

CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE, LARCHMONT, New York

JUNE 19, 2016

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:

“ If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself, take up his cross daily and follow me“

Luke 9: 18-24

Pastor's Corner

THREE CROSSES

The clock on the night stand reads 4 a.m. But he's wide awake—and has been for most of the night. His presentation is playing over and over again in his head as he lies there. By 4:15, he's up and at the small table in his hotel room with his laptop. He's going over the PowerPoint presentation *One. More. Time.* He tweaks the wording on one slide, double-checks the figures on another. He's ready. His presentation may result in his company landing a big contract, meaning another “go” year. Or it may mean a foundation grant for his group's charity. Or it may help secure legislative support for a bill that will help the industry he represents. He has an ability to connect with people, to present ideas clearly, to enable different parties with different priorities and goals to find common ground. And he does so with wisdom, empathy and humor. It means a lot of time away from home—and sleepless nights like this.

But that's his cross. And it makes a great deal of difference to a lot of people.

Another late day at school. She takes off her coat, kisses her daughter and takes the casserole out of the fridge—all in a single motion. Classes have been over for more than three hours—but students at her school find her approachable and her classroom a safe place to talk. So, more afternoons than not, long after she's taught her classes for the day, she's still at school listening, counseling, supporting, comforting, laughing.

That's her cross. And it's exhausting, but she wouldn't have it any other way.

For a retired finance guy, he's pretty sharp with things mechanical and electrical. And he's laid more than has fair share of flooring and replaced countless square feet of window glass. He's also kept more than one car running longer than it had a right to. So now he happily shuttles among his children's homes, repairing this and installing that, researching solutions to bigger household issues, offering the wisdom of experience on major purchases. Oh, and he also has right-of-first-refusal when a sitter is needed for his grandchildren (although he's more of another playmate than sitter). His children appreciate their dad and know they are lucky to have him. And he's happy to be of help to the people he loves most.

That's his cross. And he feels blest to carry it.

*We tend to think of crosses as burdens, things—and people! - that and who demand so much energy and time from us. We see our sufferings and our brokenness as “crosses” that condemn us to unfulfilled lives and unrealized dreams. Most days we would like to lay those crosses aside and never pick them up again. But our real crosses—the crosses God places on our shoulders and Christ bears with us—are sources of hope, of joy, of discovery, of life, of resurrection, for both others and ourselves. Discipleship means to take up whatever crosses are laid upon our shoulders knowing that, with the love of God within us, we can transform every Good Fridays into Easter joy. **Connections June 2016***

† **MASS INTENTIONS**

Week of June 20th – June 26th

Monday, June 20th

9:00 am Mildred Oswald

Tuesday, June 21st

9:00 am Philip Power

Wednesday, June 22nd

9:00 am Donald O'Connor

Thursday, June 23rd

9:00 am Richard Keenan

Friday, June 24th

9:00 am Alyson King Aurelio

Saturday June 25th

9:00 am Ruth Doyle

5:00 pm Francis Fay

Sunday, June 26th

9:00 am Philip Power

10:30 am Milena Leonard

12:00 pm William Gallagher

5:00 pm Roberto Cervantez

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 — **\$6,410.00**

Total ParishPay was \$4,500.00

Total Collection — \$10,910.00

Attendance last weekend was **992**

**Thank you for your support
and generosity.**



CARDINAL'S APPEAL 2016

St Augustine Parish has met and exceeded its Appeal Goal! Currently over \$121,451.00 has been pledged from 154 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.**

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

R.C.I.A.

WHAT IS R.C.I.A.?

In 1988, the Catholic Bishops of the United States directed that adults becoming Catholics do so by a unique faith formation process called RCIA. R.C.I.A. is the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. It has also been adapted for children (over the age of seven) and for teens.

WHY YEAR-ROUND R.C.I.A.?

R.C.I.A. is truly a year-round process which begins for you when YOU decide you want to explore the Catholic faith. Every month, the R.C.I.A. group will be engaged in thoughtful preparation for the Sacraments. It is your opportunity to "feast" on the richness of the Word of God—the Bible—and the treasury of the Catholic faith—all traditions centuries old yet still vibrant today. You will learn a different way of living and our prayer is that through the R.C.I.A. process, you will come to embrace Catholicism as your way of life.

SOUNDS GREAT! WHEN CAN I START?

You can begin the journey towards the Catholic Sacraments any time during the year. Interested? Please contact the rectory, 834-1220, Sr. Muriel Cooney, OP or email srmuriel@staugustineny.org for more information.

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK

WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/STAUGUSTINELARCHMONT

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!



LEMONADE STAND

After the 10:30 Family Mass last Sunday, five families with young children set up a lemonade stand on the playground replete with homemade cookies, breads and brownies. A good time was had by all on a beautiful summer day—and \$115 was raised for the HOPE Community Services in New Rochelle. Our next foray is planned for July with Mother Teresa's Soup Kitchen in the Bronx as the recipient. Please keep your eye on the bulletin for dates—and to volunteer along with your 3—6 year old, please contact Hillary at cucciah@gmail.com.



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.)



LIVING GENTLY

"What You Can Do About Climate Change" (NYT, 12.2.15) No. 7 of 7: BUY LESS STUFF, WASTE LESS STUFF. Consumer goods can have a huge impact on carbon emissions. Making a MacBook Pro, for example, burns the same amount of carbon as driving 1,300 miles from Midtown Manhattan to New Orleans (which a NY cabbie did once, btw). At the other end of the product life cycle, reducing waste helps. Each thing you recycle is one fewer thing that has to be produced, and reduces the amount of material that ends up in landfills. But the recycling process consumes energy as well, so—depending on the material—it may not be as helpful as you might think. Recycling a magazine every day for an entire year saves less carbon that is emitted from 4 days of running your refrigerator. In short, it is better not to consume the raw materials in the first place, so you may want to think carefully about whether you're really going to use something before you buy it.

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.



FIRST ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION!

Today, Sunday the 19th, is the first day of the anniversary week 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 [staugustinelarchmont](https://www.facebook.com/staugustinelarchmont). Tweet them to #stblaugustine or (#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)!



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 chabi-g4ever@gmail.com.** Pies are \$25 each or a gift with \$100 contribution to their Avon39 pages at bit.ly/KHabigAvon39 or bit.ly/CHabigAvon39.

KENNEDY CATHOLIC SUMMER
PROGRAM

Kennedy Catholic High School will be **hosting their Mind, Body & Spirit Summer Workshop starting the week of June 27th**. Each day includes a High-School readiness class, sports clinics and prayer service. Go to kennedycatholic.org/summer for more details and to reserve your son or daughter's spot today. Space is limited!



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.

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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