

CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE, LARCHMONT, New York

JUNE 26, 2016

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:

“ O Father, I pray for them, that they may be one in us, that the world may believe that you sent me, says the Lord.”
John 17:20-21

Pastor's Corner

WHEN BREATH BECOMES AIR

One of the most remarkable books of 2016 is the memoir **When Breath Becomes Air** by Paul Kalanithi.

Dr. Kalanithi was just completing a decade of training as a neurosurgeon when he was diagnosed with stage IV lung cancer. One day he was a doctor in treating the dying, and the next he was a patient fighting for his own life. In an instant, the future he and his wife had planned and worked for evaporated and a new future had to be imagined. While pursuing his career in neurosurgery, he had postponed learning how to live. By the time he was ready to enjoy a life outside the operating room, what he needed to learn was how to die.

Dr. Kalanithi died in March 2015, 22 months after the initial diagnosis. He left behind this beautifully written story of transformation in the wake of struggle and death, told with honesty and insight. The book ends with this reflection by Dr. Kalanithi on the nature of time:

“Time for me is now double-edged: every day brings me further from the low of my last relapse but closer to the next recurrence—and eventually, death. Perhaps later than I think, but sooner than I desire. There are, I imagine, two responses to that realization. The most obvious might be an impulse to frantic activity: to ‘live life to the full’, to travel, to dine, to achieve a host of neglected ambitions. Part of the cruelty of cancer, though, is not only that it limits your time; it also limits your energy, vastly reducing the amount you can squeeze into a day. It is a tired hare who now races. And even if I had the energy, I prefer a more tortoise-like approach. I plod, I ponder. Some days, I simply persist . . .

“In English, we use the word *time* in different ways. *The time is now two forty-five* versus *I'm going through a tough time*. These days, time feels less like a ticking clock and more like a state of being. Languor settles in. There's a feeling of openness. As a surgeon, focused on a patient in the OR, I might have found the position of the clock's hands arbitrary, but I never thought them meaningless. Now the time of day means nothing, the day of the week scarcely more. Medical training is relentlessly future-oriented, all about delayed gratification: you're always thinking about what you'll be doing five years down the line. But now I don't know what I'll be doing five years down the line. I may be dead. I may not be. I may be healthy. I may be writing. I don't know. And so it's not at all that useful to spend time thinking about the future—that is, beyond lunch.”

There is urgency to Jesus' call in today's Gospel to follow him in creating the Kingdom of God in our time and place. As DR. Kalanithi comes to a new appreciation of the present in the face of his devastating illness, Jesus speaks bluntly of the need to act now, to make God's kingdom of mercy, compassion and peace a reality immediately for the good of the poor, the lost, the forgotten, the suffering. Consciously or unconsciously, we let so many agendas, interests and activities monopolize our days; Jesus' call to discipleship, however, demands a total, focused commitment to the Gospel that affects every moment, every decision, every relationship of our lives. To “follow” Jesus is to see that the true joy and meaning of God's gift of this life of ours is found in the hard but often hidden work of making the reign of God a reality in our place, on our time.

Connections June 2016

† **MASS INTENTIONS**

Week of June 27th – July 3rd

Monday, June 27th

9:00 am Barbara Genster

Tuesday, June 28th

9:00 am Agnes Crossin

Wednesday, June 29th

9:00 am John and Mary McGoey

Thursday, June 30th

9:00 am Alumni Camp St. Joseph and
Mary D. Connell

Friday, July 1st

9:00 am Mildred Oswald

Saturday July 2nd

9:00 am Ellen Browne

5:00 pm Mrs. Eileen Morrissey

Sunday, July 3rd

9:00 am Philip Power

10:30 am Alyson King Aurelio

12:00 pm Kenneth Pipher

5:00 pm Helen Crossin-Kittle

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, 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 — **\$5,387.00**

Total ParishPay was \$4,500.00

Total Collection — \$9,887.00

Attendance last weekend was **735**

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



CARDINAL'S APPEAL 2016

St Augustine Parish has met and exceeded its Appeal Goal! Currently over \$124,000 has been pledged from 162 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.**



SECOND COLLECTION JULY 03 SOLIDARITY FUND FOR THE CHURCH IN AFRICA

The people of Africa are joyous and faith-filled, but they also often face challenges due to poverty, the high incidence of disease, food shortages, and migration. The *Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa* supports pastoral projects that foster lasting peace and reconciliation in a continent often marked by division and tension.

Please give generously to the *Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa*. Thank you
Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop of NY.

WELCOME MSGR. ROBERT LARKIN

Effective July 1st, Monsignor Robert Larkin will be joining our parish staff.

Msgr. Larkin was ordained in 1973 from St. Joseph's Seminary, Dunwoodie, NY. He has served at St. Dominic Parish, the Bronx, Cardinal Hayes High School, St. Barnabas Parish, the Chancellery and as Pastor of Visitation Parish the Bronx and Sacred Heart Parish Hartsdale.

We welcome Monsignor Larkin.

SOME DAILY BREAD

Try out the excellent daily devotional booklet ***Give Us This Day*** for a year, 12 issues for only \$30 when you join our parish subscription. Email LDoyle@staugustineny.org or call the rectory to join in. Receive the online edition as a bonus!

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.)



THANK YOU TO THE COFFEE SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

Many Many Thanks to the parishioners and families who provided their time talent and treasure to the 10:30 Sunday Coffee Service all year. They include: the **Anderson, Astorina and Ausili Families, Angelo Avitabile, the Castaybert, Claiborne and Collins Families, Joe DiBuono, the DeChiara, Ghigino and Gittings Families, Linnea Holmes, the McManus and McFarland families, Margaret Paganini, and the Patricot family.**

Thank you all for taking the time to set up coffee and donuts and all that goes with it. Your efforts and support are greatly appreciated in this important welcoming ministry.

If you are interested in joining this ministry, please call the rectory at 914-834-1220 or email abetkowski@staugustineny.org. See you in September

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.

THE PEOPLE OF ST. AUGUSTINE ARE RECEIVING AN AWARD

SHORE/ICARE, the local nonprofit organization which advocates and acts for affordable housing, is honoring our parish of St. Augustine with its annual award for helping them and others through ReDirect Christmas as well as efforts to partner with Mother Teresa’s Soup Kitchen, HOPE Community Services, Midnight Run, the Resource Foundation, YAI, Little Sisters of the Assumption, ChemoComfort, etc. Our aim is to follow more closely the Catholic Social Teaching to serve the poor and marginalized among us. **Please join us for a delightful midsummer dinner, fundraising auctions and wine raffle on Wednesday, July 13, on the waterfront at Orienta Beach Club at 6:30 pm.** For more information, call Shore (Sheltering the Homeless is Our Responsibility) at 328-1896 or visit their website at www.shelteringthehomeless.org.



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.

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 were 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.



CENTERING PRAYER

Be transformed in Christ through the power of centering yourself in the silence. **Come on Saturdays at 9:40 am to the church** as we join in silent communal prayer for twenty minutes.



LECTIO DIVINA

The Lectio Divina prayer group meets every **Tuesday following the 9:00 am Mass.** Lectio combines the reading of Sacred Scripture from the Sunday Lectionary with prayerful contemplation. The meetings take place in the rectory about 9:30 am. **All are welcome!**



**SHARE YOUR TIME & TALENT!
FIND OUT ABOUT THE OVER
40 MINISTRIES
AT ST AUGUSTINE CHURCH.
VISIT www.staugustineny.org
Or Call 914-834-1220!**

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.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

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