



PADRE'S CORNER

January 15, 2017

Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade on November 24, 2016 was the 90th anniversary of a perennial New York tradition. I went to the parade in 1987 and 1988 as a crowd-control guide while in the seminary, through a CBS-TV connection to Saint Joseph's Seminary. The small group of us had to be there by three in the morning, and as seminarians with little money we were quite thankful for the \$100 we each received for those efforts. The iconic balloons were always a big draw for the crowd, starting with Felix the Cat in 1927. Charlie Brown of the "Peanuts" appeared before with a football that he could not kick, but the parade in 2016 had him with a kite. John Piper, Vice President of Macy's Studio, explained: "Another one of Charlie Brown's favorite hobbies is kite flying. It seems like his attempts don't always go as he would hope. He's literally all tangled up in kite string with this balloon, and I love the fact that he's still got that Charlie Brown never say quit grin." The tenacity of cultural figures like this cartoon favorite can also be found throughout American history. When the pilgrims of 1620 were leaving England for Plymouth Colony in Massachusetts, Governor William Bradford described the days of departure in these words of hope: "(they) lifted up their eyes to Heaven, their dearest country, where God hath prepared for them a city, and therein quieted their spirits...(That) night was spent with little sleep with the most, but with friendly entertainment and Christian discourse, and other real expressions of true Christian love. The next day they went on board... Their Reverend Pastor, falling down on his knees, and they all with him, with watery cheeks commended them with the most fervent prayers unto the Lord and His blessing; and then with mutual embraces and many tears they took their leaves one of another, which proved to be the last leave to many of them."

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Saint Francis of Assisi, here in Newburgh, is also in revival mode because of its history dating to 1909 (that reaches out to the suffering neighborhoods through the food pantry and now Spanish Masses, while being grateful to its Eastern European heritage beginnings that survived recent threats of closing or merger). Another example is people suffering from debilitating or even terminal illnesses. These encounters in the past were spiritual opportunities to grow in faith and courageous endurance. However, physician-assisted measures in the United States (already legalized in California, Washington State and D.C., Vermont, Oregon, Montana, and Colorado) are providing a pagan departure from life for those in difficult health quagmires, instead of finding Godly ways to encourage them while controlling pain. Cardinal Timothy Dolan echoed on November 23 the position of Jesus and His Church with these poignant reminders: "Catholics must join medical professionals, disability-rights groups and other concerned citizens in fighting for the authentic care of those facing terminal illness. Seven jurisdictions in the United States have now opened the legal door to this dangerous abuse of medicine, an alarming trend that must be stopped for the sake of human dignity and the sacredness of life....The legalization of doctor-assisted suicide creates two classes of people: those whose suicides are to be prevented at any cost and those whose suicides are deemed a positive good... Our inherent human dignity does not wane with the onset of illness or incapacity, and so all are worthy of protection...A compassionate society devotes more attention, not less, to members facing the most vulnerable times in their lives. "Seeking God's plan in the midst of our pains, illnesses, loneliness, and life fatigue must be our strategy ahead not human and cultural forces that disregard His commands. In 1789, President George Washington asked that we turn in the midst of difficulties to "that great and glorious Being who is the beneficent author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be; that we may then all unite in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks for His kind care and protection of the people of this country previous to their becoming a nation... And, in general, for all the great and various favors which He has been pleased to confer upon us." God wants us to struggle through our dilemmas for His greater plan for us like we see in the provided examples of the early pilgrims, John Street Methodist Church, our Saint Francis of Assisi Church, Cardinal Dolan, George Washington, and yes even Charlie Brown. We turn to Him for strength. **Father Bill**

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. Jan. 16

7:00am Our Youth
Noon Anna Hoffmann
By Family
Ann L. Borka
By Family

Tues. Jan. 17

7:00am Souls in Purgatory
Noon Anna Schaffner
By Family

Wed. Jan. 18

7:00am Our Country
Noon Speranza Anna Alonge
By Carmella & David Rupp

Thur. Jan. 19

7:00am World Peace
Noon Joyce Dunning
By A Friend

Fri. Jan. 20

7:00am Bella Menzies
By Daughter Doris Therrien
Noon Olga Deagostino Meehan
By Daughters

Sat. Jan. 21

Noon Pope Francis
4:30pm Eleanor Murphy
Thomas DiDonato
By Maria & Bill O'Boy

Sun. Jan. 22

8:00am Jane & Charles Baranski
By Their Children
11:00am Victoria Dombroski
35th Anniversary
By Nick & Helene Stagliano



WEEKLY COLLECTON

January 7-8, 2017
Collection \$5,862.00
2nd Collection \$1,928.00
TOTAL \$7,790.00

*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
SNOW PLOWING

MASS ATTENDANCE

January 7-8, 2017
4:30pm 193
8:00am 135
11:00am 301
Total 629

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

THE RECTORY OFFICE
WILL BE CLOSED
MONDAY, JANUARY 16th
in observance of the
Martin Luther King holiday



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 COUNTRY**.

MARCH FOR LIFE WASHINGTON, D.C. FRIDAY, JANUARY 27th, 2017

Pray with us on January 27th for human life to
be respected in our society, and come with us
for the March for Life.

The Newburgh bus to the Friday, January 27th
March for Life in Washington, D.C. will leave
after the **4:00am** Mass from **Our Lady of the
Lake Church**, Route 52, Orange Lake, and
after a breakfast stop will arrive in
Washington, D.C. in time for the Rally and
March for Life. The bus returns to Orange
Lake about 10:30pm. Bus riders pay \$50 per
seat (youth \$35). For questions or
reservations contact Howard & Beth Spear at
heaps9@verizaon.net or 845-564-5257, or St.
Patrick/St. Mary's Rectory at 845-561-0885.

"GOD ALWAYS HAS PATIENCE."
Pope Francis

Adult Catechisis

Any adult who has not received their sacraments and would like to do so, please see Sr. Laura or leave your name at the Rectory, 561-1317.

SPANISH MASS

Starting Sunday, **February 5th** our Mass in Spanish will be celebrated weekly at **1:30pm**

All are welcome

HEALING MASS

There will be a healing Mass at St. Mary's Church in Marlboro on Route 9W today, **Sunday, January 15th** at **4:00pm**. All are welcome. For more information please call Toni at 914-456-



7539.

PRAYER S FOR THE SICK

Vincenza Secor, Aaron Stagliano, Kelly Stafford, Robyn McGraw, John Sabo, Andrew Costanzo, Marie Wiejak, Rose, Stephen Sabo, Ashley Barco, Tom Scalzo, Nora Brickter, Gary Lake, 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, Linda Hummel, Joseph Michalowski, Joann Quicksell, Frances Dolan, Daniel D'Elicio, Fr. Fred Kempferi, Carmen De Crosta, Parker, Jane Holloway, Dore Williams, Sheryl McGrath, Michelle Ryan, Rosalind Morrison, Donna Delconte, Joan Ponesse, Jim Taylor, Marilyn Lennox, Bruno Marchatta, Anne McClellan, Louis Arbia, Dottie Rodriguez, Michael Rosenburg, Maureen Sullivan, Frank D'amario.

*"Life is a journey.
When we stop,
things don't go right."*

Pope Francis



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

In your goodness please bring **PERSONAL CARE ITEMS** such as toothpaste, soap, deodorant, etc. to Church next weekend to be distributed to the less fortunate thru our Food Pantry.

ST FRANCIS UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan.15th - Bagel Hour after 8:00am Mass

Jan 18th - Eucharistic Adoration 5:00 to 6:00pm

Jan 28th - Movie Night 6:00pm O'Connor Hall

Jan 29th - Vigil for National Healing 3:00pm
O'Connor Hall

Feb 1st - Senior Meeting 12:30pm O'Connor Hall

Feb.5th - Spanish Mass 1:30pm

Feb 5th - Super Bowl Party 4:00pm O'Connor Hall



MOVIE NIGHT

On **Saturday, January 28th** at **6:00pm** in O'Connor Hall we will be showing the movie *Cinderella Man*, starring Russell Crowe and Renee Zelleweger, A true story of an athlete who achieved his greatest success against the most daunting odds of his life. Pizza and light refreshments will be served. Please contact Jeannine McCauley at jeansey50@yahoo.com or 914-263-0572 if you plan to attend.



AN INVITATION TO

VIGIL....The Sisters of the Presentation invite you to take part in an afternoon vigil for national healing and unity. This gathering is **not** political or partisan. It is an attempt to bring together all people of good will, regardless of race, ethnicity, religion or political affiliation to be in solidarity around our common humanity and the goals we all have for our loved ones and communities. There will be time for prayer, song, conversation and light refreshments. For more information call 845-401-8531. This event will be held in O'Connor Hall on **Sunday, January 29th** at **3:00pm**.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS UPCOMING EVENTS



FREE THROW CONTEST

The Msgr. Henry O'Carroll Council 444 of the Knights of Columbus is hosting a Hoop Shoot Free Throw Contest for **boys and girls** ages **9 to 14** on **Saturday, January 28th** from **11am to 3pm** at Sacred Heart School Gym (entrance on Ann Street) in Newburgh. Must bring **proof of age** and a **parent or guardian** must accompany the participant. For questions or more info please contact Bill Kuntz at 1-201-697-9920.

SNOW DATE: Saturday, February 4th.



FIFTH SUNDAY ROSARY RALLY

The Knights of Columbus, Msgr. Henry O'Carroll Council 444 is sponsoring The Rosary service for the 5th Sunday in January which will be held at Sacred Heart Church following the 10:00am Mass on Sunday, January 29th. Bring your prayer requests. All parishes are invited to attend.



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COFFEE AND BAGEL HOUR

Join us today after the 8:00am Mass for coffee, bagels and fellowship in O'Connor Hall.



PAINT & SIP

A Sip and Paint benefitting Most Precious Blood School in Walden will be held on **Saturday, January 28th** at The Hudson Valley Conservatory, 35 East Main Street in Walden NY. The event will be from **7:00pm** until **9:00pm**. Cost is **\$40** for **Pre/registration** or \$45 at the door which will include food, drinks and painting. Spots are limited. This is a 21 years of age or older event sponsored by the Most Precious Blood Parent Guild. For more information please call the school at 845-778-3028 or e-mail star_langlitz@yahoo.com,



FLOWER MEMORIALS

Flower Memorials are available for anyone desiring to memorialize a loved one, honor someone or in Thanksgiving to God for favors asked. The cost is \$35.00 for each arrangement of flowers to be placed near the altar in the sanctuary. Please call the rectory at 845-561-1317 to reserve a specific date.



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Saturday Evening Mass----- 4:30 pm
Sunday Masses-----8:00 & 11:00 am
Daily Masses----- Monday thru Friday 7:00 am;
 ----- Monday thru Saturday at 12 noon;
Chaplet of Divine Mercy ----- Sunday at 10:40 am,
 ----- before the 11:00 am Mass
Miraculous Medal Novena ----- Tuesday after the 12 Noon Mass
Holy Hour----- Wednesday evenings from 5:00 to 6:00 pm
Confessions ----- Saturday from 3:30 - 4:15 pm
 ----- Sunday, before Mass at 7:45 & 10:45 am

† **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** Baptisms are celebrated on Sunday after the 11:00 am Mass. To schedule call the rectory at 561-1317.

† **SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:** Contact the rectory at least 8 months before the wedding date. Pre-Cana is required for all weddings throughout the Archdiocese, call 561-1317.

† **SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:** If you have someone ill at home or in the hospital or nursing home call 561-1317 and arrange for the Sacrament of the Sick to be administered or their names to be included in our parish prayer list.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Music Ministry: Adults and youths are always welcome to join our choir at all the Masses. Visit our organist in the choir loft after Mass.

RCIA: Call the Rectory at 561-1317 for information.

Men's Dart Ball League: Thursday evening at 7:30 pm in O'Connor Hall. - *Fall through Winter* -

St. Francis Food Pantry: Open Friday & Saturday 9:00 am to 12 noon at the Parish Hall at the corner of Avoca St. and Benkard Ave. Volunteers are always needed. Please call Linda and Paul Zalanowski at 561-6406.

Natural Family Planning: Call the Family Life Office at 212-371-1000.

Pre-Cana Program: To register call the Archdiocese at 212-371-1000 or visit their website www.nyfamilylife.org. Our Pre-Cana contacts are Mary and Frank Gerbes at 845-522-8356.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES (REP)

With the Archdiocesan "Making All Things New" directive for the upcoming 2016-2017 school year our Religious Education Program students will be again joining the Religious Ed students at Sacred Heart for instruction. Lynda Piper, Program Coordinator, can be reached at 845-561-2589 for registration and questions.

MAKING YOUR WILL

The Building of God's Church is an ongoing Mission. Please remember the Church and "in particular" your Parish in your will.



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Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade on November 24, 2016 was the 90th anniversary of a perennial New York tradition. I went to the parade in 1987 and 1988 as a crowd-control guide while in the seminary, through a CBS-TV connection to Saint Joseph's Seminary. The small group of us had to be there by three in the morning, and as seminarians with little money we were quite thankful for the \$100 we each received for those efforts. The iconic balloons were always a big draw for the crowd, starting with Felix the Cat in 1927. Charlie Brown of the "Peanuts" appeared before with a football that he could not kick, but the parade in 2016 had him with a kite. John Piper, Vice President of Macy's Studio, explained: "Another one of Charlie Brown's favorite hobbies is kite flying. It seems like his attempts don't always go as he would hope. He's literally all tangled up in kite string with this balloon, and I love the fact that he's still got that Charlie Brown never say quit grin." The tenacity of cultural figures like this cartoon favorite can also be found throughout American history. When the pilgrims of 1620 were leaving England for Plymouth Colony in Massachusetts, Governor William Bradford described the days of departure in these words of hope: "(they) lifted up their eyes to Heaven, their dearest country, where God hath prepared for them a city, and therein quieted their spirits...(That) night was spent with little sleep with the most, but with friendly entertainment and Christian discourse, and other real expressions of true Christian love. The next day they went on board... Their Reverend Pastor, falling down on his knees, and they all with him, with watery cheeks commended them with the most fervent prayers unto the Lord and His blessing; and then with mutual embraces and many tears they took their leaves one of another, which proved to be the last leave to many of them."

Faith in the midst of our human struggles gives solace and perspective to our painful encounters, out of which grows strength of the spirit whether it be guided by the analogy of the pilgrims or even the Charlie Brown image. Here are a few more concrete examples. John Street Methodist Church, in the Manhattan financial district, celebrated its 250th anniversary a few months ago. The church over the centuries survived parishioner fighting over direction in 1817 and 1856, a fire in 1839, the Revolutionary War in the 1770's, the **September 11** attacks in 2001, and the rampant secularism that has closed many churches of diverse congregations. Courageous souls rose above the infighting of the 1920's to develop lectures, a food pantry, concerts, and prayer worship services to guide many through the economic depressions of that era. As businesses closed with the 2001 attacks, the church grew as people respected its history and pioneering spirit to help others in the aftermath of this national tragedy

Saint Francis of Assisi, here in Newburgh, is also in revival mode because of its history dating to 1909 (that reaches out to the suffering neighborhoods through the food pantry and now Spanish Masses, while being grateful to its Eastern European heritage beginnings that survived recent threats of closing or merger). Another example is people suffering from debilitating or even terminal illnesses. These encounters in the past were spiritual opportunities to grow in faith and courageous endurance. However, physician-assisted measures in the United States (already legalized in California, Washington State and D.C., Vermont, Oregon, Montana, and Colorado) are providing a pagan departure from life for those in difficult health quagmires, instead of finding Godly ways to encourage them while controlling pain. Cardinal Timothy Dolan echoed on November 23 the position of Jesus and His Church with these poignant reminders: "Catholics must join medical professionals, disability-rights groups and other concerned citizens in fighting for the authentic care of those facing terminal illness. Seven jurisdictions in the United States have now opened the legal door to this dangerous abuse of medicine, an alarming trend that must be stopped for the sake of human dignity and the sacredness of life....The legalization of doctor-assisted suicide creates two classes of people: those whose suicides are to be prevented at any cost and those whose suicides are deemed a positive good... Our inherent human dignity does not wane with the onset of illness or incapacity, and so all are worthy of protection...A compassionate society devotes more attention, not less, to members facing the most vulnerable times in their lives. "Seeking God's plan in the midst of our pains, illnesses, loneliness, and life fatigue must be our strategy ahead not human and cultural forces that disregard His commands. In 1789, President George Washington asked that we turn in the midst of difficulties to "that great and glorious Being who is the beneficent author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be; that we may then all unite in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks for His kind care and protection of the people of this country previous to their becoming a nation... And, in general, for all the great and various favors which He has been pleased to confer upon us." God wants us to struggle through our dilemmas for His greater plan for us like we see in the provided examples of the early pilgrims, John Street Methodist Church, our Saint Francis of Assisi Church, Cardinal Dolan, George Washington, and yes even Charlie Brown. We turn to Him for strength. **Father Bill**

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. Jan. 16

7:00am Our Youth
Noon Anna Hoffmann
By Family
Ann L. Borka
By Family

Tues. Jan. 17

7:00am Souls in Purgatory
Noon Anna Schaffner
By Family

Wed. Jan. 18

7:00am Our Country
Noon Speranza Anna Alonge
By Carmella & David Rupp

Thur. Jan. 19

7:00am World Peace
Noon Joyce Dunning
By A Friend

Fri. Jan. 20

7:00am Bella Menzies
By Daughter Doris Therrien
Noon Olga Deagostino Meehan
By Daughters

Sat. Jan. 21

Noon Pope Francis
4:30pm Eleanor Murphy
Thomas DiDonato
By Maria & Bill O'Boy

Sun. Jan. 22

8:00am Jane & Charles Baranski
By Their Children
11:00am Victoria Dombroski
35th Anniversary
By Nick & Helene Stagliano



WEEKLY COLLECTON

January 7-8, 2017
Collection \$5,862.00
2nd Collection \$1,928.00
TOTAL \$7,790.00

*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
SNOW PLOWING

MASS ATTENDANCE

January 7-8, 2017
4:30pm 193
8:00am 135
11:00am 301
Total 629

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

THE RECTORY OFFICE
WILL BE CLOSED
MONDAY, JANUARY 16th
in observance of the
Martin Luther King holiday



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 COUNTRY**.

MARCH FOR LIFE WASHINGTON, D.C. FRIDAY, JANUARY 27th, 2017

Pray with us on January 27th for human life to
be respected in our society, and come with us
for the March for Life.

The Newburgh bus to the Friday, January 27th
March for Life in Washington, D.C. will leave
after the **4:00am** Mass from **Our Lady of the
Lake Church**, Route 52, Orange Lake, and
after a breakfast stop will arrive in
Washington, D.C. in time for the Rally and
March for Life. The bus returns to Orange
Lake about 10:30pm. Bus riders pay \$50 per
seat (youth \$35). For questions or
reservations contact Howard & Beth Spear at
heaps9@verizaon.net or 845-564-5257, or St.
Patrick/St. Mary's Rectory at 845-561-0885.

"GOD ALWAYS HAS PATIENCE."
Pope Francis

Adult Catechisis

Any adult who has not received their sacraments and would like to do so, please see Sr. Laura or leave your name at the Rectory, 561-1317.

SPANISH MASS

Starting Sunday, **February 5th** our Mass in Spanish will be celebrated weekly at **1:30pm**

All are welcome

HEALING MASS

There will be a healing Mass at St. Mary's Church in Marlboro on Route 9W today, **Sunday, January 15th** at **4:00pm**. All are welcome. For more information please call Toni at 914-456-



7539.

PRAYER S FOR THE SICK

Vincenza Secor, Aaron Stagliano, Kelly Stafford, Robyn McGraw, John Sabo, Andrew Costanzo, Marie Wiejak, Rose, Stephen Sabo, Ashley Barco, Tom Scalzo, Nora Brickter, Gary Lake, 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, Linda Hummel, Joseph Michalowski, Joann Quicksell, Frances Dolan, Daniel D'Elicio, Fr. Fred Kempferi, Carmen De Crosta, Parker, Jane Holloway, Dore Williams, Sheryl McGrath, Michelle Ryan, Rosalind Morrison, Donna Delconte, Joan Ponesse, Jim Taylor, Marilyn Lennox, Bruno Marchatta, Anne McClellan, Louis Arbia, Dottie Rodriguez, Michael Rosenburg, Maureen Sullivan, Frank D'amario.

*"Life is a journey.
When we stop,
things don't go right."*

Pope Francis



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

In your goodness please bring **PERSONAL CARE ITEMS** such as toothpaste, soap, deodorant, etc. to Church next weekend to be distributed to the less fortunate thru our Food Pantry.

ST FRANCIS UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan.15th - Bagel Hour after 8:00am Mass

Jan 18th - Eucharistic Adoration 5:00 to 6:00pm

Jan 28th - Movie Night 6:00pm O'Connor Hall

Jan 29th - Vigil for National Healing 3:00pm
O'Connor Hall

Feb 1st - Senior Meeting 12:30pm O'Connor Hall

Feb.5th - Spanish Mass 1:30pm

Feb 5th - Super Bowl Party 4:00pm O'Connor Hall



MOVIE NIGHT

On **Saturday, January 28th** at **6:00pm** in O'Connor Hall we will be showing the movie *Cinderella Man*, starring Russell Crowe and Renee Zelleweger, A true story of an athlete who achieved his greatest success against the most daunting odds of his life. Pizza and light refreshments will be served. Please contact Jeannine McCauley at jeansey50@yahoo.com or 914-263-0572 if you plan to attend.



AN INVITATION TO

VIGIL....The Sisters of the Presentation invite you to take part in an afternoon vigil for national healing and unity. This gathering is **not** political or partisan. It is an attempt to bring together all people of good will, regardless of race, ethnicity, religion or political affiliation to be in solidarity around our common humanity and the goals we all have for our loved ones and communities. There will be time for prayer, song, conversation and light refreshments. For more information call 845-401-8531. This event will be held in O'Connor Hall on **Sunday, January 29th** at **3:00pm**.