

CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE, LARCHMONT, New York

SEPTEMBER 25 2016

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:

"If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead" Luke 16:31

Pastor's Corner

THE AUNT AT THE GATES

She was quiet and painfully shy, overwhelmed by the more outgoing personalities of the family she married into years before. She was devoted to her husband; at family gatherings, she stuck to her husband's side, stroking the family dog, as the nieces and nephews buzzed around them. Her conversations were little more than, "Hi, good to see you. How are you?" She always baked for family gatherings—but except for the tarts and cookies, she barely registered.

She and her husband lived only a few neighborhoods away. When they sent birthday and holiday presents, they received thank-you notes when the recipients could easily have walked over. One Christmas she knitted sweaters that quickly found their way to the bottom of closets. She and her husband gave generously. The family responded minimally.

Not that they were mean or inconsiderate. Just busy with their lives.

Her husband died first. She continued to live in the house nearby, but without his connection, she saw the family less and less. One niece had grown fond of her; the rest drifted away as they grew up, went to school, got married and had children of their own.

When she died, rather suddenly, the niece took it upon herself to pack up the house. At a Sunday family dinner, she came with mementos: photos, paintings, small pieces of furniture. She also brought a large stuffed envelope. She poured its contents on a table: their thank-you notes. She had saved them.

We often realize too late what we mean to one another.

[Inspired by the essay "A small token, a memento" by Elisa Ely, The Boston Globe, October 2, 2010.]

Jesus' story about Lazarus and the rich man seems to belong to a time long ago and a place far away—but the fact is that there are many Lazaruses at our own gates whom we overlook, ignore, dismiss. Lazarus may be sitting at the desk right next to us; Lazarus may even be sitting at our dinner table every night. Today's Gospel challenges us to remove the blinders of self-centeredness from our eyes and hearts to see God in our midst in the poor, the forgotten, the isolated, the marginalized; to realize the dignity of every human being as created in the image of God; to possess the humility that enables us to embrace one another as brothers and sisters, sons and daughters of God.

Connection September 2016

† **MASS INTENTIONS**

Week of September 26th — October 2nd

Monday, September 26th

7:45 am

9:00 am Raymond J. Ibelli Jr.

Tuesday, September 27th

7:45 am Joseph Barbieri

9:00 am Connie DiPietro

Wednesday, September 28th

7:45 am

9:00 am Elaine Barry

Thursday, September 29th

7:45 am

9:00 am Grace Cantine

Friday, September 30th

7:45 am

9:00 am Stevenson Family

Saturday October 1st

9:00 am Maura O'Friel

5:00 pm Richard Payne

Sunday, October 2nd

9:00 am John and Mary McGoey

10:30 am Robert Whoriskey

12:00 pm Arthur Stock

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 — **\$7,214.00**

Total ParishPay was \$4,500.00

Total Collection — \$11,714.00

Attendance last weekend was **887**

Thank you for your support and generosity.

SECOND COLLECTION ST. JOSEPH'S SEMINARY OCTOBER 2ND

Please welcome Seminarian **Chris Ford** this Sunday who will be speaking about the St. Joseph's Seminary collection scheduled for next weekend.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Religious education **Sunday classes began, September 18 for Gr. 1 through 8 at 9:00 am** in Kenny Hall. **Wednesday classes for Grades 2 through 4 began on September 21 at 3:30 pm** in Kenny Hall. **Wednesday classes for Grades 5 through 8 began on September 21 at 7:15 pm** in Kenny Hall. **Wednesday classes for Grade 1 will begin on Sept. 28 at 3:30 pm in the cafeteria.**

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 website.

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 maryirwin@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.



STUDY THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW OR THE PSALMS

Small groups are forming to study the Gospel of Matthew or the Book of Psalms together. Join us as we read Mark, the Gospel of Year A (coming up in our weekly readings of the 3-year cycle of the Church) or the Book of Psalms, a book of 150 poems that are a part of the Hebrew Bible and also found in the Christian's Old Testament. All of the discussion questions have been developed by Scripture scholars with a lay audience in mind; our trained facilitators keep the sessions moving—and meaningful. Let us know if weeknights would be better for you—or weekdays or even weekends. **Please come to the introductory meeting on THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 at 7:30 pm** to taste and see how good the Lord is! Sign up posters are at the doors of the church or contact Pat McNamara at 834-0663 or email her at 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

ST. AUGUSTINE AUXILIARY NEWS

We thank all parishioners who baked some delicious goodies or brought something and helped with set-up and clean-up of the Breakfast & Meeting in the rectory on Thursday, September 22nd. Everybody had a great time. Thank you all.

We are starting with the preparatory 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.



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

NEXT SUNDAY, October 2nd, St. Augustine will be celebrating 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.**

LECTIO DIVINA

During the Lectio Divina Prayer Group, Fr. Austin Norris will lead us in **TAIZE PRAYER: a form of prayer based on the Liturgy of the Hours: a meditative form of prayer** using chants, scripture and intercessions. The Group will meet in the church, Tuesday following the 9:00 am Mass.



CYO BASKETBALL REGISTRATION

Registration for the 2016-2017 CYO Basketball season has begun! Forms can be picked up in the Religious Education office **beginning the week of 9/19**. Children of parishioners in grades two through high school are eligible. Fees are \$150 per child, 4th grade through high school. 2nd and 3rd grade fees are \$75 per child. A 50% discount is provided to each additional sibling at all age groups. Registration will end in early October. The season runs from mid November until mid February. Any questions, email Mark McNally at 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 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.



The items requested for September 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.



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.*



FAMILY DAY

Family Day— Be Involved. Stay Involved, is The national Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse's national initiative to promote simple acts of parental engagement as key ways to help prevent risky substance use in children and teens. **Family Day will be celebrated across the country on Sept. 26th.** To learn more and to join parents all across America in taking the Family Day STAR Pledge, log on to www.CSAFamilyDay.org.



OPEN HOUSES

School of the Holy Child, an all-girls, Catholic, independent, college-preparatory school for grades 5-12 located in Rye, will hold an **Open house on Saturday, October 1st, 1:00 pm — 4:00 pm.** Please register at: www.holychildrye.org/admission or call 914-967-5622

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

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.

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