



Padre's Corner

August 20, 2017

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Benjamin Franklin was born on January 17, 1706 in Boston, Massachusetts and died on April 17, 1790 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. A Founding Father of the United States, he served as a bridge for the country before the Revolutionary War and after its victory over Great Britain to establish independence. His strength of courage in the realm of the human spirit allowed for this transition, much like a pastor working both aisles to bridge the union of two parish church communities.

Franklin was a man of incredible accomplishments and inventions. He was an inventor (bifocal glasses for which his portraits are famous, stove, and lightning rod), founder (first US Postmaster General, and the "*Pennsylvania Gazette*" newspaper in Philadelphia), organizer for civic growth (University of Philadelphia and the fire department), author (reflections on living a frugal and wise economic life in "*Poor Richard's Almanac*", with the idiom "a penny saved is two pence dear"), and a politician (delegate to the Second Continental Congress in 1775, committee member that drafted and signed the Declaration of Independence in early 1776, Ambassador to France in late 1776, and the first Governor of Pennsylvania in 1785). The \$100 bill, and many institutional buildings and township names after him, reflect this far-reaching dedication to the American energy of faith and creativity.

Benjamin's father Josiah was born on December 23, 1657 in Northamptonshire, England. Escaping religious oppression as a Puritan, Josiah boarded a ship for Boston in 1683 with three children and wife Anne Child, later joined by fourteen more children (four more with Anne before she died, and ten with second wife Abiah Folger who gave birth to Benjamin). What about the religious beliefs of Benjamin Franklin?

Franklin believed that organized religion could keep people virtuous, and in his youth the family did take him to Puritan worship services at the Old South Church in Boston where Benjamin was baptized in 1706. In a little known aspect of Franklin's life, he strenuously but unsuccessfully insisted upon daily prayer during the Constitutional Convention in June of 1787. Read these profound words of bridging groups, again thinking of parishes being merged: "In the beginning of the contest with Great Britain, when we were sensible of danger we had daily prayer in this room for the Divine Protection. Our prayers, Sir, were heard, and they were graciously answered. All of us who were engaged in the struggle must have observed frequent instances of a Superintending providence in our favor. And have we now forgotten that powerful friend? Or do we imagine that we no longer need His assistance. I have lived, Sir, a long time and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth - that God governs in the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid?"

We have been assured, Sir, in the sacred writings that "except the Lord build they labor in vain that build it." I firmly believe this; and I also believe that without His concurring aid we shall succeed in this political building no better than the Builders of Babel. I therefore beg leave to move that henceforth prayers imploring the assistance of Heaven, and its blessings on our deliberations, be held in this Assembly every morning before we proceed to business, and that one or more of the Clergy of this City be requested to officiate in that service."

Most others there resisted and denied Franklin's request. Incredible drama. He did not go to church every week, but did write "Sunday being my studying day, I never was without some religious principles. I never doubted, for instance, the existence of the Deity (God); that He made the world, and governed it by His providence; that the most acceptable service of God was the doing good to man; that our souls are immortal; and that all crime will be punished, and virtue rewarded, either here or hereafter." When the "Great Seal of the United States" was designed in 1776, Franklin was again rebuffed by requesting the motto "Rebellion to Tyrants is Obedience to God". 20,000 citizens attended his funeral in 1790.

How do we learn from him? He persisted in his faith and prayers, though the cultural elite around him did not. You and I will do the same. Whenever I visit Independence Hall in Philadelphia, it is accompanied by my short walk to his churchyard grave to say thanks for what he did for America. **Father Bill**

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. Aug. 21

7:00 Mary F. Miller

By Daughters Helen & Marion

Noon Nancy Geelan

By Family

Tues. Aug. 22

7:00am Susan Randall

By Colleen & Michael Corizzo

Noon William Provenzano

By Elizabeth Rich Provenzano

Wed. Aug. 23

7:00am Anna Chinoransky

Happy Birthday in Heaven

By Family

**Raymond & Naomi
Geisinger**

By Family

Noon Bill Morgan

Health & Birthday Blessings

Ann Peters (92nd Birthday)

By Leoce Family

Thur. Aug. 24

7:00am Our Politicians

Noon Betty Cusa

By Terry & Bruce Green

Fri. Aug. 25

7:00am World Peace

Noon Frankie DeFranco

By Mom Clotilda

Sat. Aug. 26

Noon Bill & Rose Hurley

By Family

4:30pm Carmella Pillitteri

Starsiak

By Loving Family

Pat Seymour

(2nd Anniv in Heaven))

By Deacon Jack & Family

Sun. Aug. 27

8:00am Regina Rose Michon

By Chris

Susan Randall

By Colleen & Michael Corizzo

11:00am Peter Dombroski

(8th Anniv)

By Wife Theresa & Family



WEEKLY COLLECTON

Aug 12-13, 2017

1st Collection \$5,687.00

2nd Collection 1,669.00

TOTAL \$7,356.00

MASS ATTENDANCE

Aug 12-13, 2017

4:30pm 155

8:00am 178

11:00am 150

1:30pm 65

TOTAL 548

The 2nd Collection this week is for
PARISH RESTORATION/ ENDOWMENT



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

PLEASE NOTE

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



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

HEALING MASS

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

TODAY
TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

The Lord wants all people to love and honor his name. He says that those who honor him by obeying all of his laws will be "made joyful in my house of prayer."

Second Reading: Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

Paul describes his hopes that his fellow Jews will follow the example of the Gentiles he has been preaching to. He claims that just as God has mercy for their disobedience, he wishes to show mercy to the Jews as well.

Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

A Canaanite woman begged Jesus to help her daughter, who was being plagued by a demon. Jesus at first refused her and said that "My mission is only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." The woman was so persistent that Jesus said she had great faith and then he healed her daughter.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday

Jgs 2:11-19; Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday

Jgs 6:11-24a; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday

Jgs 9:6-15; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday

Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51

Friday

Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Mt 22:34-40

Saturday

Ru 2:1-3, 8-11, 4:13-17; Mt 23:1-12



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, 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'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, Frank Celeste, Jennifer Jones, Amy Finnegan, Brian Hanrahan, Toni Loparco Shepardson and Shawn Zuzio



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 FRNCIS 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.



**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.



FLOWER MEMORIALS

Flower Memorials are available for anyone wishing to memorialize a loved one, honor someone, or in Thanksgiving to God. The cost is \$35.00 for each arrangement of flowers to be placed near the Altar. Call the rectory at 845-561-1317 to reserve a specific date.



ALTAR SERVER APPRECIATION DAY

On Sunday, September 17th we will be honoring all our Altar Servers. We invite all our servers and their families to join us from 2:30 to 5:30 pm in O'Connor Hall.

Healthy Orange Farmers Market

Tuesdays

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.



BAGEL & COFFEE HOUR

Join us today after the 8:00am Mass for coffee and bagels in O'Connor Hall.

ST. FRANCIS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Aug 20th - Bagel & Coffee Hour

Aug 23rd - Eucharistic Adoration 5:00-6:00pm

Aug 25th - Youth Group 6:30 pm O'Connor Hall

Sept 9th - Movie Night 6:00pm O'Connor Hall

Sept 13th - Senior Meeting 12:30pm O'Connor Hall

Sept 17th - Altar Server Appreciation Day



Hospice of Orange & Sullivan Counties

is holding volunteer training sessions for all interested parties at their training site at 90 Crystal 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.

ADVERTISER'S CORNER

Thank you

TO OUR BULLETIN

ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK, **THE RIVER GRILL**, located for 17 years at 40 Front Street on the Newburgh waterfront. Dine inside or out, overlooking the scenic Hudson River. Owned and operated by parishioners Mark & Cherilyn Mallia, The River Grill offers a wide variety of menu selections as well as early week themed specials. With summer winding down why not stop in and enjoy the beautiful weather and the scenic river view while enjoying a delicious meal. Call them at 845-561-9444 or visit their website at www.therivergrill.net.

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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*.