



Fatima, Portugal was the site of a 1917 apparition by the Blessed Virgin Mary to three poor and uneducated children. Their innocence was the bridge to Her message of repentance, with a hope that World War I would soon come to an end. The flu epidemic of 1918 claimed the life of Francisco Marto on April 4, 1919 when he was ten. His sister Jacinta died at nine of the same causes on February 20, 1920. Buried at the Fatima basilica, both were beatified by Pope John Paul II on May 13, 2000. Their cousin Lucia entered the Dorothean convent in Spain, in 1928, before becoming a Discalced Carmelite in 1947 in the Portuguese town of Coimbra (where I attended a Mass during a 1982 pilgrimage , and our group was told that Sister Lucia was watching us behind a hidden barrier for the nuns who were shielded from public view). Sister Lucia died at the age of 97 on February 13, 2005. Pope John Paul II, who believed Our Lady of Fatima saved him during a 1981 assassination attempt by Ali Agca (the Pope would later forgive him in a Rome, Italy prison named Gemelli), died two months later on April 2. The story of Fatima remains popular in our current times because the world parallels are quite similar : economic unrest alongside the gloomy outlook of warlike behavior within many nations. The Virgin Mary offered a hope then, as she does today, to not let those dark clouds diminish our faith and optimism. In 1947, Sister Lucia described the facial features of Mary to a sculptor out of which emerged the statue that graced our parish grounds during the Monday of May 16. Large crowds from the surrounding area came to Saint Francis during the noon and five-thirty Masses where Her image was present. Each person brought their individual concerns and hopes to the Blessed Mother. Each human heart yearns for the peace and comfort She offers to us in prayer. My first international trip ever was to Fatima, Portugal first in 1982 (when the daily spiritual discipline of saying the rosary, which is a meditation on the life of Jesus, began in my life religious journey) and the following year again in 1983. The second excursion was significant for my later vocational decisions. As the only young male in a parish prayer group, there were two mothers with daughters that they hoped may connect with me in a relationship (not at the same time obviously). Was I interested ? Absolutely. During the pilgrimage to Fatima shortly thereafter, I met an employee at one of our hotels by the name of Sao Marques. Despite the language barriers, we were able to communicate clearly. She was pretty, had kindly mannerisms, and practiced her Catholic faith which were all wonderful components of a potential connection despite the obvious distance of our respective countries. On the last morning of the trip, I remember clearly running through the streets of Fatima to say goodbye to Sao and take a picture with her on Kodak film. We wrote to each other for a few years, before I eventually received an invitation to her wedding in Portugal. My heart was not in it to go. Little did I know at that time that prayers for my future vocation by the mandate of God, important to me then and today, was unfolding through these types of disappointments. We each should remember that God does teach His plan for each of us through the pains, breakups, sufferings, loneliness, and fatigue that define many of our life moments. Out of that set of experiences plus others in later years, His vocation was revealed to me. The priesthood has not always been easy, though marriage and the single life is not either. My main point is that Mary can help us with our life searching when we turn to Her. There are ample statues in our parish church, such as Our Lady of Lourdes, which can lift our thoughts and prayers in Her direction ultimately leading to Jesus as the culmination. The movement of senses, heart, mind and soul come together toward this end as we seek the divine will. Mary help us find that will. Fr. Bill

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. May 30

7:00am Our Armed Forces
Noon Religious Vocations

Tues. May 31

7:00am College Students
Noon Helen McKeon
By The Burke family

Wed. June 1

7:00am John & Nancy Squillini
Noon Sr. Catherine Agnes, C.R.
By MaryAnn & Tony Farkas

Thur. June 2

7:00am Family Life
Noon Anna Schaffner
By Family

Fri. June 3

7:00am Helene Kerin
Health & Blessings
By St. Francis Friends
Noon Patricia Perrin
By Catholic War Veterans
Post 386

Sat. June 4

Noon Donna Jo Yantz-Morse
Happy Birthday in Heaven
Love Mom & Dad Yantz
Eugenio Ungab, Jr.
40th Day Anniversary of Death
By The Morgan Family

Sat. June 4 (con't)

4:30pm Tom Popowick
By MaryAnn Fabiano
Dorothy Detz
By daughter, Desiree

Sun. June 5

8:00am Ed Alexander
By Irene Hughes
Paul E. Hogancamp, 1st annv.
By Cousin Carolann & Johnny
11:00am Antonio Brunetti
By Family
Terry VanTassell
By Burnett & Elias Families

Weekly Collection 

May 21-22, 2016
1st Collection \$5873.00
.....2nd Collection.. \$1436.00
TOTAL...\$7309.00

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 **AIR CONDITIONER MAINTENANCE**

MASS ATTENDANCE

May 21-22, 2016
4:30 pm 171
8:00 am 167
11:00 am 235
Total 573

The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy is recited on Sundays at 10:40 am before the 11 am Mass
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Our Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesday from 5 pm to 6 pm will be for the special intention of Vocations.  
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Eucharistic Ministers needed to serve at St. Luke's Hospital during the week. If you are interested in helping, please call Suzanna at - 845-561-5162



Food Pantry Hours:

Friday 9:00am to 12noon
Saturday 9:00am to 12noon

FOOD FOR THE POOR

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

The Food Pantry also needs someone who could paint the entrance way and transom at the food pantry. Any who would like to volunteer, please contact Paul or Linda Zalanowski at 845-234-8564 or 845-926-0626

Coming soon...A Pancake Breakfast and Raffle sponsored by the Elks Club to help support the Deacon Jack Seymour Food Pantry

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June 3rd 6 pm to 11 pm
June 4th 4 pm to 11 pm
June 5th 1 pm to 6 pm

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## **ST. FRANCIS HAPPENINGS !!**

May 30 9:00 am Mass at St. Francis Cemetary to honor our Veterans. (weather permitting)

June 2 6:00 pm San Miguel Graduation Ceremony at St. Francis Church

June 4 Fr. Bill will be celebrating a Midnight Mass at the Relay for Life site – Cronomer Hill Park, 214 Gardnertown Road, in the Town of Newburgh.

June 5 *Annual Church Dinner* at Cronomer Valley Fire House, Town of Newburgh...dinner served at 1 pm..

June 10 6:00 pm Nora Cronin Graduation Ceremony at St. Francis Church.

June 26 Coffee and Bagel Hour after the 8 am Mass. Join us!

**Our St. Francis parish office is will be closed on  
May 30<sup>th</sup> in observance of Memorial Day.**

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*Our Prayers* for the Sick:, Vincenza Secor, Aaron Stagliano, Kelly Stafford, Robyn McGraw, John nz 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, Deacon Larry Kawula, 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, Mary Ann Keenan, Fr. Fred Kempferi, Hazel Yonnone, Carmen Dacrosta Parker Jane Holloway

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TODAY... The timing will be perfect.***

### ***NEWS FROM THE***

#### ***NIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #444***

June 4<sup>th</sup> – Relay for Life (American Cancer Society) If you are interested in participating with the K of C to walk, please let them know. Fr. Bill will be doing a Midnight Mass at the Relay for Life site.

Knights Yard Sale will be held on June 11<sup>th</sup>, 8 am to 3 pm at the Council building, on 53 Old Little Britain Road.

June 24 - Hudson Valley Knights of Columbus Charity Ball at 6:30 pm at St. Mary's Council in Fishkill. \$45 pre-paid by May 31 please. Proceeds will be going to Special Olympics. For information on any of the above events, please contact Grand Knight Ken Ryan at 845-667-1582. The Knights of Columbus are always looking for new members.

### **OUR PARISH ANNUAL CHURCH DINNER SUNDAY, JUNE 5<sup>th</sup>**

**At Cronomer Valley Fire Department,  
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**Dinner served at 1 pm.**

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The Summer Program at Nora Cronin Presentation Academy requires a Program Coordinator who is energetic, creative, loves engaging with youth, and desires working in a positive and supportive learning community. The objective of the program is to help young girls, grades 6-8, develop and/or deepen their leadership and communication skills, and learn about healthy mind/body strategies in a relaxed environment. The Program Coordinator will implement and manage the daily activities of the program. A Team Leader and two part time high school aged junior team leaders will also be available to assist.

Schedule:  
July 5-August 5; 9 am – 4 pm Stipend \$3,000  
The reliable candidate and role model should send a letter of interest/resume to: Dr. Cathy Squillini, Summer Program Director; Nora Cronin Presentation Academy; 169 Bay View Avenue, Newburgh, NY 12550. Email: [cathysquillini@gmail.com](mailto:cathysquillini@gmail.com) – Tel: 845-565-2201

**MEMORIAL DAY  
MONDAY, MAY 30<sup>th</sup>**  
The Mass Schedule is:  
7 am and Noon in the Church  
9 am Mass at St. Francis Cemetery  
(weather permitting)



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The St. Francis Dart Ball Team is in need of three men for next year's season. If you are free on Thursday evenings from September thru April and can throw a dart 25 feet, give us a call. This is an exciting baseball dart game with great fellowship and great fun. No obligation. Call John Mitchell for more information 845-561-7104.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2016
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| Adam Jimenez | Cecelia Vasquez |
| Samantha Justi | Dean Wilbur |
| Sydney King | Alexa Wixon |
| Sophia Laiso | Joshua Zamenick |
| Hayley McDermott | |

May the Holy Spirit strengthen these young adults to be true to themselves and to deepen their faith throughout their lives.

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