



PADRE'S CORNER

March 13, 2016

In this election year, Americans have a privilege that many citizens in other parts of the world with despotic regimes do not have: the right to exercise voting powers in these turbulent times. The opportunity and duty to peacefully select leadership for the United States impacts laws within our country, and how we interact with the worldwide international community. In conversations with many of our parishioners, there is a growing sense that this is a pivotal election that will rightly or wrongly dictate the future of our great nation. I am sure that all of the pilgrims going with me to Italy October 31-November 10 will procure an absentee ballot to exercise this constitutional privilege. Clergy are not supposed to steer any parishioner toward a decision with regard to which party to vote for from the public pulpit, though it may seem that way at times because of various moral issues that may be discussed in a homily (such as the legal battles over when human life begins and what constitutes a marriage in the eyes of God). I am sure that most of us would agree that this current presidential campaign has been a highly unusual one, as the public seems to be tired of the establishment politicians on both sides of the political spectrum. The next eight months before Election Day will provide interesting political theater, as the overall process eventually produces a specific candidate to vote for in the various legitimate parties. The Church asks all voters to consider the important moral issues of the day, before that lever of important choice is pulled in a critical direction. We are asked to give great spiritual care toward this decision, and vote as if God was guiding our thoughts and actions with the pull of that ballot box mechanism. Admittedly, 2016 is not an easy menu to select from.

In our reflections about the forthcoming election cycle in America, please give important consideration to forthcoming thoughts from Archbishop Fulton Sheen after this brief description of his heroic life. The great orator died December 9, 1979 at the age of 84. He was ordained as a priest on September 20, 1919 for the Diocese of Peoria, Illinois. Sheen was the inspiration for the 1951-1957 "Life Is Worth Living" television series, whose programming on video today still influences a wide market of spiritual individuals. He received fan mail then of 8500 letters per week, while competing against a popular Milton Berle comedy show. Fulton was a bishop for the Archdiocese of New York from 1951-1965, before taking one year later episcopal charge of the New York diocese in Rochester. On October 2, 1979 Pope John Paul II said to the cleric "You have written and spoken well of the Lord Jesus Christ. You are a loyal son of the Church." He is buried in the crypt of Saint Patrick's Cathedral in Manhattan. A relative of his in Yonkers gave me a signed copy of one of his books, and another gave me a Communion pyx he once was in possession of. Now for his quote, as Americans prepare for a momentous voting event the first week of November. "A nation always gets the kind of politicians it deserves. If a time ever comes when the religious Jews, Protestants and Catholics ever have to suffer under a totalitarian state, which would deny to them the right to worship God according to the light of their conscience, it will be because for years they thought it made no difference what kind of people represented them in Congress, and because they abandoned the spiritual in the realm of the temporal." God protect the United States of America, as the nation votes for the candidate that best reflects His wisdom and commands. The greater moral good trumps individual economic gain. Father Bill

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. March 14, 2016

7:00am Karen Bergin

By Loving Friends

Noon Freeman Hoyt

By Monica & Ann Morrow

Tom & Shirley Riley

By Cerone Family

Tues. March 15

7:00am Our Religious

Noon Barbara Palumbo

By MaryAnn & Tony Farkas

Wed. March 16

7:00am Crag MacFarland

By Wife

Noon Helene Kerin

Good Health & Blessings

By Jeannine

Thur. March 17

7:00am Mary Corizzo

By Michael & Colleen Corizzo

Noon John Barcia

By Loretta Trizinsky

Fri. March 18

7:00am The Homeless

Sat. March 19

4:30pm George Stenglein

By Family

Sun, March 20

8:00am Albert Pushman, Sr.

By Bill & Marion Pushman

11:00am Marion Randall

By Mary Randall

Weekly Collection

March 6-7, 2016

1st Collection \$7216

.....2nd Collection...\$1438

TOTAL...\$8654

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
MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS

MASS ATTENDANCE

March 6-7, 2016

4:30pm 245

8:00am 126

11:00am 247

Total 618

Lenten Stations of The Cross Every Friday evening during Lent at 7 pm thru and including, February 12 thru Good Friday.

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

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JUST A REMINDER there is no longer a 5:30pm Mass on Mondays. There is now a Noon mass on Mondays. The Mass intentions from the 5:30pm Mass have been moved to the Noon Mass intentions.

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



Food  
Pantry  
Needs

Looking for volunteers to take cardboard to the Transfer Station on 17K in the Town of Newburgh to be recycled.

If you are interested please call Paul or Linda Zalanowski at 845-561-6406.

### Food Pantry Hours:

Friday 9:00am to 12noon

Saturday 9:00am to 12noon

### FOOD FOR THE POOR

In your goodness please bring canned vegetables to Church next weekend to be distributed to the less fortunate thru our Food Pantry.

### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

11<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CELEBRATION April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Saint Rocco's Church, Newark, NJ (St. Joseph/St. Thomas Parish trip). Mass, Healing Service, Chaplet. Buses will leave St. Joseph's School at 7:30 am and depart from Newark at 5:00 pm. \$25/person. (Bring your own lunch.) A beautiful way to participate in the Year of Mercy. Please call Mary Maddalena for more information: 534-3904.



**Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Edmund McDaniel the February winners of \$194.50 in our Monthly 50/50 Raffle Club. Be sure your envelope is in for our next drawing in March.**



**ST. FRANCIS HAPPENINGS !!**

March 15 St. Francis Church will be hosting the Tuesday evening Mission, 7-9pm. This night's topic will be "God's Mercy".

April 5 Bible Study Classes begin. Call 845-527-5064.. Hosted by Sons of Thunder.

April 10, Sunday afternoon at 2 pm. Mark your calendars: Dedication of our Food Pantry. More info to follow.

April 17 Coffee and Bagel Hour after the 8 am Mass.

**THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS** will be holding a Mission during March 12 – 17, 2016. 7 pm – 9 pm. Each night the C.F.R. Mission will take us to a different location as follows:

Sun. March 13 - "Youth Event" at St. Patrick's

Mon. March 14 - "Christ's Presence in the Eucharist" at St. Mary's Church

Tues. March 15 - "God's Mercy" at St. Francis of Assisi

Wed. March 16 - "Healing Power of the Eucharist" at Sacred Heart

Thurs., March 17 -"Mary, Mother of Mercy" at St. Patricks



*Our Prayers* for the Sick:, Vincenza Secor, Aaron Stagliano, Kelly Stafford, Robyn McGraw, John rz 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, Jason Suchowiecki, Deacon Larry Kawula, Abigail Ryan, Debra Thurston, Toby Persico, Alexis Johnson, Barry Johnson, James R. Purpura, Bob Smith, Tom Kingery, Bud Smith, Amy Finnegan, Janice Suchowiecki, Jane Pustola, Justin, Peter, Rita, Janice Ruggiero, Angela, Wayne

**Please help us help THE HUDSON VALLEY SPCA help homeless animals** ..Please support our new efforts in helping the homeless animals in donating pet food, pet articles, or monetary donations. Kindly check out the SPCA Wish List in the back of the church.

**LENTEN PALM WEAVING**

Our day session is Monday thru Friday from 10 am to 2 pm. (Bring your lunch.) The evening session will be from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please come join us in getting the Palms ready for sale by helping to decorate and bag them. Daytime session contact: Rachael 565-2246 or Ann 562-7137. Evening session contact: Pat [pgrimm@hvc.rr.com](mailto:pgrimm@hvc.rr.com).

**PALM SALE**

**Palms are now ready for sale !! Be the first to get top choice of the Palm arrangements made by hand by our Palm Ladies. The palms will be available for sale at all masses the weekends of March 12 & 13 and March 19 & 20. Palms will also be available for sale during the week of March 14 through March 18 in O'Connor Hall during the hours of 10 am till 2 pm.**

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**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE.**

**RECONCILIATION MONDAY, March 21  
CONFESSIONS  
3:00 pm – 4:30 pm and 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm**

**HOLY THURSDAY  
Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 pm**

**GOOD FRIDAY  
Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3:00 pm  
Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm**

**HOLY SATURDAY  
Blessing of Easter Foods 11:00 am  
Easter Vigil 7:00 pm**

**EASTER SUNDAY MASS  
8:00 am and 11:00 am**

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**FREE RELIABLE TAX PREPARATION**  
This service is available to all individuals, seniors and families right here in our neighborhood. For an appointment call 2-1-1 or 800-899-1479 between 9am and 7pm to schedule your appointment

# 11 DAY PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY & AMALFI COAST

October 31 – November 10, 2016  
Hosted by Father Bill Damroth

Visiting Florence, Assisi, Sorrento, Pomeii, Monte Cassino, and Rome !

Only \$2899 per person from New York  
**TOUR INCLUDES:** Roundtrip Air from New York, First Class/Select Hotels, Most Meals, Services of a Professional Tour Director & Comprehensive Sightseeing. All hotel service charges, portorage, entrance fees and more!

For a brochure & more information contact Fr. Damroth:

Tel: (718) 887-5065  
Email: [padrebill59@yahoo.com](mailto:padrebill59@yahoo.com)



## LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join The Capuchin Youth & Family Ministries in this powerful prayer service as teens bring the journey of Christ's Passion alive. Passion Sunday, March 20 at 3 pm – outdoors, rain or shine, please dress for the weather. CYFM 781, Route 9D, Garrison, NY 10524 more info call (845)424-3609 .

## Forty Days of Life

The Forty Days of Life Campaign continues through March 20<sup>th</sup>. Prayerfully consider standing to Pray at the local abortion facility:  
**Newburgh Planned Parenthood**  
136 Lake St. Newburgh  
Campaign Hours – 7:00am – 7:00pm  
Campaign Manager – Wendy Wood 845-820-4366  
[ocrighttolife@gmail.com](mailto:ocrighttolife@gmail.com)

## TENEBRAE (Holy Week Morning Prayer)

Is being hosted at St Joseph's (9W & Union Ave, New Windsor) each morning at 9:30 am on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. It is a beautiful prayer experience that will include readings, chanting psalms (alternating sides), hymns, and hearing the lamenting cries of the Prophet Jeremiah. Please consider making this a part of your Triduum/Holy Week journey.

Are you looking for help? Experienced young adult, certified in CPR & First Aid, willing to assist in: child care, senior care, light housekeeping, organizing and animal care. References available. Please speak to Annette in Security for further information. 845-633-2844

## THE CARDINALS STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

The 2016 Cardinals Stewardship Appeal has begun. Our parish goal is \$39,500. Your gift to The Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal is vital in sustaining all the good that we do for the church in New York.

THANK YOU to this week's donors Mr. & Mrs. Julius Boccia, Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Cerone Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Jason Doce, Ms. Marie Gida, Mr. & Mrs. R. Perez, Mr. & Mrs. John Rios, Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Smith, Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Steel.

**Please remember to make your donation today!**

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Bible Study

is beginning Tuesday, April 5 at 7pm !!
The Sons of Thunder will be presenting "A Biblical Walk Through The Mass". There will be 5 weekly sessions. The cost is \$20. For more info call 845-527-5064

THANK YOU to all who filled our baskets at the alter with gloves, scarves, and socks. **Your generosity made Warm Hands, Warm Hearts a success to help those in need stay warm this winter.**

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: _____

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!**