



PADRE'S CORNER

October 16, 2016

"Never worry about numbers. Help one person at a time, and always start with the person nearest you." Was this quotation from Milton Friedman (born in Brooklyn in 1912, died in San Francisco during 2006, and won in 1976 the Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences), the economist cited last week with thoughts about ideas that prevail in a time of crisis? The two major presidential candidates? How about your financial advisor, if you have one. Like a baseball player at bat with three strikes and you are out, none of the three above answers match the opening thought. Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta (now Kolkata), India was the architect of these words of wisdom. Like a pearl found alongside an ocean beach, she had many other verbal gems to ponder about. Unhesitatingly pro-life about the unborn baby, the Saint said in 1994 at the National Prayer Breakfast: "If we accept that a mother can kill *even* her own child, how can we tell other people not to kill each other." Born as Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu on August 26 in 1910 in Skopje (now called Macedonia near Greece), she went in her teenage years during 1928 to Ireland to join in Dublin the Sisters of Loreto (who focused on the education of girls). Becoming Teresa after her vows were taken, she was transferred to India in 1929 to teach at a wealthy academy in then-named Calcutta. Torn by the vivid glimpses of abandoned children, homeless, disabled, marginalized, and the disabled she decided in 1946 to move into India's Kolkata slums to minister to those most in need. In 1950, the Vatican approved her new religious order the Missionaries of Charity. Recognized worldwide as an authentic witness of goodness and compassion, Mother Teresa won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979. She died on September 5, 1997 ushering forward immediate talk of her canonization for sainthood. Saint Pope John Paul II waived the normal waiting period for such talk, paving the way for her declaration as saint last month on September 4. John Paul died on April 2, 2005 at the age of 84. He was canonized a saint on April 27, 2014.

Our parish will soon have statues of both these iconic saints in the near future, as a symbolic representation of all the good religious sisters and priests that have influenced our lives (despite our collective imperfections). I was in their presence a number of times in the 1990's. In April of 1990, all the students of Saint Joseph's Seminary in Yonkers went on a concert pilgrimage to Rome. We had the spiritual fortune of posing in a group photograph with John Paul, before he quickly went to greet the crowds awaiting him (including the sick and those most important to Mother Teresa). I was also near him at two World Youth Days by concelebrating at the final Masses: 1995 while at Sacred Heart in Newburgh and in 1997 from Annunciation in the Crestwood section of Yonkers. With Mother Teresa, my personal encounters took place during my time from 1993 to 1996 while assigned to Christ the King in Yonkers. For those three years I went virtually every Friday to the Missionaries of Charity convent in Harlem, to say Mass at seven in the morning. Generous parishioners gave me food, clothing, and money to bring to the good sisters for distribution to the poor in that community. Though Harlem has economically recovered in recent years, twenty years ago it was still a hot zone of crime and true poverty. One morning, in fact, someone unknown to me approached as I was exiting the parish van. One of the sisters quickly ran outside, while waiting for my arrival, to usher that individual away from me. Another morning, at a nearby Catholic rectory, a pastor was knifed by an intruder. In 1994, Mother Teresa spent a month in recovery at that Harlem location after eye surgery. God graced me with three consecutive weekly interactions with her, after saying Mass. Twice we had breakfast together alone, for about thirty minutes each time. She was deeply interested in my life then as a young priest, with its inherent blessings and spiritual battles. Dealing with a dying pastor at the time and the struggles of giving up the norm of a married family life, she assured me of her prayers while placing my contact business card in one of her prayer books. I assume the card remains within her preserved and sacred possessions. She asked me to remember her in the chalice at Mass, as a reminder of her prayers for me (then on earth and now in heaven).

I have been doing that very visual of her frequently in recent months, since the announcement of the forthcoming canonization. While respecting her discomfort over posing for pictures, I could not forsake the chance to score her autograph. I got one for my parents on a prayer card, as she also thanked them for giving me to the Church as a priest. She also signed a prayer card addressed to me, and hand wrote her address in India. No picture with Mother Teresa, but her autograph. No autograph with John Paul, but a picture with him. Why all the details? Because these two saints once touched my life in person, and now touch it from heaven. I extend these faith connections to each of you dear parishioners. Eleanor Roosevelt (lived 1884-1962, and First Lady under President Franklin from 1933-1945) once commented: "Great minds discuss ideas; average minds discuss events; small minds discuss people." The saintly minds of Mother Teresa and Pope John Paul II embraced ideas, events, and people in their fullness within the scope of the grace of God. May we do the same. **Father Bill**

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. Oct. 17

7:00am Andrew Heitman
By Loving Friends
Noon Lucy Yonnone
By Gloria & Sam Yonnone

Tues. Oct. 18

7:00am Our Politicians
Noon Arthur E. Fitch
By Frieda Formato

Wed. Oct. 19

7:00am Vocations
Noon Mary & Joseph Vitay
By Mary Ann & Tony Farkas

Thur. Oct. 20

7:00am Olga Deagostino
Meehan
By Daughters
Noon Joseph & Virginia
Dombroski
By Nick & Helene Stagliano

Fri. Oct. 21

7:00am All Seniors
Noon Lorraine Barton
By Henry Sawoska

Sat. Oct. 22

Noon St. Francis Parish
4:30pm Patrick Lewis (Birthday)
By Mommy
Geraldine Critelli
By Craig & Cindy Kretzmer

Sun. Oct. 23

8:00am Charles Baranski
By Bill & Marion Pushman
Anastasia Irwin Edson
By Aunt Pat & Uncle Joe Grimm
11:00am Phil Tallarico
By Joanne & John
Ed Yano
By Kitty Bernard



WEEKLY COLLECTON

October 8-9, 2016
1st Collection \$6,582.00
2nd Collection \$1,690.00
TOTAL \$8,272.00

*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
PARISH MINISTRIES

MASS ATTENDANCE

October 8-9, 2016
4:30pm 161
8:00am 168
11:00am 277
Total 606



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**.

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

**2017 MASS BOOK
will open
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18TH
9:00AM IN THE RECTORY**

Announced Masses

A beautiful way to remember someone on the anniversary of their death, if they are ill, or if they have died. Many times we forget that a Mass can also be offered for the living on the occasion of a special moment in their life or when they are sick.



FLOWER MEMORIAL

The flowers in the sanctuary this weekend are "In Celebration of our 55th Wedding Anniversary" by **Anne & Don McClellan**.



Religious Education

Program News

*The 2016-2017 school year is underway.

If you haven't yet registered your child/children please call Lynda Piper, our Religious Education Coordinator, or Sister Laura at the Religious Education Office at 561-2589.

ST FRANCIS HIGH SCHOOL CONFIRMATION GROUP

The high school Confirmation group meets on Fridays, 4:30pm until 6:00pm in the St. Francis Convent, 153 Benkard Avenue. Entrance is off the back parking lot next to the parish office and rectory. The group is only for 9-12 graders who have not received Confirmation and are interested in doing so. Please speak to Sr. Laura if you have questions.

Teen Youth Group

We are looking for young people between ages 13-18 years old to be a part of the youth group. We will meet on Sundays in O'Connor Hall from 3:30 – 5:00pm. **Today, October 16th** is the starting date. Look forward to seeing you there!

MASS IN SPANISH

We will begin to have Mass in Spanish once a month at St. Francis Church. Our first Sunday Spanish Mass will be, **next Sunday, October 23rd, 2016** at 2:00pm. All are welcome to participate.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

TAKE A STAND FOR LIFE

Till November 6th the Newburgh community joins with hundreds of other cities participating in peaceful vigil where we pray that with God's help we will mark the beginning of the end of abortion. The prayerful vigil will be held daily from 7:00am to 5:00pm at the Newburgh Planned Parenthood located at 136 Lake Street in Newburgh. Please only stand in the public right away outside of Planned Parenthood. For more information please contact Wendy Wood at ocrighttolife@gmail.com. or at 845-820-4366.



Movie Night

Please join us **next Saturday, October 22nd** at 6:00pm in O'Connor Hall where we will be showing the 1940 Classic "*The Shop Around The Corner*" starring James Stewart and Margaret Sullavan. Please contact Jeannine McCaulley at 914-263-0572 or jeansey50@yahoo.com if you are planning on attending.

CLOTHING BIN

Please note that we **no longer** have the Clothing Bin for donating unwanted clothes in our Church parking lot near the entrance to O'Connor Hall. **Thank you** to all who have so generously donated their gently used, no longer wanted items.



PRAYER S FOR THE SICK

Vincenza Secor, Aaron Stagliano, Kelly Stafford, Robyn McGraw, John Sabo, Andrew Costanzo, Marie Wiejak, Rose, Stephen Sabo, Ashley Barco, 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, 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, Carmen DeCrosta, Parker, Jane Holloway, Dore Williams, Hank Kensing, Virginia Ranaudo, Sheryl McGrath, Landi Family, Michelle Ryan, Rosalind Morrison, Donna Delconte, Joan Ponesse, Jim Taylor, Marilyn Lennox, Bruno Marchatta, Anne McClellan, Robert Vance

COFFEE & BAGEL HOUR

Today, October 16th after the 8:00am Mass
in O'Conner Hall



FIFTH SUNDAY ROSARY PROGRAM

Sponsored for all the local parishes by the Msgr. Henry O'Carroll Council #444, Knights of Columbus. The Rosary service for the 5th Sunday in October will be held here at St. Francis of Assis Church **following the 11:00am Mass on Sunday October 30th**. All are invited to participate. Bring your prayer requests

POCKETBOOK BINGO

Sacred Heart School is hosting a Pocketbook Bingo Fundraiser on **Friday, October 21st** in Gallo Hall. Doors open at 6:00-pm and bingo starts promptly at 7:00pm. Cost is \$40.00 per person which includes one bingo card set (10 games/3chances per game), a door prize raffle ticket and a gift. Winners will receive new authentic designer handbags such as Michael Kors, Kate Spade, Tory Burch, Coach and more. BYOBA...Bring Your Own Beverage (wine/beer) and an Appetizer to share with your friends and the table. Must be 21 to attend. Water, coffee, tea and dessert will be provided.



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

In your goodness please bring **CEREAL & BREAKFAST FOODS** to Church next weekend to be distributed to the less fortunate thru our Food Pantry.

FROM THE FOOD PANTRY STAFF

- * The Elks of Newburgh is sponsoring a raffle and breakfast for the St. Francis Deacon Jack Seymour Food Pantry. There will be **300 raffle tickets** sold at **\$50.00 each**.
- * Each ticket entitles the holder to **2 breakfasts on Sunday, October 30th** between the hours of 8:00am and 12noon at the **Newburgh Elks Lodge located at 356 Washington Street in Newburgh..**
- * There will be **5 - \$1,000 winners,**
1 - \$500 winner and
2 - \$250 winners
- * All **proceeds** from the breakfast and raffle will go to the **St. Francis Deacon Jack Seymour Food Pantry.**
- * Raffle tickets can be purchased after Masses.

Raffle tickets are also available for purchase at the rectory.

Don't want to buy a raffle ticket.....you can still attend the breakfast. Entry is \$10.00 per person



ALTAR SERVER APPRECIATION DAY

On **Sunday, October 30th**, the Msgr. Henry O'Carroll Council #444 of Newburgh and Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima Council #7460 of Cornwall-on-Hudson, Knights of Columbus, will host an annual event **honoring the boys and girls who serve as Altar Servers** at the Catholic parishes of Newburgh and Cornwall. The event supported by Court Patricia #195 of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas and Richard & JoAnne Sullivan of the Quigley Brothers Funeral Home will take place at the St. Thomas School building at 340 Main Street, Cornwall-on-Hudson from **2:00pm to 4:00pm**. For further information contact Deacon Tony Ferraiuolo at 845-562-4436 or apfspf@aol.com, or Gene Fenton at genefenton44@gmail.com.

Adult Catechisis

Any adult who have not received their sacraments and would like to do so, please see Sr. Laura or leave your name at the Rectory, 561-1317

ST. FRANCIS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Oct 16th** – Coffee & Bagel Hour after 8:00am Mass
- Oct 16th** – Italy Trip Meeting 1:30pm in O'Connor Hall
- Oct 19th** - Eucharist Adoration 5pm-6pm in Church
- Oct 22nd**– Movie Night 6:00pm in O'Connor Hall
- Oct 23rd** - Spanish Mass 2:00pm in Church
- Oct 26th** – Mass for Our Country 6:00pm
- Oct 30th** – Food Pantry Breakfast Fundraiser
- Nov 19th** – Holiday Open House 6:00pm in Rectory
- Dec 3rd** – Tag Sale in O'Connor Hall



Please join us for our **Second Annual Holiday Open House** at our Rectory on **Saturday, November 19th** from 6:00 to 8:30pm. Last year so many people were gracious enough to donate appetizers and desserts and we welcome that again this year. We have a sign-up sheet in the back of the Church for people attending and also for those who wish to donate.

OUR DRINKING WATER

A community information meeting regarding the PFOS Contamination of our Newburgh drinking water will be held at the Newburgh Armory Unity Center, 321 South William Street from 7:00 to 9:00pm on Tues., Oct. 25th

HEALING MASS

St. Mary's Church on Route 9W in Marlboro is hosting their monthly Third Sunday Healing Mass **today** at 4:00pm For more info call Toni at 924-456-7539.



On December 3rd Food Pantry volunteers Kitty Bernard and Margaret Miller will host a tag sale to benefit St. Francis Church. If you have items you no longer want and would like to donate them for the Tag Sale please call the rectory at 561-1317 to make arrangements to drop them off.

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.

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