



Padre's Corner

October 29, 2017

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1925, when silent films were still the norm in Hollywood, was the year that Tim Mara founded the New York Giants football team. His youngest son, Wellington Timothy Mara, was born on August 14, 1916 and would later become co-owner in 1959 (my own year of birth). Wellington was inducted into the football hall-of-fame in Canton, Ohio during the calendar year of 1997. With wife Ann (born in 1929, and died on Super Bowl Sunday in 2015), he had eleven children and forty-two grandchildren. In 1999, he received a pro-life award at the "National Right to Life Educational Trust Fund Dinner." Remarks on that **April 21** night stirred the 700 in attendance. Wellington reflected: "God blessed me with a long life. During that lifetime I have formed a clear perception of the absolute sanctity of life and the unshakable conviction that, of all God's gifts, it is the most precious - and is becoming the most tenuous. We live in an age, when mankind, in its arrogance, seeks to arrogate to itself the right to limit or deny life to the afflicted and the unborn. That is the challenge of our generation. The challenge and the shame." In 1987, he inspired athletes to participate in a pro-life film called "Champions For Life. "

Entering the seminary system that same year, I have met many such professional football and baseball players since then sharing the same credo. Wellington died on October 25, 2005 and is now buried at Gate of Heaven Cemetery (run by the Archdiocese of New York) in Hawthorne, New York. I thought of Mara on a recent trip to the baseball hall-of-fame museum of history in Cooperstown. There was a video display of flashing years, including the early 1920's, interspersed with live archival footage of great baseball moments. Themes of the beauty of life, accomplishments, dreams, memories, and success were interwoven into a visual mosaic that allowed all of the created piece to become one whole and cohesive exhibit representing the overall rich history of Major League Baseball. Pretty much an analogy of life, as all of our moments fuse together into one sacred human building created by God.

The hall-of-fame showcased other moments of baseball life such as a 1908 soundtrack recording of "Take Me Out To The Ballgame" sung by Harvey Hindermeyer, the locker used by pitcher Walter Johnson of the Washington Senators from 1911 to 1927 at Griffith Stadium in the nation's capital, the cornerstone of Ebbets Field in Brooklyn positioned in 1912, original seats from Tiger Stadium in Detroit during the years 1912-1999, a Yankee Stadium ticket booth used from 1923-1973, a life-size figurine of Pearl Sandow who attended baseball games regularly in Atlanta from the 1930's until her death in 1989, the quote from Phil Hersh of the "Chicago Tribune" that "Baseball is the only game you can see on the radio," audio by the late Lindsey Nelson during the 1970 strikeout gem on **April 22** at Shea Stadium of pitcher Tom Seaver against the San Diego Padres, a sign saying "We have the baseball cards your mother threw away," and my meeting hall-of-famer Ferguson Jenkins (turned to his Baptist faith in the midst of numerous personal struggles, including the suicide of a woman he was engaged to and struggles with drug addiction) who began an illustrious career with the Chicago Cubs in 1965.

There was also a section in the hall honoring Latino baseball players, including many who have fled from communist Cuba. This is the same Cuba that restricted human freedoms we take for granted in our country after the 1959 revolution, creating an oppressive lifestyle markedly different from the American one described above. A country that brutalized the religious sensitivities of its citizens, including Catholics who made up 85 % of the population before the revolution. A Cuba only ninety miles away from Key West, Florida. A secular Marxist- Leninist state whose revolutionary leader once played minor league baseball for the Baltimore Orioles. A place that Pope Francis encouraged the United States to connect with again a few years ago, resulting in the reopening of Catholic Churches and properties long previously- held for state functions. Lastly, a country (pais) I had the rich opportunity to visit from August 7-11. A visit I will share with you on my next Padres Corner. **Vas con Dios. Padre Guillermo**

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. Oct. 30

7:00am Stephen J. Danko
By Family
Noon Palma Webb
By Betsy Mosher

Tues. Oct. 31

7:00am St. Francis Parish
Noon The Ill & Suffering
5:30pm In Honor of all Saints

Wed. Nov. 1

7:00am PFC Leon Wilkanowski
By Chris
Noon John Warren
By Family
Lena Postiglione
By Andy Civile

Thur. Nov. 2

7:00am All Souls Novena
Noon Deceased Members of the
Schaffner Family
By Family

Fri. Nov. 3

7:00am Sr. Catherine Agnes CR
By Mary Ann & Tony Farkas
Fr. Peter
"Happy 80th Birthday"
By The Parish
Noon All Souls Novena

Sat. Nov. 4

Noon Stankiewicz Family
By Estate of Luke Stein
4:30pm All Souls Novena

Sun. Nov. 5

8:30am All Souls Novena
11:00am Fr. Peter's Golden
Jubilee Mass
In Thanksgiving on Fr. Peter's
50th Anniversary as a
Priest and his 80th Birthday
By the Parish



WEEKLY COLLECTON

Oct 21-22, 2017
1st Collection \$ 6,175.00
2nd Collection 851.00
TOTAL \$ 7,026.00

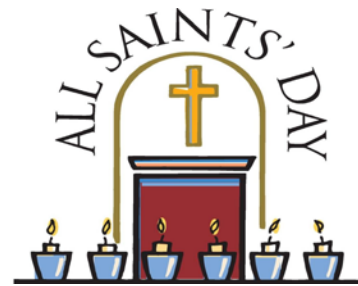
MASS ATTENDANCE

Oct 21-22, 2017
4:30pm 240
8:30am 175
11:00am 250
1:30pm 101
TOTAL 766

The 2nd Collection this week is for
FUEL COLLECTION



There will be NO Eucharistic Adoration
Wenesday, November 1st
due to All Saints Day



ALL SAINTS DAY

Holy Day of Obligation

MASSES AT ST. FRANCIS

Vigil Tuesday, October 31st

5:30pm

Wednesday, November 1st

7:00am 12noon

MASSES AT SACRED HEART

No Vigil Mass

Wednesday, November 1st

9:00am 5:30pm



TODAY

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Exodus 22:20-26

This passage from the book of Exodus enjoins all to adhere to specific religious and social laws. It urges all to act with justice and compassion towards others.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10

Paul praises the Thessalonians for receiving the word of God so eagerly and totally. Word of their faithfulness has spread throughout Macedonia and Greece; they have become a model for all Christians.

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

Matthew recounts the incident in which a lawyer, seeking to entrap Jesus, asks, "Teacher, which commandment of the law is the greatest?" With simplicity and authority, Jesus responds that the first commandment is to love God with one's entire being; the second is to love one's neighbor as oneself.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday

Rom 8:12-17; Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday

Rom 8:18-25; Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday

Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

Thursday

Wis 3:1-9; Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40

First Friday

Rom 9:1-5; Lk 14:1-6

First Saturday

Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Lk 14:1, 7-11



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, nemunde (germanyareen 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, Taylor Fogel and Barbara Cathcart

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 **ONE POUND PACKAGES OF PASTA & SAUCE** 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.



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



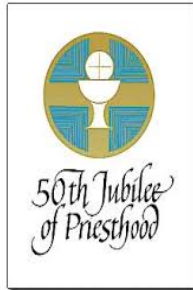
FLOWER MEMORIALS

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.



UPDATE

Through the generosity of our parishioners we are almost to our goal of \$656,600. Over \$600,100 has been donated from over 120 families. Our goal is that 30 more families will consider making a multi-year or one-time pledge to help us reach our goal. Stop by the rectory and fill out a pledge form or call the rectory at 561-1317 and we will mail you a form.



CONGRATULATIONS FR. PETER

Next weekend 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. May God continue to bless him.



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
Nov 1st - All Saints Day - Holy Day of Obligation
Nov 1st - NO Eucharistic Adoration 5:00-6:00pm
Nov 2nd - All Souls Day
Nov 19th - Coffee & Bagel Hour

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 today, 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.

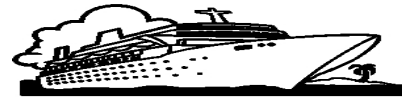
A PRAYER IN PRAISE OF THE SAINTS
 How shining and splendid are your gifts, O Lord which you give us for our eternal well-being. Your glory shines radiantly in your saints, O God In the honor and noble victory of the martyrs.
 The white-robed company follow you, bright with their abundant faith;
 They scorned the wicked words of those with this world's power.
 For you they sustained fierce beatings, chains, and torments,
 they were drained by cruel punishments.
 They bore their holy witness to you who were grounded deep within their hearts; they were sustained by patience and constancy.
 Endowed with your everlasting grace, may we rejoice forever with the martyrs in our bright fatherland.
 O Christ, in your goodness, grant to us the gracious heavenly realms of eternal life.

SCANDINAVIA & ST. PETERSBURG CRUISE

On Board the NCL Norwegian Breakaway

Hosted By:

Father Bill Damroth



Copenhagen (Denmark), Warnemunde (Germany), Tallinn (Estonia), St. Petersburg (Russia), Helsinki (Finland), Stockholm (Sweden)

Starting at \$3,049 per person including airfare. Includes roundtrip air from New York, Cruise taxes, port charges and transfers between airport/hotel/pier.

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YES! I want to register as a member of St. Francis of Assisi Parish and receive offertory envelopes.

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City/Town: _____ Zip: _____

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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.