

CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE, LARCHMONT, New York

JUNE 12, 2016

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:

“ Her many sins have been forgiven because she has shown great love.”

Luke 7

Pastor's Corner

RECONCILIATION

A dad tells, with great delight, about his son Zack's first time participating in the Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Later that day, Zack and a few of his buddies were getting a ride to a game. They talked about how nervous they had been that morning, but also how relieved they were now and how they were feeling so good about the experience—and themselves.

The subject turned to penance. “The priest told me I should tell my brother and sister I like them,” Zack said.

At this news, Zack's younger brother Nate perked up from the back of the SUV. “Hey, you didn't tell me you liked me.”

And Zack, who had indeed earlier said those words to his younger brother, did a remarkable thing. Rather than getting defensive and countering, “I did, too!” he stopped for a second, turned to his brother, and said, “I like you, Nate.” And then, turning to his friends he said, “I feel good all over again.”

Zack and Nate's dad loves to tell this story because it shows that his son and friends had gotten the message of Reconciliation loud and clear. “Do the right thing, get back on track, clear the decks, and you might wind up feeling wonderful. Reconciliation is not meant as punishment for what we've done wrong, but a way toward true happiness.”

At Home With Our Faith, Claretian Publications

Without forgiveness, life is governed by an endless cycle of resentment and retaliation; without generosity of heart, life is mired in constant hurt and despair. The Jesus of the Gospel challenges us to break out of that cycle by intentional acts of patient understanding and ready forgiveness. Like the woman in today's Gospel, every one of us has a deep need to forgive and be forgiven, to understand and to be understood, to accept and be accepted. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to be reconcilers, not judges; we are called to forgive, not keep score; we are called to welcome back those who want to return and to enable them to put their lives back together, not to set up conditions or establish litmus tests to prove their worthiness and sincerity. To love as Jesus loves demands that we live, not in skepticism or distrust, but in the optimism and conviction of faith that God always welcomes us back.

Connections: June 2016

† **MASS INTENTIONS**

Week of June 13h – June 19th

Monday, June 13h

9:00 am Irene Van Eyck

Tuesday, June 14th

9:00 am Peter Feuerbach

Wednesday, June 15th

9:00 am Alice and Arthur Benning

Thursday, June 16th

9:00 am Jane Hofmann

Friday, June 17th

9:00 am Nellie and Paul Benjamin

Saturday June 18th

9:00 am Philip Power

5:00 pm Helen and Cornelia Fitzpatrick

Sunday, June 19th

9:00 am Joseph Tassone

10:30 am Enrique Riolland

12:00 pm Rev. Roch Laurenzano

5:00 pm Mrs. Eileen Morrissey

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, Richard Payne, Katherine Samon, Annmarie Shower, Arthur Stock, 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 — **\$6,894.00**

Total ParishPay was \$4,500.00

Total Collection — \$11,294.00

Total Mission Collection—\$ 1,776.00

Attendance last weekend was **768**

Thank you for your support and generosity.



CARDINAL'S APPEAL 2016

St Augustine Parish has met and exceeded its Appeal Goal! Currently over \$112,641 has been pledged from 140 families! Although the goal has been reached, that does not mean that our efforts should stop. Our parish receives 60% of all monies raised over goal. The appeal supports so many different ministries and programs that cannot stand without our help. We would love to have every family participating in such a worthy cause. **Thank you again for all you do and for your support for the important work made possible by the Cardinal's Stewardship Appeal.**



CELEBRATE POPE FRANCIS 1ST ENCYCLICAL THIS WEEK

It's the 1-Year Anniversary of Pope Francis' letter to the world on the glories of Creation, *Laudato Si': On Care of Our Common Home*. Our parish will celebrate each day of that week in a different way:

Celebration Sunday (*Visit our table in front of the church!*);

Mindfulness Monday (*Find new ways in your life to pay attention to our world.*);

Trash-free Tuesday (*How much waste can you NOT generate?*);

Walking Wednesday (*Walk to school, to shop and to the bus stop!*);

Thermostat Thursday (*Set the AC just two degrees higher and save energy!*);

Fasting Friday (*No meat—and perhaps nothing between meals?*); and

Study Saturday (*Visit Franciscan Dan Horan on YouTube and learn more about Laudato Si' for yourself!*)

Save up your stories to share of how you celebrated Laudato Si' Week! Post them on our big yellow poster at the doors of the church— or on FaceBook at [staugustine-larchmont](https://www.facebook.com/staugustine-larchmont). Tweet them to [#stblaugustine](https://twitter.com/stblaugustine) or [#CareCreation](https://twitter.com/CareCreation) or email them to ldoyle@staugustineny.org to be included in the following week's bulletin and on our parish blog (stblaugustine.blogspot.com)!



LEMONADE STAND

This Sunday, some of our youngest parishioners will have a lemonade stand on the playground after 10:30 mass with all proceeds going to HOPE Community Services in New Rochelle. Please come and have a glass! Baked goods prepared by their families will also be offered. (Come to the cafeteria in case of rain.)



PARISH PICNIC

In spite of cloudy skies and sporadic showers, the Annual Parish Picnic went ahead as planned with nearly 150 parishioners coming into Kenny Hall for hot dogs and a choice of ham-,cheese-or veggie burgers! Thank you to the grillers and to everyone who brought food to share: salads ranging from potato to tabbouleh and desserts from cookies to meringue tarts were arrayed down a long table. Games, relay races and face-painting thrilled a gym full of kids. Recycling bins, lemonade in one container, pitchers of water and reusing our (clean!) parish silverware kept our carbon footprint down. The Parish Council and the Welcome Committee hope that next year's crowd will be even bigger but it couldn't have been happier for all who came.

JOIN US FOR THE FORMATION OF A NEW MINISTRY

In celebration of Pope Francis' Encyclical *Laudato Si': On Care of Our Common Home*, a **NEW ministry is forming aimed at caring for the physical environment in which we worship**. Everyone is welcome to help straighten up after mass, polish brass, clean our beautiful marble, etc. If you are interested in helping with the periodic comprehensive clean up or with weekly maintenance sessions, please contact Anne Avenius at Aavenius@msn.com or Kris Patterson at kbpatter@me.com or 919-608-3002. Details to come!



THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

A group of ten parishioners is meeting on Monday mornings in the month of June and continuing to the end of the summer, reading and discussing this book of the Bible which follows the four gospels and describes the lives of the early followers of Jesus after his death and resurrection. Taste and see how good the Lord is! Stay tuned for a list of fall topics for Scripture study. (Email LDoyle@staugustineny.org or call Pat McNamara at 834-0663 for more info or to sign up for the fall.)

FATHER CARUSO

Last week Father Caruso's departure from St. Joseph's Parish in Somers NY was announced at all the masses. Also last week his July 1st arrival at St. Augustine was announced. While he is still leaving St. Joseph's Parish, Father Caruso will not be coming to our parish. He will be the new Pastor of St. John's Parish in Mahopac NY.



CONGRATULATIONS
TO ALL THOSE CELEBRATING
CONFIRMATION JUNE 11TH



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Our Religious Education program formally begins in First Grade. Two years of preparation are required to receive the sacraments of reconciliation and Eucharist in second grade. Confirmation is conferred in 9th grade or beyond **with continuous, weekly attendance every year from 1st through 9th grade.**

New Registration forms for 2016-2017 will be sent to the homes of all registered families. New families, particularly of first grade children can obtain a registration form from our website: staugustineny.org in the link: Religious Education, by printing it and sending it in with the fee. Registration forms are also available at the Religious Education office in the French American School. **The deadline for registration is June 30.** After that date a late fee of \$50 will be applied.

Please contact the Religious Education office at 914-834-9523 or email staugred@verizon.net.



LIVING GENTLY

“What You Can Do About Climate Change” (NYT, 12.2.15) No. 6 of 7 Replace your Gas Guzzler if you want, but don’t buy a second car.

Before you even start driving that new car to add to your first one, you’ve already burned up to three and a half times your annual carbon budget. How? By encouraging the manufacturing of all of those raw materials and metals. Yet there is a break-even point at which the carbon savings from driving a new, more efficient car exceeds the carbon cost required to produce it. (For example, on average, trading in a 15-mile-per-gallon SUV for a 35-mpg sedan offsets the extra manufacturing costs within two years.) Anything you do to improve mileage will reduce your carbon output. Keeping to the speed limit and driving defensively can improve your mileage by more than 30%, according to the Department of Energy. Even something as simple as keeping your tires inflated and having your engine tuned up can give you up to a 7% bump in mpg—and an average carbon savings of about what you’d save from eating only local foods all year.



The items requested for June 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.



FIGHTING BREAST CANCER
IS EASY AS PIE...literally

The Habig Family is still fighting breast cancer and have a delicious way for you to help! They are walking 39 miles over 2 days in the Avon39 Walk to End Breast Cancer for the 4th year. Cindy is a 2-time cancer survivor and more determined than ever! She and daughter Katie are baking up a storm to raise funds for breast cancer research. They sold 80 of their famous Habigs’ Homemade Apple Pies over Memorial Day and will be baking again over 4th of July! Order yours by calling 834-1174 or emailing chabig4ever@gmail.com. Pies are \$25 each of a gift with \$100 contribution to their Avon39 pages at bit.ly/KHabigAvon39 or bit.ly/CHabigAvon39.

CATHOLIC EXTENSION

Pick up a free copy of Extension magazine at the entrances to the church. We hope you enjoy this quarterly publication and learn more about the important efforts underway to support the Church in America’s “mission diocese,” places where faith is strong but resources are limited.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Sr. Eileen Clifford, O.P. at 212-371-1000 x 2949 or Deacon George J. Coppola at 917-861-1762. Both may also be reached via e-mail at victimassistance@archny.org. Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website, www.archny.org. In keeping with the Archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.

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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ADDRESS _____

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EMAIL _____