



Padre's Corner

January 14, 2018
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

England has a many centuries old gravestone that reads : "Here lies a miser who cared for himself, who cared for nothing but gathering wealth. Now where he is and how he fares nobody knows and nobody cares." Fast forward a few centuries ahead to California, where another incredible scenario was playing out in a cemetery. From a 2003 HBO (Home Box Office) documentary entitled "The Young and the Dead" comes another approach to wealth: "In 1997, the Hollywood Memorial Cemetery - final resting place of countless screen immortals, from Rudolph Valentino to Cecil B. De Mille - was in shambles, with crumbling walls and overgrown grounds. The bankrupt cemetery languished on the auction block and many feared its gates would close forever. Then Tyler Cassity, a mysterious, young out-of-towner, stepped in and purchased the property. He and his team had a dream of restoring the cemetery and changing the business of burials forever. The "Young and the Dead" tells the story of how the Hollywood Memorial Cemetery became Hollywood Forever. A metamorphosis from decrepit burial ground to a modern, interactive, state-of-the-art facility, with touch-screen kiosks and a gift shop complete with souvenirs."

Many of the actors and actresses buried there, going back to the silent film days of the early 1900's, are adorned with images of their Catholic faith such as the saints with the Virgin Mary and Jesus. Propelling from 2003 to 2017 there were further visuals to me of a modest cemetery in the famed Portugal town of Fatima (where family members of the three visionary children of the Marian apparition in 1917 are buried) to Cuba (a beautiful young lady has a photo of herself in her twenties before death on her above ground tomb, and has one of the few crucifixes to be found in that widespread cemetery a few hours from Havana) where Americans are not free to visit anymore effective this past October 1.

In early September I made a decision, after walking the grounds of Saint Francis of Assisi Cemetery many times with funeral Mass burials. I bought a burial spot, an abandoned mausoleum on the grounds, for my future use when God calls me home to hopefully eternal life with Him. Because of a change of laws recently in New York, my buddy Moondoggie will join me there when he goes to doggie Heaven. A cemetery is an incredible place to learn about human existence.

Life lessons are also absorbed elsewhere, if we have the eyes and hearts to listen. When a killer earthquake struck Mexico in the middle of September, cruelly taking nearly 400 lives, a poor village called San Francisco Xochiteopan bore the brunt of the brutality. Kirk Semple of the "New York Times" soberly recorded: "The soaring roof of the Catholic Church had collapsed into the nave. Villagers had salvaged statues, paintings and a crucifix from the wreckage and assembled a makeshift altar in a community center. Plastic chairs had been arrayed in rows, ready for Sunday services. A handwritten sign next to a collection plate asked for contributions for the reconstruction of the hands of the patron Saint San Francisco." In Paris, France the Notre Dame Cathedral was built during the 12th and 13th centuries. Weather damage and the 1790's French Revolution severely damaged the cathedral, prompting an 1831 novel by Victor Hugo to bring attention to its troubled physical state. Hugo commented then, what is also spearheading restoration efforts today two centuries later: "Assuredly, the Cathedral of Notre-Dame at Paris is, to this day, a majestic and sublime edifice. But noble as it has remained while growing old, one cannot but regret, cannot but feel indignant at the innumerable degradations and mutilations inflicted on the venerable pile, both by the action of time and the hand of man."

Generous parishioners of Saint Francis of Assisi and Sacred Heart provide their hard-earned money to sustain our sacred Newburgh edifices in 2018. Early October firestorms in Northern California killed dozens, evacuated 20,000 residents, burned 115,000 acres, and destroyed several thousand buildings and homes. The "Charles Schulz Museum" was spared, a year after I visited it. Nearby also in Santa Rosa lives Jon Provost and wife, who wrote to me just a few weeks before the dry heat fires struck. Jon played "Timmy" in the 1950's television show "Lassie." Our faith often grows in the midst of the sufferings we and our loved ones experience. Faith strengthens us by the grace of God. **Father Bill**

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. Jan. 15

7:00am All Priests
Noon Souls in Purgatory

Tues. Jan. 16

7:00am The Ill & Suffering
Noon Anna R. Hoffmann
By Family

Wed. Jan. 17

7:00am The Unborn
Noon Anna Schaffner
By Family

Thur. Jan. 18

7:00am Madeline & Anthony
Cannella
By Eileen Dietz
Noon Louise Sawoska
By Henry

Fri. Jan. 19

7:00am The Homeless
Noon Joyce Dunning
By A Friend

Sat. Jan. 20

Noon Thomas Conroy
By Como Family
4:30pm Craig MacFarland
By Wife
Alee Anderson
By Mark & Cheri Mallia

Sun. Jan. 21

8:30am Victoria Dombroski
(36th Anniv)
By Nick & Helene Stagliano
11:00am Mary & Alexander
Giammattei
By Daughter & Family



WEEKLY COLLECTON

Jan. 6-7, 2018

1st Collection \$ 5,368.00
2nd Collection 1,382.00
TOTAL \$ 6,750.00

MASS ATTENDANCE

Jan. 6-7, 2018

4:30pm 160
8:30am 110
11:00am 177
1:30pm 87
Total 534

The 2nd Collection this week is for
HEATING



Our Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this
Wednesday from 5:00pm to 6:00pm is for the intention of
THE UNBORN.

HOSPITAL MINISTRY

We are in need of a Eucharistic Minister to serve at St.
Luke's-Cornwall Hospital on the first and second
Tuesday of each month. If interested please contact
Suzanna Campora at 561-5162 for details.



FLOWER MEMORIAL

The Flowers on the Altar this weekend are
"In Loving Memory of Ann & Gene Lawrence"
Given by Friends

YOUTH MINISTRY

We will have a general Youth Ministry night on
January 25, 2018 at 7:00pm for all adults who
would be interested in supporting and collaborating
in developing a new youth ministry model for
Sacred Heart-St. Francis parishes. The location of
the meeting is **Gallo Hall** in the former Sacred
Heart School Building. For more information
please speak with Sister Laura Urbano at 347-207-
5020.

Sister Mary Naccarato from the Archdiocesan
Office of Youth Ministry **will speak** at all the
Masses in Sacred Heart on January 13th and 14th
and **St. Francis at all the Masses on January 20th
and 21st.**

**Speak, O God,
for your servant hears.**



TODAY

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19

This powerful story describes Samuel, who at the time was the servant of the high priest. The Lord called out to Samuel, who twice thought Eli had called him. They gradually realized that it was the Lord who called for him. So the third time Samuel answered and the Lord remained with Samuel as he grew.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20

Paul explains to the Corinthians that their body is a temple of the Holy Spirit. He tells them to avoid lewd conduct, and glorify God by keeping their bodies pure.

Gospel: John 1:35-42

John told two of his disciples that Jesus is the Lamb of God. They turned and followed him, immediately curious and attracted to him. Andrew told his brother Simon about Jesus. Simon also came to meet Jesus, who renamed him Cephas, or Peter.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday

1 Sm 15:16-23; Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday

1 Sm 16:1-13; Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday

1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mk 3:1-6

Thursday

1 Sm 18:6-9, 19:1-7; Mk 3:7-12

Friday

1 Sm 24:3-21; Mk 3:13-19

Saturday

2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Mk 3:20-21



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Vincenza Secor, Aaron Stagliano, Marie Wiejak, Ashley Barco, Agnes Casey, Rose Marie Michalowski, Carol Brown, Luzia Araujo, Celio Thomaz, Rosalie Nogay, Rose Jurik, Robert & Helen Osborn, Manuel DiNapoli, Rachael Neugebauer, Maureen Kelly, James R. Purpura, Jane Pustola, Frances Dolan, Parker, Jane Holloway, Donna Delconte, Joan Ponesse, Jim Taylor, Marilyn Lennox, Bruno Marchatta, Anne McClellan, Louis Arbia, Dottie Rodriguez, Maureen Sullivan, Frank D'amario, Amanda Keane, Tom (Manay) Conroy, Gertrude Poland, Rita Froehlich, Brian Scott Monahan, Chelsea Dunderdale, Mary Hollenbeck, Donnie Ruckdeschel, Patrick Comyns, John Marullo, Jaddon Johnson, Rina & Richard Bozzone, Rebecca Pacella, Lena Biasini Zullo, Pam Kunert, Janet Coiteux, Vincent Mc Parkland and Family, Jozef Froniewski, Teresa Centeno, Bobbi Hull, Emily Cooley, Frank Celeste, Amy Finnegan, Brian Hanrahan, Toni Loparco Shepardson, Donald (Leed) Zubawicz, Louise McHugh, Pat Alexander, Alex Galant, Evelyn Kawula, Taylor Fogel, Jake Tigar, Paul Neugebauer and Julia Vecchio

**GIVE
BLOOD**

BLOOD DRIVE

The 7th Annual Sacred Heart Sports Program Blood Drive in Memory of Richard "Rick" Salgado is Sunday, January 28, 2018 from 9:00am to 2:00pm at Sacred Heart School, 148 Windsor Highway in New Windsor. Schedule an appointment by visiting the website www.redcrossblood.org.



Food Pantry Hours:

Friday 9:00am to 12noon

Saturday 9:00am to 12noon

at our new location

The Msgr. Valastro Activity Center
319 Broadway in Newburgh

In your goodness please bring PERSONAL CARE ITEMS to Church next weekend to be distributed to the less fortunate in our area thru our Food Pantry.

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 Mr. Bourdage before showing up at the pantry, please.

THE BACKPACK PROGRAM

The Backpack Program has begun. Anyone interested in volunteering to help with this program should speak to one of the Food Pantry members.

HELP NEEDED

The Food Pantry is looking for help on Wednesdays unloading their Food Bank Delivery. If you can give us a few hours helping on Wednesday afternoons at 1:30pm please stop by our new location at 319 Broadway. We would be most grateful.

THANK YOU.....

To the 40 plus volunteers who helped with the St. Francis Deacon Jack Seymour Food Pantry move on Sunday, Decemvber 31st despite the bitter cold temperture. You are the best!!!!!! You made a challenging job so much easier.



MOVIE NIGHT

On Saturday, January 27th following the 5:30pm Mass at Sacred Heart Church, we will be showing "The Bells of St. Mary's" in the upstairs room of the Msgr. Valastro Activity Center. This is a wonderful movie starring Bing Crosby as Fr. O'Malley who is sent to help out a financially strapped St. Mary's Academy.

Pizza and light refreshments will be served. Feel free to bring a snack for all to enjoy. For pizza ordering purposes, please contact Jeannine McCauley at 914-263-0572 or jeansey50@yahoo.com by Friday, January 26th if you plan to attend.

Starting with our January movie St. Francis will alternate with Sacred Heart for our monthly Movie Nights.



Knights of Columbus

Free Throw Contest

The Knights of Columbus, Council #444, is sponsoring their annual Free Throw Championship on Sunday, January 21 from 11:00am to 4:00pm at Sacred Heart School. This event is open to all boys and girls ages 9 to 14 with parental consent and proof of age. Winners in each age bracket will go on to compete in the district championship. For questions please contact Bill Kuntz at 201-697-9920. Entrants may compete in only ONE local competition and they must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.



SUPER BOWL PARTY

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring their Annual Super Bowl Party on Sunday, February 4th starting at 4:00pm in O'Connor Hall. \$5 per person or a food donation to share. Football pools, games for the kids and 50/50 raffle. To RSVP or questions please contact Bill Kuntz at 201-697-9920.



VALENTINE'S DINNER DANCE

Saturday, February 10th from 6:30pm to 10:30pm at Temple Hill Tavern and Catering, 171 Temple Hill Road in Vails Gate. \$35 per person paid in advance (\$40 at the door). Cash bar. Featuring music by DJ Ming. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Council 444. For more info or to make your reservation please call Bill Kuntz at 201-697-9920.



The St. Francis Rectory
and

The Sacred Heart Rectory
will be closed on

Monday, January 15th

In observance of Martin Luther King Jr Day



BAGEL & COFFEE HOUR

Join us after the 8:00am Mass on Sunday, January 21st for coffee and bagels in O'Connor Hall.

*"Thou art holy the Lord God,
Who alone dost marvelous things,
Thou art joy and gladness."*

St. Francis of Assisi

UPCOMING PILGRIMAGES

Hosted By:

Father Bill Damroth

SCANDINAVIA & ST. PETERSBURG CRUISE

On Board the NCL Norwegian Breakaway
September 21- October 3, 2018



Copenhagen (Denmark), Warnemunde (Germany),
Tallinn (Estonia), St. Petersburg (Russia),
Helsinki (Finland), Stockholm (Sweden)

Starting at \$3,049 per person including airfare.
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charges and transfers between airport/hotel/pier.

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### NORTHERN NATIONAL PARKS

Featuring Yellowstone National Park  
and Grand Teton National Park

August 24-31, 2018

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ICELAND'S MAGICAL NORTHERN LIGHTS

February 14-20, 2019

SPECIAL TRAVEL PRESENTATION

The Collette Travel Agency is hosting a presentation on the Northern National Parks Pilgrimage on **Monday, January 29, 2018** in O'Connor Hall at **6:00pm**. If you are interested in this 2018 trip and would like to attend the presentation please RSVP to the rectory at 845-561-1317.

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.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Town: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

E-mail address: _____

Fill out and drop in the Offertory Collection or mail to St. Francis of Assisi Church, 145 Benkard Avenue Newburgh, NY 12550.....and **Welcome**.