



Padre's Corner

June 18, 2017

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ
(Corpus Christi Sunday)

Saint Augustine wrote 1600 years ago: "The world is a book and those who do not travel read only one page." 1400 years later novelist Mark Twain continued the same stream of thought with these words: "Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry, and narrow-mindedness, and many of our people need it sorely on these accounts. Broad, wholesome, charitable views of men and things cannot be acquired by vegetating in one little corner of the earth all one's lifetime."

Not all priests like to travel the way I do. We basically use our personal vacation time to do so, which could largely explain their perspective. In fairness, such spiritual journeys are not purely fun and relaxation. There are the responsibilities of being the group chaplain, early wake up calls, dealing with complaints, crowds, and other human factors that can be unpleasant at times. Alternatively there is the wider scope of memories, experiences, growing in the faith, and rich new friendships that can possibly emerge. This is why I choose to lead them, and sometimes going a second or even third time so my new flock in Newburgh can learn and explore as I have done.

The recent sojourn to Europe from April 24 through May 4 was such a privilege. Fatima, Portugal was a sacred stop with the May 13th apparition anniversary of one century ago in the midst of World War I fast approaching. Our group of forty-four had the privilege of meeting the one surviving family member of the three Fatima children, Marie the niece of Lucia. Now 96 years young, she is the final human link to that iconic moment in Church history though certainly the spiritual growths continue. We also went to Lourdes, France to be part of a special moment from 160 years ago when Saint Bernadette saw the Virgin Mary near a cave (with messages of hope and conversion as the Fatima children would receive from Her 60 years later). Majestic Spain was also embraced with Madrid (saw flamenco dancing), Avila (the holy spot where Saint Theresa lived five centuries ago, later to become a doctor of the Church through her "Interior Castle" writings), Montserrat with the "Black Madonna" image, and Barcelona (Mass at a cathedral built 1100 years ago).

The traveling spirit will continue this year **December 4-14** when we examine a very different part of Europe: the Alpine region "Christmas Adventure Featuring Europe's Famous Christkindl Markets." In Germany we will see Frankfurt including a cruise on the Rhine River, the Heidelberg Castle, Oberammergau famous for the local citizens Passion Play, Neuschwanstein Castle which served as the inspiration for the castle at Disneyland in California, Rothenburg which maintains its medieval time charms, and Munich for the famed Christmas shopping markets. In Switzerland we tour Basel, the medieval walls plus waterfront of Lucerne, the Alpine mountain peaks of Eiger and Jungfrau, and the shores of Lake Zurich. We also venture to the mountainous zones of Austria with Innsbruck in the heart of the Alps, Salzburg famous for the "Sound of Music" story with the Von Trapp family (several of whom I had correspondence with two decades ago) popularized by Julie Andrews in the 1965 Hollywood film rendering, and among other stops to Rathaus where the musical genius Mozart was born.

Daily Masses at historical spots will be integral to this pilgrimage. I hope you will consider joining us on this inspirational journey, and/or as well the planned visit to the Holy Land the second week of January in 2018. More on Israel in the near future. Please contact the rectory soon for a pamphlet and reservation form. Actor Danny Kaye (1911-1987), famous for his role in "Hans Christian Anderson" from 1952, reflected: "To travel is to take a journey into yourself." Come with we travelers of Saint Francis of Assisi Church. God bless us one and all.

Father Bill

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. June 19

7:00am Father's Day Novena
Noon Barbara Palumbo
By Mary Ann & Tony Farkas

Tues. June 20

7:00am Ferdinand Miller
By Helen & Marion Miler
Noon Father's Day Novena

Wed. June 21

7:00am Father's Day Novena
Noon Olga Deagostino Meehan
By Daughters

Thur. June 22

7:00am Father's Day Novena
Noon Haley Family
By Ed & Barbara McDaniel

Fri. June 23

7:00am Father's Day Novena
Noon Judy Kennedy
By Ertha Augustin

Sat. June 24

Noon Father's Day Novena
4:30pm William Cathcart
By Wife Barbara & Family
Sabrina Campbell
By Robert & Kathleen Martinek

Sun. June 25

8:00am Josephine & Andrew
Wassi
By Bill & Marion Pushman
Charles & Rose Grossholz
By Family
11:00am Carol Bivona (1st Ann)
By Linda Gizzarelli
Mary Ann Fabiano
"Health & Blessings"
By Family



WEEKLY COLLECTON

June 10-11, 2017

1st Collection \$ 6,885.00
2nd Collection \$ 1,803.00
TOTAL \$ 8,688.00

MASS ATTENDANCE

June 10-11, 2017

4:30pm 175
8:00am 195
11:00am 185
1:30pm 62
TOTAL 617

The 2nd Collection this week is for
PARISH RESTORATION & ENDOWMENT FUND



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

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



A FATHER'S DAY PRAYER

Blessed be the father
who lets the Lord be his guiding hand,
whose faith brings his family courage,
whose wisdom comes from God,
and whose children still stand and honor him.

God our Father, We give you thanks and praise
for all fathers young and old.

We remember fathers, grandfathers,
and great grandfathers
who are no longer with us
but who live forever in our memory
and nourish us with their love.

Amen

TODAY
THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST
(CORPUS CHRISTI)

First Reading: Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a

Moses reminds the Israelites that when they were starving in the desert, the Lord fed them with "manna" -- a food not known to them.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

Paul points out to the Corinthians that through the sharing of the cup and the breaking of the bread, they are all one in Christ Jesus.

Gospel: John 6:51-58

After Jesus feeds the five thousand people with barley loaves and fishes, he tries to make them understand the significance and the meaning of what he has done. He tells them, in mysterious and beautiful words, that the bread he gives is his flesh and says, "I myself am the living bread... If anyone eats this bread, he shall live forever."

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday

2 Cor 6:1-10; Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday

2 Cor 8:1-9; Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday

2 Cor 9:6-11; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday

2 Cor 11:1-11; Mt 6:7-15

Friday

Dt 7:6-11; 1 Jn 4:7-16; Mt 11:25-30

Saturday

Vigil: Jer 1:4-10; 1 Pt 1:8-12; Lk 1:5-17

Day: Is 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80



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 Rosenberg, 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, 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.



WEEKLY OFERTORY
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.



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**. All students need to pre-register with Curt - Bourdage before showing up at the pantry, please.



St. Francis Deacon Jack Seymour Food Pantry is selling raffle tickets. This is our major and only fundraiser for the year. All proceeds go to support the Food Pantry. The donation is \$20.00 per ticket and six prizes will be awarded.

- 1st Prize - \$1,000
- 2nd Prize - \$500
- 3rd Prize - \$500
- 4th Prize - \$500
- 5th Prize - \$250
- 6th Prize - \$250

The drawing will be held on August 6th at our Church Picnic. Tickets can be purchased at the rectory between the hours of 10:00am and 2:00pm. Thank you for your continued support of our Food Pantry.



CONFIRMATION STUDENTS

All students who have not yet 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.



SAVE THE DATE

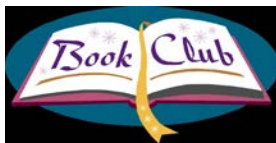
Our Church Picnic will be held on **Sunday, August 6th** from **12noon** until **5:00pm** on the grounds here at St. Francis. Food vendors, music, games and more. Come sit under the tent and join in the fellowship and fun with other parishioners.

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.

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.



The Catholic Classics Book Reading Club will meet here at St. Francis in O'Connor Hall from **2:00pm to 3:30pm** on **July 11, 25 and 26th** to discuss the book "**Silence**" by Shusaku Endo and view the film by Martin Scorsese. This story is about two Portuguese Jesuit priests in seventeenth century Japan who travel to a country hostile to their religion and are captured and forced to watch their Japanese Christian brothers lay down their lives for their faith.

The sessions will be **hosted by Margaret Sanchez** and **led by Fr. Bill**.



Our Little Furry Friends Ministry

Our collection box for pet supplies has been filled to the top with your donations and the feeding bowl to collect funds for the New Windsor SPCA continues to receive your generous donations every week. We are very thankful for the parishioners who are committed to helping this "Little Furry Friends Ministry".

We have emptied the "pet supply" box and it is ready to receive more of your helpful donations. Although pet food is always so very welcomed, used pet articles and old bedding are very much appreciated as well. Thank you all our parishioners!!!!

DID YOU KNOW...Dogs have three eyelids – an upper lid, a lower lid, and a third lid called nictitating membrane which keeps the eye moist and protected.

ADVERTISER'S CORNER

Thank you

TO OUR BULLETIN

ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK, **PAMELA'S ON THE**

HUDSON, located at 1 Park Place in Newburgh. Pamela's serves dinner starting at 4:00pm Wednesday thru Saturday and is open for Brunch on Sunday's from 10:30am to 2:00pm. They also cater special events such as bridal and baby showers, anniversary parties, First Communion and Confirmation parties as well as bereavement lunches. Pamela's can be reached at 845-562-4505 or visit them at www.pamela'sny.com.

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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

Not by bread alone...



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.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Town: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

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