



Padre's Corner

AUGUST 13, 2017

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Recently at a minor league baseball game in Rockland County, around the time of Memorial Day, I thought about world peace in the context of how brave women and men in nearly 250 years of United States history have protected freedoms within and abroad. Freedoms such as worship and living individual lives of peace, such as enjoying a baseball game. Ron Shelton, in the 1988 film "Bull Durham," reflected: "I believe in the Church of Baseball. I tried all the major religions and most of the minor ones. I've worshipped Buddha, Allah, Brahma, Vishnu, Siva, trees, mushrooms and Isadora Duncan. I know things. For instance, there are 108 beads in a Catholic rosary and there are 108 stitches in a baseball. When I learned that, I gave Jesus a chance."

Steve Busby, retired from the Pittsburgh Pirates pitching elite, said in the "Washington Post" on July 8 in 1974: "Baseball, to me, is still the national pastime because it is a summer game. I feel that almost all Americans are summer people, that summer is what they think of when they think of their childhood. I think it stirs up an incredible emotion within people."

There is nothing wrong about our individual and collective pursuits of peace, as they remind us of hope in the midst of a complicated world. We all deal with life stresses in different ways whether it be issues of health, employment, economics, relationships, threats, indecision, and even contemplating God's plan for the future. Watching a baseball game is a source of peace for me, with its timeless propulsion forward and plentiful opportunities to reflect and recollect about life. I can also time travel in memory to my youth, playing the game with the Mickey Mantle glove my Dad bought me as a kid. A glove I still have. I have audio tapes of early 1970's radio broadcasts of San Diego Padres baseball games in California that can be tapped into, when I need to return to a more innocent time of my past.

My life as a Catholic priest is often pot-marked by challenges, changes involving the movement of parishes as the Archdiocese continues its plan of merging and closing those very parishes, and people personalities mostly good and sometimes not so. I require these peaceful escapes, as any normal person necessitates whether it be a ballpark or elsewhere.

The search for peace ultimately must culminate in the Hands of God. There is not a person, place or thing that can substitute for what He provides. We get glimpses of that sought-for state of solace, but it must all revert back to our spiritual and prayerful relationship with our Creator. Yet, the yearning to find it in this world continues.

Another taste of that peace took place around the time of the above-described baseball experience. I went to the "Catskill Animal Sanctuary" in Saugerties, New York. Founded by Kathy Stevens in 2001, a spirited person I had the privilege to meet, the sanctuary exists on 110 acres. Over 3000 animals have been rescued since then who were facing traumatic situations of slaughterhouses for eventual food consumption, human neglect, or being abandoned into a lonely state of uncertainty. I met such animal creations of God in the faces of intelligent pigs rolling serenely in the mud (which is why I cannot eat bacon anymore), blind horses that once graced racetracks before being determined as economically worthless by ownership, cows that actually escaped slaughterhouses in Manhattan while seeming so grateful to be touched by the kind human hand, and even turkeys spared the Thanksgiving plate. The sanctuary land was serene, and felt like a real departure from the turbulent world landscapes around us.

The staff guides were committed to the value of these rescued animals, in a culture that deems them and even the unborn child as often pointless and a blob of nothing tissue. Be it a baseball game or animal sanctuary, I recognize these scenes as glimpses of Heaven our ultimate location of true peace. Where do you find your peace? **Father Bill**

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. Aug. 14

7:00 The ill and suffering
Noon St. Francis Parish
5:30pm Frank Hoffmann
(59th Anniv)

By Family

Tues. Aug. 15

7:00am Barbara Palumbo
By Mary Ann & Tony Farkas
Noon John Dombroski
By Nick & Helene Stagliano
5:30pm Kevin Van Amburgh
By Jack Earley

Wed. Aug. 16

7:00am Susan Randall
By Food Pantry Volunteers
Noon Barry F. Marshall
By Ed & Barbara Mc Daniel

Thur. Aug. 17

7:00am Vincent Denisi
By Mom
Noon Diane Piper-Radner
(1st Anniv)

By Husband Paul

Fri. Aug. 18

7:00am Pope Francis
Noon Orland & Maria Cosentino
By Daughter Frances

Sat. Aug. 19

Noon City of Newburgh
4:30pm Rocco Pacella Jr. and
Thomas DiDonato
By Shirley Pacella

Sun. Aug. 20

8:00am Ralph Corizzo
(1st Anniv)
By Colleen & Michael Corizzo
Patrick Pacenza Jr.
By OCVFA Ladies Auxiliary
11:00am Olga Deagostino
Meehan
By Daughters
Mary Lee Lancaster
By Angie Monaco



WEEKLY COLLECTON

Aug 5-6, 2017

1st Collection \$ 5,972.00
2nd Collection 1,889.00
TOTAL \$7,861.00

MASS ATTENDANCE

Aug 5-6, 2017

4:30pm 176
8:00am 186
11:00am 180
12:30pm 62
TOTAL 604

The 2nd Collection this week is for
MAINTNEANCE & REPAIRS



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



**FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**
(Holy Day of Obligation)

MASSES AT ST. FRANCIS

Vigil Monday August 14th

5:30pm

Tuesday, August 15th

7:00am 12noon 5:30pm

PLEASE NOTE

Beginning Sunday, September 3rd
our Sunday 8:00am Mass
will be moved to 8:30am

TODAY

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a

After fleeing from the revenge of the King of Israel, Elijah hid in a cave, but at the command of God, he went outside and stood on a mountain. There the Lord came to him, not in the wind nor in the earthquake, but in a "tiny whispering sound."

Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5

Paul is deeply pained because the Jews - in spite of everything that has been given to them - have rejected Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

Matthew vividly recounts the event of Jesus walking on the water. When the disciples see this, they are terrified, and Jesus chastises them for their fear. Peter begs Christ to let him walk on the water; he is at first brave but begins to sink and loses faith, crying out, "Lord save me!" Christ rescues him for his faltering faith.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday

Dt 10:12-22; Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday

Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16, 16:1-2; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28
Day: Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

Wednesday

Dt 34:1-12; Mt 18:15-20

Thursday

Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Mt 18:21-19:1

Friday

Jos 24:1-13; Mt 19:3-12

Saturday

Jos 24:14-29; Mt 19:13-15



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Vincenza Secor, Aaron Stagliano, Marie Wijek, 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, Frances Dolan, Daniel D'Elicio, 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'amaro, 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, Frank Celeste, Jennifer Jones, Amy Finnegan, Brian Hanrahan and Toni Loparco Shepardson



Sacred Heart School is accepting enrollment for Pre-K thru 8th grade for the 2017-18 school year. Please call 845-561-1433 for an appointment or stop by for a tour at their school at 148 Windsor Highway In New Windsor. Please visit our website <https://shsnewburgh.org> and see what we are about.



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.

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, sponsored by the Newburgh Enlarged City School District



ST FRANCIS of ASSISI PRAYER MINISTRY

We are pleased to announce the start of our St. Francis Prayer Ministry whose mission will be to pray for anyone who has a needs for healing, thanksgiving or special intentions. We can use many willing members to join us in prayer for the requested needs of our parish family. **Denise Morgan** will head up our Prayer Ministry and can be contacted at tibill12@aol.com to submit your name and e-mail address to **be a part of the prayer team**. Beginning **August 15th** you can send your prayer requests to Denise who will relay them to our prayer team members.



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

Thank You

To all who attended our Parish Picnic last Sunday afternoon. We had beautiful weather and lively music provided by DJ Ming.

Thank you to our vendors, River Grill and The Pizza Shop, who spent the afternoon cooking sausage and peppers, hamburgers, hot dogs and pizza. Thank you to Mr. Cannoli and The Funnel Guy who provided funnel cakes, zeppole, cannoli, Italian ice and lemonade.

A special thank you to our vendors for their generosity in donating a portion their proceeds back to St. Francis Church.



MID-HUDSON INTER-PARISH BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

If you are grieving from a significant loss of a family member or close friend and would like to take part in our Catholic faith-based, inter-parish bereavement program, we will be meeting on Tuesdays from September 5th through October 24th.

If you or someone you know might be interested in joining this special "journey" or would like more information please contact Deacon Thomas Neppi tneppi@verizon.net or home #845-562-1341, or cell #845-541-0421, or contact Beverly Austin bevaustin09@gmail.com or 845-245-4143.

ST. FRANCIS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Aug 15 th - Feast of Assumption – Holy Day
Aug 16 th - Eucharistic Adoration 5:00-6:00pm
Aug 18 th - Youth Group 6:30 pm O'Connor Hall
Aug 20 th - Bagel Hour



MOVIE NIGHT

Cancelled for the month of August.

HEALING MASS

At St. Mary's Church, Route 9W in Marlboro next Sunday, August 20 at 4:00pm. Celebrant will be Fr. Richard Kulwicz, OMI, formerly at Our Lady of Hope Center in Newburgh.



BAGEL & COFFEE HOUR

Join us after the 8:00am Mass next Sunday, August 20th, for coffee and bagels in O'Connor Hall.

ADVERTISER'S CORNER

Thank you

TO OUR BULLETIN

ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK, the **PIZZA SHOP**, located at 27 South Water Street in Newburgh. Dine inside or out on their deck overlooking the Hudson River. Owned and operated by parishioner Joe Colombo, the Pizza Shop offers a wide variety of pizza, wings, sandwiches, salads and pasta entrees. Stop in or call them at 845-565-7467 for delivery service. You can visit their website at www.pizzashop.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.

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*.