

CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE, LARCHMONT, New York

OCTOBER 02, 2016

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:**

“If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.” Luke 17: 5-10

*Pastor's Corner*

**THE VILLAGE SAVINGS AND LOAN**

Saving money in poor African and South American villages can be all but impossible. One third of the world's population has no access to secure bank accounts, and so have to resort to hiding cash under rocks or in shacks. And many impoverished farmers often receive money in large sums just once or twice a year and immediately face already overdue bills and a deluge of loan requests, pressuring them to spend rather than save.

But relief organizations like Catholic Relief Services and Oxfam America have begun organizing village savings and loans. All it takes is a lock box and three keys.

For example, several women who operate small shops and farms in their Nicaraguan village decide to organize their own savings group. The buy-in is set at a few dollars. Then, every week, each member brings a small amount of what they've earned (as little as a few cents) and the money is placed in the lock box they've obtained from a relief organization. The three keys are distributed to different members of the group, and the box is kept at the home of a fourth woman who doesn't have one of the keys. Members can borrow money at a fixed interest rate to buy a new piece of equipment or supplies. The village S & L pays no interest on deposits, but they are, in effect, supplying their own capital, affording these woman and their families the opportunity to build for the future. Within a few months, members of a typical village S & L are investing half of what they earn.

Just a few pennies a week can be a powerful beginning. . .

***From A Path Appears: Transforming Lives, Creating Opportunities by Nicholas D. Kristof and Sheryl Wudunn.***

*Mustard seed faith is the conviction that our few cents, when added to another's few cents, can accomplish great things on the scale of casting mulberry trees into the sea. Such faith requires hard work, trust and commitment to the common good, and a vision of hope in the possibilities before us. These small village savings and loans mirror Jesus' Gospel of the mustard seed: that what is small, seemingly insignificant and all-but-invisible can produce great things in the scheme of God. The Gospel mustard seed—whether in the form of ingenuity, commitment, empathy, or a few pennies—challenges us to grab hold of the opportunities we have for planting and reaping a harvest of justice, compassion and reconciliation in our villages and communities.*

**Connections October 2016**

† **MASS INTENTIONS**

**Week of October 3rd — October 9th**

**Monday, October 3rd**

7:45 am

9:00 am Elaine Barry

**Tuesday, October 4th**

7:45 am Gabriela Baltazar

9:00 am Philip Power

**Wednesday, October 5th**

7:45 am Father Daniel Johnson

9:00 am Alyson King Aurelio

**Thursday, October 6th**

7:45 am Roger Dufort

9:00 am Cecily Reahr

**Friday, October 7th**

7:45 am

9:00 am John Locke

**Saturday October 8th**

9:00 am Peter Geithner

5:00 pm Arthur Dematte

**Sunday, October 9th**

9:00 am Nellie and Paul Benjamin

10:30 am Arthur Stock

12:00 pm Ann & Edward Egan

5:00 pm Connie DiPietro

**WE PRAY**

For those who are ill, including: Sandy Albert, Ellen R. Barbieri, Bill Battalia, Peter Benjamin, Frank Booth, Nelly Carillon, Debbie Coangelo, Teresa Cogan, Caryn Colombo, Conall Crean, Maria Teresa de Chavez, Bernier De Comes, David DiPietro, Mary Ann Dolan, Elizabeth Dolan Dillon, Marlene Dufort, 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, 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 — **\$5,386.50**

Total ParishPay was \$4,500.00

**Total Collection — \$9,886.50**

Attendance last weekend was **767**

*Thank you for your support and generosity.*



## SECOND COLLECTION ST. JOSEPH'S SEMINARY OCTOBER 2ND

Our seminarians are the future shepherds of our flock, and leaders in our community. This year, Saint Joseph's Seminary begins its 120th year of forming and ordaining holy, faithful, and dedicated priests. Your support will provide tuition and room and board for more than 40 seminarians of the archdiocese. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

Faithfully in Christ,

Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

**Confirmation sessions for Gr. 9 and older teen candidates will begin on Sunday, October 23 at 3:00 pm in Kenny Hall.**

The calendar and *The Augmenter* were mailed to the homes the week of August 22. Both appear on the web-site.

## MIDNIGHT RUN NEEDS YOUR HELP

**On Friday, October 21st, St Augustine will sponsor the next Midnight Run to help the homeless** and once again we need your help. *We are looking for donations of gently used men's clothing, particularly sweatshirts with hoods, jeans, sneakers or soft-soled shoes, hats and gloves.* Please understand that we can only accept clothing for men. *We also need blankets, backpacks and travel-size toiletries.* Donations can be left in the donation box in the vestibule of the church. There are so many ways in which you can help. **If you are interested in becoming involved, please contact Mary Irwin at 914-539-2808 or maryirwin391@gmail.com.** If you would like to contribute **brown-bag lunches**, please contact **MaryAnn DeFeis at 833-1803 or madeifeis@gmail.com.** Monetary donations are always appreciated and can be made by check to St Augustine Church. Please note Midnight Run in the memo section.

We know you are asked to support many causes and we thank you for your support and generosity.



## BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

**SUNDAY, October 2nd,** St. Augustine will be celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. **After the noon Mass at 1:00 pm, bring your pets, large and small, to the front of the rectory by the St Francis of Assisi statue for *The Blessing of the Animals.***



## STUDY THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW OR THE PSALMS

There is still time to join a small group to study the Gospel of Matthew or the Book of Psalms together. Join us as we read Mark, the Gospel of Year A. Contact **Pat McNamara at 834-0663** or email her at [chenpat@optonline.net](mailto:chenpat@optonline.net) for info or to sign up.

## CARE OF OUR COMMON HOME

**Please join us Monday mornings following 9 am Mass.**

This new ministry will meet for 2-3 hours to tackle small cleaning and polishing projects throughout the Church. Join us for one or all of the Mondays in September and October in the "Care of Our Common Home" - our Church. Contact Kris Patterson at [kbpatter@me.com](mailto:kbpatter@me.com) for questions.

## ST. AUGUSTINE AUXILIARY NEWS

Preparations are starting with the organization of the Holly Party 2016, our big fund raiser and social Christmas Party. Anybody who could solicit or has any new or newly "re-gifted" gifts to donate for the Auction, or would like any information regarding the Holy Party, **please contact Anne-Mieke Smeets at 834-0194 or 522-3844 or Ann Meehan at 834-1230.**



## CLOTHING AND KITCHEN ITEM DRIVE

The next St. Augustine Clothing Drive for the Little Sisters of the Assumption in Harlem, NY is scheduled for **Sunday, October 23rd, 9:00 am—1:00 pm in the cafeteria.** Most needed items include: Men's, Women's and Children's clothing as well as bedding, linens, towels, accessories, shoes and kitchen items, especially Halloween costumes. (Please no VCR tapes or books, computers, printers or ripped or stained clothing.) **If you would like to help sort and load, kindly let us know.** For questions and or to volunteer, contact Sheryl McSherry at 914-834-7567 or email at [mcslny@aol.com](mailto:mcslny@aol.com).



## LARCHMONT-MAMARONECK INTERFAITH COUNCIL

The next Interfaith Council meeting is "*Lisa's House Rebuilt—A Community Project*". The speaker will be Father Frank J. Prima, Parochial Vicar at **Sts John and Paul, 9:30 am, October 6th, Sts John and Paul rectory meeting room.** All are welcome and refreshments will be served. For more information call Jan Rising—914-632-7735.



## CYO BASKETBALL REGISTRATION

Registration for the 2016-2017 CYO Basketball season has begun! Forms can be picked up in the Religious Education office or in the rectory porch. Any questions, email Mark McNally at [mcnallyfamily6@verizon.net](mailto:mcnallyfamily6@verizon.net).

## RDC CENTER

You are invited to an Open House on Thursday, October 6th (8:00—9:30 am) at the RDC Center for Counseling & Human Development, 52 N. Broadway, White Plains. We are celebrating our 25th Anniversary! We are proud that we have been able to provide affordable counseling in an atmosphere of welcome for the past 25 years and will continue into the future. Come visit our Center and learn of our services—Parents, grandparents, teachers, social workers, psychologists, health professionals—all are welcome! RSVP—Pat Sheridan, LCSW 914-798-1103, [psheridan@divinecompassion.org](mailto:psheridan@divinecompassion.org) by Sept. 29th.



## ANNUAL RED MASS

The Reverend Thomas E. Collins, President, Archbishop Stepinac High School, will celebrate the Annual Red Mass for the Judiciary, Attorneys, and Members of Law Enforcement and their families on Wednesday, October 12, at 6:00 pm at St. John the Evangelist Church, 148 Hamilton Avenue, White Plains, NY.

The Red Mass is sponsored by the Catholic Lawyer's Guild of the Archdiocese of New York and is a solemn religious ceremony asking God to guide the legal profession toward the administration of justice. The custom dates back to Europe in the 13th Century. In the United States, the practice was instituted by the Catholic Lawyer's Guild in the New York Archdiocese in 1938.

Following the Mass, there will be a reception in the auditorium of St. John the Evangelist School located next to the Church. The public is invited to attend.



## OPEN HOUSES

Regis High School, an all-scholarship Jesuit secondary school for Catholic boys in New York, NY announces its Open House for students and their parents, to occur on Wednesday, October 5th, 5:30—8:30 pm. Please call 212-288-1100 ext. 2057 or email [edimichele@regis-nyc.org](mailto:edimichele@regis-nyc.org).

Sacred Heart Greenwich will host an Open House for students grades 9—12 on Thursday, Oct. 13th at 6:00 pm. The evening will include student-led tours, a curriculum presentation, classroom demos etc.

Visit [www.cshgreenwich.org/stuartscholarship](http://www.cshgreenwich.org/stuartscholarship) or call 203-532-3534



## RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY

Sunday, October 2nd is Respect Life Sunday.

Hundreds of Westchester and Putnam residents will again be participating in the National Life Chain for an end to abortion. Led by pastors and community leaders, participants will stand, holding signs (available along the route) and quietly pray for an end to abortion. The Life Chain is a legal, peaceful and prayerful witness that abortion is morally wrong. Life Chains will be held rain or shine at the following locations as well as other places in the surrounding area: Scarsdale: Immaculate Heart of Mary Ch., White Plains Rd, (Rt.22) & Grand Blvd.—1– 2:30 pm, White Plains: 40 Days for Life—Planned Parenthood, 175 Tarrytown Rd, - 2:30—4:00 pm.



## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE SEPT. 28TH – NOV 6TH

This fall's "40 Days for Life" campaign will be held Sept. 28—Nov 6th. "40 Days for Life" is a peaceful, highly-focused, non-denominational initiative that focuses on 40 days of prayer and fasting, peaceful vigil at abortion facilities, and educational outreach with the goal of protecting mothers and their children from abortion. At least 11,796 unborn children have been saved from abortion during 40 Days for Life campaigns, and 75 abortion facilities have closed. To learn more about the 40 Days for Life campaign, visit: [www.40daysforlife.com](http://www.40daysforlife.com).



## COLLECTION OF BABY GIFTS

Sister Diane Prusinski after many years of service to Rosalie Hall Home, a shelter for unwed mothers in the Bronx, has retired. To continue her mission, as has been her custom here at St Augustine, a collection of new infant's clothing will take place during the first week of November to help supply these new mothers with gifts for their babies. If you do handiwork or shop the sales, please plan to start soon to provide a layette-size item for this event. Watch the bulletin for further information.



The items requested for October 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.

## 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](http://www.staugustineny.org/register) or email [abetkowski@staugustineny.org](mailto:abetkowski@staugustineny.org). Welcome!