



## Padre's Corner

October 1, 2017

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do, so throw off the bow lines, sail away from safe harbor, catch the trade winds in your sails, Explore, Dream, discover." The inspiration behind this observation was Samuel Langhorne Clemens, more commonly referred to as Mark Twain. The writer and publisher was born on November 30, 1835 and died April 21, 1910. The adventurer and writer created the tales of Tom Sawyer (1876) and Huckleberry Finn (1885).. Twain was born in Florida, Missouri and died in Elmira, New York (locale of a Benedictine retreat house I went to the end of 1987, to discern whether to stay in the seminary or not).**

**His longing for travel and adventure was cultivated by jobs as a riverboat pilot on the Mississippi River, spending five months in 1867 on a cruise excursion in the Midwest on the Quaker City steamship, writing journalistic stories for the Virginia City Territorial Enterprise, a miner at Angels Camp in California, printer in New York City, soldier for the Confederates during the Civil War, secretary to Nevada Territory governor James W. Nye in 1861, patented a history trivia game, and in 1909 became a consultant to Thomas Edison. He also had misfortunes such as daughter Susy dying in 1896 of meningitis, lost fortune due to bad book writing investments, the death of his wife Olivia in 1904, and dying himself of a heart attack. His funeral was at the Old Brick Presbyterian Church in New York. Though not Catholic, Twain found himself attracted to the life of Saint Joan of Arc, resulting in the 1894 book "Personal Reflections of Joan of Arc." His daughter Clara said many years ago: "Sometimes he believed death ended everything but most of the time he felt sure of a life beyond." He would certainly have been an advocate of personal growth through travel. Twain did not have a strong affinity for organized religion, but his books of adventure did reflect a core spirituality. Joan of Arc (martyred in 1431 at the age of nineteen, and canonized for France in 1920 by Pope Benedict XV) was authentic to him.**

**Each individual must assess their lifestyle, income, interests, and personality to ascertain how much focus and attention will be paid toward vacation and travel. As a young boy in the late 1960's into the early 1970's my family rarely vacationed. My Mom stayed at home as most mothers did them, and my Dad labored as a New York City fireman in the South Bronx. I remember one week at a South Jersey cabin, joined by cousins, and recall it raining most of the week. The spirit of adventure and travel began earnestly during my ten year career with New Jersey Bell Telephone (1978-1988), when paid vacations were a norm for most corporate employees. My excursions, mostly to cousins in California and on spiritual pilgrimages to Europe helped me to eventually discern my vocation to the priesthood.**

**As a priest I sacrifice both wife and family, which is not easy, but do take advantage of the opportunities to lead Parishioners to religious destinations. My allotted vacation time is used for these ventures. Priests are allowed to take thirty vacation days per year, one week for a study and retreat week, and additionally can take a day or two off per week like most workday employees. My trips, visits, concerts, ballgames, and pilgrimages are all rich opportunities to grow spiritually as authors like Mark Twain did. I have the additional blessing of friends and acquaintances who want to join many of these ventures, with the similar motivation to grow in religious understanding. I enjoy sharing these enriching experiences with parishioners while recognizing that many of my brother priests would choose to see things differently. Also, because of family responsibilities and economic restrictions, I acknowledge the fact that it is not possible for many to lead similar active lifestyles (which definitely enriches my imagination, our of which so many homiletic stories are created).**

**A recent survey by the "Associated Press -NORC Center for Public Affairs Research" painted the reality that forty-three percent of respondents will not take vacations this year due to cost and work responsibilities. I was in that state of affairs once myself. Despite the realities, many spend lots of money in other ways. My point that travel is worth the expense, expanding our lives of faith. Give it a try. Fr. Bill**

# MASS INTENTIONS

## Mon. Oct. 2

7:00am Margaret Cosman  
By Eva & Ed Cosman  
Noon Mary Ann Fabiano  
By Sarah & Ryan Peil

## Tues. Oct. 3

7:00am Chris & Donna King  
"Happy Anniversary"  
By Mary King  
Noon George W. Wontz  
By George & Carol Wontz

## Wed. Oct. 4

7:00am Ann & Anthony Farkas  
By Mary Ann & Tony Farkas  
Noon Mary Beth Hudson  
By Hudson Family

## Thur. Oct. 5

7:00am Richard Hughes Jr.  
By Eileen Dietz  
Noon Ann & Frank Schaffner  
By Family

## Fri. Oct. 6

7:00am Michael Loktu  
By Loving Family  
Noon Timothy Conroy  
By The Rich Family

## Sat. Oct. 7

Noon Charles Grossholz  
By Family  
4:30 William Evans (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv)  
By Colleen & Michael Corizzo  
John Barcia  
By Wife Ida

## Sun. Oct 8

8:30am Jane & Charles Baranski  
By Bill & Marion Pushman  
11:00am Debra Ruggiero  
(40<sup>th</sup> Anniv)  
By Family  
Ralph Puglielle Sr.  
By Tom & Cookie Flagler



### WEEKLY COLLECTON

Sept 23-24, 2017  
1<sup>st</sup> Collection \$ 5,556.00  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection 1,636.00  
TOTAL \$ 7,192.00

### MASS ATTENDANCE

Sept 23-24, 2017  
4:30pm 165  
8:30am 192  
11:00am 176  
1:30pm 90  
TOTAL 623

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection this week is for  
**ST. JOSEPH'S SEMINARY**



Our Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this Wednesday from 5:00pm to 6:00pm is for the intent of THE PEOPLE RECOVERING FROM THE HURRICANES AND EARTHQUAKES.



St. Francis  
Feast Day October 4<sup>th</sup>

### **PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS**

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
Where there is injury, pardon;  
Where there is doubt, faith;  
Where there is despair, hope;  
Where there is darkness, light;  
And where there is sadness, joy.  
O Divine Master,  
Grant that I may not so much seek  
To be consoled, as to console;  
To be understood, as to understand;  
To be loved, as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive;  
It is in pardoning that we are pardned;  
And it is in dying  
That we are born to eternal life.

*Prayer makes the impossible possible*

## TODAY

### TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### **First Reading:** Ezekiel 18:25-28

Ezekiel reminds the people that if a sinner turns away from his iniquity, he will live, not die.

#### **Second Reading:** Philippians 2:1-11

Paul urges the converts at Philippi to be united in spirit and ideals, avoiding rivalry and dissension. He ends with the beautiful hymn extolling the humility and sacrifice of Christ.

#### **Gospel:** Matthew 21:28-32

Jesus speaks words of rebuke to the chief priests and the elders because they are not believing the teachings of John the Baptist. He warns them that tax collectors and prostitutes, who do believe John, will enter the Kingdom of God before them.

#### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

##### **Monday**

Zec 8:1-8; Mt 18:1-5, 10

##### **Tuesday**

Zec 8:20-23; Lk 9:51-56

##### **Wednesday**

Neh 2:1-8; Lk 9:57-62

##### **Thursday**

Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Lk 10:1-12

##### **First Friday**

Bar 1:15-22; Lk 10:13-16

##### **First Saturday**

Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Lk 10:17-24



### 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'Elcio, 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, 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



### ROSARY RALLY

The Catholic War Veterans, Post 386 invite you to join them on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> 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.



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

**FOOD PANTRY WILL BE CLOSED**  
Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>

Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>

**For the Columbus Day Holiday Weekend**

In your goodness please bring **CANNED FRUIT** 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.



### 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
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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.**



### ADULT CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

A program for adults 18 years of age or older who are Catholics seeking the sacrament of Confirmation. To participate you must have received the sacraments of Baptism and First Communion. The eight week program will cover a variety of topics including the Creed, prayer and spirituality, Sacred Scripture, tradition and the meaning of the sacrament of Confirmation. For more information please contact Sr. Pat Reills at 508-331-6044 or Sandra Corsetti at 845-561-4813



### BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

In remembrance of the Feast Day of St Francis, Fr. Bill will be blessing all our animals on Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm in our Prayer Garden. In case of inclement weather, the blessing will take place inside the main Church.

All pets are welcome.



### TRICKY TRAY SOCIAL

The Catholic Daughters, Court Patricia #195 is hosting their annual Tricky Tray on Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at Gallo Hall in Sacred Heart School. Doors open at 6:00pm. Hamburgers, hot dogs and nachos/cheese will be available for purchase. All are invited to attend.

ST. FRANCIS CALENDAR OF EVENTS
Oct 4 <sup>th</sup> - Senior Meeting O'Connor Hall
Oct 4 <sup>th</sup> - Eucharistic Adoration 5:00-6:00pm
Oct 6 <sup>th</sup> - Youth Group 6:30 pm O'Connor Hall
Oct 7 <sup>th</sup> - Blessing of the Animals 2:30pm Prayer Garden
Oct 15 <sup>th</sup> - Coffee & Bagel Hour



### CONGRATULATIONS TO.....

Mr & Mrs Stanley Zielinski the September winner of \$210.00 in our Monthly 50/50 Raffle. Be sure your envelope is in for our next drawing in October.



ST. FRANCIS SENIORS will be meeting Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm (after the 12noon Mass) in O'Connor Hall at which time they will be making plans for two upcoming trips, apple picking and a fall foliage boat tour on the Hudson. Please plan to attend so all plans can be finalized. All seniors are cordially invited to attend and join the group.



### HOOP SHOOT

The Newburgh Elks #247 will host its annual Hoop Shoot competition on Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 3:00pm to 5:00pm at 356 Washington Street. This free event is open to boys and girls ages 8-13. The Elks will also be collecting new or gently used sneakers to donate to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Orange County. Contact Mike Kerin 914-489-4661 for details or questions.



### The Sands Casino Bus Trip

On Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, VFW Post 1161 and CWV Post 386 are co-hosting a bus trip to The Sands Casino in Bethlehem, PA. The bus will depart at 8:30am from the Wal-Mart parking lot and will depart for home at 4:30pm. Tickets are \$35.00 per person. You will receive \$30.00 in free slot play and a \$5.00 Food Coupon, plus a chance to win the trip free. To reserve your seat call John Raszcewski at 845-562-3705.

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

We are in need of Eucharistic Minister volunteers to visit our hospital on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays of the month. If you are interested and would like to help please contact Suzanne Campora at 561-5162.

### 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.