



Peggy Noonan is a political writer, having once helped to shape policy under the late President Ronald Reagan. She cited positively leadership in late 1700's America with the likes of Franklin, Washington, Jefferson, Hamilton, Madison, Jay, Adams, and Monroe. World War II accolades went to the leadership of Roosevelt, Churchill, and de Gaulle. More recently in the 1980's Reagan, Pope John Paul II, Thatcher, and Walesa teamed together for the greater good.

Noonan brilliantly stated about the current national and international landscape : " Everything feels upended, the old order that has governed things for 70 years since World War II being swept away. Borders have disappeared before our eyes. Terrorism, waves of immigration transforming whole nations, Islam at war with itself and parts of it at war with the world. In the West, the epochal end of public faith in institutions, and a dreadful new tension between the leaders and the led. In both background and foreground is a technological revolution that has actually changed how people experience life. It is a world crying out for bigness, wisdom, steady hands and steady eyes. We could use a genius cluster."

Deacon Tony Ferraiuolo, who I often walk with at Downing Park, wrote recently: "We are living in a time when much is happening in our country and in our world that is contrary to our Catholic beliefs and negative and sad in general. All too often we read in the paper, or see on the TV news programs, events that are not positive. It seems that our younger generation is more concerned with cell phones, I-pads, video games, drinking and partying than pursuing positive things like scouting..."

A high school friend of mine philosophically reflected: "One does not need to go very far to understand that the family life is all too precious and fragile in this day and age. Perhaps the Virgin Mary was right, and that the last battle will be between family life and marriage. After all look what this country alone has done to the institution of marriage. We no longer see marriage as a sacrament, but more as a institutional way of defining benefits and legal rights. Surprising for a country that is/was based on the foundation of religion."

How does Catholic parish life respond to these tumultuous religious, cultural, political, organizational, and economic times that we are engaged in together? I can only speak for now about what happens at Saint Francis of Assisi Church on Benkard Avenue. In early July, an event took place that is trying to reverse in positive terms the negative tones we are often forced to digest and witness in our culture. There was an outdoor Mass in the prayer garden, despite the persistent threat of rainstorms. Seventy parishioners came, including many children, in a spiritual experience that blessed the contents of the garden and the statue of Christ the King whose hand reaches out over the City of Newburgh with His healing presence and grace. A family-friendly movie called the "Black Stallion " closed the wholesome night, plus the provision of refreshments. This serene moment in parish history, the first of many, incorporates good people plus effective leadership coming together for the greater good that Peggy Noonan spoke of at the beginning of this essay. The hope for a generous young people that Deacon Tony called for, and a strong family life cited via my Bogota High School buddy are carved metaphorically into parish life experiences designed to build nobility and decency in deeply troubled and turbulent times.

The four Presentation Sisters moving into our convent by September 1, bringing to life again a once dormant building, underscores further a new spirit of hopeful optimism toward our collective future together. These sisters, representing many decades of spiritual experience, will come together to develop ministries for both the youth and senior citizen populations. The bilingual Sister Laura Urbano will reach out to our current young parishioners, plus the expanding Hispanic numbers in the surrounding neighborhood, as she takes charge of our religious education program alongside ministries with baptismal instruction and RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). God bless our initiatives. **Father Bill**

# MASS INTENTIONS

## Mon. Aug. 22

7:00am Jonathon Como

By Lasek Family

Noon Carol Rain

Health & Blessings

By Elaine Lee

In Thanksgiving for New  
Employment

By Morgan Family

## Tues. Aug. 23

7:00am City of Newburgh

Noon Anna Chinoransky

By Family

Intension of the Morgan  
Family

By Family

## Wed. Aug. 24

7:00am Vocations

Noon Ann Peters

By Leoce Family

## Thur. Aug. 25

7:00am Intension of the Sisters  
of the Presentation

Noon Jonathan Como

By Mary Ann & Joe Fabiano

## Fri. Aug. 26

7:00am Marian (Pat ) Seymour  
(1<sup>st</sup> Anniv in heaven)

By Deacon Jack & Family

Noon Frankie DeFranco

By Mom Clotilda

## Sat. Aug. 27

Noon All Priests

4:30pm Regina Rose Michon

By Chris

## Sun. Aug. 28:

800am John Donahue

By Paul & Linda Zalanowski

Deceased members of

the Sartori & Negri Families

By Elena Negri

11:00am Peter Dombroski

(7<sup>th</sup> Anniv)

By Wife Theresa & Family

Olga D'Agostino Meehan

By Norma & Tom Casillo

Weekly Collection 

August 13-14, 2016

1<sup>st</sup> Collection \$4,920.21

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection \$1,839.00

TOTAL \$6,759.21

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of our Parish. God bless each and every one of  
you....always

The 2<sup>nd</sup> collection this weekend is for  
**PARISH RESTORATION & ENDOWMENT**

## MASS ATTENDANCE

August 13-14, 2016

4:30pm unavailable

8:00am 168

11:00am unavailable



Our **Holy Hour** with Exposition of the Blessed  
Sacrament on Wednesday from 5:00pm to  
6:00pm will be for the special intention of **VOCATIONS  
TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE.**

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

## FR BILL'S INSTALLATION MASS AS PASTOR

AND

## ANNUAL BLUE MASS TO COMMEMORATE THE 15<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF 9/11

Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>

11:00am Mass

Reception to follow Mass in our school gym

All are invited to attend



## PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY

*Dearest Jesus, Behold we humble ourselves, seek  
your face and turn from our evil ways. Please  
pardon our sins, heal and convert America as it is  
being destroyed by abortion and many other grave  
sins. Fill America with the gifts of the Holy Spirit to  
spread God's love to the whole world. Heavenly  
Father, please save America! We ask this in the  
most Holy name of Jesus, Amen*

\*\*\***MARK YOUR CALENDARS**\*\*\*

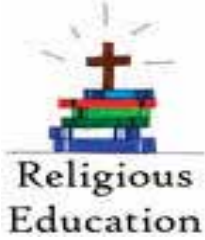
## MASS FOR OUR COUNTRY

On **Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>**, following our  
Eucharistic Adoration, Fr Bill will celebrate a special  
Mass for the intention of our country



### FLOWER MEMORIAL

The Flowers in the Sanctuary this weekend are  
"In Loving Memory of Ann Peters  
on Her Birthday"  
By The Leoce Family



### Religious Education Program News

#### REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

The opening for the 2016-2017 school year is just a few weeks away. Now is the time to think about also registering your children for religious education classes.

For registration forms or for more information please call Lynda Piper, our Religious Education Coordinator, at the Religious Education Office at 561-2589.

Register your child **now** to secure the day and time most convenient for you.



Food  
Pantry  
Needs

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

In your goodness please bring **ONE POUND PACKAGES OF PASTA AND SAUCE** to Church next weekend to be distributed to the less fortunate thru our Food Pantry.



### FOOD PANTRY FUNDRAISER OUR FOOD PANTRY IS SPONSORING A RAFFLE AND BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER.



On Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> from 8:00am to 12:45pm there will be a breakfast at the Newburgh Elks Building on Washington Street in Newburgh. Also, 300 raffle tickets will be sold at \$50.00 each. There will be **5 \$1,000 winners, 1 \$500 winner and 2 \$250 winners.** Each raffle ticket purchased admits 2 people to the breakfast. Breakfast without the raffle ticket is \$10 per person. All profits go directly to the Food Pantry.

The breakfast menu will include: eggs, pancakes, sausage, bacon, toast, coffee and tea. Tickets will be available soon along with additional information.



### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Vincenza Secor, Aaron Stagliano, Kelly Stafford, Robyn McGraw, John Sabo, Andrew Costanzo, Marie Wiejak, Rose, Stephen Sabo, Ashley Barco, Jean Kaiser, Tom Scalzo, Nora Bricker, 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, Fr. Fred Kempferi, Hazel Yonnone, Carmen DeCrosta, Parker, Jane Holloway, Dore Williams, Hank Kensing, Virginia Ranaudo, Sheryl McGrath, Robert Landi, Michelle Ryan, Rosalind Morrison

### PRO LIFE NEWS

Faith House, a maternity home for single pregnant women in our area is in the works. Faith House will be an alternative to abortion. It will provide a safe accepting home and practical help to these young women who chose to make significant changes in their lives. Faith House will be a Christ centered home, a source of stability and hope during a difficult and changing time offering a nourishing environment.

A property has been found that would meet all the needs for a maternity home and allow **Orange County Right to Life** to open doors to homeless pregnant women.

Anyone wishing to make a donation can mail to PO Box 1565, Kingston, NY 12492.

### COFFEE AND BAGEL HOUR

....this weekend after the Sunday, 8am Mass in O'Connor Hall. Stop in, have a bite to eat and visit with you fellow parishioners and friends.

## ST. FRANCIS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Aug 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>** – St Francis History display in O'Connor Hall  
**Aug 21<sup>st</sup>** – Bagel & Coffee Hour  
**Aug 23<sup>rd</sup>** – AED/CPR Training 2:00pm O'Connor Hall  
**Aug 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Bible Study 7:00pm O'Connor Hall  
**Aug 24<sup>th</sup>** – Eucharistic Adoration 5pm to 6pm in Church  
**Aug 25<sup>th</sup>** Hockey Player Jim Dowd to give presentation and sign autographs  
**Aug 30<sup>th</sup>** – Bible Study 7:00pm O'Connor Hall  
**Sept 11<sup>th</sup>** – Fr Bill's Installation as Pastor & Blue Mass  
**Sept 18<sup>th</sup>** – Catechetical Sunday 11am Mass  
**Sept 18<sup>th</sup>** – Parish Picnic 1:00pm  
**Oct 26<sup>th</sup>** – Mass for Our Country 6:00pm  
**Oct 30<sup>th</sup>** – Food Pantry Breakfast Fundraiser  
**Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Tag Sale in O'Connor Hall



### JIM DOWD – NHL HOCKEY PLAYER

...who played for the New Jersey Devils, Philadelphia Flyers and New York Islanders will be here at St. Francis this Thursday, August 25<sup>th</sup> in O'Connor Hall at 7:00pm to give a presentation on sports, and also nutrition as a representative of ID Life Supplements. After his presentation Jim will be available to sign autographs and answer questions. All are welcome to attend.

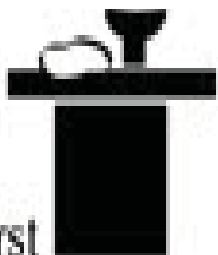
### TAG SALE

On December 3<sup>rd</sup> Food Pantry volunteers Kitty Bernard and Margaret Miller will host a tag sale to benefit St. Francis Church. If you are doing some Fall cleaning or clearing out your closets and cupboards of unwanted items which you would like to donate please call the rectory at 561-1317 to make arrangements to drop off items.



### FLOWER MEMORIALS

are now available for anyone wishing to memorialize a loved one, honor someone or in thanksgiving to God for favors granted. Arrangements which will be placed in the sanctuary cost \$35 and can be ordered by calling the Rectory at 561-1317.



The last shall be first



It's that time again!!! Our St. Francis Annual Parish Picnic will be held on **Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>** starting at **1:00pm** at the Cronomer Valley Fire Department on 296 North Plank Road (Route 32) in Newburgh.

Back by popular demand, **The Phase 5 Oldies Dance Band.....** so bring your dancing shoes. Tickets at the door - \$10 Adult, \$5 children over 12 and \$25 Family. Children under 12 are free. 50/50 drawing and door prizes.

If you would like to volunteer with set up, cooking, serving or clean up please contact Jim at 562-5927.

## PILGRIMAGES

**Plans have been finalized for two pilgrimages hosted by Fr. Bill in 2017.**

**1) Spain Pilgrimage** for 11 days, April 24<sup>th</sup> thru May 4, visiting Lisbon, Fatima, Salamanca. Avila, Madrid, Lourdes Montserrat and Barcelona.

**2) Alpine Christmas Adventure** for 11 days, December 4<sup>th</sup> thru 14<sup>th</sup> visiting Frankfurt, Freiburg, Lucerne, Innsbruck, Salzburg, Oberammergau, Neuschwanstein, Munich, Rothenberg and Heidelberg.

Brochures are located in the back of the church. To register or for additional information please call the rectory 561-1317.

*"Let Us Remember The Golden Rule:  
 Do Unto Others, As You Would  
 Have Them Do Unto You"*

Pope Francis

**BECOME A MEMBER OF OUR PARISH TODAY**  
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