



## Padre's Corner

June 3, 2018  
Corpus Christi Sunday

The reality of death is never a topic of comfort for us, because we have the instinctual desire to survive in familiar settings this side of Heaven. An obvious wish and hope is to die serenely, while recognizing that life curveballs often choose otherwise. Church martyrs like Saint Paul Miki would provide one of those exceptions. Born around 1565 in Japan, he became a Jesuit priest during a time of spiritual calm in the Orient. However, government persecution took his life and: "As I come to this supreme moment of my life, I am sure none of you would suppose I want to deceive you. And so I tell you plainly: there is no way to be saved except the Christian way. My religion teaches me to pardon my enemies and all who have offended me. I do gladly pardon the Emperor and all who have sought my death. I beg them to seek baptism and be Christians themselves. "

Pope Francis on January 27 authorized a promulgation of martyrdom for a more recent display of religious intolerance, memorialized in the movie of several years ago called "Of Gods and Men." The setting was the civil war in Tibhirine, Algeria from 1994-1996. Seven Trappist monks lived in the 1938-established monastery, south of Algiers. In the midst of multitudes being killed for their faith, the monks were kidnapped by Islamic terrorists on March 26, 1996. Their decapitated heads were found four days later. The local Muslims were devastated by the news because of their close friendships with the monks, who would attend their parties and even their marriage celebrations. Pope Saint John Paul II, two years later during his 1998 Lenten message, underscored what drives these social tensions with the sobering words: "Another equally serious form of poverty exists. It is not the lack of material means but that of spiritual nourishment, of a response to essential questions, of hope for one's own existence. This poverty touches the soul and brings about grave sufferings. The consequences of this are right before our eyes and are often very sad, a life void of meaning. This kind of misery is mostly found in environments where people live in comfort, materially satisfied but without a spiritual orientation. "Such spiritual poverty can at least partially explain what would drive such hatred toward these peaceful monks. Perhaps one evening we can show this intense film for spiritual growth, but it is a tough one to watch.

Outside of martyrdom, most typically die of illness or old age (increasingly afflicted by Alzheimer's). The 1920's-1940's comedy team "Laurel and Hardy" was composed of Stan (1890-1965) and Oliver (1892-1957). They appeared together in thirty-two silent film shorts, forty sound shorts, and twenty-three full films including "Swiss Miss" from 1938. Hal Roach, director of the Little Rascals or Our Gang, was quite influential in the development of their hilarious careers. Leo Mc Carey, director of "Going My Way" and the "Bells of Saint Mary's," was their supervising director from 1927 and 1930. Perhaps the duo's most famous film was "Babes In Toyland" from 1934, which I remember decades later as a little boy watching around Thanksgiving time. Their only American appearance on television was on the "This Is Your Life" show by Ralph Edwards from December 1, 1954. Oliver Hardy died of a stroke on August 7, 1957 weighing only 138 pounds and virtually bankrupt because of his heavy medical expenses. He was buried at Valhalla Memorial Park in North Hollywood, California. Stan Laurel went into seclusion with his own poor health, after the death of his cinematic buddy. On August 12, 1957 Laurel wrote a letter to fans, expressing the sadness of death but the spiritual ascent we can expect with the help of God. "... The final news came as a shock and upset me very much, being such close friends for over thirty odd years, it was really a great blow. However, in situations like this we must be sensible and face facts, he has been suffering very much these last few weeks and in terrible pain (cancer condition), so I feel it was a blessing that he was taken out of his misery, am sure he would have wished it so. I am happy in a sense that he has gone to rest, sad as it is. I miss him more than anyone will ever know and feel quite lost, but I will forever cherish the wonderful memories I have of him and the many happy times we shared together in the past. God bless him, he certainly didn't deserve such a tragic end." Hardy had a chapel service before cremation. Laurel died on February 23, 1965 and is buried in Forest Lawn-Hollywood Hills in Los Angeles, California. They like we one day will forever live in heaven, where there is no more painful suffering or death.

Father Bill

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Mon. June 4

7:00am The Parish Families of  
St. Francis of Assisi & Sacred  
Heart Churches

Noon Johnnah John Ungab  
By Algene Ungab

### Tues. June 5

7:00am Mary & Joseph Vitay  
By MaryAnn & Tony Farkas  
Noon Mary King  
Special Intention

### Wed. June 6

7:00am Ferdinand Miller  
By Helen & Marion Miller  
Noon John J. Abbruscato  
By Henry & Clotilda Pelella

### Thur. June 7

7:00am St. Francis Parish  
Ministries  
Noon Beverly Barney  
By Roberta & John Nowak

### Fri. June 8

7:00am Shirley Corizzo  
By Michael & Colleen Corizzo  
Noon Anna R. Hoffmann  
22<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary  
By Family

### Sat. June 9

Noon James Stankiewicz  
By Wife, Susan Stankiewicz  
4:30pm Grace Schirmer  
By Family  
Andrea Murphy  
By Joseph & Elizabeth Farina

### Sun. June 10

8:30am Ann Kenny (17 Anniv)  
By Nick & Helene Stagliano  
Andrew & Josephine Wassi  
By Bill & Marion Pushman  
11:00am John Mussari  
By Brother, Joseph Mussari and  
family



### WEEKLY COLLECTION

May 26-27, 2018  
1<sup>st</sup> Collection \$ 5095  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection 1571  
TOTAL \$ 6666

### MASS ATTENDANCE

May 26-27, 2018  
4:30pm 143  
8:30am 164  
11:00am 131  
1:30pm 127  
Total 565

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection this week is for  
Black and Indian Missions



Our Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this  
Wednesday from 5:00pm to 6:00pm is for the intention of  
ALL GRADUATES

**SUMMER IS AROUND THE CORNER AND  
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS BACK!  
MEGA SPORTS BIBLE SCHOOL  
July 9 – July 13**

**Registration is now open!! The fee is \$35 per  
child.** VBS will be held in the Sacred Heart-Saint  
Francis Religious Education building. 24 South  
Robinson Avenue, Newburgh. For more info, call  
the REP Office at 561-2589

**Catholic Daughters, Court Patricia #195** will  
meet at 7 pm on Wednesday, June 13 in the  
**Msgr. Valastro Activity Center.** New members  
are always welcome. For more info, please  
contact Linda DeWitt at 845-565-7837

To all our Parishioners born in June:



*Be renewed  
every day*



**TODAY**  
**CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY**  
**THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST**

**First Reading:** Exodus 24:3-8

Moses explained to the people the commandments he had received from God. Upon hearing them, the entire community immediately agreed they would do as God had told them. Moses then sacrificed young bulls and sprinkled the people with their blood, calling it the blood of the covenant they had made.

**Second Reading:** Hebrews 9:11-15

Jesus did not offer God the blood of sacrifices, but instead he offered up his own blood to cleanse all people of the transgressions they had committed under the first covenant with God. Christ instead brought a new covenant, which, if kept, would lead to eternal life.

**Gospel:** Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

Jesus sent two of his disciples to prepare the Passover supper. During the meal he blessed bread and offered it to them saying, "This is my body." He then offered them wine and called it his blood, "the blood of the covenant, to be poured out on behalf of many."

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday**

2 Pt 1:2-7; Mk 12:1-12

**Tuesday**

2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18; Mk 12:13-17

**Wednesday**

2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12; Mk 12:18-27

**Thursday**

2 Tm 2:8-15; Mk 12:28-34

**Friday**

Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9; Eph 3:8-12, 14-19; Jn 19:31-37

**Saturday**

2 Tm 4:1-8; Lk 2:41-51



**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, 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 Elizabeth Rich-Provenzano, Jim Formato, and Paul O'Herron, Michelle Ryan, and Abigail Means.



**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 **CANNED VEGETABLES** to Church next weekend to be distributed to the less fortunate in our area thru our Food Pantry.

WE ARE MOST GRATEFUL TO OUR DONORS, WHO MAKE OUR WORK POSSIBLE:

- \* The Regional Food Bank of Notheastern New York, and The Food Bank of the Hudson Valley provide us with low cost and donated food.
- \* Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New York
- \* Moulton Memorial Baptist Church
- \* United Way of Orange and Dutchess Counties
- \* Shoprite Partners in Caring/Wakefern Food Corporation
- \* Caplan-Bensley Foundation
- \* Stewart's Shops
- \* Price Chopper Supermarket
- \* Hudson Heritage Federal Credit Union
- \* DePew Energy Company
- \* Salem Tabernacle

WE RECEIVED REGULAR PRODUCT DONATIONS FROM:

- \* Hannaford Supermarket
- \* Panera Bread
- \* Price Chopper Supermarket
- \* Cornell Cooperative Extension Orange County
- \* The Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi Church, St. Joseph's Church, and Sacred Heart Church

**THANK YOU**

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.



**FLOWER MEMORIALS**

*Flower memorials are available for anyone desiring to memorialize a loved one, honor someone, or in Thanksgiving to God. The cost is \$35 for each arrangement of flowers to be placed near or on the altar. Please call the rectory 845-561-1317 to reserve a specific date.*

**SACRED HEART ANNUAL ITALIAN FEAST  
IS HAPPENING NOW  
DON'T MISS THIS DELIGHTFUL CELEBRATION**

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 1<sup>st</sup> 6pm to 10pm**  
**Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> 12noon to 10pm**  
**Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> 1pm to 6pm**

On Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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.

**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCEL #444  
IS HOSTING ITS ANNUAL LAWN SALE  
On June Saturday, June 9, 10 am – 5 pm at  
53 Old Little Britain Road, New Windsor, NY**  
You never know what 'treasures' you just mind find.



**SPRING JEWELRY SALE June 23 & 24**  
The ladies from the Women's Craft Group at the Newburgh Ministry will be here at St. Francis Church to sell their one-of-a-kind handcrafted jewelry after all the Masses .



**MOVIE NIGHT - SATURDAY, June 16 at 6 pm in O'Connor Hall.** This month we will be showing "The Boy In The Striped Pajamas". Based on the novel by John Boyne, this movie is the tale of a curious 8 year old who stumbles upon an unusual friendship – both ordinary & remarkable - but both inspiring and tragic.  
**For pizza and refreshment ordering purposes, please RSVP by Friday, June 15 to Jeannine McCauley at [jeansey50@yahoo.com](mailto:jeansey50@yahoo.com) or call 914-263-0572.**

***PARISH MISSION***  
Al Barbarino, a Lay Franciscan with the Friars of the Renewal, active Knights of Columbus member and spiritual speaker will present a **Parish Mission** here at St. Francis on **Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm** and **Monday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm**. The Mission will focus on "Trying to Live our Catholic Faith in Today's World".  
Al will also be a guest speaker and singer at all the Masses on Saturday June 9<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup>.



**CONGRATULATIONS TO Dorothy Spignardo -- the May winner of \$ 179.50 in our Monthly 50/50 Raffle. Be sure your envelope is in for our next drawing in June.**

**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  
**TROPICAL COSTA RICA**  
Visiting San Jose, Coffee Plantation, Guanacaste, Monteverde, Cloud Forest and Zarcero  
October 5-13, 2019  
**GREEK ISLES CRUISE & EUROPE**  
Including The Passion Play of 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: \_\_\_\_\_

**Fill out and drop in the Offertory Collection or mail to St. Francis of Assisi Church, 145 Benkard Avenue Newburgh, NY 12550.....and *Welcome***