

CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE, LARCHMONT, New York

AUGUST 21, 2016

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:

“Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough”
ROMAN Lectionary: Luke 13: 22-30

Pastor's Corner

BROOKLYN

The movie **Brooklyn** (based on the novel by Colm Toibin) is the charming story of a young Irish woman's journey from the yesterday to tomorrow.

Eilis Lacey grew up in a small Irish village in the early 1950s. She is bright, open and industrious—and there's not much meaningful opportunity for her in her hometown. With the encouragement of her older sister Rose who wants more for her, Eilis decides to make a new life for herself in New York—Brooklyn, to be precise.

While the streets of Brooklyn aren't paved with gold, she discovers many doors are at least partially open to her—if she has the courage to walk through them. It is not a promising start: she suffers serious seasickness on the ocean crossing; the letters from home only exacerbate her homesickness; she feels lost and alienated in this fast-moving, busy American city.

But there are people along the way who help Eilis through: the benevolent priest who guides her through this strange, new world; the sharp-tongued landlady who recognizes Eilis' innate kindness and generosity and looks out for her; and her haughty supervisor at the department store who steps in to step up Eilis' fashion sense. In time, Eilis manages to move beyond her loneliness. She takes night classes in accounting and excels. And she meets Tony and his Italian-American family. Eilis has a future.

But Eilis is suddenly called back to Ireland for a family emergency. It's a difficult, confusing homecoming. Little has changed in Ireland—but Eilis has changed more than she's realized. She finally confronts her guilt for leaving her mother and sister and the cruel narrowness of her past. As Eilis says, her body has been in America for some time, but her heart had not made it fully across the ocean. Now it, too, had completed the crossing.

On her way back to America, Eilis befriends another young Irish woman making her way to America:

“You'll feel so homesick that you'll want to die, and there's nothing you can do about it apart from endure it. But you will, and it won't kill you. And one day the sun will come out—you might not even notice straight away, it'll be that faint. And then you'll catch yourself thinking about something or someone who has no connection with the past. Someone who's only yours. And you'll realize . . . that this is where your life is.”

As Eilis discovers, life is a series of difficult passages, “narrow doors” we all struggle through—and there is no easy way to pass through them. The “narrow door” is the way of limitless love, unconditional forgiveness, sacrificial selflessness; it can only be entered by letting go of our fears, our control, our pride, our self-absorption; it is to be humble enough to realize the greatness of God's creation and the grace to seek the love of God within it. By taking the “narrow door,” we move beyond easy answers and immediate gratification to discover the meaning and purpose of this life God has given us. And more often than not, we can be that “door” for someone struggling through. **Connection August 2016.**

† **MASS INTENTIONS**

Week of August 22nd — August 28th

Monday, August 22nd

7:45 am Dolores Varela

9:00 am Jim Treacy

Tuesday, August 23rd

7:45 am Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Toscano

9:00 am Regina Riley

Wednesday, August 24th

7:45 am The Stevenson Family

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Thursday, August 25th

7:45 am Alumni Camp St. Joseph

9:00 am John Kerr

Friday, August 26th

7:45 am Raymond Ibelli

9:00 am Bradford Siazon (Living)

Saturday August 27th

9:00 am Arthur Stock

5:00 pm Tom Gallin

Sunday, August 28th

9:00 am Lorraine Smith

10:30 am Virginia Leddy

12:00 pm Ambassador Domingo Siazon Jr.

5:00 pm Anthony Gudaitis

WE PRAY

For those who are ill, including: Sandy Albert, Ellen R. Barbieri, Bill Battalia, Peter Benjamin, Frank Booth, Nelly Carillon, Debbie Coangelo, Teresa Cogan, Caryn Colombo, Conall Crean, Bernier De Comes, David DiPietro, Mary Ann Dolan, Elizabeth Dolan Dillon, Roger and Marlene Dufort, Mark Elliott, Loren Finnell, Mary Elizabeth Fraioli, Marty Gary, Robert Glickman, Alessandria Glickman, Eleanor Gordon, Mary Haid, Kerry Hegarty, Robert Heyde, Harvey and Mary Humphrey, Carol Hrabsky, Mary Jordan, Fred Kriegel, Dorothy & Dave Lakso, Zachary Lawrence, Rose Leghorn, Martin Martinez, Virginia McLaughlin, Elizabeth Murray, Patricia Clifford Newman, Doris Nogueira, Scotty Norton, Doris O'Toole, Jack Pastor, Katherine Samon, Annmarie Shower, Susan Testa, Joan Troccoli, Rosemary Walsh, Nicholas James Walsh, Missy Wey, and Mary Williams.

May they find healing and comfort in Jesus Christ.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

We are grateful to all who contribute so generously each week. We do recommend that you use parish envelopes or **ParishPay**. Please call the rectory for details or to register. Total Collection this week — **\$5,482.00**

Total ParishPay was \$4,500.00

Total Collection — \$9,982.00

Total Collection Assumption of Mary — \$293.00

Attendance last weekend was **647**

Thank you for your support and generosity.

IMPORTANT FOR ALL CATHOLICS

Last Monday, twelve interested people ranging in age from 16 to 80 were able to come to our ongoing discussion about the young people of the parish and what “Youth Ministry” means in 2016. Many had read the opening chapters of *The Vision of Catholic Youth Ministry* (Robert McCarty, ed.), which lead us into lively discussions of the characteristics of Millennials (born between 1982 and around the beginning of the new millennia) and Gen Z-ers—and ways to welcome young people into existing parish ministries as well as creating some new intergenerational projects such as an effort to gather oral histories of our parishioners during the 125th anniversary of the parish in 2017.

Our next meeting will be **Wednesday, August 31, at 7:30 pm in the rectory**. All are welcome to come and listen in— or order *The Vision of Catholic Youth Ministry* and join the discussion about chapters 8—12. In addition to the areas already covered (Advocacy, Catechesis and Community Life) these five chapters concern the vital components of Evangelization, Justice & Service, Leadership Development, Pastoral Care and Prayer & Worship. Each chapter is written by an expert in his/her field and averages less than 15 pages— vitally important reading for all Catholics.



10:30 COFFEE SERVICE

Looking for a way to meet people and share your smile? Or perhaps you would like to share information about your ministry? **Why not volunteer to help with the 10:30 Coffee Service. Families and individuals are invited to join this welcoming ministry.** You will be scheduled to provide coffee and donuts once or twice during the year following the 10:30 mass. All expenses will be reimbursed. **Ministries are also welcome and encouraged to sign up for a Sunday and may use the opportunity to recruit members and or share information about their stewardship.** For details please email Margaret Paganini at amkmfrbr@aol.com or abetkowski@staugustineny.org or call 914-834-1220.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Liturgy of the Word for Children will begin again on **Sunday, September 11 at the 10:30 am Family Mass** with Sister Suzanne.

Religious Education **Sunday classes will begin on September 18 for Gr. 1 through 8 at 9:00 am** in Kenny Hall. **Wednesday classes for Grades 2 through 4 will begin on September 21 at 3:30 pm** in Kenny Hall. **Wednesday classes for Grades 5 through 9 will begin on September 21 at 7:15 pm** in Kenny Hall. **Wednesday classes for Grade 1 will begin on September 28 at 3:30 pm** in the cafeteria.

Confirmation sessions for Gr. 9 and older teen candidates will begin on Sunday, October 2 at 3:00 pm in Kenny Hall.

The calendar and *The Augmenter* will be mailed to the homes the week of August 22. During that week both will appear on the website.

Class lists have been made. Those children not registered by August 22 will not have a place in the roster.

Catechists and catechist assistants for Grades 1 and 4 on Wednesdays are still being sought. Please call Sister Suzanne at 834-9523 or email at srsuzanne@verizon.net with your desire to serve in this capacity.



DIVORCE HEALING PROGRAM

St. Augustine Church is pleased to announce the beginning of an exciting, new ministry to men and women who have suffered from divorce. **The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide** is a twelve-week program featuring thirty-minute DVD sessions each week that cover topics of shock, denial, anger, grief, guilt, forgiveness, money, the courts, the kids, the ex-spouse, annulment, dating, sexuality, spirituality, remarriage or staying single, and much more. *Whether you got divorced ten days ago or ten years ago, the program offers valuable insight for everyone.* Call the rectory, 914-834-1220 or email abetkowski@staugustineny.org for more information. All participants are required to register. So far 8 people are registered! There is a cost of \$15.00 for materials and please let us know if you will need child care to attend. **The first session is Tuesday, Sept. 20 at 7:00—8:30 pm in the rectory, 18 Cherry Ave.**



FAMILY DAY

Family Day— Be Involved. Stay Involved, is The national Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse's national initiative to promote simple acts of parental engagement as key ways to help prevent risky substance use in children and teens. **Family Day will be celebrated across the country on Sept. 26th.** To learn more and to join parents all across America in taking the Family Day STAR Pledge, log on to www.CASAFamilyDay.org.



PRESENT: THE ART OF LAURA R. LAVAN (2015-2016)

The Oresman Gallery located in the newly reopened and renovated Larchmont Library will showcase the current work of Westchester artist and SJP parishioner Laura R. Lavan including sculptures and paintings. The art will be on display throughout the month of September. **Reception Thursday Sept. 15 7:00-8:30 pm.**

All proceeds benefit the newly opened Westchester Children's Museum, located in Rye.

For more information, contact: The Larchmont Library, 914-834-2281 or www.discoverWCM.org.



AN INVITATION TO EXPLORE THE CATHOLIC FAITH

Have you or someone you know ever thought about becoming a Catholic?

The RCIA is a process that welcomes unbaptized adults and teens, baptized Christians from other faith traditions as well as baptized Catholics who for various reasons have not received Eucharist or Confirmation.

Jesus said to his followers, "Ask and you will receive, seek and you will find, knock and the door will be opened for you." (Matthew 7:7)

Come by our Church for a visit and a prayer. Find out if the Catholic faith, grounded in Jesus' teaching, offers the answers you are seeking. Contact Sr. Muriel Cooney, OP, or Ann Betkowski for more information—914-834-1220, or email, srmuriel@staugustineny.org.



NEW VIGIL CANDLES

Taking a cue from St. Patrick's Cathedral, St Augustine is trying out new vigil candles on a trial basis by the baptism font and St. Mary's statue. The candles burn for two hours. These candles burn cleaner without soot and the glass does not break or shatter due to the heat of the flame.



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

1st Time—Kerri Halleran & Mike McCarthy



The items requested for August are **PASTA, SOUP AND ESPECIALLY CEREAL**. Donations of food can be left in the baskets at the front & side entrances to the church during the day.

Thank you for your continued generosity.



SAVE THE DATE TWO GOLF TOURNAMENTS

Monday, September 19th the Larchmont Knights of Columbus will hold its 13th Annual Golf and Dinner Charity Fund Raiser at the Hampshire Country Club in Mamaroneck. This year's event will include a Tennis Clinic & Tournament,, and all Men and Women are welcome to join us for golf, tennis or just cocktails and dinner. Call Peter Cantone at 914-618-2895 for details.

Thursday, October 6th the 13th Annual Kennedy Catholic Golf Classic, Centennial Golf Club, Carmel, NY. For more information or to register KennedyCatholic.org/golf-outing 232-5061 Ext.121 Advancemenr@Kennedycatholic.org.



FREE RELIGIOUS AND SPIRITUAL READING

Free books are available in the vestibule of the church opposite the community bulletin board. Help yourself! (Note that the books on the two Catholic Library bookshelves are only for check-out.)



SOME DAILY BREAD

Try out the excellent daily devotional booklet **Give Us This Day** for a year. Twelve issues cost only \$25 when you join our parish subscription. Email LDoyle@staugustineny.org or call the rectory to join. You will also receive the online edition to share with a spouse or a friend.

MOVING? NEW TO THE PARISH?

Our warmest welcome to all who worship with our parish family, whether long-time residents or newly arrived in the parish. If you are not registered, or need to update our records, please complete this form and place it in the collection basket or mail it to the rectory or register by visiting the Parish website at www.staugustineny.org/register.

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