



Padre's Corner

October 22, 2017

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Christopher Columbus was born in Genoa, Italy in 1451. He died May 20, 1506 in Valladolid, Spain near Castile. Under the aristocracy of Spain, he is most famous as a maritime navigator and colonizer for the four voyages across the Atlantic Ocean financed by the Catholic monarchs. Most supportive were King Ferdinand II of Aragon and Queen Isabella I of Castile. His first voyage in 1492 was stimulated by the desire in Europe to establish lucrative trade routes, while laying claim to new territories. The names Columbus selected for his discovered lands reflected his Catholic faith, which in the first landing resulted in the name "San Salvador."

On August 3 of 1492 he departed with three ships: the Santa Maria, Pinta, and the Nina. In his journal entry of **October 12**, Columbus wrote: "Many of the men I have seen have scars on their bodies, and when I made signs to them to find out how this happened, they indicated that people from other nearby islands come to San Salvador to capture them; they defend themselves the best they can. I believe that people from the mainland come here to take them as slaves. They ought to make good and skilled servants, for they repeat very quickly whatever we say to them. I think they can very easily be made Christians, for they seem to have no religion." Though explorations of the Americas began with Leif Erikson, an eleventh-century Viking, Columbus was motivated by both faith and fostering economic riches for the Spanish crown. His own beginnings were middle class, with his father Domenico being both a wool weaver and a cheese stand operator.

Columbus also touched land in Cuba (where I traveled to August 7-11, for a reflection I will engage in for next week's Padres Corner) on **October 28**. The Santa Maria had to be abandoned on Christmas Day of 1492 on a spot Columbus named "La Villa de Navidad," leaving the Pinta and Nina to return to Spain. In 1505, after the four voyages were completed, Columbus wrote a book called a "Book of Prophecies," in which he described his primary motive of spreading the Catholic faith into the New World. He had imperfections as a person, as we all do, and became even closer to his faith when various ailments struck him such as arthritis. After his death in 1506, Columbus was buried in Seville, Spain at the La Cartuja Monastery. The remains now of his body, since 1898, are at the Cathedral of Seville.

What was the impetus for this reflection on Columbus, despite the fact that Columbus Day falls within this month of October? On July 11, I went down to the Newburgh waterfront to see replica copies of the Pinta and Nina that visitors could board. I was able to appreciate the dreams, courage, stamina, and spirituality of Christopher Columbus who seemed to be genuinely inspired by the dual quests of faith amidst worldly success for survival. These are legitimate paths of life, that animate me also for the spiritual and earthly success of both Sacred Heart and Saint Francis of Assisi. (In 1969, the group called the Association provided the soundtrack for the movie "Goodbye Columbus." Original and lead singer Jim Yester, who I met recently with Sister Laura Urbano and other parishioners, sang that song at an oldies concert. Words in part: "It's a lucky day cause I found you. Gonna build a new world around you. Touch the sun and run... Hello life Goodbye Columbus.")

Some concluding spiritual thoughts from Joel Osteen: "You have to be willing to examine where you are and what you need to move forward. This may mean that you need to change some friends that you're spending time with. Maybe they were fine for a season in your life, but now you've outgrown them... You have to break away from relationships that are limiting you... Develop some new relationships with people who are going to pull you up and inspire you to rise higher... When we choose to forgive, we are choosing God's way and opening the door for Him to heal our hurts and restore our souls... Sometimes we need a place of refuge, we need a place of safety, and we need a place to rest when we feel overwhelmed by the circumstances of life... You don't have to hide in your job, in relationships, in food or addictions because God Himself promises to hide you. "God wants us to dream, explore, repent, and be courageous.

Father Bill

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. Oct. 23

7:00am World Peace
Noon Beverly Barney
By The George Family

Tues. Oct. 24

7:00am Military Families
Noon Madeline Morgan
"Health & Birthday Blessings"
By Family

Wed. Oct. 25

7:00am The Unborn
Noon Salvatore Cocchia
By Mary & Butch Leoce

Thur. Oct. 26

7:00am Our Nation
Noon Madeline
Special Intention

Fri. Oct. 27

7:00am Susan Randall
By Mary Randall
Noon Barbara Warnock
"Health & Blessings"
By The Rich Family

Sat. Oct. 28

Noon St. Francis Parish
4:30pm Ernest, Maurice & Edith
Minckler
By Kathy, Mary & Susan
Ann Malinowski
By Formato & Rolfs Families

Sun. Oct 29

8:30am John & Marie Pacella
By Rachael, Paul & Family
Florence Aulogia
By Family
11:00am Camille Moriello
By Plum Point Board (Phase 1)
Mary Ann Fabiano
By Richard & Teresa Schaffner



WEEKLY COLLECTON

Oct 14=15, 2017
1st Collection \$ 6,116.00
2nd Collection 1,511.00
TOTAL \$ 7,627.00

MASS ATTENDANCE

Oct 14-15, 2017
4:30pm 154
8:30am 166
11:00am 267
1:30pm 71
TOTAL 658



2017-2018 Class Schedules

Mondays	Grades 1-6	4:30 to 6:00pm
Mondays	Grades 7&8	6:30 to 8:10pm
Tuesdays	Grades 1-7	5:00 to 6:30pm
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

The 2nd Collection this week is for
WORLD MISSION SUNDAY



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



FALL FESTIVAL FOR YOUTH

Friday, October 27th, 2017

6:30pm to 8:30pm

Sacred Heart School Gym - 9W and Ann Street

Open to all 7th, 8th, 9th 10th and 11th Grades

Come and join the fun

TODAY

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

Cyrus, King of Persia and friend to the Jewish people, becomes the Lord's anointed one, and through God's intervention, returns the Jews to their own country.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b

Paul rejoices that the Thessalonians, newly converted to Christianity, are displaying remarkable constancy in their new-found faith.

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21

Seeking to entrap Jesus in his speech, the hostile and hypocritical Pharisees ask him this dangerous question, "Is it lawful to pay tax to the emperor or not?" Realizing their treacherous motives, Jesus asks for a Roman coin, and pointing to the inscription of Caesar's, he answers, "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, but give to God what is God's."

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday

Rom 4:20-25; Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday

Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday

Rom 6:12-18; Lk 12:39-48

Thursday

Rom 6:19-23; Lk 12:49-53

Friday

Rom 7:18-25a; Lk 12:54-59

Saturday

Eph 2:19-22; Lk 6:12-16



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, 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, Vic Landi, Alex Galant, Evelyn Kawula and Taylor Fogel

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

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



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

In your goodness please bring **JELLY** 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.



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.



COMING EVENTS

CHRIS PARKER QUARTET

Sunday, October 29, 3:00pm to 4:30pm

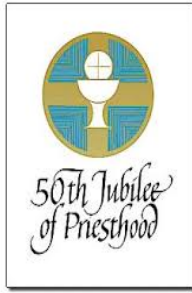
Chris Parker, 34 year music professor at SUNY Orange will play a unique combination of instruments making possible a variety of interesting tones. Compositions will range from straight jazz, mambos, tango and funk.

History of the Newburgh Trolley

Thursday, November 9th, 7:00pm to 8:30pm

Ray Kelly of the O&W Railway Historical Society will take you on a virtual ride on the trolley between Newburgh and Walden, and then Middletown to Port Jervis, using photos taken between 1886 and 1925.

Call 845-563-3618 or visit www.newburghlibrary.org and click "calendar of events" to see all the programs that are free and open to all adults.



On Sunday, November 5th the 11:00am Mass will be in honor of Fr. Peter who will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of his Ordination as a Priest as well as his 80th birthday.

**2018 MASS BOOK
WILL OPEN
MONDAY, OCTOBER 23
AT 9:30AM**



POCKETBOOK BINGO

Sacred Heart School @St. Joseph Campus, 148 Windsor Highway in New Windsor will host a pocketbook Bingo on Friday November 3rd. Doors open at 6:00pm and calling starts at 7:00pm. Bring your own beverages and food. \$40 admission entitles you to 10 bingo games, dabber, Door Prize Ticket, dessert and water. Contest for best decorated table (if you come with a group of 8). For any questions please call 561-1433.

ST. FRANCIS CALENDAR OF EVENTS
Oct 25th - Eucharistic Adoration 5:00-6:00pm
Oct 27th - Youth Fall Festival 6:30pm Sacred Heart
Nov 19th - Coffee & Bagel Hour



HOOP SHOOT

The Newburgh Elks #247 will host its annual Hoop Shoot competition today **Sunday, October 22nd** 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.



FIFTH SUNDAY ROSARY



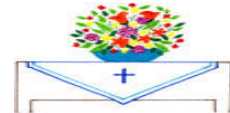
A rosary service for the 5th Sunday in October will be held at Sacred Heart Church in Newburgh **following the 12:00noon Mass on Sunday, October 29th**. All are invited to attend. Bring your prayer requests. Event sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Council 444. For questions call Ted Coughlin 845-913-5632 or Joe Coyle 845-561-7384.



FURRY FRIENDS MINISTRY

The basket on the table in the back of the Church contains pictures from the Blessing of the Animals held on Saturday, October 7th. If you see a picture of your furry family member, the picture is yours to take home. And, thank you for being a part of our St. Francis tradition.

DID YOU KNOW? The heaviest dog ever weighed 319 pounds. The oldest dog ever died at the age of 29 years.



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.

We must always walk in the presence of the Lord, in the light of the Lord, always trying to live in an irreprehensible way.

Pope Francis

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*.