



Padre's Corner

January 21, 2018
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus walked many thousands of miles in his public ministry, after growing up in the Galilee region of Nazareth. Biblical theorists conclude He walked a total of roughly 21,000 miles during the course of his lifetime, with 3,000 of that during his three years of active ministry. He would travel by foot to Jerusalem 65 miles away for holy days, or three days on foot. The Judaea Desert was part of his routine as well as the Jordan River, Tyre and Sidon near modern-day Lebanon, Mount Hermon, and Cana would embrace most of what He experienced on foot. In other words, Jesus spent most of His life in the Galilee and Jerusalem areas. His mission was to sell the message of eternal salvation to all listeners, not in the earthly realm but the heavenly. Jesus was not intent on teaching us lessons of wealth with money or prestige with academic credentials. Preparing us for Heaven was His core message, inspiring us to not be seduced by the trinkets of temporality that planet earth offers to us. Detachment was the constant drumbeat so that in later ages bank accounts, cars, real estate, jewelry, big jobs in corporate America, and even our favorite sports teams would not be paramount over our faith relationship with Jesus.

Saint Callistus (martyred in 222 AD and buried on the Aurelian Way in Rome) underscored this sacred message with these words: "What an honor, what happiness to depart joyfully from this world, to go forth in glory from the anguish and pain, in one moment to close the eyes that looked on the world of men and in the next to open them at once to look on God and Chris! The speed of this joyous departure! You are suddenly withdrawn from earth to find yourself in the kingdom of heaven. These are the thoughts you must grasp with your heart and mind and reflect on day and night." Even author Mark Twain (1835-1910) had a sense that there was no paradise on earth with these sentiments: "October, this is one of the peculiarly dangerous months to speculate in stocks. The others are July, January, September, April, November, May, March, June, December, August, and February."

My thoughts for this particular Padres Corner come from the Poconos or more specifically East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania. Located only eighty travel minutes from Newburgh, this serene and picturesque region of America is a wonderful place to come to. There are ample opportunities to journey by foot as Jesus did, and to relate with strangers as He often did. There was the "Christmas Factory" not far away in Marshalls Creek, with the faith opportunity to find the "reason for the season" in the midst of all the inevitable trinkets. I found a precious water globe of a church surrounded by serene evergreen trees, creating an atmosphere of silence and meditation. There was also a wall mural of four dogs respectfully prostrate in front of a church, while Saint Nicholas soars above with his reindeer.

Another opportunity to breathe in the supernatural was at a miniature golf course. Pride, arrogance, and a sense of self-sufficiency is easily toppled in such a venture with others. The sheer dynamics of nineteen holes is an educational opportunity to be humbled rather quickly. The design of each hole in miniature golf is to be complex, difficult, and a mental grind. Looking at God above for help was a frequent gesture by me. Point made again is that we do not have a lasting foundation in this world. All of the thoughts, words, actions, and relationships are merely preparatory for eternity. Casinos in the Poconos are reminders of how fleeting are the pleasures so many dive into. Smoking to one's lungs content, drinking like the world is coming to a fast end, and gambling with fool's gold (screaming delights at "wins" when the machine in most cases has taken more than what the human being involved walks away with) observed from the distance are vivid opportunities to recall what is real in God's world and what is not. Then there is the pizzeria where a female cashier openly wears her cross of belief in Jesus. She has found Him after alcohol plus drug abuse, and a relationship that went dead after twenty-two years. Finding Him in the chaos, struggle, weakness, and emptiness is what constitutes truth.

Father Bill

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. Jan. 22

7:00am Our Youth
Noon Pope Francis

Tues. Jan. 23

7:00am Jonathan Como
By Como Family
Noon All Families

Wed. Jan. 24

7:00am Sick & Dying
Noon Frances Schaffner
By Family

Thur. Jan. 25

7:00am Susan Randall
By Mary Randall
Noon Our Veterans

Fri. Jan. 26

7:00am All Public Servants
Noon Military Families

Sat. Jan. 27

Noon Souls in Purgatory
4:30pm Eleanor Murphy
George J. Vecchio Jr.
By Kathy & Sam Cerone & Family

Sun. Jan. 28

8:30am Michelle Ryan
By Mom & Dad
11:00am Stanley Jubis
(20th Anniv)
By Family
Thomas Mulligan
By CWV Post 386



WEEKLY COLLECTON

Jan. 13-14, 2018

1st Collection \$ 6,627.00
2nd Collection 1,464.00
TOTAL \$ 8,091.00

MASS ATTENDANCE

Jan. 13-14, 2018

4:30pm 179
8:30am 120
11:00am 220
1:30pm 90
Total 609

The 2nd Collection this week is for
ORGAN MAINTENANCE



Our Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this Wednesday from 5:00pm to 6:00pm is for the intention of THE CITY OF NEWBURGH.

HOSPITAL MINISTRY

We are in need of a Eucharistic Minister to serve at St. Luke's-Cornwall Hospital on the first and second Tuesday of each month. If interested please contact Suzanna Campora at 561-5162 for details.

YOUTH MINISTRY

We will have a general Youth Ministry night on **Thursday, January 25, 2018 at 7:00pm** for all adults who would be interested in supporting and collaborating in developing a new youth ministry model for Sacred Heart-St. Francis parishes. The location of the meeting is **Gallo Hall** in the former Sacred Heart School Building. For more information please speak with Sister Laura Urbano at 347-207-5020.

Sister Mary Naccarato from the Archdiocesan Office of Youth Ministry **will speak** at all our Masses this weekend **January 20th and 21st**.



SISTERS OF THE PRESENTATION
of the Blessed Virgin Mary

HOLY HOUR at MT. ST. JOSEPH

Join the Sisters of the Presentation for a little time away from your daily routine to reflect and be with the Lord in a quiet place. Friday, February 2nd from 3:45 to 4:45pm there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Sister's Chapel located at 64 Presentation Way, New Windsor. Come for an hour or for any part of the hour. All are welcome. For questions please call 845-401-8531.

BAGEL & COFFEE HOUR



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

TODAY

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Jonah set out for Nineveh as God asked and told the people that their city would be destroyed in forty days. The people believed him and repented from their evil ways. God did not destroy their city, showing his mercy for those who see the evil of their ways and correct it.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Paul advises the Corinthians that their world is changing, so they should not take their daily trials too seriously. We should remember that the problems of everyday living will not last forever, but the eternal life God promises us will.

Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

Jesus observes Simon and Andrew where they are fishing and tells them to come with him and become "fishers of men." They abandon their nets without hesitation to follow him. Next he calls James and his brother John, who also leave what they are doing and follow him without question.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday

Lectionary for Ritual Masses, vol. IV
"Mass for Peace & Justice",
nos. 887-891

Tuesday

2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday

2 Sm 7:4-17; Mk 4:1-20

Thursday

Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Mk 16:15-18

Friday

2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday

2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Mk 4:35-41



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Vincenza Secor, Aaron Stagliano, Marie Wiejak, Ashley Barco, Agnes Casey, Rose Marie Michalowski, 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, 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 Mc Parkland and Family, Jozef Froniewski, Teresa Centeno, Bobbi Hull, Emily Cooley, Frank Celeste, Amy Finnegan, Brian Hanrahan, Toni Loparco Shepardson, Donald (Leed) Zubawicz, Louise McHugh, Alex Galant, Evelyn Kawula, Taylor Fogel, Jake Tigar, Paul Neugebauer, Julia Vecchio, Eileen Burke, Michelle Ryan, Abigail Means, Ann Boucher and Bob Schaffer



Food Pantry Hours:

Friday 9:00am to 12noon

Saturday 9:00am to 12noon

at our new location

The Msgr. Valastro Activity Center

319 Broadway in Newburgh

In your goodness please bring 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](tel:845-863-6504). All students need to pre-register with Mr. Bourdage before showing up at the pantry, please.

THE BACKPACK PROGRAM

The Backpack Program has begun. Anyone interested in volunteering to help with this program should speak to one of the Food Pantry members.

HELP NEEDED

The Food Pantry is looking for help on Wednesdays unloading their Food Bank Delivery. If you can give us a few hours helping on Wednesday afternoons at 1:30pm please stop by our new location at 319 Broadway. We would be most grateful.

FREE RELIABLE TAX PREPARATION

Your taxes can be prepared for free by IRS Certified Volunteers and is open to individuals, seniors and families. For an appointment call 2-1-1 or 1-800-899-1479, 7 days a week from 9:00am to 7:00pm.

EMMAUS MINISTRY

If you have lost a child – no matter the age – and still suffer terrible grief, the Emmanus Ministry can help you. A day long retreat will focus on the grieving process. All are welcome. The next retreat is February 24th at the Church of the Magdalen in Sleepy Hollow NY from 9:30am to 7:30pm. Cost is \$25/person, \$40/couple. Register at www.emfgp.org/2018archny.org or contact Sue DiSisto at 646-794-3191.



SUPER BOWL PARTY

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring their Annual Super Bowl Party on Sunday, February 4th starting at 4:00pm in O'Connor Hall. \$5 per person or a food donation to share. Football pools, games for the kids and 50/50 raffle. To RSVP or questions please contact Bill Kuntz at 201-697-9920.

**REQUIRED ARCHDIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENT
ON CHILD ABUSE**

Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by 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 917-861-1762. 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.



MOVIE NIGHT

On **Saturday, January 27th** following the **5:30pm Mass** at **Sacred Heart Church**, we will be showing **“The Bells of St. Mary’s”** in the upstairs room of the Msgr. Valastro Activity Center. This is a wonderful movie starring Bing Crosby as Fr O’Malley who is sent to help out a financially strapped St. Mary’s Academy. Pizza and light refreshments will be served. Feel free to bring a snack for all to enjoy. For pizza ordering purposes, please contact Jeannine McCauley at 914-263-0572 or jeansey50@yahoo.com by Friday, January 26th if you plan to attend.

Starting with our January movie St. Francis will alternate with Sacred Heart for our monthly Movie Nights.



VALENTINE’S DINNER DANCE

.....Saturday, February 10th from 6:30pm to 10:30pm at Temple Hill Tavern and Catering, 171 Temple Hill Road in Vails Gate. \$35 per person paid in advance (\$40 at the door). Cash bar. Featuring music by DJ Ming. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Council 444. For more info or to make your reservation please call Bill Kuntz at 201-697-9920.



Newburgh Chamber Music will present *Swing and the Great American Songbook* featuring jazz pianist Vinnie Martucci on Sunday, February 4, 2018 at 3:00pm at St. George’s Church, 105 Grand Street in Newburgh. Tickets are available at the door or on line at www.newburghchambermusic.org. Adults \$25 and students \$5. St George’s is handicapped accessible with parking across the street.

UPCOMING PILGRIMAGES

Hosted By:
Father Bill Damroth

SCANDINAVIA & ST. PETERSBURG CRUISE
On Board the NCL Norwegian Breakaway
September 21- October 3, 2018



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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NORTHERN NATIONAL PARKS  
Featuring Yellowstone National Park and Grand Teton National Park

August 24-31, 2018

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ICELAND’S MAGICAL NORTHERN LIGHTS
February 14-20, 2019

SPECIAL TRAVEL PRESENTATION

The Collette Travel Agency is hosting a presentation on the Northern National Parks Pilgrimage on **Monday, January 29, 2018** in O’Connor Hall at **6:00pm**. If you are interested in this 2018 trip and would like to attend the presentation please RSVP to the rectory at 845-561-1317.

BECOME A MEMBER OF OUR PARISH TODAY
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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*