



Padre's Corner

September 17, 2017

Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Merriam-Webster Dictionary, established in 1828, defines "fragile" as coming from the Latin word "fragilis". "Fragile" means "breaking easily, and implies extreme delicacy of material or construction and need for careful handling." We can so easily see physical fragility with our bodies, such as cancer or back spasms. (I recently heard about the Washington Nationals pitching closer Koda Glover, having to go onto the disabled list. Why? "I was taking a shower, bent over to get my body wash, stood up and had a little kink... Now my back's in pretty bad shape." Even our appearances can reflect a fragile emotional system. We hear about teenagers who take their life, after cruel things are said about them on the Internet. Parishes in transition can be a tough place with a few spreading hurtful comments, wantonly throwing around verbiage or words in a reckless way.

Looks or appearances can seep other types of hurts into the psyche of the person. If we could only step back and laugh. While in surgery following a heart attack, a middle-aged woman sees a vision of God by her bedside. "Will I die?" she asks. God says, "No. You have 30 more years to live." With 30 years to look forward to, she decides to make the best of it. So while in the hospital, she gets breast implants, liposuction, a tummy tuck, hair transplants, and collagen injected into her lips. She looks great! The day she's discharged, she exits the hospital with a swagger, crosses the street, and is immediately hit by an ambulance and killed. Up in heaven, she sees God. "You said I had 30 more years to live". "That's true," says God. "So what happened?" God shrugs. "I didn't recognize you."

How do we deal with this fragile state of affairs, when it has invaded our culture? Look at the harsh discourse at recent senate meetings, throwing the reputations of politicians to the wolves. The fragile unborn baby, unprotected legally in the womb, can be destroyed with the belief it is a mere blob of tissue. (I recently saw an awful visual out of China, involving a dispute over a donkey between scorned investors and zoo officials. The donkey was horribly thrown by the investors into a water pool with tigers, resulting in sickening results. The tranquil donkey is what Jesus and the Blessed Mother traveled on during ancient times. Despite this disheartening story, can the Virgin Mary reference help us?

Enguerrand Quarton (1410-1466) was a famous painter in fifteenth-century France, born in the northern part of the country in a village called Laon. Quarton moved to Provence, France in 1444. He would become a renowned artist through the fusion of Italian, Flemish, and French Gothic influences. During that period of time he was famous for "The Virgin of Mercy" (1452), and "The Coronation of the Virgin" (1453). In 1834, a historian named Prosper Merimee (later author of "Carmen", (the eventual famous opera) found another of Quarton's paintings in a small church near Avignon. Painted in 1445, it was entitled "Pieta of Villeneuve-les-Avignon." Judith H. Dobrzynski, cultural historian, recently reflected on this compelling piece of artwork. Now on display in the Louvre of France, it clearly reflects human fragility in the context of the Virgin Mary looking at the body of Her Son Jesus at the foot of the Cross after the Crucifixion. "She is, unusually, old and weary. Her face is wrinkled, her nearly closed eyes have bags and her skin is as pale as her dead son's... With her hands folded in prayer, she is resigned to the sacrifice she has just witnessed and experienced. She aches in silence... It conveys not just sorrow and spirituality but also, especially in Mary, acceptance of God's plan for his son and hers... It is a portrait of unspeakable grief achieved with unimaginable restraint".

Many times as a priest I have turned toward Mary, in the midst of the fragilities I face in my own humanity and that of the Church I serve. How about you also turning to Her, the mother of the Saviour, when facing the fragile moments of your life? The betrayals, illnesses, fatigue, worries, and distress being faced.

Next week, how Major League Baseball helped America in crisis. Father Bill

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. Sept. 18

7:00am Geo. & Mary Ewanich Sr.

By Family

Noon Jean Kavanagh
(8th Anniv)

By Family

Tues. Sept. 19

7:00am Marion Miller

By Helen Miller

Noon St. Francis Parish

Wed. Sept. 20

7:00am The Lucas Family
Members

By Zalanowski Family

Noon Olga Deagostino Meehan

By Daughters

Liam Morgan

"Birthday Blessings"

By Mom & Dad

Thur. Sept. 21

7:00am Hurricane Victims

Noon Dolores & Tony Gerbes

By Children & Grandchildren

Fri. Sept. 22

7:00am World Peace

Noon Mary Lee Lancaster

By Maureen & John Schjorring

Sat. Sept. 23

Noon Ted King & Marg. Scalzo

By Mary King

4:30 Walter & Toni Lastowski

By Lastowski Family

Susan Randall

By Kathryn Cerone & Susan

Strano

Sun. Sept. 24

8:30am Josephine Pushman

By Bill & Marion Pushman

11:00am Margaret Crudele

By Family

Irene Torres

By Her Girls



WEEKLY COLLECTON

Sept 9-10, 2017

1st Collection \$ 6,233.00

2nd Collection 1,375.00

TOTAL \$ 7,608.00

MASS ATTENDANCE

Sept 9-10, 2017

4:30pm 168

8:30am 155

11:00am 194

1:30pm 65

TOTAL 582

The 2nd Collection this week is for
MAINTENANCE & REPAIR



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

*"Wretched are those
who are vindictive and spiteful."*

Pope Francis

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



2017-2018 Class Schedules

Mondays	Grades 1-6	4:30 to 6:00pm
Mondays	Grades 7&8	6:30 to 8:10pm
Tuesdays	Grades 1-6	4:45 to 6:15pm
Wednesdays	Grades 7&8	6:00 to 7:40pm

Confirmation Classes for High School Students

Tuesdays Grades 9-12 6:30 to 8:00pm

See Sister Laura

Our Religious Ed Program is in need of a few teachers
for our Monday 4:30 to 6:00pm and Tuesday 4:45 to
6:15pm sessions. If you are interested please contact
Sr. Laura at the rectory 561-1317.

TODAY

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Sirach 27:30—28:7

Sirach advises all to forgive the faults of their neighbor. Only by forgiving the sins of others, can a person expect to be forgiven his sins.

Second Reading: Romans 14:7-9

Paul stresses that no one is his own master; we are responsible to the Lord, and we belong to him in both life and death.

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

This narrative points out the difference between mercy and justice. When Peter asks how often he should forgive someone who wrongs him, Jesus answers, "...not seven times: I say seventy times seven times." Jesus then narrates the story of the king who was merciful to his official by forgiving him all his debts, but this same official showed no mercy to his own servant.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday

1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday

1 Tm 3:1-13; Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday

1 Tm 3:14-16; Lk 7:31-35

Thursday

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13

Friday

1 Tm 6:2c-12; Lk 8:1-3

Saturday

1 Tm 6:13-16; Lk 8:4-15



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, Louise McHugh, Pat Alexander and Vic Landi

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.



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

In your goodness please bring **CANNED TUNA OR CANNED CHICKEN**, 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**. All students need to pre-register with Curt Bourdage before showing up at the pantry, please.

DID YOU KNOW....During the month of August our Food

Pantry served:	Children	1694
	Adults	2618
	Elderly	348
	Total	4660
	Households	1528

They also distributed backpacks and school supplies to all their client's children in grades K to 12.

ST. FRANCIS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sept 17th - Bagel & Coffee Hour
Sept 17th - Altar Server Appreciation Day
Sept 20th - Eucharistic Adoration 5:00-6:00pm
Sept 22nd - Youth Group 6:30 pm O'Connor Hall

SACRED HEART CHURCH SCRIPTURE STUDY

All are invited to join in the Scripture the Study Group moderated by Fr. Bejoy held on Wednesdays from 4:00 to 5:00 pm in the Chapel at Sacred Heart Church. It is an ongoing event and need not always be a weekly commitment.



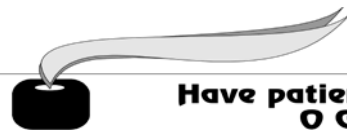
Knights of Columbus Council #444

Annual Columbus Day Ball on Sunday, October 8th from 5pm to 10pm at the Ramada Inn located at 1289 Route 300 in Newburgh. \$50 per person includes dinner, dancing and door prizes. Cash Bar will be available. To make your reservations by September 22nd contact Vincent Calosso at (917)825-3299 or Bill Kuntz at 201-697-9920.

THE KNIGHTS WILL BE SELLING RAFFLE TICKETS

AFTER ALL THE MASSES

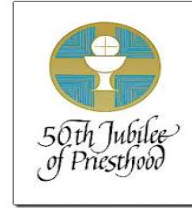
SEPTEMBER 16-17 and SEPTEMBER 23-24



**Have patience,
O God.**

**REQUIRED ANNOUNCEMENT
ON CHILD PROTECTION**

Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Sr. Eileen Clifford, O.P. at 212-371-1000 x2949 or Deacon George J. Coppola at 917-861-1761. Both may also be reached via e-mail at victimassistance@archny.org. Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website, www.archny.org. In keeping with the Archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.



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 in Fr. Peter's honor at 11:00am with a buffet dinner following at 1:00pm at Temple Hill Tavern & Catering in Vails Gate. Cost-Adults \$35.00 Children 12 and under \$10.00, 5 and under free. Reservations are limited to 125 people due to seating capacity at the restaurant. Please remit your reservation and payment as soon as possible as it is first come first served.



Please join us as we kickoff our campaign on Saturday, September 23rd at 2:00pm at Newburgh Planned Parenthood at 136 Lake Street on the public sidewalk out front. For more info contact Wendy Wood at 845-820-4366 or ocrighttolife@gmail.com.



Our little feathered friends have been happily flying around the church grounds and feasting at our bird feeders. Our supply of bird seed is getting low. If anyone would like to donate birdseed it can be dropped off at the rectory.



ROSARY RALLY

The Catholic War Veterans, Post 386 invite you to join them on Saturday, October 14th at 12noon in front of Sacred Heart Church on Robinson Avenue in Newburgh as they pray the Rosary asking for the Blessed Mother's intercession for World Peace. Please bring your Rosary and lawn chair.



BAGEL & COFFEE HOUR

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



**LITTLE FURRY
FRIENDS MINISTRY**

Did you know????? The proper name for a group of cats is called a CLOWDER. A group of kittens is called a KINDLE.

Father Bill is hosting two 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. Wa

k 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*.