

CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE, LARCHMONT, New York

MAY 29, 2016

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:

“ This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me“

1 Corinthians 11:24

Pastor's Corner

FOOD FOR SINNERS;
FOOD FOR ALL SEASONS

As Richard P. McBrien (*Catholicism*, Harper and Row Publishers, 1981) has explained, the special remembrance meal that Jesus hosted for his disciples was the last of a long series of daily meals he had shared with them. Such meal sharing punctuated all the seasons of Jesus' life and ministry. As part of his legacy, Jesus instituted the practice of meal sharing to nourish and help his own to navigate through all the seasons of their own lives—the greatest of these meal sharings being the Eucharistic gift of himself as food. For those of the Eastern world, meals have always signified peace, mutual trust and a desire for communion. Ordinarily, such meals were shared by loyal friends and loving family; the very act of eating with one another created and solidified a bond that those who ate together regarded as sacred and which they vowed, by the very act of eating in common, to protect.

Meals were not shared with those regarded as sinners or ritually unclean in any way, for, by such sharing, the uncleanness would be communicated to those who regarded themselves as clean, holy and righteous. But, as is reflected in the Gospels, Jesus frequently ate with sinners, outcasts and those whose company others shunned, e.g. tax collectors. While sharing food and fellowship with sinners, Jesus did not, of course, become unclean. On the contrary, the sinners with whom he ate were invited to rise to a new level of holiness and to know a deeper sense of intimacy with the God whose children they were. Through his meal sharing, Jesus signaled that the reign of God had begun and was open to all, *especially* sinners.

In a provocative reflection on the real presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist, the late Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster Cathedral, Basil Hume (d. 1999), shared the following:

“Belief in the reality of Christ's presence in the Blessed Sacrament does not come from reading; it does not come from thinking. It does not come from any person's skill. It comes from faith, from the humility of mind to accept to say 'yes' to what may seem to be unbelievable, namely that the Body and Blood of Christ are present under the appearance of bread and wine. . . It is our earthly way of being involved in the great heavenly liturgy . . . It is the Church's most precious treasure and so it must be ours . . . You cannot live without food; you cannot live without love. Now you see why he gave us himself in the Eucharist. He would not abandon us. He gave us love. He gave us food. There is no greater proof of his love” (from *The Mystery of Love*, Paraclete Press; 2001). *Patricia Datchuck Sanchez, Preaching Resources, June 2004.*

† **MASS INTENTIONS**

Week of May 30th – June 5th

Monday, May 30th

9:00 am Lorraine Creamer

Tuesday, May 31st

9:00 am Sr. Eileen O'Connor O.S.B.

Wednesday, June 1st

9:00 am Royal Smith

Thursday, June 2nd

9:00 am Donald O'Connor

Friday, June 3rd

9:00 am Guilio Baldaccini

Saturday June 4th

9:00 am Vielka Victoria Holness

5:00 pm Tom Gallin

Sunday, June 5th

9:00 am Dorothy Long

10:30 am Rose Simonds

12:00 pm Deirdre Hart & Thomas O'Shea

5:00 pm Mildred Oswald

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, Connall 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

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 — **\$4,891.00**

Total ParishPay was \$4,500.00

Total Collection — \$9,391.00

Attendance last weekend was **794**

Thank you for your support and generosity.



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 **\$105,861.00** 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.*



MAY FLOWERS

To honor the Blessed Mother Mary in a special way during May, **donations of flowers have been brought to Our Lady's altar** in remembrance of one who has died, or in celebration of a living loved one, or anonymously. **Flowers donated this week :**

From Joan M. Haworth

In Memory of her Grandmother **Anna Gill Shannon** &
Her Mother **Mary Mooney**

From Michele Phelan

In Memory of her son **John Lawler**

From Tish Cox

In Memory of **Joan Collins & Maria Lane Cox**

From Lorena Finnell

In Honor of her Mother **Pilar Finnell**

In Honor of her Grandmother **Vera Finnell**

In Honor of her other Grandmother **Luz Maria Bonilla**

In Honor of her Godmother **Luz Maria Vasquez**

And in Honor of her Aunt **Anne Marie Frantz-Cook**



LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

Sister Suzanne will resume Liturgy of the Word for Children at the 10:30 am Family Mass in September. Thank you and enjoy the summer!



Happy Memorial Day



The St Augustine Annual Parish Picnic 5:30 – 8:00 pm Sunday, June 05, 2016 All Are Welcome!!!!

Volunteers are needed to help out at the picnic. Please add your name to the sign up sheet at the entrance of the church or call the rectory or email Ldoyle@staugustineny.org. Bring your favorite dessert and join the fun.

Join us for an afternoon filled with **Friends, Fellowship, Food and Fun** including fun activities for the kids.



GOOD NEWS

Several parishioners have been asking how Father Joseph is doing. We are happy to report that the pastor spoke with Father Joseph last week. He sounded very well and enthusiastic for his new responsibility as pastor of a parish of 500 families and is also responsible for a school. He sends his best wishes and prayers to our parish and hopes to visit us in the future when he is able to visit the United States.

Fr. Joseph can be reached by email: Frkjoe@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: 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. **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.



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.** No one is too old, young, feeble or strong 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. First clean up coming soon!



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!



LIVING GENTLY

"What You Can Do About Climate Change" (NYT, 12.2.15) No. 5 of 7:CATS & DOGS!

Every now and then, a news outlet points to pet ownership as being bad for the climate. At first, the argument may seem to make sense: Dogs and cats eat mostly meat, which is extremely carbon-intensive, so they must be driving up carbon emissions (recall that red meat production is the leading cause of carbon emissions from food). However, pets generally aren't chowing down on prime cuts of steak; they're eating the leftover parts of the cow that people don't want. When a cow is slaughtered, almost 50 percent of the animal is removed as unwanted or unfit for human consumption. The meat that ends up in most pet food is a byproduct of human meat consumption, not a driver of it. If you do get a dog (especially another 'unwanted byproduct' from the pound), you can use it to the climate's advantage: get in the habit of walking—and the next time, maybe you'll walk to the store for that quick errand instead of hopping into the car.



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.



THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

The Acts of the Apostles might be referred to as the "Gospel of Luke: Part Two." Our current Year C in the Church—the year of Luke's Gospel—is an especially appropriate time to study this fascinating book, which follows the apostles and disciples immediately after the death and resurrection of their and our Savior. Join a small group of 8-10 to read and reflect with the help of excellent materials. Deepen your faith in Jesus the Christ! One group is scheduled to meet on Monday mornings at 10:30 am beginning in June. (Depending on the availability of the group members, we will either finish all nine weeks consecutively or perhaps do four lessons and continue in the fall.) Join in! Another group may be scheduled on the weekend depending on your availability. See how The Word of God is for yesterday, today and always! (Email LDoyle@staugustineny.org or call Pat McNamara at 914-834-0663 for more info or to sign up.)



ATTENTION ALTAR SERVERS OF ALL AGES

During the month of May, our parish is looking for people of all ages to join the Altar Server Ministry. Older Servers can assist our Parish in particular at funerals. It is an additional way of consoling our grieving families. The younger servers are an important part of our parish community and assist the priests of our parish at Sunday Masses. **Please consider joining this ministry to enhance our Parish Prayer life.** For more information call the rectory at 914-834-1220 or email abetkowski@staugustineny.org.



MIDNIGHT RUN JUNE 10 ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The next Midnight Run will be sponsored by St. John's Episcopal Church. **To make lunches, please contact MaryAnn DeFeis at 833-1803 or madeifeis@gmail.com for more information by Friday 6th. Thank you.**

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 _____

CITY/STATE _____ TEL _____

EMAIL _____