



Padre's Corner

July 9, 2017

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Winston Churchill of England wrote about courage during the agonies of World War II: "Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts." Eleanor Roosevelt, wife of Franklin the American president during the same war, reflected: "You gain strength, courage, and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face. You are able to say to yourself: I lived through this horror. I can take the next thing that comes along." Later president John F. Kennedy wrote a book called "Profiles In Courage," that penned his experiences as a military officer during World War II plus other past historical patriots. Winning the "Pulitzer Prize," the theme of human grace under pressure can be universally applied for all times and ages. I truly believe that we live in such social times that require similar individual and collective courage, as we watch our sacred institutions of Church and even the noble name of the Presidency mocked and vilified. We can draw inspiration from past figures, and then can find that type of soul in current times to continue to inspire forward. Over the next few weeks in "Padres Corner," and then on occasion, I will research and report to you these human lightning rods of faith.

Clemens August Graf Von Galen was the Bishop of Munster, Germany during World War II. The fears then of international tensions mark the same world we live in during 2017. The Third Reich program of social cleansing by the Nazi's was designed to euthanize "lives unworthy of life." Referred to as the "Lion of Munster", Bishop Von Galen opposed from the pulpit such crimes against humanity. These crimes extended into the concentration camps beyond the public hospitals, as even Jewish babies would be purposely drowned by medical nurses and doctors in order to stunt their population growth. Von Galen publicly condemned these actions, even naming Adolph Hitler from the pulpit. Born into a family of wealth at Dinklage Castle on March 16 of 1878, he was Jesuit educated at the Stella Matutina School in Austria bordered by Switzerland. Ordained in 1904, he served in various parishes from 1906 through 1929 in Berlin. He encouraged parishioners during that time which included World War I to develop food pantries, aid societies, and clothing drives. In 1929, he was made pastor of Saint Lambert's Church in Munster. **Four years later** in 1933, he was elevated to the Bishop ranks in the same city with the motto "neither by flattery or fear." He would eventually lead public efforts against the Nazi extermination of the senile, mentally ill and handicapped, crippled, epileptics, and children with Down's Syndrome though the list of "undesirables" would quickly expand.

The Gestapo expanded their anti-religious hatred by 1941 with the confiscation of Church properties, turning them into brothels and movie theaters of propaganda. Monasteries were suppressed, and religious orders of sisters and priests expelled. On August 3, 1941 the future Cardinal and Saint roared outward in a courageous homily: "Innocent Germans were being murdered, because in the judgment of some official body, on the decision of some committee, they have become unworthy to live, because they are classed as unproductive members of the national community... Poor human beings, ill human beings, they are unproductive, if you will. But does that mean that they have lost the right to live? Have you, have I, the right to live only so long as we are productive?"

Von Galen would soon be placed in house arrest until the end of the war in 1945. Hans Oster, a Lutheran, commented about him: "He's a man of courage and conviction. And what resolution in his sermons. There should be a handful of such people in all our churches... If there were, Germany would look quite different." Becoming a Cardinal on February 21, 1946 Von Galen died one month later on **March 22** of an appendix infection. He is buried in the Cathedral of Munster. He was beatified by Pope Benedict XVI on October 9, 2005 outside of Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome. I pray, as a priest and pastor, to have the same courage and conviction to speak out against euthanasia and abortion. How about you?

Father Bill

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. July 10

7:00am Eleanor Murphy
Noon Francis Rich
By The Rich Family

Tues. July 11

7:00am Mary & Joseph Vitay
By Mary Ann & Tony Farkas
Noon Charles Messina (L)
By Your Friend

Wed. July 12

7:00am Joseph Smiehorowski
By Pat Porvaznik & Family
Noon Joseph Smiehorowski
By The Latonero Family

Thur. July 13

7:00am Vocations
Noon The Ill and Suffering

Fri. July 14

7:00am Edward Yano Jr.
By Patrick & Sandra LoFaro
Noon Pope Francis

Sat. July 15

Noon Vincent Denisi
By Mom
4:30pm Patricia Randall
By Mary Randall
Michael Pacella
By Michael & Colleen Corizzo

Sun. July 16

8:00am Andrew & Jimmy
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By Bill & Marion Pushman
11:00am Louise & Vincent
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By Family



WEEKLY COLLECTON

July 1-2, 2017

1st Collection

2nd Collection Available next week

TOTAL

MASS ATTENDANCE

July 1-2, 2017

4:30pm

8:00am

11:00am Available next week

1:30pm

TOTAL

The 2nd Collection this week is for
MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS



Our Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on
Wednesday from 5:00pm to 6:00pm is for the intentin of
THE MEN & WOMEN SERVING IN OUR MILITARY

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

LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER

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 at 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.

A TRAVELERS PRAYER

AS YOU START YOUR VACATION

"In the name of God I go on this journey.

May God the Father be with me,

God the Son protect me,

and God the Holy Ghost be by my side."

Amen.

*"Lord, be our guide and our protector on the journey
we are about to take. Watch over us. Protect us from
accidents. Keep us free from harm to body and soul.
Lord, support us with Your grace when we are tired.
Help us be patient in any trouble which may come our
way. Keep us always mindful of Your presence and
love."
Amen*

TODAY

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-10

This is a prophecy of the coming of the Messiah to Jerusalem. He will come, not as a King, but as a humble savior, riding on an ass.

Second Reading: Romans 8:9, 11-13

Contrasting "flesh and spirit," Paul urges that all who live for material things abandon the temptations of the flesh and rise to life in the "Spirit."

Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

Jesus speaks lovingly and gently when he invites all those who are weary and burdened with life to seek relief and respite in him. He says, "Your souls will find rest, for my yoke is easy and my burden light."

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday

Gn 28:10-22a; Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday

Gn 32:23-33; Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday

Gn 41:55-57, 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Mt 10:1-7

Thursday

Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29, 45:1-5; Mt 10:7-15

Friday

Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Mt 10:16-23

Saturday

Gn 49:29-32, 50:15-26a; Mt 10:24-33



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, 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, Bobbi Hull and Mary Ann Fabiano



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

In your goodness please bring **ONE POUND PACKAGES OF RICE** 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.



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.



Newburgh Summer Backpack Program

The Food Bank of the Hudson Valley in conjunction with our Deacon Jack Seymour Food Pantry will again be distributing backpacks of weekend meals to our local children. Backpacks will be distributed at our Food Pantry on **Fridays** from **10:30am to 12:30pm** from **July 7th thru August 12th**.

ST. FRANCIS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- July 9th - Youth Group 6:30pm O'Connor Hall
- July 11th - Book Club 2:00pm O'Connor Hall
- July 12th - Senior Meeting 12:30pm O'Connor Hall
- July 12th - Eucharistic Adoration 5:00-6:00pm
- July 16th - Bagel & Coffee Hour
- July 22nd - Movie Night
- July 25th - Book Club 2:00pm O'Connor Hall
- July 26th - Book Club 2:00pm O'Connor Hall



St. Francis Church will again be a host site for the Newburgh Enlarged City School District's *Summer Feeding Program*. Anyone **18 years and younger** can receive a **free lunch Monday thru Friday** between the hours of **10:30am and 12:30pm**. The program will run from **Wednesday, July 5th thru Friday, September 1st**.



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



St. Francis Seniors will meet the **second Wednesday** of the month on **July 12th** at **12:30pm** after the 12noon Mass in **O'Connor Hall**. There will be a guest speaker, Laura Cormier, a Certified Master Walk 15 Instructor. Walk 15 is an indoor aerobic program – come learn the benefits and techniques of Walk 15. All are welcome.



Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Patricia #195 will host their annual Pot Luck Supper on **Wednesday, July 12th** at **6:00pm** at the Sacred Heart Activity Center at which time they will honor members with service awards. New members are always welcome. For more information call Linda DeWitt at 845-565-7837



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 26** 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**.



VFW Post 1161 and CWV Post 386 will co-host a bus trip to Pocono Downs Casino in Wilkes Barre-PA on **Tuesday, July 18th**. Bus will depart at **8:30am** from the Wal-Mart parking lot and will depart for home around **4:30pm**. Tickets are **\$35.00** and each person will receive a \$30.00 package consisting of **\$25.00 freeslot play** and a **\$5.00 food coupon**, plus a chance to **win this trip free**. To sign up please call John Raszewski at 845-562-3705

ADVERTISER'S CORNER

Thank you

TO OUR BULLETIN

ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK, **ANDIAMO**

RESTAURANT, located at 5025 Route 9W, in Newburgh. Take a break from cooking and stop in and check out their delicious menu or have a pizza made in their wood burning oven. They are open 7 days a week and also have delivery service. They can be reached at 845-565-3800 or visit them at www.andiamorestaurantny.com.



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.



The Spirit of God dwells in you

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: _____

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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!