

CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE, LARCHMONT, New York

JULY 31, 2016

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:

“The parable of the rich man’s new barns: ‘You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?’” Luke 12: 13-21

Pastor’s Corner

KONDO MAGIC

If clutter is taking over your life, if your many possessions possess you, you need a touch of “Kondo magic.”

“Kondo” is Marie Kondo, a Japanese expert in the science of—no kidding—tidying up. She has written four best-selling books, including **The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up**. Her name has become a verb among her millions of fans around the world: “I *Kondo-ed* everything” means you have purged your house and home of every non-essential thing cluttering up your life. This 30-year-old mother of an infant, who first became interested in tidying things when she was only five, had brought the principles of *feng-shui* to a whole new level, in everything from folding T-shirts to filing documents.

Marie Kondo's approach to keeping and disposing of possessions center on three principles:

First, she advises that you pick up each item you own and ask yourself if that thing “sparks joy.” It takes time and thoughtfulness, but asking that question of every possession can be liberating. If done correctly, you find yourself living happier with less.

Second, Marie Kondo points out that the hardest things to get rid of are things that make you feel guilty. An example: the expensive dress you bought five years ago and wore only once because it made you feel dumpy, or the ugly but expensive knick-knack given to you by a close relative or friend. Let it go—to some charity that can see that it’s put to good use.

And, third, Marie Kondo writes, “If you’re having a hard time getting rid of something, thank the item for the role it has already played in your life.” For example, say, *Thank you for giving me joy when I bought you* or *Thank you for teaching me what doesn’t suit me*. Then you’re free to let it go.

It may all sound a little ridiculous, but Marie Kondo’s charming if slightly insane tips can bring great peace of mind. You approach what you own as the means to joy and not joy in themselves; in new ways, you realize how blessed you have been in what you have.

Marie Kondo's quirky approach to decluttering, like the parable of the rich man's barns, challenges us to look at all the "stuff" we possess and to realize the real valuables in our lives. Often something's true worth has nothing to do with its monetary value or the momentary pleasure it gives us. Its value is in the memories it preserves, in the time it saves us for more important and joyful pursuits, in its enabling us to experience the selfless and affirming love of God in the good we are able to do for family and friends. Jesus calls us to take inventory of our lives and the things that "clutter" them and refocus our attention on the things of God: compassion, mercy, forgiveness, consolation.

Connection July 2016

† **MASS INTENTIONS**

Week of August 1st — August 7th

Monday, August 1st

7:45 am Michael Horvath

9:00 am Maura O’Friel

Tuesday, August 2nd

7:45 am Mary Beth Molloy

9:00 am Alice and Arthur Benning

Wednesday, August 3rd

7:45 am Eduardo Checa

9:00 am Nellie and Paul Benjamin

Thursday, August 4th

7:45 am Daniel Thanh Luu

9:00 am Philip Power

Friday, August 5th

7:45 am David John Cole

9:00 am Virginia McLaughlin (Healing)

Saturday August 6th

9:00 am Soledad De Chaves

5:00 pm Robert Brasa

Sunday, August 7th

9:00 am Mrs. Eileen Morrissey

10:30 am Robert L. Cooney

12:00 pm Mary Froelich

5:00 pm Philip Power

WE PRAY

For those who are ill, including: Sandy Albert, Angelo Avitabile, 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, Sr. Suzanne Duzen, 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 — **\$4,622.00**

Total ParishPay was \$4,500.00

Total Collection — \$9,122.00

Attendance last weekend was **600**

Thank you for your support and generosity.



SECOND COLLECTION

AUGUST 7th

CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA & CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS

Next week, we will take up the **Collection for the Church in Latin America**. In Peru, the 14 villages of Chazuta, in Moyobamba, are all located away from the city center. Members often feel separated from the life of the universal Church. Through the Collection for the Church in Latin America, the religious congregation of the Missionaries of Jesus was able to provide faith formation, spiritual retreats, and workshops to nearly 250 people. Through this program, members of the Chazuta villages felt the love and support of the universal Church. Please support programs like these and give generously in next week's collection. For more information, please visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

The **Catholic Home Missions Appeal** will also take place next week. One way that this appeal works to support home mission dioceses in the United States is by supporting seminarian formation in poor dioceses. The blessing of seminarians places a financial burden on these dioceses, because educating each seminarian costs \$35-40K per year. Your support is needed for these young men so that they might go back and serve their parishes. Please **strengthen the Church at home** by making a generous gift to next week's appeal.



A SUMMER VISITOR TO OUR RECTORY

Msgr. Stephen Ntim, a priest of the diocese of Kumasi, Ghana, is staying at our rectory from Tuesday, July 19th, through the month of August. Msgr. was referred to our parish by Father Patrick Ryan, S.J. and our weekend associate, Father John Dzieglewicz, S.J. Both priests are in the Fordham University Faculty. Msgr. Ntim was ordained in 1984. He has a PHD in the Psychology of Education from the Salesian Pontifical University of Rome. He has served in various parishes and other assignments in the diocese of Kumasi in Ghana. He is currently a Senior Lecturer and Dean of the Faculty of Education, Catholic University of Ghana. **Welcome Msgr. Stephen Ntim.**



DAILY MASS

Beginning Monday, July 11th, in addition to the 9:00 am week day Mass, St Augustine Church is celebrating 7:45 am Mass Monday—Friday.

OUR CHURCH

Continuing the celebration of *Laudato Si*, our parish has started a new ministry. To get the ministry started, two days were spent cleaning the pews. Surprisingly, a tremendous amount of gum was found on the underside of the pews as well as on the floor.

Please be aware of the following to take care of our common home, St. Augustine Church:

- Please dispose of all gum before entering the church
- Please do not leave food or drinks in the pews as these can attract rodents. A trash can is available at the entrance to the church on the left.

- Please do not leave cigarette butts in the plants surrounding the church .

It is up to all of us to treat our church building with reverence and each other with respect and love.

Thank you to the ministry for all their hard work. If you would like to join in the care and keeping of our church, please all Kris Paterson at 919-608-3002 or email kbpatter@me.com.



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.

YOUTH MINISTRY AT OUR PARISH

A group of interested parishioners is reading a book entitled *The Vision of Catholic Youth Ministry: Fundamentals, Theory, and Practice* (by R. McCarty; available on Amazon or call the rectory). Won't you join us for discussion? **Our next meeting is on Monday, August 15 at 7:30 pm**; we'll be discussing chapters 1— 7. Please come and be part of the process of creating a community of welcome for our younger parishioners. For more information, please email Ldoyle@staugustineny.org.





RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Thanks to those who took advantage of the early bird discount and have registered their children for the new year. Now the deadline, June 30 has passed. A \$50.00 late fee will be added to the total amount. If there is a difficulty in paying the full amount at this time, please fill out the registration and ask for a form to do the installment plan. There are some scholarships available. Please send your registration or drop it at the rectory.

It is so important to know how many children will be registered to determine the number of catechists needed. Some parents who have not taken this responsibility seriously will be faced with teaching a class in order to get their child into the program.

The need for catechists is so great. Ideally I want 2 catechists in each class, one who is the primary catechist and an assistant. The assistant learns how to teach and takes on the class when the primary catechist can't be there. Another alternative is to make a team of two or three catechists who work together teaching the class. One catechist is the primary and the other two work with her/him to keep a consistent approach even when they alternate days. I am open to different possibilities. Our Pflaum Gospel Weeklies program makes it easy for catechists to teach our Catholic faith.

Please consider this invitation to teach and communicate to me your intent. Class size is only 12 to 14 and very manageable. I will have several sessions in September, specifically for behavior management, and teaching styles to help new and seasoned catechists alike. **Contact me by phone at 834-9523 or by email: srsuzanne@verizon.net.**



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.



The items requested for July 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.



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

1st Time—Jennifer Cartelli & Bruce Ramsey
2nd Time—Gabriela Bis & Matthew Kelleher
3rd Time— Kristen Randolph & Gregory Jordan



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. 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, September 20th at 7:00—8:30 pm in the rectory, 18 Cherry Avenue.**



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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