



Padre's Corner

April 9, 2017
Palm Sunday

"Silence" the Scorsese-directed movie described last weekend ended in an incredible way, as we all prepare for the victory of life over death with Easter Sunday next weekend. A number of the priests in the film renounced their faith in order to save the lives of innocent civilians. Either the priest apostasy his faith or the people will be killed. But, the apostasy was only from the head, not the heart, and based on the compassion for others that a priest is supposed to reflect to others. Where the heart is defines the true state of the soul, which offers hope to all of we sinners. We often act and think because of bodily lures and temptations, rather than the finer instinct wishes of the heart and soul. As Saint Paul states, "the body often does what the heart tells it not to do."

Back to the film. In the closing scene, a priest dies who was forced into marriage and family. Buddhist tradition then back in the 1600's of Japan was to burn or cremate the body in a funeral pyre. The wife was allowed as a final gesture to enclose a final note or love letter to her beloved, for him to bring into eternity as a testament of her love for him. The sobering narration has her stoically and silently dropping the note into the deceased husband's lap. She walks away with a morbid-looking face. The face is a ruse for the savage authority figures, who think by killing the body by martyrdom or one's natural death in old age that the imprints of the heart and soul can be eradicated or evaporated from history. How wrong they are.

Within the testament letter of the wife, slides a small cross of Jesus Christ that has been hidden from those who hate or misunderstand the image. The funeral pyre is lit to extinguish the body of the priest, but does not char or destroy his heart and soul which are permanent gifts for us from God. The wise and loving wife knows the integrity of her husband, and did not want to separate him from his core beliefs. Beliefs that could not be destroyed by death or hatred. These are the spiritual insights that prepare us for the theological icons of what Jesus offers us, that intrinsically cannot be trampled upon. We must each embrace the reality of the death followed by heaven that awaits each of us: our own Easter encounters of hope. There are reminders on planet earth of that reality.

Back in January, I went to an oldies concert of 1950's and 1960's music at the "Mohegan Sun Arena" in Connecticut, 2.5 hours away from Newburgh. Entitled "Bowzer's Ultimate Doo Wop Party," there were intimate messages about the passage of time over nearly seven decades. Original singing artists were diminishing connections to great bands of the past, one-by-one leaving us for eternity. There was a certain melancholy sadness to it all, reminding all of their certain mortality as well.

Performing was Bowzer (Sha Na Na), the Capris (There's A Moon Out Tonight , Tears In My Eyes), Freddy "Boom Boom" Cannon (Palisades Park), Jay Siegel's Tokens (The Lion Sleeps Tonight, Portrait Of My Love, Go Away Little Girl), the original Comets from 1951 that still survived (including the drummer Dick Richards at age 93 and the saxophonist Joey Ambrose at 83 performing "Rock Around the Clock Tonight ", the Flamingos (I Only Have Eyes For You), Lou Christie (Beyond The Blue Horizon, Lightning Strikes), and a very emotional effort by Jay Black (Only In America, Cara Mia, This Magic Moment, Walking In The Rain). Black, at age 78, could barely sing the songs he beautifully created seemingly ravaged by illness and old age. He was a shell of his former self, but got a standing ovation for an incredible effort to perform within the raspy voice. Human dignity transcends old age and sickness.

Afterwards I met the two ancient members of the Comets, Lou Christie, and Bowzer. I told them I was a priest. The Comets survivors were both Catholics, most of these singers from Brooklyn. We all know time passes and death approaches. Jesus saves us in our Easter moment. **Father Bill**

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. April 10

7:00am Ferdinand Miller
(56th Anniv)

By Helen & Marion Miller
Noon St. Francis Volunteers

Tues. April 11

7:00am Mary & Joseph Vitay

By Mary Ann & Tony Farkas
Noon Nofria Maniscalco
By Children

Wed. April 12

7:00am City of Newburgh
Noon Pat Marchese

By Joseph Karam

Thur. April 13 Holy Thursday

7:00pm Mass of the Lord's
Supper

Fri. April 13 Good Friday

3:00pm Lord's Passion

Sat. April 15 Holy Saturday

7:00pm Easter Vigil

Sun. April 16 Easter Sunday

8:00 Easter Novena

11:00am Easter Novena

MASS ATTENDANCE

April 1-2, 2017

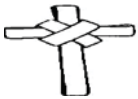
4:30pm	220
8:00am	175
11:00am	250
1:30pm	80
Total	725

STATIONS OF THE CROSS 18

THE 2ND COLLECTION THIS WEEK IS FOR
MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS



Our Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on
Wednesday from 5:00pm to 6:00pm for the intention of
THE CITY OF NEWBURGH.



PALM SALE

Handmade palm creations will be on sale at all
the Masses this weekend.

HEALING MASS –St. Mary's Church in Marlboro will
have their monthly Healing Mass next Sunday, April 16th at
4:00pm. Celebrant will be Fr. Sal Cordova from New Paltz.

LENTEN PRAYER

Dear Lord, As I make my Lenten journey with You,
send me Your spirit, help me to give of myself, help
me to turn away from sin, and help me to fast and
pray, so that I may know You and serve You better.
Let me be renewed through my journey to share
your grace with the world. Amen

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RECONCILIATION MONDAY

Confessions will be heard on Monday April 10th
3:00 to 4:30pm and 5:30 to 7:00pm

NO CONFESSIONS WILL BE HEARD ON

Saturday, APRIL 15th

or

Sunday, April 16th

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

HOLY THURSDAY – April 13th

7:00pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper

GOOD FRIDAY – April 14th

12noon - Stations of the Cross in the Prayer Garden

3:00pm - The Lord's Passion

7:00pm - Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY – April 15th

11:00am – Blessing of the Easter Foods

7:00pm - Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY – April 16th

6:10am - Sunrise Service in Prayer Garden

(This is not a Mass)

(Please bring your own folding chair)

8:00am – Easter Mass

11:00am - Easter Mass

1:30pm – Spanish Easter Mas

TODAY

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

In a tone of quiet sadness, Isaiah describes the buffets and insults given to the Suffering Servant. The passage ends on a note of hope.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

In exultant tones, Paul tells the Philippians to rejoice because Christ became man, died on the cross, rose from the dead, and sits triumphantly at the right hand of the Father.

Gospel: Matthew 26:14—27:66

This is the solemn narrative of the passion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ. Matthew recounts the treachery and betrayal of Judas and then describes the events of the Last Supper, culminating in the institution of the Eucharist. Jesus endures the Agony in the Garden; he is then brought before Caiaphas and Pilate and condemned to death. After His resurrection, the centurions shouted, "Clearly this was the Son of God!"



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Vincenza Secor, Aaron Stagliano, Marie Wiejak, Ashley Barco, Agnes Casey, Rose Marie Michalowski, Elaine Pietrzak, George Vecchio, Jr, Carol Brown, Luzia Araujo, Celio Thomaz, Rosalie Nogay, Frank Pietrzak, Rose Jurik, Robert & Helen Osborn, Manuel DiNapoli, Rachael Neugebauer, Maureen Kelly, James R. Purpura, Jane Pustola, Joann Quicksell, Frances Dolan, Daniel D'Elicio, Fr. Fred Kempferi, Carmen De Crosta, Parker, Jane Holloway, Donna Delconte, Joan Ponesse, Jim Taylor, Marilyn Lennox, Bruno Marchatta, Anne McClellan, Louis Arbia, Dottie Rodriguez, Michael Rosenberg, Maureen Sullivan, Frank D'amarico, Amanda Keane, Tom (Manay) Conroy, Gertrude Poland, Rita Froehlich, Brian Scott Monahan, Chelsea Dunderdale, Bill Mowry, Susan Randall, Mary Hollenbeck, Donnie Ruckdeschel, Patrick Comyns, John Marullo, Carol Brown, Geroge Vecchio Jr, Jaddon Johnson, Rina & Richard Bozzone, Rebecca Pacella, Rose DiDonato Lena Biasini Zullo and Pam Kunert

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday

Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday

Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday

Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25

Thursday (Holy Thursday)

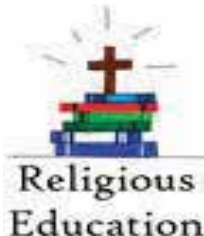
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14;
1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Friday (Good Friday)

Is 52:13—53:12; Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9; Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday (Holy Saturday)

Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a; Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ex 14:15—15:1; Is 54:5-14; Is 55:1-11;
Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Rom 6:3-11;
Mt 28:1-10



Classes for the school year will end on:

Monday Sessions- April 24th

Tuesday Session – April 25th

Wednesday Session - April 26th

COME FOR A MOVIE EVENING

All sixth, seventh, eighth and high school students are invited to celebrate Easter with us on Monday, April 17th from 5:00pm to 7:00pm in O'Connor Hall. We will be showing the Easter movie "Risen". Snacks will be provided. Bring your friends. For questions, speak to Sister Laura.

THE RECTORY OFFICE
WILL BE CLOSED
Holy Thursday – April 13th
Good Friday, April 14th



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

The Food Pantry will be closed
Good Friday April 14th
Holy Saturday April 15th

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

The Pantry no longer needs egg cartons

If you are involved in a church and/or Newburgh School program and your child needs **volunteer hours**, the food pantry will coordinate service hours through Curt Bourdage at [845-863-6504](tel:845-863-6504). All students need to pre-register with Curt Bourdage before showing up at the pantry, please.

ST FRANCIS UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr. 9th - Spanish Mass

Apr. 9th - Pilgrimage Meeting 3pm O'Connor Hall

Apr. 12th - Eucharistic Adoration 5:00pm to 6:00pm

Apr. 12th - Mary Claire Kendall Book Signing 6:00pm

Apr. 14th - Stations of the Cross

Apr. 22nd - Movie Night "Fatima" 6pm O'Connor Hall



BOOK SIGNING

Author Mary Claire Kendall will be here at St. Francis on Wednesday, April 12 at 6:00pm to talk about and sign copies of her latest book, "*Oasis, Conversion Stories of Hollywood Legends*".

SPAIN-PORTUGAL-FRANCE
PILGRIMAGE

In preparation for our upcoming Pilgrimage, Fr. Bill is holding a meeting today, **Sunday, April 9th at 3:00pm** in O'Connor Hall to hand out all the necessary documents and answer any questions regarding the trip.



You are invited to join **Fr. Dennis M Dinan** as he celebrates a Mass of Thanksgiving on the occasion of the **25th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood on Sunday, May 7th at 3:00pm** at St. Joseph's Church in New Windsor.

Celebration to follow at St. Joseph's School, Rt. 32 in New Windsor. Cocktail-hors d'oeuvre hour, buffet dinner (catered by Loughran's), dessert, coffee/tea, beer, wine & soda. **Adults \$50, Children 12 & under \$25, children under 5 free.**

Make check payable to Father Dennis 25th Anniversary and mail to Gloria Yonnone, 27 Briarwood Lane, Marlboro, NY 12542. For questions call Gloria at 845-597-7239.



MOVIE NIGHTS

We will show two movies during April

On **Saturday April 8th**, in keeping with the Lenten season, we will show **"The Passion"**.

And again on **Saturday, April 22nd**, in honor of the 100th Anniversary, we will show **"The Miracle of Our Lady of Fatima"**.

For pizza and refreshment ordering purposes, please RSVP by the Friday before, to Jeannine McCauley at jeansey50@yahoo.com or 914-263-0572.



The Catholic Daughters, Court Patricia #195 will hold their monthly meeting on **Wednesday, April 12th at 7:00pm** in the Msgr. Valastro Activity Center at Sacred Heart Church in Newburgh. New members are always welcome. For further information please call Linda DeWitt at 845-565-7837.



APRIL IS "PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS MONTH"

Please show your support of the Hudson Valley SPCA by visiting their **"BloomingDEALS Resale Store"** located at 436 Route 94 in New Windsor.

You can also drop off any type of pet supply into our PAW PRINTS box in the back of the church.

Suggestions for items most needed are pet food (dry or moist), paper towels, cleaning supplies, garbage bags, pet toys and used blankets and sheets. Thank you for helping these homeless animals.

BLESSED PALMS

As we near the end of Lent, we celebrate Passion (Palm) Sunday. At the beginning of the liturgy, we receive palms in memory of Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem. As a symbol of triumph, the palms point us toward Christ's resurrection and might remind us of the saints in heaven "wearing white robes and holding palm branches in their hands". The white robes remind us of baptismal garments, and the palms suggest their triumph over sin and death through the waters of Baptism.



4th ANNUAL CASH-N-COCKTAILS

Raffle tickets are now on sale for this annual fundraiser sponsored by Sacred Heart PTO to support Sacred Heart School. Tickets are \$100 each and gives you a chance to win one of three \$5,000 prizes. Each ticket also admits two to a reception to be held on Sunday, May 28th from 7:00 to 10:30pm at St. Joseph's School. For further information contact Mary Gould (914-805-2332) or Dr. Gina Cook (845-541-4216) or e-mail ptosacredheart@gmail.com.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

Join Fr. Bill as he hosts a pilgrimage to the Holy Land on **January 8-17, 2018** visiting Haifa, Tiberias, Nazareth, Bethlehem and Jerusalem. Walk where Jesus walked in Jerusalem and visit the Mount of Olives, the Garden of Gethsemane and Mt. Zion. Also visit the Church of the Nativity, Shepherd's Field, the Sea of Galilee and the sites of the Sermon on the Mount and the miracle of the loaves and fishes. Brochures are located in the back of the church and at the sacristy door entrance. For questions please call the rectory 845-561-1317.

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