street in Newburgh.

**\*\* 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.

*"Let us touch the dying, the poor, the lonely and the unwanted."*

Mother Teresa

**ITALY TRIP MEETING**

Fr Bill has scheduled an informational meeting for the Italy Pilgrimage on Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm in O'Connor Hall.



The Knights of Columbus, Council 444 invite you to their Annual Columbus Day Ball, honoring "Knight of the Year" Greg Gaetano, on Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> to Vincent Calosso at 917-825-3299 or Bill Kuntz at 201-697-9920.



The Catholic Daughters, Court Patricia #195 is holding a "Tisket-a-Tasket", basket party on Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup> in Gallo Hall at Sacred Heart School. Doors open at 6:00pm and calling starts at 7:30pm. Hot dogs, hamburgers and nachos will be available for purchase. Free desserts and coffee will be served. There will be door prizes and children's prizes. For any questions please call Maureen Kelly at 562-9462.

## ST. FRANCIS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Sept 18<sup>th</sup>** – Catechetical Sunday 11am Mass  
**Sept 18<sup>th</sup>** – Parish Picnic 1:00pm  
**Sept 20<sup>th</sup>** – Bible Study 7:00pm O'Connor Hall  
**Sept 21<sup>st</sup>** – Eucharistic Adoration 5pm to 6pm in Church  
**Sept 25<sup>th</sup>** – Coffee & Bagel Hour after 8:00am Mass  
**Oct 9<sup>th</sup>** – Cream Social 12:30pm  
**Oct 16<sup>th</sup>** – Italy Trip Meeting 1:30pm in O'Connor Hall  
**Oct 26<sup>th</sup>** – Mass for Our Country 6:00pm  
**Oct 30<sup>th</sup>** – Food Pantry Breakfast Fundraiser  
**Nov 19<sup>th</sup>** – Holiday Open House 6:00pm in Rectory  
**Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Tag Sale in O'Connor Hall

### ORANGE COUNTY LIFE CHAIN

Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> is *Respect Life Sunday* throughout the United States. Join the "Life Chain" in its 29<sup>th</sup> year. St. Francis Parish has been represented by prayerful pro-life parishioners every year since its beginning in 1987. Join in 90 minutes of silent prayer for the unborn, for mothers in crisis situations, mothers who have lost their children to abortion and for our nation. You'll be a light in a darkened world as you help to put an end to abortion through prayer.

Join the Life Chain on Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> from 2:00pm to 3:30pm on the south side of Route 211 in Middletown. For more information contact Charlie Alexander at 845-565-7599.

### OUR LADY OF MERCY CHURCH ROSETON, NY

is celebrating its 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with dinner and dancing for the afternoon of October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1:30pm to 5:30pm at Novella's, 2 Terwilliger Lane in New Paltz. \$45.00 for adults and \$22.00 for children. For more information please contact Jean Marie LoPresti-Dayton at 236-4959 or Elaine Zamenicki at 236-9467.

### PILGRIMAGES

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

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

**2) Alpine Christmas Adventure** for 11 days, December 4<sup>th</sup> thru 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

PRAISE THE NAME OF GOD

*Christ Jesus*

PRAISE THE NAME OF GOD



### GOLF OUTING

Sacred Heart School in Newburgh is holding their 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Golf Tournament to be held on Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at the Powelton Club on Balmville Road. Registration begins at 9:30am with a putting contest at 10:15am. Tee off at 11:00am with a barbecue lunch on the turn ending with a buffet dinner with carving stations. \$150 per golfer. For more info please contact [golfSHS@gmail.com](mailto:golfSHS@gmail.com) or Marcia at 845-464-4042 or [Marcia.espinosa.oliva@gmail.com](mailto:Marcia.espinosa.oliva@gmail.com).

### CARDINALS STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

Thank you to our most recent donor Mrs. Joseph Vitale

**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.

### RECOVERY SUNDAY

Recovery Sunday is a national day of prayer for those suffering with addictions. Cardinal O'Connor first instituted Recovery Sunday in 1999 in the New York Archdiocese designating a weekend in September to pray for those with addictions and their families. Cardinal Dolan would like to reintroduce the tradition of Recovery Sunday in our Archdiocese by designating September 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> as the days we pray for the almost 20 million Americans who struggle with addictive illness.



On December 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**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.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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