

CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE, LARCHMONT, New York

MAY 01, 2016

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:

“Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come and make our dwelling with him “ John 14: 23-29

Pastor's Corner

PEACE MINDSET

An American Maryknoll sister was working in the missions of South Sudan. The village where she lived with another nun was caught in the crossfire of the never-ending civil war in the African country.

After another bombing in the area, the two sisters sat under the trees with about twelve women for prayer and Scripture study. Sister Theresa Baldini writes in **Maryknoll** Magazine:

“We used the Scripture. . . from Luke’s Gospel, chapter 6, where Jesus says to love our enemies. I asked the group how we would describe an enemy. Most of the women said that their enemy was the Khartoum fundamentalist Muslim government soldiers who were bombing them.

“Then one woman said: ‘I believe my enemy is someone who has wounded my heart, but whose [own] wounds I do not know.’ She went on to say: ‘Maybe if I can know the person’s story better, especially to know the person’s wounds, and the person can know my wounds, we would not be an enemy to each other.’

“The theology of the Sudanese women,” Sister Theresa writes, “has deepened my faith, compassion and forgiveness.”

The night before his death, Jesus leaves his fledgling church the gift of his “peace” - but it is not “peace” as our world understands “peace.” The peace of the Risen One is not the mere absence of hostility or a cease-fire but the long, often frustrating work of creating community: community that is built on respect, selflessness and humility. As the women of Sudan realize, peace begins in understanding the “wounds” of the other, in opening our own hearts to listen to the story of another’s brokenness and pain. May we embrace the mindset that is the peace of Jesus: the constant seeking out of God’s love, justice and mercy; the understanding of our “connectedness” to God and to one another as children of the same God; the awareness of God’s presence in every relationship and decision of our lives.

Connections, May 2016

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 — **\$5,769.00**

Total ParishPay was \$4,358.00

Total Collection — \$10,127.00

Attendance last weekend was **749**

Thank you for your support and generosity.

† **MASS INTENTIONS**

Week of May 2nd – May 8th

Monday, May 2nd

9:00 am Kenneth Curtin

Tuesday, May 3rd

9:00 am Irene Van Eyck

Wednesday, May 4th

9:00 am Bernadette S Kelly

7:30 pm Mario Monte

Ascension Thursday, May 5th

9:00 am Ruth Doyle

12:00 pm Christine McCabe

7:30 pm Lucia Matthews

Friday, May 6th

9:00 am Catherine Cooney

Saturday May 7th

9:00 am Harry F. Twomey

5:00 pm Helen & Arthur Eckmann

Sunday, May 8th

9:00 am Nellie and Paul Benjamin

10:30 am Rosetta Fonti

12:00 pm Virginia Leddy

5:00 pm Mary Rizzo

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 Duzan, 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, Anmarie 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.



ASCENSION THURSDAY

Thursday, May 05, 2016

Holy Day of Obligation

Mass Schedule

Wednesday, May 4th – 7:30 pm

Thursday, May 5th

9:00 am, 12:00 Noon and 7:30 pm

Anointing of the Sick will be offered
at the 12:00 pm Mass

SECOND COLLECTION MAY 01

CHURCH IN CENTRAL & EASTERN EUROPE

The collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe illuminates the way for the people of the region by helping Catholic organizations provide affordable shelter and training to seminarians, in addition to providing pastoral care and catechesis. Your donation today helps **restore the Church and build the future** in the aftermath of Soviet rule. Please be generous to the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Visit www.usccb.org/ccee for more information.



CARDINAL'S APPEAL 2016

Thank you to all who have supported our Cardinal's Appeal. The goal for the 2016 Cardinal's Appeal is \$111,000.00. To date our parish has received **\$68,815.00** in pledges/gifts. For this Appeal to be truly successful, we need the support from all of our families. The Appeal is a vital source of funding for the programs and ministries that sustain the parishes across our Archdiocese. **Thank you for your continued generosity and support** as we continue this campaign. *Pledge/donation envelopes are available in the pews.*



BEREAVEMENT GROUP

The next session of the Bereavement Support Group will begin Monday, May 2nd for eight sessions at 1:30 pm in the rectory. The group is available to provide pastoral care and comfort to those who are dealing with the loss of a loved one. Please call 914-834-1220 to register or for more information or email srmuriel@staugustiny.org.



SAVE THE DATE
St Augustine Annual
Parish Picnic
Sunday, June 05, 2016
All Are Welcome!!!!

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

1st Time— Clare McManus & Michael Moffitt



MAY FLOWERS

To honor the Blessed Mother Mary in a special way during May, **donations of flowers may be brought to Our Lady's altar** in remembrance of one who has died, or in celebration of a living loved one, or anonymously. To schedule your delivery please call Nancy Manion, 914-834-8516 or email nanmanion@aol.com. **Flowers have been donated this week :**

From Christine Jolly

in Honor of Margaret Jolly,

Arline Jolly, Olympia Spidalieri & Annette Fulvio

From Brenda Heffernan

In Memory of Kevin Brosnan



CLOTHING DRIVE MAY 15th CAFETERIA, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

It is spring cleaning time! As you clear your closets, please put aside good quality clothing and household items for the bi-annual clothing drive for the Little Sisters of the Assumption in East Harlem. The Sisters are very grateful for all the support in the past and they are asking for our help again. Items most needed include men's, women's and children's clothing as well as bedding, linens, towels, accessories, shoes, kitchen items and small appliances in working order. For children's clothing — please, if possible, bundle and label these separately. **Please no holes or stains—no computers or accessories and no DVDs.**

New this spring...we will have a contingent of junior volunteers (ages 5-8ish) assisting in the sorting with their parents. They will be in charge of all children's items. If you can help with sorting for an hour or two, kindly let us know. All help is appreciated. For adult and confirmation candidates or questions, contact Sheryl McSherry at 834-7567 or mcslny@aol.com. For junior volunteers and parents, contact Hillary Collins at 393-4867 or cucciah@gmail.com.



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: staugustiny.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. An early bird discount is afforded families who register before June 1. **The deadline for registration is June 30.** After that date a late fee of \$50 will be applied.



FILM PRESENTATION

Please join us Sunday, May 1st at 2:00 pm for a special showing of "I'm Not A Racist...Am I?" at Hommocks School auditorium. Admission is free and includes a discussion following the film with its director. Sponsored by the St. Thomas Episcopal Church and the Larchmont-Mamaroneck Interfaith Council.



ANNUAL GOLDEN WEDDING MASS CELEBRATION

Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2016 are invited to attend the Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at the Cathedral of St. Patrick, Saturday, June 25th at 1:30 pm or Sunday, June 26th at 2:00 pm. Pre-registration is required. Please call, 914-834-1220 or email abetkowski@staugustineny.org. The closing date to register for the Mass is Tuesday, May 24th, 2016.



A PARISH POTLUCK WITH FOOD FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Parishioners old and young enjoyed delicious food from around the world on Earth Day weekend. More than 75 people met in Kenny Hall last Sunday to eat, drink, make merry—and learn! Together we watched the YouTube video with Fr. Jim Martin, *10 Things You Need to Know about Laudato Si'* followed by a pop quiz. Two tables managed to remember five of the important statements about the Pope's encyclical and received reusable pens made out of water bottles (CVS) for their efforts. Watch it yourself and rejoice that, as Martin says (1st thing!), religion has entered the conversation along with science and politics. (Or read his article online, *Top Ten Takeaways from Laudato Si'*, in America Magazine.) Look around the parish for 'creation collages' that children and teens made. Many thanks to all who came and contributed their help, their food and their comradery! We hope you can join us for our next chance for fellowship and fun at the Parish Picnic in June. Final note: The international recipes will soon be collected and posted in an online cookbook!



The items requested for May 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.

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6 WEEK EMPLOYMENT SUPPORTGROUP

A free 6-Week Employment Networking Support Group, sponsored by The RDC Center for Counseling & Human Development, is being offered on **May 2, 9, 16, 23 & June 6 & 13 from 6:30—8:00 pm, at The new White Plains Education & Training Center, 303 Quarrapas St, White Plains.** The workshop is for persons who have lost their jobs recently or who want to re enter the workforce. To register or for more info call Pat Sheridan, 798-1103 or google the WP Education & Training Center and register on line.



LAUDATO SI'

Sister Kathleen Deignan and Brother Kevin Cawley spoke yesterday morning, April 30, after the 9 am Mass, to a crowd in Kenny Hall. They exhorted us to be challenged and encouraged by Pope Francis' urgent call to "All People", everywhere, to take up the common work of caring for our shared and vulnerable planet Earth and for the poor who suffer the consequences on the front lines. Our presenters outlined the major themes of this important letter which signals a profound development of Christian teaching on the human community's relationship to all creation. Several local congregations attended; our parishioners were there to greet them, all honoring our Pope's galvanizing message that a global and multi-faith dialogue is needed on the environmental and spiritual challenges of our moment. Stay tuned as events unfold for an interfaith reading and study of this vital message in a time of global urgency.



GOLD AND SILVER BUYING EVENT

Fundraiser Event—Proceeds to benefit YAI Wagner Wednesday, May 25th, 6:30—9:00 pm

Wagner Residence, 124 Wagner Avenue, Mamaroneck, NY Everyone who attends will be paid cash and YAI Wagner will earn 10% of all gross purchases Buying all gold, dental gold, sterling silver, silver and gold coins and sterling silver flatware. There will also be an Italian buffet dinner. RSVP by Monday, May 23rd to Maria Cuneo, 914-835-2810 or maria.cuneo@yai.org

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 call the rectory—914-834-1220 or register by visiting the Parish website at www.staugustineny.org/register or email abetkowski@staugustineny.org. Welcome!