

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:

“One of the lepers, realizing that he had been healed, returned glorifying God in a loud voice; and he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. He was a Samaritan” Luke 17: 11-19

Pastor's Corner

THE TREE OF SORROWS

There was once a very wise and compassionate rabbi who served a congregation in a small European village. The villagers loved the rabbi and often came to him to pour out their hearts with their woes. Nagging spouses, aches and pains, lazy children—the rabbi listened patiently day in and day out. *Why Is God making my life so difficult? Why must I suffer more than others? Why can't my life be as profitable as his or as comfortable as hers?* The rabbi heard it all over and over again.

Then the rabbi came up with a plan. He announced to the congregation, “Place your troubles in a bag with your name on it” the rabbi said. “On Friday, just before the start of Sabbath, we will hang the bags on the great tree in the center of the village. Everyone will be allowed to exchange troubles and go home with those of your neighbor rather than your own.”

The rabbi's proposal was enthusiastically greeted by the villagers, eager at the prospect to exchange their troubles for someone else's, imagining that their lives would be easier and happier from that day on. On Friday, just before sundown, the villagers gathered beneath the tree with bags in hand. They tied their bags to the branches and the rabbi offered a blessing. Then the rabbi directed: “Now, if you will all move about inspecting the bags, you may choose someone else's troubles to take home, thus freeing yourselves from your own”

The villagers rushed to the tree and began peering into the bags of those they thought had happier lives than they did. But before long the villagers grew quiet, moved by what they read of the plight of their neighbors' struggles and disappointments—and feeling foolish. And wiser. Each family sought out their own bag and walked home to celebrate Sabbath.

The rabbi smiled. It was just as he had hoped. The villagers had come to realize the sorrows of others. They became more thankful for what they had—and kinder to one another.

[Adapted from “The Tree of Sorrows” from Doorways to the Soul, edited by Elisa Davy Pearmain.]

The rabbi understood that both sorrow and thanksgiving are choices we make, attitudes from which we approach life. We can be resentful and jealous and cynical—and we may have good reasons for feeling that way. Or we can put aside our disappointments and be mindful and grateful for what we have, for the good we possess that cannot be taken from us, for what we are able to do for others. Such a spirit of thankfulness can transform cynicism and despair into optimism and hope and make whatever good we do an experience of grace.

Connections October 2016

† **MASS INTENTIONS**

Week of October 10th — October 16th

Monday, October 10th

7:45 am

9:00 am Richard Payne

Tuesday, October 11th

7:45 am

9:00 am Alice and Arthur Benning

Wednesday, October 12th

7:45 am Madeline Rispoli

9:00 am Maria and Frank Cox Jr.

Thursday, October 13th

7:45 am

9:00 am Jane Hofmann

Friday, October 14th

7:45 am

9:00 am Peter Feuerbach

Saturday October 15th

9:00 am Philip Power

5:00 pm Sarah and John Treacy

Sunday, October 16th

9:00 am Ralph Santoliquido

10:30 am Robert Whoriskey

12:00 pm Roger Dufort

5:00 pm Paul-Henri Parent

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 — **\$5,785.00**

Total ParishPay was \$4,500.00

Total Collection — \$10,285.00

Total Collection St Joseph's Seminary—**\$2,343.00**

Attendance last weekend was **808**

Thank you for your support and generosity.



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

MIDNIGHT RUN NEEDS YOUR HELP

Friday, October 14th—St John's Lutheran Church

Friday, October 21st, St Augustine

are the next Midnight Runs to help the home-



less 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, 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.**

Brown bag lunches are needed for both runs. Please contribute as few as six meals, and together we can make a huge difference. The meals are passed out at designated locations to people who depend on these runs. If you would like to contribute **brown-bag lunches**, please contact **MaryAnn DeFeis at 833-1803 or made-feis@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.



ST AUGUSTINE ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE

Sunday, November 20th, 9:30 am—1:30 pm

Mark your calendars for our annual **Blood Drive** in memory of **Joe Vandernoot**. Volunteers are needed . . . Not only to give blood (it only takes an hour) but also to help on the day of the drive and/or bring baked goods for donors. Please contact Steve Piccone at steve@piccone.com or call 834-1165. **Thank you in advance for providing the gift of life.**



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.)

Donations will also be collected for St. Vincent's Hospital in Harrison (Inpatient substance and psychiatric treatment programs) They are in need of sneakers, sweatpants, regular and yoga pants, blouses, slippers, coats, wigs, pocketbooks, new packages of underwear and socks etc.

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.



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.



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

All couples who are celebrating their 50th, 40th or 25th wedding anniversary—your priests and parish would like to honor and congratulate you at our **Annual Anniversary Mass, Saturday, November 12th at 5:00 pm**. Dinner will follow in the rectory dining room. *Please RSVP by Friday, October 29th, 914-834-1220.*



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.



MASS FOR DECEASED PARISHIONERS

On **Tuesday, November 2nd, at 7:30 pm Mass**, our parish will gather to remember all deceased parishioners of our parish. All who were buried from our church since the last All Souls Day will be named and a candle will be lit for each of them in their memory. If you would like to participate in this Mass, please contact Sr. Muriel at 914-834-1220 or email srmuriel@staugustineny.org by Tues. 10/25.



**15TH ANNUAL
WALK FOR HABITAT
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH**

Your walk can build a world of hope. Get a sponsor. Get lots of sponsors and Join Us on **Sunday, November 6th, for a fulfilled walk while helping to raise money for Habitat for Humanity Westchester.** Habitat is a non-profit organization that builds affordable housing for low-income working families and veterans with special needs. The walk is less than two miles so everyone can participate. Start raising pledges today! The walk begins at 1:00 pm at Constitution Park, (across from St. Augustine Church) and continues to Manor Park and back. Refreshments will be served in the cafeteria following the walk. Pledge forms are available in the church vestibule and on the porch in front of the rectory.

For more information abetkowski@staugustineny.org or call Anne Avenius 914-527-6762.

Together we CAN make a difference

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.

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.



MUSICAL PERFORMANCES

October 15th, 6:30 pm Huguenot Memorial Church, Pelham, NY. Stephen Tharp on Ingram-Helle-Willis-Organ. Tickets \$25, info@huguenotchurch.org, 914-738-3488.

Music at **St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Mamaroneck, NY—Sundays, Oct 23rd, Dec 18th, Jan 22nd, Feb 26th, April 23rd and June 4th.** [Www.saintthomasmmrk.org](http://www.saintthomasmmrk.org) or 914-698-0300

St Pius X, Scarsdale, NY presents The Philippine Madrigal Singers, October 30th at 5:00 pm. 914-725-2755, www.saintpiusxchurch.com.



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.

**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.**



OPEN HOUSES

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 or call 203-532-3534

Kennedy Catholic High School , Somers—Open House, Grades 7th and 8th—Sunday, October 16th, 1—4 pm kennedycatholic.org/open-house

The Ursuline School—Open House, Oct 29th, 12:30—3:30 pm grades 6—12. For info, Ursulinenewrochelle.org or 914-500-6212.

**TEST FOR ADMISSION INTO
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL – TACHS**

The test for Admission into Catholic High School (TACHS), the entrance test for Catholic high schools in the Archdiocese of New York, **will be administered on Friday, November 4, 2016 in selected high schools throughout the Archdiocese.**

Students may register 7 days a week online via www.tachsinfo.com or via telephone from 8am to 7pm at 1-866-618-2247. By applying early, they will have a much better chance of being assigned to a test site of their choice.

You may obtain a Student Handbook from a Catholic elementary or high school, religious education office or parish. Student Handbooks are also available at www.tachsinfo.com.

An examination fee of \$63 will include a student handbook, test materials, and the reporting of scores to THREE high schools of your choice

COLUMBUS DAY HOLIDAY

The rectory office will be closed Monday, October 10th in observance of the Columbus Day Holiday.

