



Padre's Corner

May 6, 2018
Sixth Sunday of Easter

Gary Samuel Cuozzo is a spiritual friend in my life, but it was the National Football League that brought us together during my assignment at Our Lady Queen of Peace in Staten Island during the years 2006-2010. Born April 26, 1941 he played quarterback at the University of Virginia before being drafted by the Baltimore Colts in 1963. Born in Montclair, New Jersey he would play not just for the Colts (1963-1966) but also the New Orleans Saints (1967), Minnesota Vikings at the frozen tundra of now-raised (for the Mall of America) Metropolitan Stadium in Bloomington (1968-1971), and the St. Louis Cardinals (1972). I have written about Gary before, so that is enough for his personal life. He has used his platform as a retired player to elevate his relationship with Jesus Christ, weathering the tragedies and obstacles we all face as human beings. He recently emailed me about another former football player, Tim Tebow, who also elevates that platform (like Saint John the Baptist who promoted Jesus not himself as a precursor) during his current efforts to transition to baseball.

Tim Tebow was born on August 14, 1987. He also was a college football quarterback, at the University of Florida where he won the Heisman Trophy in 2007 (meaning basically player-of-the-year). A common visual for football players to deflect the sun is a black tar under the eyes. Most leave the tar in the black color alone, while others punctuate the color with personal messages such as "Mom." Tebow, using his football platform to promote Jesus, interspersed "John 3:16" into his eye tar which raised his national profile in a wholesome way (though he faced much derision, which I believe cut short his football career because of the media reaction and controversy). That passage of the Gospel reads: "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Tebow, who is pro-life without any hesitation with regard to the unborn baby, was drafted by the Denver Broncos in 2010 (later played for the New York Jets in 2012). On January 8, 2012 he led the Broncos to a dramatic 29-23 victory in the wildcard playoffs over the Pittsburgh Steelers on the first play of overtime. He had John 3:16 under both eyes. Statistics for Tebow in that playoff game: 316 passing yards for an average of 31.6 per pass completion, running play average of 3.16 when Tebow ran, time of possession for the Broncos in the 60-minute game was 31.06 minutes, and CBS ratings for the game were 31.6. 91 million people Googled John 3:16 during the game. Gary Cuozzo sent this story to me as a reminder of what is important in life: a peaceful relationship with Jesus despite all the life adversities and blessings we each endure and embrace. When we run around like a chicken without its head we lose all of this deep spiritual insight. I stand guilty as charged, often running crazy trying to administrate both Saint Francis of Assisi and Sacred Heart. I need to learn and grow also.

Bethany Mandel writes for a publication called "The Federalist." In a recent column she reflected on the lessons of slowing down we all can learn, during moments when nature strikes such as severe snowstorms. Ponder these words of inspiration: "In this bitter cold snap of weather New Yorkers are facing, let's enjoy the cold instead of just enduring it. Perhaps Norway and Denmark are the happiest countries in the world because of the cold, not despite it...We have something to teach the rest of the world about moving faster, but so too does the world have something to teach us about slowing down... Think sipping hot cocoa next to a roaring fire while reading; think sweatpants and baking; imagine a warm satisfying bowl of soup while you knit." When I look closely at my cats, gerbils, and Moondoggie (all rescued from shelters, streets or pet stores) I see that spiritual peace and unconditional love that Cuozzo and Tebow speak of. Below the surface of our frenzied schedules, which I certainly understand as a pastor, there is that soft spot that God wants us to enter.

A place of faith where comfort, His true peace, deep reflection, courageous strength, and merciful compassion can be entered through prayerfulness and sacramental worship. We pray for such divine graces and cooperate when He sends them to us. As I sip hot "light" cocoa, I am reminded of the fact that Denmark will be seen this September on a parish cruise to Europe that also includes Sweden, Finland, Germany, Estonia, and Russia. God bless. Father Bill

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. May 7

7:00am John Stein
By Estate of Luke Stein
Noon Betty Donahue
By Henry & Clotilda Pelella
Barbara Paolini
By Family

Tues. May 8

7:00am Vocations
Noon Maureen Kelly
By Food Pantry Volunteers

Wed. May 9

7:00am The Infirm
Noon Charlie Messina
"Health and Blessings"
By Staff

Thur. May 10

7:00am Joseph Stankiewicz
By Estate of Luke Stein
John & Nancy Squillinil
Noon Diana Malone
"Health and Blessings"
By Dad

Fri. May 11

7:00am All Firemen & Policemen
Noon Charlie Messina –
"Health and Blessings"
By Staff

Sat. May 12

Noon Robert Anthony Michon
By Sister, Chris
4:30pm Sam & Laura Cerone
By Family
Francine Orsini
By Pirillo Family

Sun. May 13

8:30am Mother's Day Novena
11:00am Mother's Day Novena



WEEKLY COLLECTION

April 28-29, 2018
1st Collection \$5,725.00
2nd Collection 1,311.00
TOTAL \$ 7,036.00

MASS ATTENDANCE

April 28-29, 2018
4:30pm 182
8:30am 156
11:00am 141
1:30pm 124
Total 603

The 2nd Collection this week is for the
PARISH RESTORATION & ENDOWMENT FUND



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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
THE SACRED HEART FEAST IS COMING
JUNE 1, 2, & 3 (Friday, Saturday & Sunday)
FUN AND FOOD FOR ALL



Fr. Bill Damroth will be celebrating his 25th Anniversary
as a priest this 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 INVITED



Congratulations to our students
who have received the Holy Spirit in Confirmation
this weekend.

Keep them in your prayers.
May God watch over them bless them always.

ASCENSION THURSDAY

MASS SCHEDULE

ST. FRANCIS

Wed. May 9 5:30pm Vigil Mass
Thur. May 10 7:00am & 12noon

SACRED HEART

Thur. May 10 9:00am & 5:30pm

TODAY
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

Peter preaches to the Gentiles for the first time in the house of Cornelius. Peter realized that God would accept any person who acted uprightly, regardless of his or her heritage. Then the Holy Spirit descended on the Gentiles and Peter allowed them to be baptized in the name of Jesus.

Second Reading: I John 4:7-10

John advises all believers to love one another, for love is a gift from God. The person without love does not know God, whose love for us is so great he sent his only son so that we might have life through him.

Gospel: John 15:9-17

Jesus asks his disciples to live on in his love and to "Love one another as I have loved you." He explains that he chose them to follow him, and promises if they keep his commandments they will have anything that they ask for in his name

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday

Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday

Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday

Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; Jn 16:12-15

Thursday

Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20 Or in some Ecclesiastical Provinces:
The Ascension of the Lord Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23 or
Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13; Mk 16:15-20

Friday

Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23

Saturday

Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28



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, Vanessa Rivera and Elizabeth Rich-Provenzano, Jim Formato, and Paul O'Herron.



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.



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 **ONE POUND PACKAGES OF PASTA AND 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**. 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.



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 his 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 jeansej50@yahoo.com.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sacred Heart Annual Italian Feast Honoring our Lady of Mt. Carmel and St. Anthony will be held on June 1,2 and 3. The tradition is over 100 years old and is a great family event. There will be good food, music and fun for the kids. Hours are **Friday, June 1st 6pm to 10pm**
Saturday, June 2nd 12noon to 10pm
Sunday, June 3rd 1pm to 6pm

On Sunday, June 3rd, there will be the traditional procession with the statues around the streets of the church culminating at the Feast site. Fr. Justin Cinnate, O Carm from the National Shrine of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel will celebrate the noon Mass and lead the procession.



CONGRATULATIONS TO.....

Mrs. Theresa Dombroski the April winner of **\$181.50** in our Monthly 50/50 Raffle. Be sure your envelope is in for our next drawing in May.



Catholic Daughters, Court Patricia #195 will meet at **7:00pm** on **Wednesday, May 9th** in the **Msgr. Valastro Activity Center** for the Crowning of Mary and recitation of the rosary followed by a short business meeting. **(Please note change of location)** New members are always welcome. For further Information please call Linda DeWitt at 845-565-7837.

TITO PUENTE Jr. *LATIN JAZZ ENSEMBLE*

Nora Cronin Presentation Academy is sponsoring a Spicy Spring Evening filled with Mambo, Latin Jazz, and Entertainment featuring the music of the **TITO PUENTE JR, LATIN JAZZ ENSEMBLE** on **Saturday, May 12th** with Special Guest...**The Latin Jazz Express** . The event will be held at the Ritz Theater' s Historic Green Room, 107 Broadway in Newburgh. **\$100 Tickets** includes 8pm Reserved table concert seating (+6:30 Pre-concert Meet & Greet, Dance Lesson, & Hors d'Oeuvres, in the Safe Harbors Lobby)
\$50 Tickets includes 8pm Reserved table concert seating + hors d'Oeuvres. **\$25 Tickets** General Concert/Dance admission only. To order tickets please call 1-800-838-3006 or at <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event3339037>.

The Addams Family

Bishop Dunn Memorial School Drama Club is presenting the play, *The Addams Family* at Aquinas Hall Theater at Mt St Mary College on May 25th at 7:00pm, May 26th at 7:00pm and May 27th at 12 noon. Tickets are \$10.00. For questions please call Fran Lego at 845-569-3494.

TO THE MOON AND BACK

Sacred Heart School is hosting their annual Cash-n-Cocktails fundraiser on **Saturday, May 19th** from **7:00pm to 10:30pm** at their St. Joseph Campus, 148 Windsor Highway in New Windsor. Each **\$100 ticket** admits two to the cocktail party where there will be a live band, beer, wine and appetizers at which time the **three \$5,000 winners** will be picked. For tickets contact Mary Gould 914-805-2332 or Dr. Gina Cook 845-541-4126. For more information please email ginacookdds@gmail.com.

LIVING OUR FAITH SENIOR BREAKFAST

Once again this year, Adult Faith Formation is planning a senior breakfast on **Saturday, May 19th**. The breakfast, to be held in Gallo Hall in Sacred Heart School, will begin following the 9:00am Mass in the church chapel. Msgr. Peter Tran Van Phat will give a talk and Larry De Gregorio will entertain with a humorous monologue. There will be hot and cold food and plenty for those who wish to take some home after the breakfast. Please call Sacred Heart Rectory, 561-2264 if you plan to attend.

HEALING MASS

*Our Lady of Fatima Church on Route 32 in Plattekill
on Sunday May 20th at 4:00pm
All are invited*



UPCOMING PILGRIMAGES

Hosted By:

Father Bill Damroth

NORTHERN NATIONAL PARKS

Featuring Yellowstone National Park
and Grand Teton National Park
August 24-31, 2018

ICELAND'S MAGICAL NORTHERN LIGHTS

February 14-20, 2019

HIGHLIGHTS OF ENGLAND & SCOTLAND

Visiting Stonehenge, Salisbury, Bristol, Bath, Stratford
Lake District, Edinburgh, York Oxford and London
March 11-21, 2019

GREEK ISLES CRUISE & EUROPE

Including The Passion Play pf Oberammergau
May 13-23, 2020

****ICELAND'S MAGICAL NORTHERN LIGHTS****

Discover Iceland, a land and culture forged by fire and ice. Steaming lava fields and massive glaciers sculpt mountains and valleys, leaving thundering waterfalls and plunging fjords.

The Collette Travel Agency will be here on **Monday, May 14th** at **6:00pm** in **O'Connor Hall** to do an informational presentation on our Iceland pilgrimage.

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*