



Padre's Corner

April 15, 2018
Third Sunday of Lent

Alexander Graham Bell was born on March 3, 1847 at 16 South Charlotte Street in Edinburgh, Scotland. His father Alexander (1819-1905) was a teacher of speech and phonetics, while his mother Eliza Grace (1809-1897) was a painter and musician though felled by her loss of hearing starting at the age of twelve. The backgrounds of his parents would greatly influence his vocational choices to help the world through diverse ways of communication. At colleges in Scotland and England, Alexander discovered a fascination in the study of vowel sounds and linguistic language instruction. Bell came to Boston on April 1, 1871 to teach deaf children at the Clarke School in Northampton, Massachusetts. **Two years later** he taught vocal physiology in the School of Oratory at Boston University. He began harmonic telegraph experiments also in 1873, out of which he developed the technology for a transmitter patent on March 7 of 1876. Three days later Thomas Watson cried out: "Dr. Bell, I heard every word you said - distinctly."

Over the next year in the Boston area became the birth of the telephone as conversations began over outdoor telegraph wires, a long distance call occurred between Boston and Salem sixteen miles away, and the first telephone line was built on April 4 of 1877. Bell became an American citizen in 1882, while the Bell Telephone Company provided most of the phone service in Canada and the United States from 1877-1984 (when the Justice Department during the term of President Ronald Reagan broke the Bell System into independent companies). The founder of the telephone had many wonderful observations about life of note. In 1914, at the Friends School in Washington D.C.: "Don't keep forever on the public road, going only where others have gone. Leave the beaten track occasionally and dive into the woods. You will be certain to find something that you have never seen before. Of course, it will be a little thing, but do not ignore it. Follow it up, explore all around it: one discovery will lead to another, and before you know it you will have something worth thinking about to occupy your mind. All really big discoveries are the results of thought."

Another reflection from Alexander Graham Bell, undated, goes like this: "People generally attribute to other people the same kind of motives they experience themselves. We are all of us inclined to believe that other people are actuated by the same motives that actuate us. The people who think the whole world is bad are generally bad at heart themselves. The pure - good - honest heart is ever ready to believe that other people are actuated by right motives. Even though we may not understand the motives of others, it is always best to attribute right motives and think no evil - for evil thought harms us as well as those of whom we think it."

Bell died on August 2, 1922 in the Cape Breton sector of Nova Scotia, Canada. **On August 4**, the feast day of Saint John Vianney of France, his burial services were conducted at his estate on Beinn Bhreagh Mountain. Newspaper accounts reported that "every phone on the continent of North America was silenced for two minutes in honor of the man who had given mankind the means for direct communication at a distance."

A spiritual key for each of us is to connect the dots of our life in conjunction with an overall relationship with God. That means using as connecting points all of the persons, places, things, memories, explorations, travels, experiences, education, losses, blessings, sacraments, Masses, instructions, seminars, courses, prayers, and ponderous looks at the sky for inspiration into His holy path. I worked for New Jersey Bell Telephone from 1978-1988, and remember well the day I applied for a job during my senior year in high school at the Hackensack (New Jersey) employment office now closed. There was also so many wonderful co-workers, a Disneyland experience in 1979 with my California cousins in Anaheim for a behind-the-scenes exhibit exploration led by Pacific Telephone employees, and the teary final day when I left Bell Atlantic on January 9 of 1988 for the seminary system. That piece of my past history contributes largely to what I am today. May each of us see life from that vantage point, whereby the separated pieces of life merge as one (warts and all) to foster the plan of God for one and all.

Father Bill

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. April 16

7:00am Pope Franics
Noon Jonnah John Ungab
By Algene Ungab

Tues. April 17

7:00am Ill & Suffering

Noon Ginny Cook
By FAMILY

Wed. April 18

7:00am Marion Miller
By Helen Miller
Noon John Geelan
By Family

Thur. April 19

7:00am City of Newburgh
Noon Ida Barcia
By Loretta Trizinsky

Fri. April 20

7:00am Rose Marie Etri
By Paul & Linda Zalanowskui
Noon June Keller
By DiSpigna Family

Sat. April 21

Noon Souls in Purgatory
4:30pm Craig Mac Farland
By Wife
Jane & Joe James
By Family

Sun. April 22

8:30am St. Francis- Sacred
Heart Parishes
11:00am Bill Cathcart
By Wife Barbara & Family



WEEKLY COLLECTION

April 7-8, 2018

1st Collection \$ 7,290.00
2nd Collection 1,623.00
TOTAL \$ 8,913.00

MASS ATTENDANCE

April 7-8, 2018

4:30pm 211
8:30am 150
11:00am 161
1:30pm 202
Total 724

The 2nd Collection this week is for
PARISH GROUNDS



Our Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this Wednesday from 5:00pm to 6:00pm is for the intention of OUR PRIESTS AND DEACONS.

HEALING MASS

The monthly Healing Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church, Route 32 in Plattekill will be held today, April 15th at 4:00pm.



Fr. Bill Damroth will be celebrating his 25th Anniversary as a priest next month. He was ordained on May 15, 1993. To honor this special milestone occasion Fr. Bill will celebrate Mass at St. Francis of Assisi Church at 6:30pm on Tuesday May 15th.

Following Mass a reception with light refreshments will be held at Gallo Hall at Sacred Heart School.
ALL ARE WELCOME



SAVE THE DATE

Sacred Heart-St. Francis REP will be hosting **MEGA SPORTS VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** on July 9th thru July 13th at the Religious Education Building. More information to follow.



COFFEE & BAGEL HOUR

Join us after the 8:30am Mass today, April 15th for coffee and bagels in O'Connor Hall.

TODAY
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

Peter reminds the people that they allowed Jesus to be killed, and preferred to allow a murderer to be released. But God raised him from the dead as had been prophesied. Therefore, all people should believe and turn to God, that their sins might be forgiven.

Second Reading: I John 2:1-5a

Jesus was offered up for the sins of the world. The only way to prove true faith in him, is to honor his commandments. Anyone who claims to believe, yet does not keep his word, does not truly believe.

Gospel: Luke 24:35-48

Jesus appeared to two disciples, though at first they feared he was a ghost. Jesus ate with them to prove he was not a ghost. He explained that he had fulfilled the prophets words about him. He also explained that in his name they must preach doing penance for the forgiveness of sins.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday

Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday

Acts 7:51—8:1a; Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday

Acts 8:1b-8; Jn 6:35-40

Thursday

Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51

Friday

Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59

Saturday

Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69



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, 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'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 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 Bouche, Vanessa Rivera and Elizabeth Rich-Provenzano.

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.



Food Pantry Hours:

Friday 9:00am to 12noon

Saturday 9:00am to 12noon

Located at

The Msgr. Valastro Activity Center
319 Broadway in Newburgh

In your goodness please bring **PANCAKE MIX & SYRUP** 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.

TRUCK DRIVER NEEDED

The Pantry is in need of a volunteer to drive a 26 foot truck (no special license is required) which you would pick up at Budget, go to the Food Bank in Cornwall to pick up our order, drive to the Food Pantry to deliver our order, then drive the truck back to Budget. No lifting is involved. Needed every 3rd Wednesday. Call Paul Zalanowski 845-234-8564 for more details.



SACRED HEART SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Sacred Heart School @ St. Joseph's Campus, 148 Windsor Highway in New Windsor would like to invite you to their Open House on **Wednesday, April 18th at 6:00pm.** Come tour our school, meet our teachers and learn how to receive Financial Assistance towards tuition. For questions call 845-561-1433



Sacred Heart Church is sponsoring their annual blood drive to be held in their gymnasium on **Sunday, April 22, 2018 from 8:00am to 2:00pm.** Walk-ins are always welcome Please support this very worthy cause as the need is great and blood supplies are low.



The Word Fulfilled!



**FOR THOSE SUFFERING
THE LOSS OF A LOVED ONE**

There is no preparation for the loss of a loved one. Everyoe's journey in the process is unique and different. There is an ourtreach ministry within our parish family that may assist you as you travel through the process. It is faith-based and focuses on sharing, understanding, comapssion and acceptance.

We will meet for eight Tuesdays beginning April 17th, 2018. If you, or someone you know, might be interestred in joining our "journey", or if we can assist you, in any, way, please contact Beverly Austin bevaustin09@gmail.com or call her cell 914-805-5803, or Deacon Thomas Neppel through e-mail tneppel@verizon.net or home phone 845-562-1341 or cell phone 845-541-0421.



**An evening of Adoration, Praise
and Worship at Mt. St. Joseph Chapel,
64 Presentation Way in New Windsor on Tuesday,
April 24th from 6:30pm to 8:30pm.
(rescheduled from March 13th snow storm)**

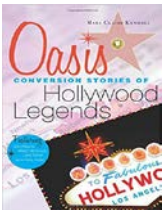


We need you. Our youth need you. If you are over the age of 18 and are out of high school please consider being an adult youth leader. Please contact Sister Laura Urbano 347-207-5020 if interested in becoming an adult youth leader for either junior high or high school.



Golden Jubilee Wedding Mass

The Archdiocese of New York's Golden Jubilee Wedding Mass will take place on Sunday, June 3rd at 2:15pm at St. Patrick's Cathedral. This mass, for couples celebrating 50 years of marriage in 2018 will be celebrated by Cardinal Timothy Dolan. To register to obtain tickets please call the rectory at 561-1317. Registration will close on Monday, May 14th.



**OASIS - CONVERSION STORIES OF
HOLLYWOOD LEGENDS**

Anyone interested in purchasing a copy of this book which is autographed by author Mary Claire Kendall please stop by the rectory and pick up a copy. The cost is \$10.00

Movie Night

Our next movie night will be held on Saturday, May 12th at 6:00pm in O'Connor Hall. We will be showing "THE SCARLET AND THE BLACK" starring Gregory Peck, Christopher Plummer and Sir John Gielgud. The true story of Monsignor Hugh O'Flaherty, a courageous Irish priest working in the Vatican during the German occupation. He devotes all huiis time and energy to hiding refugees and Allied POWs from Nazis, building a network of hundreds of people to help him with his efforts.

For refreshment ordering purposes please RSVP to Jeannine McCauley 914-263-0572 or e-mail her at jeanse50@yahoo.com .

UPCOMING PILGRIMAGES

Hosted By:
Father Bill Damroth

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
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GREEK ISLES CRUISE & EUROPE
Visiting Athens, Mykonos, Ephesus, Patmos, Crete,
Santorini, Corinth, Munich and Salzburg,
including The Passion Play pf Oberammergau.
May 13-23, 2020

**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: _____