



Padre's Corner

July 30, 2017

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"What is it that you want?" Reverend Mother asked me. I told her that was what I was trying to find out. I said, "I want my career. I want to get married. I want to have a home. I want most of all to do the will of God." I think I hoped that she would not accept me, but just say again that I should go back to Hollywood. "I can't tell you what the will of God is," she said. "You must decide what you want to do, and in your deepest desire you will find the will of God. What is it that you want? ... You will find the will of God when you find what it is in your own heart that you know you must do. Don't look for God in some abstraction. The answer comes from within yourself, Dolores. What is it that you want?" The year was 1962. These deep thoughts came in the autobiography: "The Ear of the Heart: An Actress Journey From Hollywood to Holy Vows."

Dolores Hart was born on October 20, 1938 in Chicago, Illinois. Her parents separated when she was only three. Her grandparents sent her, as guardians, to Saint Gregory Catholic School in Chicago. Her grandfather instilled a thirst for cinematic acting in her through his job as a movie theater projectionist. Her actress skills further developed at Marymount College in California, leading to two films with Elvis Presley. One was "Loving You" in 1957, and the other "King Creole" in 1958. "Where The Boys Are" was released in 1960, about students on spring break, before "Francis of Assisi" one year later in 1961. She met Pope John XXIII during production. The filming in Rome, as Claire of Assisi, exhilarated her vocational leanings followed by a proverbial guest appearance in a 1963 episode of "The Virginian" entitled "The Mountain of the Sun." Hart played a Catholic missionary helping the poor and sick in a troubled countryside setting. Her final film role was later that year in "Come Fly With Me."

She then left behind a fiancée, wealthy in real estate transactions, to pursue the religious life at the Benedictine Abbey of Regina Laudis in Bethlehem, Connecticut. She became prioress of the Abbey in 2001, which she continued until 2015. She remains a voting member of the "Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences." HBO (Home Box Office) filmed a 2012 documentary about her life, entitled "God is the Bigger Elvis," followed in 2013 by her above-cited autobiography.

As a young teenager, with the influence of her grandparents, Dolores became Catholic which would place her on this eventual road of vocation as nun. She reflected: "After my conversion, I had my first reflection about vocation: the act of being fully Catholic would be, of course, to become a nun. But I reasoned that that was not what I should be thinking, so the reflection vanished as quickly as it had flared, not to materialize again until I was in college. Yet I still knew that I had something I had been missing. I had been deeply impressed by the sense of belonging that the other children derived from the practice of their religion; and as I participated with them, I began to feel that I too belonged there with them. My aunts had exposed me to other religions, but it was only as a Catholic that this sense of joyousness and purpose came over me."

I first met Mother Dolores Hart at the Regina Laudis Abbey in April of 2015, shortly before being transferred from Mount Kisco to Saint Francis of Assisi in Newburgh. We spoke for one hour about the blessings of our respective vocations, and the struggles such as giving up marriage and family. Elvis Presley was attracted to her, and they did have a movie kiss. She kissed me in a sacred way before parting, promising her continued prayers. **Two years later**, I saw her again this time in Manhattan at the Leo House (which offers Catholic hospitality to the discouraged). Her sacrificial courage and sparkling spiritual eyes still blossom.

Father Bill

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. July 31

7:00am **Mary Lee Lancaster**
By Linda & Paul Zalanowski
Noon **David Herbison**
(12th Anniv)
By Family

Tues. Aug. 1

7:00am **Stewart Menzies**
By Daughter Doris Therrien
Noon **Joseph Zmudzinski**
By Wife Fran

Wed. Aug. 2

7:00am **Ann & Anthony Farkas**
By Mary Ann & Tony Farkas
Special Intention
By Mary King
Noon **Biagio Bivona**
By Family

Thur. Aug. 3

7:00am **Susan Randall**
By St Francis Historical Society
Noon **Francis & Doris Rich**
By Rich Family

Fri. Aug. 4

7:00am Mass of thanksgiving to
Blessed Virgin Mary
By DeLuca Family
Noon **Ted King & Margaret**
Scalzo
By Mary King

Sat. Aug. 5

Noon Mass of Thanksgiving to
St. Theresa
By DeLuca Family
4:30pm **Dr Frank Catania**
(11th Anniv)
By Wife Fina & Family
Donna Talerico Liebgold
(4th Anniv)
By Sister Carol & Johnny

Sun. Aug. 6

8:00am **Caroline Walsh**
By Family
Mary Speroni Vukovich
By Bob & Andrea Murphy
11:00am **William Cathcart**
By Wife Barbara & Family
John J. Crudele
By Family



WEEKLY COLLECTON

July 22-23, 2017

1st Collection \$6,611.00
2nd Collection 1,536.00
TOTAL \$8,147.00

MASS ATTENDANCE

July 22-23, 2017

4:30pm 165
8:00am 186
11:00am 205
1:30pm 52
TOTAL 608

The 2nd Collection this week is for
LAWN MOWING



We will have in person registration for
Religious Education classes on the following dates
At Sacred Heart Church
Sunday, August 20th 11:00am to 1:00pm
At St. Francis of Assisi Church
Sunday, August 27 10:30am to 12:30pm
and 1:00pm to 3:00pm
In the Religious Education Program Office
At Sacred Heart School building
Corner of Robinson Ave (Rt 9W) and Ann Street
Wednesday, August 30th
9:30am to 11:00am & 4:00pm to 6:00pm



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



FIFTH SUNDAY ROSARY PROGRAM

A Rosary Service for the 5th Sunday in July will be held here
at St. Francis of Assisi Church following the 11:00pm Mass
today, Sunday, Sunday July 30th. All are invited to attend.
Bring your prayer requests. This program is sponsored by
the Knights of Columbus Council #444.

TODAY

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

Solomon, realizing that he will succeed his father David as King of Israel and Judah, begs the Lord to give him wisdom and understanding in order to rule his people well. The Lord grants his request saying, "...there will come no one to equal you."

Second Reading: Romans 8:28-30

As heirs of God and heirs with Christ, we suffer in order to be glorified with Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

Jesus speaks again about the "reign of God," telling the parables of the buried treasure and the merchant's search for pearls. In each parable, Jesus emphasizes that the "reign of God" is more precious and valuable than any treasure.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday

Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday

Ex 33:7-11, 34:5b-9, 28; Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday

Ex 34:29-35; Mt 13:44-46

Thursday

Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Mt 13:47-53

First Friday

Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Mt 13:54-58

First Saturday

Lv 25:1, 8-17; Mt 14:1-12



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'Elcicio, 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, Mary Hollenbeck, Donnie Ruckdeschel, Patrick Comyns, John Marullo, Jaddon Johnson, Rina & Richard Bozzone, Rebecca Pacella, Lena Biasini Zullo, Pam Kunert, Janet Coiteux, Vincent McParkland and Family, Jozef Froniewski, Teresa Centeno, Bobbi Hull, Mary Ann Fabiano, Angie Monaco, Emily Cooley and Frank Celeste



CAREER OPPORTUNITY: The Knights of

Columbus is seeking a candidate for a career opportunity representing their insurance program. We offer a complete benefits package with this full-time position. In order to qualify one must be eligible for membership in the Knights of Columbus. For more information please contact Bill Schneider, General Agent at 914-420-6836 or william.schneider@kofc.org



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

In your goodness please bring **SCHOOL SUPPLIES**, such as **pens, pencils, notebooks, binders, paper, backpacks, etc.** 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.



LAST CHANCE LAST CHANCE LAST CHANCE
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. Food Pantry volunteers will be **selling tickets at all the masses this weekend**. Tickets can also be purchased at the rectory between the hours of 10:00am and 2:00pm.

Thank you for your continued support of our Food Pantry.

SUMMER FEEDING PROGRAM – Free lunch for children 18 years or younger, Monday thru Friday from 10:30 am to 12:30pm in O'Connor Hall thru Sept. 1st.

BACKPACKS 4 KIDS – Backpacks filled with weekend meals for our local children distributed at our Food Pantry on Fridays from 10:30am to 12:30pm thru August 12th.

ST. FRANCIS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Aug 2nd - Eucharistic Adoration 5:00-6:00pm
Aug 4th - Youth Group 6:30 pm O'Connor Hall
Aug 6th - Parish Picnic Church Grounds
Aug 6th - Spanish Mass 12:30pm
Aug 15th - Feast of Assumption – Holy Day
Aug 19th - Bagel Hour
Aug 20th - Movie Night



**Sunday, August 6th
12noon until 5:00pm**

on the grounds here at St. Francis.

The **Pizza Shop** and **River Grill** will have pizza, sausage and peppers, hot dogs and hamburgers for sale.

Mr. Cannoli and the **Funnel Guy** will have cannoli's, ices and funnel cakes also available for purchase.

Music by **DJ Ming**,
Bocce Court & Photo Booth
Face Paining & Dunking Booth

SPANISH MASS TIME CHANGE

Our Spanish Mass on Sunday August 6th will be celebrated at 12:30pm due to our parish picnic.

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**CONGRATULATIONS TO.....**

**Jeannine McCauley** the July winner of **\$230.50** in our Monthly 50/50 Raffle. Be sure your envelope is in for our next drawing in August.

**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.

**\*\*\*\*\* PLEASE NOTE \*\*\*\*\***

If you are planning to go on Fr. Bill's Alpine Adventure Pilgrimage to Switzerland, Austria and Germany on December 4-14, deposits are due **NOW**. Our travel agent needs to line up the flights, rooms, etc. for the trip.



**ADVERTISER'S CORNER**

*Thank you*

TO OUR BULLETIN

ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK, **DR. SUSAN JENSEN** and her staff at her Primary Care Medical Practice located at 3068 Route 9W, Suite 200 in New Windsor. Dr. Jensen, a parishioner here at St. Francis, is accepting new patients. Call her office at 845-534-1505 for an appointment.

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Hospice of Orange & Sullivan Counties

is holding volunteer training sessions for all interested parties at their training site at 90 Cystal Run Road in Middletown on **Wednesdays** from **10:00am to 5:00pm** on **September 13, 20, 27** and **October 4, 11, 18, 25**. For more information please contact Debra Epstein at debrae@hospiceoforange.com or 845-565-4849. All interested community members are welcome and Hospice also extends this invitation to veterans, bilingual persons and snow birds.



There will be **NO** Senior Meeting during the month of August.

Healthy Orange Farmers Market

**Tuesdays
July 11th thru October 24th
10:00am to 2:00pm**

141 Broadway between Lander and Johnston Streets. Fresh vegetables and fruits, herbs, honey, eggs, and baked goods. For more information contact Meg Oakes at 845-360-6691.

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: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell 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*.