



## Padre's Corner

April 23, 2017  
Divine Mercy Sunday

Mary Tyler Moore died on January 25, the day I returned from Israel. Her life story and artistic contributions to the media culture have struck me, both spiritually and inspirationally. As a young boy in 1970, when the "Mary Tyler Moore Show" commenced on CBS, I remember coming home from Mass in my once New Jersey hometown of Bogota to dinner and a slate of television shows on Saturday night that I longed for. First there was "This Week In Pro Football" on WPIX, before the CBS programming of "All In The Family" as well as "Mary Tyler Moore" and "Bob Newhart."

Mary was a single woman working for a fictional newsroom in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Other cast members included Ed Asner her boss as Mr. Grant, who I met three years ago at a nostalgia convention in Maryland. She struggled with the same issues of indecision, loneliness, and finding the right mix of people to nurture existence that we all search and yearn for. Anchorman Ted Baxter (played by Ted Knight who died a few years after the iconic show ended) would quote sports scores for the hockey Minnesota North Stars (my favorite team until they moved to Dallas, Texas in 1993 the year of my priestly ordination) at the Met Center in Bloomington (now razed to be an IKEA store), and the football Minnesota Vikings at Metropolitan Stadium shared by the baseball Twins (now razed to become the Mall of America, once visited). The show touched me in such a way that in later years I was able to procure a stadium seat from that old Vikings stadium signed by legendary running back Chuck Foreman, and was graced by God to cultivate a relationship of faith with Gary Cuozzo (who played quarterback with the Vikings in the early 1970's, when the "Mary Tyler Moore Show" was a weekly hit for audiences in America).

I am still stirred by the final episode of the show in 1977, the year of my graduation from Bogota High School, when the news staff learns that they will be laid off because of new management. In a theme of closure and finality, like life is with deaths and moving on from persons and locations, the staff tearfully have a group hug while singing "It's A Long Way To Tipperary." They leave the WJM - TV newsroom for the last time, and close the door. Mary then reopens the door a final time, tearfully looks around, and shuts the room lights off. Art often imitates life. In recent years I wrote to her twice, and each time she sent me an autographed photo.

Mary was born on December 29, 1936 in Brooklyn, New York. The family lived on Ocean Parkway in the Flatbush section. Raised Catholic, Mary went to St. Rose of Lima Grammar School before her parents moved the family to California when she was eight. In Los Angeles she continued her studies at Saint Ambrose School, and then to Immaculate Heart High School in a town called Los Feliz. Despite her stardom, which included the "Dick Van Dyke Show" from 1961-1966, life was often very difficult which ultimately produced a tenacity in her human spirit. Mary's sister died at the age of twenty-one from a drug addiction, her brother at forty-seven from kidney cancer, and her one child Richard at twenty-four in 1980 in an accident involving a gunshot.

The angst of her life was reflected in 1969 with Elvis Presley in "Change of Habit" (she plays a nun going through a vocational crisis), and in 1980 with "Ordinary People" (mirroring her life, about a mother grieving the drowning death of one son and suicide attempt by another son). She also battled depression, diabetes, and alcoholism. Dedicated to animal no-kill shelters such as the ASPCA (also dear to my heart), the "MTM" logo of the company she ran with late husband Grant Tinker was of their cat Mimsie. She became politically conservative in later years, and did not support the extreme feminist movement of the 1970's despite the themes of her show. Though there were a few failed marriages, she suffered and died glued to her faith.

We endure in the same light. I will miss her presence very much, and would like to meet her in heaven should I make it. Echoed over the ages to our times, wrote Saint Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274): "If you seek patience, you will find no better example than the cross. Great patience occurs in two ways: either when one patiently suffers much, or when one suffers things which one is able to avoid and yet does not avoid. Christ endured much on the cross, and did so patiently." We bring our struggles, sinful demons, confusion and losses to Him. God bless you Mary Tyler Moore.

Father Bill

# MASS INTENTIONS

**Mon. April 24**

7:00am Souls in Purgatory  
Noon St. Francis Parish

**Tues. April 25**

7:00am Communion Service  
Noon Rose Natovich  
(13<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)  
By Family

**Wed. April 26**

7:00am Communion Service  
Noon Fr. Peter's Safe Return

**Thur. April 27**

7:00am Communion Service  
Noon All Priests

**Fri. April 28**

7:00am Marion Miller  
By Helen Miller  
Noon Donald Barney  
By Family

**Sat. April 29**

Noon Pope Francis  
4:30 John & Stephanie Naclerio  
By Family

**Sun. April 30**

8:00 June McKnight  
By Fran, Paul & Nicholas Catania  
11:00am William Cathcart  
By Wife Barbara & Family  
William Hurley  
By Asane Family



**WEEKLY COLLECTON**

April 15-16, 2017

**EASTER**

1<sup>st</sup> Collection \$ 14,248.00  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection \$ 2,756.00  
TOTAL \$17,004.00

Holy Thursday \$ 1,170.00  
Good Friday \$ 1,029.00

**EASTER ATTENDANCE**

April 13-16, 2017

Holy Thursday 186  
Good Friday 3:00pm 190  
Easter Vigil 7:00pm 196  
Easter Sunrise Service 14  
8:00am 400  
11:00am 586  
1:30pm 105

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Prayer Garden 12noon 50  
7:00pm 50  
Blessing of Easter Food 35

THE 2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION THIS WEEK IS FOR  
ELECTRIC



Our **Holy Hour** with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesday from 5:00pm to 6:00pm is for the intention of **FATHER BILL AND THE SPAIN PILGRIMS.**

## *Divine Mercy Sunday*

**THE DIVINE HEART OF JESUS**

*The Divine Heart is an ocean full of all good things,  
wherein poor souls can cast all their needs:  
- it is an ocean full of joy to drown all our sadness,  
- an ocean of humility to drown our folly  
- an ocean of mercy to those in distress,  
- an ocean of love in which to submerge our  
poverty*

St. Margaret Mary

## **EASTER AT ST. FRANCIS**

Easter was a holy and prayerful time at St. Francis this year. We give a heartfelt thank you to all those who helped in making it so special.....

\*Thank you to our Fr. Bill and sacristan, Bill Morgan, for the beautiful liturgies and the celebration of our Easter Masses.

\*Thank you to all those who decorated our church with the beautiful flowers.

\*Thank you to those who built the Easter display of the Apostles boat adorning our altar.

\*Thank you to all our Altar Servers, and especially Richard and Joseph who helped with the liturgies.

\*Thank you to our Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Ushers who assisted at all the liturgies.

\*And, a special thank you to our Music Ministry who provided the magnificent music for Holy Week. The a cappella singing, the descants and harmonies all made our Holy Week music special.

This year we were happy to add the Stations of the Cross in our Prayer Garden on Good Friday, and, our Sunrise Service on Easter Sunday, to our Easter celebration Services.

**TODAY**  
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER  
SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY



**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

Vincenza Secor, Aaron Stagliano, Marie Wiejak, Ashley Barco, Agnes Casey, Rose Marie Michalowski, Elaine Pietrzak, George Vecchio, Jr, Carol Brown, Luzia Araujo, Celio Thomaz, Rosalie Nogay, Frank Pietrzak, Rose Jurik, Robert & Helen Osborn, Manuel DiNapoli, Rachael Neugebauer, Maureen Kelly, James R. Purpura, Jane Pustola, Joann Quicksell, Frances Dolan, Daniel D'Elicio, Fr. Fred Kempferi, Carmen De Crosta, Parker, Jane Holloway, Donna Delconte, Joan Ponesse, Jim Taylor, Marilyn Lennox, Bruno Marchatta, Anne McClellan, Louis Arbia, Dottie Rodriguez, Michael Rosenberg, Maureen Sullivan, Frank D'amario, Amanda Keane, Tom (Manay) Conroy, Gertrude Poland, Rita Froehlich, Brian Scott Monahan, Chelsea Dunderdale, Bill Mowry, Susan Randall, Mary Hollenbeck, Donnie Ruckdeschel, Patrick Comyns, John Marullo, Carol Brown, Geroge Vecchio Jr, Jaddon Johnson, Rina & Richard Bozzone, Rebecca Pacella, Rose DiDonato Lena Biasini Zullo, Pam Kunert, Janet Coiteux, Vincent McParkland and Family and Jozef Froniewski.

**First Reading: Acts 2:42-47**

In the early days of the Church in Jerusalem, the faithful listened intently to the teachings of the apostles. They lived a communal life, sharing all property in common and praying and taking their meals together.

**Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9**

In this first letter from Peter, he speaks to the Christians with great joy and confidence, reminding them that through Christ's resurrection, they have been given a new birth and are heirs to the kingdom of heaven.

**Gospel: John 20:19-31**

After his resurrection, Jesus appears to his disciples and gives them the power to forgive sins. Thomas, who is absent, sees Christ later and believes in His resurrection after feeling His wounds. Christ admonishes Thomas by saying, "You became a believer because you saw Me. Blessed are they who have not seen and believed."

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday

Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday

1 Pt 5:5b-14; Mk 16:15-20

Wednesday

Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21

Thursday

Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36

Friday

Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15

Saturday

Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21



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

In your goodness please bring **PANCAKE MIX & SYRUP** to Church next weekend to be distributed to the less fortunate in our area thru our Food Pantry.

**The Pantry no longer needs egg cartons**

Thank you to those who donated

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 Curt Bourdage before showing up at the pantry, please.



Classes for the school year will end on:

**Monday Sessions – April 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Tuesday Session – April 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Wednesday Session – April 26<sup>th</sup>**

**ST FRANCIS UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Apr. 26<sup>th</sup>** - Eucharistic Adoration 5:00pm to 6:00pm

**Apr. 30<sup>th</sup>** - Clothing Drive

**May 3<sup>rd</sup>** - Senior Meeting

**May 12<sup>th</sup>** - Confirmation 5:30pm

**May 21<sup>st</sup>** - First Communion 11:00am

**May 28<sup>th</sup>** - Bagel Hour after 8:00am Mass

**May 29<sup>th</sup>** - Memorial Day Mass at Cemetery 9:00am

**WOMEN'S CONFERENCE**

The Women's Ministry of Moulton Memorial Baptist Church, 54 Old Little Britain Road in Newburgh is presenting, on Saturday, **April 29<sup>th</sup>**, a day long fellowship with Joanna Fruhauf and the Gracious Vine Band, Rhonda Dimmie and other like minded women of God. Start time is **9:00am** with registration & coffee, **10:00am** first session, **12:00 noon** lunch, **1:00pm** second session, ending at **3:00pm** with coffee and desert. Tickets are **\$5.00**. For questions or more information contact Glynnis Hey at 845-566-9577.



**FIFTH SUNDAY ROSARY PROGRAM**

A Rosary Service for the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in April will be held at **Our Lady of the Lake Chapel** in Newburgh following the **12:30pm Mass** next Sunday, **Sunday April 30<sup>th</sup>**.

All parishioners from the local parishes are invited to participate. Bring your prayer requests. The program is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Msgr. Henry O'Carroll Council #444. For more info please contact Ted Coughlin 845-913-5631 or Joe Coyle 845-561-7384.



Today, **April 23**, Divine Mercy Sunday, the Sisters of the Presentation will engage in what Pope Francis terms the 8<sup>th</sup> work of mercy: having mercy on our “common home”. On the grounds of **Mt. St. Joseph** there will be a procession and short video beginning at **11 a.m.** at the Administration Center, 84 Presentation Way, in New Windsor. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome. For information, call 845-401-8531.

**DIVINE MERCYSUNDAY WITH THE FRIARS**

Today, **Sunday, April 23 at 2:30pm** the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal invite all to come to the Friary at 180 South Street for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 2:30pm followed by praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3:00pm with the opportunity for bilingual Confessions.

The message of Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves all of us and wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins.



The Newburgh Symphonic Chorale will add to observations of Earth Day with music “Celebrating Earth” today, **Sunday, April 23, at 4pm** at St. George’s Church, 205 Grand Street, Newburgh. The concert will include works by Haydn, Vaughan Williams, and Rutter as well as spirituals arranged for the Yale Glee Club by Marshall Bartholomew and Fenno Heath. Free will offering.

**YOU ARE INVITED...** to join **Fr. Dennis M. Dinan, former administrator at St. Francis**, as he celebrates a Mass of Thanksgiving on the occasion of the **25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm** at St. Joseph’s Church in New Windsor. Celebration to follow at St. Joseph’s School, Rt. 32 in New Windsor. Cocktail-hors d’oeuvre hour, buffet dinner (catered by Loughran’s), dessert, coffee/tea, beer, wine & soda. **Adults \$50, Children 12 & under \$25, children under 5 free.** Make check payable to **Father Dennis 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** and drop off at the rectory. For questions call Gloria at 845-561-1317.

**BOWLING FUNDRAISER FOR AMELIA CARLUCCI**

On November 21, 2016, Amelia lost her father, Richard, in a tragic auto accident. Amelia just celebrated her 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday in February. Please join us as we raise money for Amelia’s (whose family are parishioners) future. Bowling **Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>**, from **12noon to 4:00pm** at Tarsio Lanes, Rt. 52 in Newburgh. \$15 donation for two hours of bowling, raffles and 50/50. (Attendance does not require you to bowl.)

**PILGRIMAGES**

Fr. Bill is hosting two upcoming Pilgrimages

**1) ALPINE CHRISTMAS ADVENTURE**

**December 4-14, 2017**

Visit Frankfurt, Freiburg, Lucerne, Innsbruck, Salzburg. Oberammergau, Neuschwanstein, Munich, Rothenberg and Heidelberg, featuring Europe’s famous Chrstkindl Markets.

**2) THE HOLY LAND**

**January 8-17, 2018**

Visit Haifa, Tiberias, Nazareth, Bethlehem and Jerusalem. Walk where Jesus walked in Jerusalem and visit the Mount of Olives, the Garden of Gethsemane and Mt. Zion. Also visit the Church of the Nativity, Shepherd’s Field, the Sea of Galilee and the sites of the Sermon on the Mount and the miracle of the loaves and fishes.

Brochures are located in the back of the church and at the sacristy door entrance. For questions please call the rectory 845-561-1317.

**GIVE/SHARE A RIDE**

We have some people in our parish who would like to share a ride with someone from their area going to Mass on Saturday/Sunday. If you need a ride or would be willing to give someone a ride to Mass please call the rectory with your name and telephone number.

**“DINING TO DONATE”**

Fundraiser to benefit Good-Will Fire Dept. Women’s Auxiliary at Applebee’s Restaurant, Route 300 in Newburgh on **Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 11:00am until closing.** Applebee’s will donate 10% of your check (excluding tax & tip) when a “Dining to Donate” voucher is presented.

**CLOTHING DRIVE**

Students from the Marlboro High School National Honor Society are holding a Spring Clothing Drive. They will be here at St. Francis next **Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am to 12:30pm** to collect any unwanted, gently worn, clean clothing. It’s spring, and a good time to clean out your closets.

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