



Padre's Corner

June 11 2017
The Most Holy Trinity

Joel Osteen is the pastor of Lakewood Church in Houston, Texas. His televised sermons reach worldwide to 100 countries. Replacing his minister father John, who died of a heart attack on January 23, 1999, led to a theology of hope in a darkened world. Criticized by some as a "prosperity gospel" proponent, I find value in a number of his quotations in my own effort to grow spiritually. In San Diego, California five months ago I did watch one of his sermons before attending a Chargers football game. Here is one favorite, in terms of how I see the mercy of God for all of us. "When I grew up, the devil was a reason why I had a headache or the devil was the reason I got mad today. We always blamed the devil. I think today when I say the enemy, I like to make it broader. Sometimes the enemy can be our own thoughts. We've trained ourselves the wrong way. Or the enemy can be our own lack of discipline.

Some people preach about hell like you're already going there, and to me the Gospel means Good News. I'd rather say God is a God of mercy. So I think the people already know what they're doing wrong, and I certainly believe in hell. But to me, when I see thousands of people before me, it just doesn't come out of me to say "You guys are terrible, and you're going to hell." I'd rather say that God is a God of mercy. You've got to live an obedient life, but for every mistake you've made, there's mercy there, and I believe we can do better. "Another penny for your thoughts from Joel Osteen, texted to me from a non-Catholic friend in an ecumenical spirit: "Every one of us has an outer life and an inner life. The outer life is our public life that the people around us see. The inner life is made up of our thoughts, attitudes and motives. Only you and God know what's going on inside of you... We can fool a lot of people, but we can't fool God. He would rather us be open and honest than go through life pretending. Take inventory of what's going on inside of you today. Are you at peace? Are you overlooking offenses? Do you believe the best in people? Do your heart and actions line up? If not, ask the Lord to give you an undivided heart. Be determined to stay true in your mind and actions. Line up your whole being with His Word so that you can be pleasing to Him all the days of your life."

Standing in front of many people, as a preacher or priest, runs the risk of people-pleasing and diluting the essence of God's message to us. Many other authority positions in society, including a presidency, struggle in a similar way with what is doing right versus politically correct. Not an easy life force to negotiate or maneuver. With this desire to be real or authentic, as God sees all anyhow, I present to you a musical metaphor. There are songs with certain groups that beg the question: what was the meaning of the song? Two highly popular selections come to mind: "Lucy in the Sky With Diamonds" by the Beatles and "Along Comes Mary" by the Association. Were they references to drug usage or love songs about Lucy and Mary? The jury has not cast a definitive decision, especially when original band members continue to shroud the lyrical messages in secrecy.

Returning to the 1960's once again, I introduce Donovan Leitch the singer/songwriter of "Sunshine Superman" released in 1966 for his British-based group called appropriately "Donovan." Composed during a melancholy time for Leitch, when a woman named Linda Lawrence was not sure about making a commitment to him after the fresh wounds of a recent failed relationship, there were allegations that "Sunshine Superman" was a drug-laced song because of this verse: "Could've tripped out easy a-but I've, a-changed my ways." Donovan would say about the verse "it has nothing to do with an acid trip. It means I could have allowed my thoughts to slip into depression but I didn't". "Sunshine" was slang for LSD, but the reference actually had to do with the sun coming through my flat's window (in London). "Superman" had nothing to do with the superhero or physical power. It's a reference to the... Evolution of consciousness to reach a higher superman state. "Everybody's hustlin just to have a little scene" was about the attention that fame attracts and people who want to be part of that. "When you've made your mind up / forever to be mine" was simply a prediction (successful) that in time, Linda and I would once again be together. "I saw Donovan Leitch in concert on June 2 in Tarrytown, New York.

I hope my message about being real and authentic rings true in this Padres Corner. If anyone is confused by these personal insights, please know it rings true in my heart and soul. We each pray for such graces, aided by musical gems from a bygone era.

Father Bill

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. June 12

7:00am Mary & Joseph Vitay
By Mary Ann & Tony Farkas
Noon Joseph Smiehorowski
By The George Family

Tues. June 13

7:00am Pope Francis
Noon St. Francis Parish

Wed. June 14

7:00am Susan Randall
"Health & Blessings"
By Mary Randall
Noon Frances Lasser Wontz
By George & Carol Wontz

Thur. June 15

7:00am Our Nation
Noon Edvige, Santo & Terry
Emmanuele
By Electra Orzehowski

Fri. June 16

7:00am World Peace
Noon Dominick Grieco
Happy Birthday"
By Children & Grandchildren

Sat. June 17

Noon All Newly Ordained Priests
4:30pm The Fasciano Family
By Rocky & Mary Jane D'Elicio
Joseph Shields
By Wife & Children

Sun. June 18

8:00am Father's Day Novena
11:00am Ralph N. Corizzo
By Eva & Ed Cosman
Karolina Ogonowski
By Ogonowski Family



WEEKLY COLLECTON

June 3-4, 2017

1st Collection \$ 6,862.00
2nd Collection \$ 1,387.00
TOTAL \$8,249.00

MASS ATTENDANCE

June 3-4, 2017

4:30pm 193
8:00am 200
11:00am 200
1:30pm 57
TOTAL 650

The 2nd Collection this week is for
MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR



Our **Holy Hour** with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesday from 5:00pm to 6:00pm is for the intentin of **ALL FATHERS.**

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

2017 SUNNER RETREAT

Sunday, July 16th – July 21st

FINDING PEACE IN A TURBULENT WORLD WITH THE GUIDANCE OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Fr. Bill Damroth will be leading a Spiritual Retreat the Mariandale Retreat and Conference Center majestically set on 61 acres overlooking the Hudson River in Ossining, NY. This retreat will be a time to Relax, Re-center, Re-connect, Meditate, Pray and Experience Nature. There will be an evening of "Dances of Universal Peace", singing and dancing, Yoga and Fr. Bill's signature Movie Nights. Cost is \$475 which is all-inclusive. Register online at www.mariandale.org or contact Karen at 914-941-4455 ext. 106 or e-mail knoreika@ophope.org.



CONFIRMATION STUDENTS

All students who have not picked up their Confirmation certificates and their gift from Fr. Bill can do so at the Rectory between the hours of **10:00am and 2:00pm Monday thru Friday**, or see Sr. Laura after our Masses.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION ENVELOPES

To make it more efficient to record our weekly envelopes we ask that you please **DO NOT** use any tape or staples when sealing your envelopes.

TODAY
THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

First Reading: Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9

The Lord appears to Moses on Mount Sinai and proclaims to him that he Lord is a "merciful God...slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity."

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Paul exhorts the Corinthians to live in peace and harmony, and for the first time, invokes the Blessed Trinity.

Gospel: John 3:16-18

In this beautiful passage, Jesus tells Nicodemus that God loved his people so much that he "gave his only son." Jesus reveals to Nicodemus that anyone who believes in him will not die but will enjoy life with him for all eternity..

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday

2 Cor 1:1-7; Mt 5:1-12

Tuesday

2 Cor 1:18-22; Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday

2 Cor 3:4-11; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday

2 Cor 3:15—4:1, 3-6; Mt 5:20-26

Friday

2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 5:27-32

Saturday

2 Cor 5:14-21; Mt 5:33-37



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Vincenza Secor, Aaron Stagliano, Marie Wiejak, Ashley Barco, Agnes Casey, Rose Marie Michalowski, George Vecchio, Jr, Carol Brown, Luzia Araujo, Celio Thomaz, Rosalie Nogay, 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 Rosenburg, Maureen Sullivan, Frank D'amario, Amanda Keane, Tom (Manay) Conroy, Gertrude Poland, Rita Froehlich, Brian Scott Monahan, Chelsea Dunderdale, Susan Randall, Mary Hollenbeck, Donnie Ruckdeschel, Patrick Comyns, John Marullo, Carol Brown, Jr, Jaddon Johnson, Rina & Richard Bozzone, Rebecca Pacella, Lena Biasini Zullo, Pam Kunert, Janet Coiteux, Vincent McParkland and Family, Jozef Froniewski, Teresa Centeno and Bobbi Hull.

ST FRANCIS UPCOMING EVENTS

June 7th - Senior Meeting after 12noon Mass
June 14th – Eucharistic Adoration 5:00pm to 6:00pm



The Catholic Daughters, Court Patricia #195 will meet at **7:00pm on Wednesday, June 14th** in the Msgr. Valastro Activity Center of Sacred Heart Church. New members are always welcome. For more information contact Linda DeWitt at 845-565-7837.



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.

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.

REQUIRED ANNOUNCEMENT ON CHILD PROTECTION

Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Sr. Eileen Clifford, O.P. at 212-371-1000 x2949 or Deacon George J, Coppola at 917-861-1762. Both may also be reached via e-mail at victimsassistance@archny.org. Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website www.archny.org. In keeping with the Archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.



Come and be a part of the **ST. FRANCIS YOUTH GROUP**
ALL Junior and High school students are welcomed
Meet **Friday** evenings
6:30pm to 8:00pm
In O'Connor Hall at St Francis Church
For questions or more information please contact **Sr. Laura** at the Rectory, 845-561-1317

THE CORONA SELF HELP GROUP

.....will be speaking after all the Sunday Masses this weekend. The group will speak about addiction and treatment.





The Newburgh Elks, Lodge #247 will be holding its **Annual Flag Day and Flag Retirement** ceremony at Washington Headquarters **today, Sunday, June 11th at 5:00pm**. The event is **FREE** and open to the public.

REVIVE with us

Revive is a three night event coming to the parishes of our archdiocese during which we will explore the fundamental questions, "What are we living for? What is God's purpose for our lives?" Join us and others in your Catholic community to reflect and listen to diverse voices discuss their faith journeys – and go home refreshed and ready to put your faith into action.

On **nights one and two**, we will enjoy music, listen to a special reflection from one of the inspiring priests of our religious orders, hear from members of our religious orders, and hear from members of our own communities about overcoming life's challenges through faith and perseverance; you also will be invited to participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

On **night three**, we will celebrate community Mass – and for those in need, offer the Sacrament of Anointing (Anointing of the Sick).

Revive will be offered for the churches in Newburgh on **Monday, June 19th, Tuesday, June 20th and Wednesday June 21st at 7:00pm** at Sacred Heart Church, 301 Ann Street in Newburgh.

TO REGISTER –Google Revive, Archdiocese of NY, click on Archdiocese of NY, scroll to bottom of page, to sign up click on Faith Every Day.com, choose a location (Orange) click on search, scroll to bottom right side, click on RSVP, fill in your data and click submit.

NORA CRONIN PRESENTATION ACADEMY....

is asking for **sponsors** for its **Summer Youth Leadership Academy (SYLA), July 3-28**. Last year's program was a success in large part from the generosity of the parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi Church. We hope you will be able to support our 45 students again this year. A **donation of \$50.00** will allow a girl to participate in the following off-site activities: trip to Ellis Island/Statue of Liberty and a performance of the musical "Annie" at the Westchester Broadway Theater.

Please make checks payable to: NCPA/SYLA and mail to Nora Cronin Presentation Academy, attention Cathy Squillini, 69 Bay View Terrace, Newburgh, NY 12550.

Thank you for your generosity in giving these girls the opportunity to experience history and culture.

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HEALING MASS

This Father's Day, Sunday, June 18th at 4:00pm, St Mary's Church on Route 9W in Marlboro is hosting their Third Sunday of the Month Healing Mass. You are invited to come and get a blessing. For more information or questions call Toni at 914-456-7539.



The Knights of Columbus Council #444 is hosting their **7th Annual Msgr. Henry O'Carroll Memorial Car Show** at Sears at the Newburgh Mall, 1401 Union Avenue, Route 300 in Newburgh on, (please note change of date) **Sunday, June 25th from 10:00am to 3:00pm** (rain date is July 2nd). Pre-Registration is \$15.00, Registration Day of Show is \$20.00 and Vendor Spots are \$30.00.

This year there will be the addition of **motorcycles and trucks** to the show.

There will be Trophies, Best in Show and People's Choice Awards along with Goodie Bags.

For more info or questions contact Ken Ryan 845-565-8015, Charlie Smith 845-561-8647 or Dan Keenan 845-562-9353.

*"God loves each of us
as if there were only one of us."*

St. Augustine

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City/Town: _____ **Zip:** _____

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Fill out and drop in the Offertory Collection or mail to St. Francis of Assisi Church, 145 Benkard Avenue, Newburgh, NY 12550.....and Welcome!