



Padre's Corner

September 3, 2017

Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ambrosia was a popular musical group in the waning days of the 1970's, as I was exiting Bogota High School in New Jersey. Established in Southern California in 1970, near my cousins in Orange County, their popularity as a band propelled a few years later with the songs "How Much I Feel" and "Biggest Part of Me". Inspired by the ballads and sounds of both the Beatles and Beach Boys, as well as the futuristic new age melodies of the Alan Parsons Project, three of the original members are still with the group. There is the vocalist and guitarist Joe Puerta, drummer Burleigh Drummond, and Christopher North on the keyboards.

The name Ambrosia was meant to reflect the diversity of colors, shades, textures and styles found in life. They recorded a live album at the Galaxy Theater in Santa Ana, California nearby my cousins Saint Barbara's Church on September 1, 2001. Despite their recognized hit songs, I connected more deeply with other selections that more accurately reflected the indecisions and years of teenage angst I was experiencing. "Holding Onto Yesterday" was thematic of having a hard time from disconnecting from what was familiar, nostalgic and memorable (which high school was for me in the worlds of playing sports, performing on stage in plays, and serving as editor of the school paper). "Heart to Heart" examined love and relationships, "soul to soul", which can be such a complicated place for anyone who has fallen in love or thinks they have. "Livin On My Own" underscored the aftermath of breakups, divorces, and other interpersonal ruptures.

A priest experiences these dimensions in their own people connections, far less unpredictable than most may realize, and transfers from one parish to another or even the mergers that take place. I saw Ambrosia perform on a 1970's nostalgia cruise this past March, porting in both Florida and Mexico. In early June they performed at the BB King Theater on 42nd Street in Manhattan, and there I was again at a table in front of the stage. They performed a new rendition of "Eleanor Rigby", popularized by the Beatles in the 1960's. As a priest, I have always been haunted by these words from that iconic song: "Eleanor Rigby, picks up the rice in the church where a wedding has been...All the lonely people where do they come from (belong)... Father McKenzie, writing the words of a sermon that no one will hear. No one comes near... Eleanor Rigby, died in the church and was buried along with her name. Nobody came. Father McKenzie, wiping the dirt from his hands as he walks from the grave. No one was saved".

Some question my ventures to all of these concerts, ballgames, and trip destinations whether it be California or Europe or even Cooperstown. A priest is on the radar screen of many, so these types of comments are part of the territory. More important than their theories is why I do it. A spiritual friend noticed my written and sensory ability to unite or merge the secular of life experiences with God's Spirit. That is why I do all of this, and then try to communicate some spiritual life lessons in my role as your pastor. I do at times feel like Father McKenzie, despite the inspiring lessons of faith that the Catholic faith and experience offers to each of us. The written word is so powerful, free to be accepted or not by the reader as a message to inculcate in one's life.

One last anecdote from the most recent Ambrosia concert. Up close to the performance stage, there was one major drawback. With all of the instruments and vocalists so close by, like a tree in the mix of a dense forest, the words and beautiful sounds were not always clear. Listening to the recordings later on my iPhone, all was crystal clear. May I make this proposal to any dilemma, challenge or obstacle we are seemingly facing? Step outside of the closeness to the situation, emotions and longings however strong, and employ the spiritual methods of prayer and sacraments with a wee bit of human wisdom to settle the matter in the gaze of Almighty God. I should do that more also. Father Bill

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. Sept. 4

7:00am All Workers
Noon All Workers

Tues. Sept. 5

7:00am Thomas Randall
By Mary Randall
Noon Mary Ann Fabiano
By Joan & Jim Russo

Wed. Sept. 6

7:00am Ann & Anthony Farkas
By Mary Ann & Tony Farkas
Noon Mary Voge
By The Stewart Family

Thur. Sept. 7

7:00am Patricia Randall
By Mary Randall
Noon Ralph L. Puglielle Sr.
By Jack Earley

Fri. Sept. 8

7:00am Andrew Lasek
By Family
Stephen Patrick Coyle
By Joseph C. Coyle & Friends
Noon Deceased Members of
Schaffner & Heumann Families
By Family

Sat. Sept. 9

Noon World Peace
4:30pm William & Eugenia
Evans (Happy Anniv)
By Colleen & Michael Corizzo
Dr. Basil Yates
By Craig & Cindy Kretzmer

Sun. Sept. 10

8:30am Barry Marshall
By OCVFA Ladies Auxiliary
11:00am Joseph & Caroline
Hornacek
By Family
Ralph L. Puglielle Sr.
By Mr & Mrs Gerald Gust



WEEKLY COLLECTON

Aug 26-27, 2017

1st Collection \$ 5,912.00
2nd Collection 1,528.00
TOTAL \$7,440.00

MASS ATTENDANCE

Aug 26-27, 2017

4:30pm 175
8:00am 177
11:00am 180
1:30pm 70
TOTAL 602



Labor Day

The Origins of Labor Day

The first observance of Labor Day is believed to have been a parade of 10,000 workers on Sept. 5, 1882, in New York City, organized by Peter J. McGuire, a Carpenters and Joiners Union secretary. By 1893, more than half the states were observing "Labor Day" on one day or another, and Congress passed a bill to establish a federal holiday in 1894. President Grover Cleveland signed the bill soon afterward, designating the first Monday in September as Labor Day.

The 2nd Collection this week is for
PARISH MINISTRIES



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

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

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Effective September 1st

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Saturday Vigil – 4:30pm
Sunday – 8:30 & 11:00am
1:30pm (Spanish Mass)

SACRED HEART

Saturday Vigil – 5:30pm
Sunday – 7:30am (Italian Mass)
10:00am & 12:00noon

The Rectory Office will be closed on
Monday, September 4th
in observance of Labor Day.

TODAY

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9

In this particularly poetic passage, Jeremiah complains that while teaching the Lord's word, he is subjected to insults and derision. He determines to remain silent, but he cannot because the desire to speak the Lord's name is "like a fire burning in my heart."

Second Reading: Romans 12:1-2

Paul tells the Christians to make sacrifices to avoid the trappings of the times, and to do God's will.

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27

Jesus tries to make his disciples realize that by following him, they will endure suffering, degradation, and death. He tells them that they must deny themselves and take up the cross in order to be his disciples.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday

1 Thes 4:13-18; Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday

1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday

Col 1:1-8; Lk 4:38-44

Thursday

Col 1:9-14; Lk 5:1-11

Friday

Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Saturday

Col 1:21-23; Lk 6:1-5



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, Angie Monaco, Emily Cooley, Frank Celeste, Amy Finnegan, Brian Hanrahan, Toni Loparco Shepardson, Shawn Zuzio, Donald (Leed) Zubawicz and Louise McHugh



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 **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.



Our Presentation Sisters will be selling raffle tickets for their congregation after all the Masses on September 9th and 10th. All proceeds from the raffle will help further the mission of the Sisters.



CATECHIST GET-TOGETHER / MEETING
Wednesday, September 6th 6:00pm
in O'Connor Hall

We will have a get-together for all St. Francis /Sacred Heart catechists and welcome anyone wishing to be a part of our program staff as a catechist or aide to join us. Please contact our St Francis Religious Ed Coordinator, Sr. Laura Urbano at 845-561-1317.



SAVE THE DATE

Our beloved Fr. Peter has a dual celebration coming soon. He will be celebrating his 80th birthday on November 3rd and the 50th Jubilee of his Ordination on December 21st. The parish has chosen Sunday, November 5th to honor Fr. Peter. There will be a Mass of Thanksgiving for Fr. Peter at 11:00am with a dinner later that afternoon at Temple Hill Tavern & Catering in Vails Gate. Details to follow as arrangements are finalized.

Grace United Methodist Church is sponsoring a Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, September 10th at 5:00pm. Adults \$8.00, children 3-12 \$5.00 and under 3 are free. For reservations by September 8th contact Jodi at 857-7465.



CONGRATULATIONS TO.....

Mrs. Walter Orzechowski the August winner of **\$216.50** in our Monthly 50/50 Raffle. Be sure your envelope is in for our next drawing in September.

FAMILY RETREAT

The Franciscan Friars of the Renewal are hosting a free family retreat for all parents, children, adolescents and youth on **Saturday, September 23** from **8:30am to 3:00pm** at St. Mary's Church, 180 South Street in Newburgh. All are invited. For more information call 914-963-0250. To pre-register visit www.newburghfriary.org.

RETIRO FAMILIAR

Invitan los Frailes Franciscanos de la Renovacion y el ministerio de jovenes Corazon Puro. Locacion: 180 South St, Newburgh, NY at St. Mary of the Assumption Church. Date: 23 de Septiembre Time: 8:30am – 3:00pm. Gratis: It's free. Para mas informacion: 914-963-0250. Para pre-registracion visita: www.newburghfriary.org.

Horario para Confesion en espanol: Cada primer Viernes del mes. 5-7pm en el Convento de Santa Maria de la Asuncion, 180 South Street, Newburgh.



THE RIVER CASINO BUS TRIP

On **Tuesday, September 12, 2017**, VFW Post 1161 and CWV Post 386 will co-host a bus trip to The River Casino in Schenectady, NY. Depart at 8:30am from the Newburgh Wal-Mart parking lot. Bus will depart for home at 4:30pm. Tickets are \$35.00, with each person receiving a \$30.00 package consisting of \$25.00 free slot play and a \$5.00 food coupon plus a chance to win the trip free. To make your reservations or for more information call John Raszewski at 845-562-3705.



SISTERS OF THE PRESENTATION
of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Sisters of the Presentation invite you to a **4 session series** "Learn about Dementia" sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association, Hudson Valley Chapter. The workshops will be held from **11:15am to 12:15pm** in the Administration Center, 84 Presentation Way, off Jackson Avenue in New Windsor.

Wed 9/13 - Understanding & Responding to Dementia

Wed 9/20 - The Basics, Memory Loss

Wed 9/27 - Effective Communication Strategies

Date TBD - Spirituality & the Dementia Patient

The workshops are free and you may attend any or all sessions. Please RSVP @ 845-401-8531.

There is
in my heart
a burning fire



ADVERTISER'S CORNER

Thank you

TO OUR BULLETIN

ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK, **GIANNETTA SALON**

& SPA, located at 1158 North Avenue in Beacon.

Owned by parishioner Janet Ruggiero Finch Giannetta offers a full range of services including hair, nails, facials, massage, waxing and makeup. Call for an appointment at 845-831-2421.



COLUMBUS DAY MASS and PARADE

The St Patrick's Cathedral Italian Apostolate is sponsoring their 40th Annual Columbus Day Mass and Parade on **Monday, October 9, 2017 at 9:30am** at St. Patrick's Cathedral. His Eminence Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan will be the celebrant. To **receive free tickets** e-mail columbusday@archny.org or call 646-794-2000.



Our St. Francis Seniors will hold their monthly meeting on **Wednesday, September 13 at 12:30pm** (after the 12:00 noon Mass) in O'Connor Hall.

ST. FRANCIS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sept 6th - Eucharistic Adoration 5:00-6:00pm
Sept 8th - 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

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*.