

CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE, LARCHMONT, New York

APRIL 03, 2016

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:

“Blessed are they who have not seen and have believed. Certainly this refers to us. Those people truly believe who express their belief through their works.” Gregory The Great (540—604)

Pastor's Corner

JESUS LIVES!

In our celebration of God's most merciful gift to us in Jesus, and in him risen, we might call to mind John Updike's early poem "Seven Stanzas at Easter" (1960), the first four stanzas of which are offered here. Updike's lines challenge each of us to examine the tenacity and authenticity of our own faith:

Make no mistake: if He rose at all
it was as His body;
li the cells' dissolution did not reverse, the molecules
reknit, the amino acids rekindle,
the Church will fall.

It was not as the flowers,
each soft Spring recurrent;
it was not as His Spirit in the mouths and fuddled
eyes of the eleven apostles;
it was as His flesh: ours.

The same hinged thumbs and toes,
the same valved heart
that—pierced—died, withered, paused, and then
regathered out of enduring Might
new strength to enclose.

Let us not mock God with metaphor;
analogy, sidestepping, transcendence;
making of the event a parable, a sign painted in the
faded credulity of earlier ages:
let us walk through the door:

Some have accused Updike of being too literal here, too simple. Nevertheless, he makes his point abundantly clear. Without the resurrection, the real and authentic rising of Jesus from the dead, our faith is in vain. This was the same point made by the Johannine evangelist in today's Gospel. Thomas, who doubted the others; claim that Jesus was alive, demanded physical proof before he would accept a risen Lord. "Unless I see . . . Unless I put my finger . . . Unless I put my hand . . . I will not believe." Yet, a week later, when Jesus called him by name and invited him to touch and believe through empirical proof, we are not told whether Thomas touched him. We are told only that he saw and believed. Then, with an acknowledgement of all future generations of believers who would not see but would believe, the risen Jesus pronounced us "blessed."

German pastor and theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer, who suffered a martyr's death for his faith, once suggested that we dwell too much on dying and too little on overcoming death. Bonhoeffer, who was hanged unjustly even though the war was almost over, said that if we concentrate on the resurrection of Christ, a new and purifying wind can blow through our present world.

Jesus lives! And so do we—in him, for him, through him!
Patricia Sanchez, Preaching Resources, April 03, 2016

† **MASS INTENTIONS**

Week of April 4th – April 10th

Monday, April 4th

9:00 am Catherine Cooney

Tuesday, April 5th

9:00 am Elaine Kubat

Wednesday, April 6th

9:00 am Nicholas Nikou

Thursday, April 7th

9:00 am Helen Crossin-Kittle

Friday, April 8th

9:00 am The Lothian Family (Living)

Saturday April 9th

9:00 am Father Joseph Karimattom (Living)

5:00 pm John Antolino

Sunday, April 10th

9:00 am Nellie and Paul Benjamin

10:30 am Lou Arasi

12:00 pm Ruth Doyle

5:00 pm Jane Hofmann

WE PRAY

For those who are ill, including: Sandy Albert, Alyson King Aurelio, 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, 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, Theresa Kim, Fred Kriegel, Dorothy & Dave Lakso, Diane Lama, Zachary Lawrence, Rose Leghorn, Martin Martinez, Virginia McLaughlin, Elizabeth Murray, Patricia Clifford Newman, Doris Nogueira, Scotty Norton, Mildred Oswald, 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 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 Easter—**\$30,975.50**

Total ParishPay was \$4,358.00

Total Collection — \$35,333.50

Total Collection Good Friday— 1,118.00

Attendance last weekend was **1,885**

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 **\$52,820.00** 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 begin this new campaign. *Pledge/donation envelopes are available in the pews.*

SECOND COLLECTION: APRIL 10TH ARCHDIOCESE FOR THE MILITARY SERVICES, USA

The *Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS)* was established by Pope Saint John Paul II in 1985, to provide the Church's full range of pastoral ministries to those in the United States Armed Forces. The mission of the archdiocese is to "serve those who serve".

While the salaries and retirement of military and VA chaplains are paid for by the government, the *Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA* receives no funding from the military or the government in support of programs and services vital to its mission and ministry, including vocations, evangelization and catechesis, the keeping of sacramental records, a tribunal, and veterans affairs.

Unlike a conventional (arch)diocese, the *Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA* has no parishes or parish registries. It has no weekly collections, relying solely on the generosity of private donations to support its programs and services.

Thank you for your generosity and support.

Faithfully in Christ,



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

2nd Time—Sarah Ridder Dailey & Kevin O'Brien



PARISH POTLUCK

On Sunday, April 24 after the 5 pm Mass, we will be welcoming parishioners new and old to a Potluck in Kenny Hall. Come and eat Food from Around the World on this Earth Day weekend! Sign up with the electronic invitation you will be receiving in early April. For more info, email Ldoyle@staugustineny.org. *Recipes will be collected by email to be posted in an online cookbook!*



LAUDATO SI' REFLECTION

Sister Kathleen Deigan and Brother Kevin Cawley will present a reflection on this remarkable encyclical of Pope Francis on Saturday, April 30 after the 9 am Mass, in Kenny Hall. Bring a friend from another congregation to hear Kathleen Deigan, CND, PhD, founding Director of the Iona Spirituality Institute and Professor of Religious and Environmental Studies at Iona College. One of the four founding conveners of The Thomas Berry Forum, she is also an author, composer of sacred song, and spiritual animator focusing on classical and contemporary spirituality, particularly the legacies of Thomas Merton and Thomas Berry. Her colleague, Kevin Cawley, CFC, PhD, is the Executive Director of the Thomas Berry Forum for Ecological Dialogue at Iona, Chair of Iona president's Committee on Sustainable Education and the Edmund Rice International NGO representative at the UN for its religious congregation. His monthly environmental newsletter has a global readership.



LARCHMONT-MAMARONECK INTERFAITH COUNCIL

The Larchmont-Mamaroneck Interfaith Council, presents **Rev Marvin Henk, Pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Mamaroneck**. He will speak about the *history of the Lutheran Church, past and present*. **9:30 am, Thursday, April 7th, Sts. John and Paul rectory meeting room.**

All are welcome to this free event. Refreshments will be served. Bring a friend.

For more information call Jan Rising at 914-632-7735.



LIVING GENTLY

From a parishioner, "a book on living simply that spoke to me": Erin Boyle's *Simple Matters* is filled with personal essays, projects and advice on how to be inventive, organized and resourceful, about "making do with less and ending up with more: more free time, more time with loved ones, more savings, and more things of beauty." (Abrams) Or try *Seven Sacred Pauses: Living Mindfully Through the Hours of the Day* by Macrina Wiederkehr for a more spiritual take on seeking balance in daily life by bringing the practice of the Divine Hours to it. (Ave Maria Press)



GROW IT GREEN

Please join the Larchmont and Mamaroneck communities on Sunday, April 10th from 1:00—5:00 pm at the Larchmont Temple for Grow It Green.

Grow it Green will feature keynote speaker, Kim Eirman of EcoBeneficial!, who wowed the crowd at Green Steps Expo in 2015. This year's topic, "Improving Our Environment, Yard by Yard," will address: how to attract birds, bees, and beneficial insects, how native plants add beauty, restore ecological balance, and require less water, why your green lawn is really a green desert (for wildlife)

There will also be workshops and activities. **The event is free and open to the public.**



PAINT FOR THE LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

Join us Sunday, April 10th at 2:00 pm and release your inner artist while you paint and sip and snack with friends. Step-by-step instruction and all supplies to help you paint your own masterpiece will be provided. Includes wine, cheese and chocolate to fuel your inspiration. Cost is \$50.00 and proceeds go to **The Little Sisters of the Poor**. For more information, register at ArtPartay.com.



ST. GIANNA MASS

This year's St. Gianna Mass for couples suffering infertility and recurrent miscarriage will be on Thursday, April 28, 2016—the Feast of St. Gianna—at 6:30 pm at the Church of St. Catherine of Siena, 411 East 68th Street, Manhattan. Couples suffering infertility, as well as their families and friends, are cordially invited to attend. Following the Mass there will be veneration of the relics of St. Gianna; an opportunity to meet with Creighton physicians and practitioners who specialize in assisting couples with infertility; and a light reception. For further info please call Sr. Shirley Ann at the Family Life/Respect Office at 212-371-1011 x3195, or email sr.shirleyann@archny.org.



NEW YORK CATHOLIC YOUTH DAY

Come to **St. Joseph's Seminary, Yonkers, NY, Saturday, April 30th, 9:00 am—5:00 pm** and join and meet over a thousand Catholic youth from all over the Archdiocese for a day of faith, fun, great music and speakers, and Mass with His Eminence Cardinal Dolan. Register online at OYMNY.org/NY-Catholic-Youth-Day. Entrance fee is \$20 before April 9th, \$25 after. It includes: T-shirt, backpack and lunch. For more information, call Cynthia Psencik at the Office of Youth Ministry at 914-367-8329 or email Cynthia.Psencik@archny.org.



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 contact your parish for registration, 914-834-1220 or email abetkowski@staugustineny.org. **The closing date to register for the Mass is Tuesday, May 24th, 2016**. This event is sponsored by the Family Life + Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of New York.



STEPINAC THEATRE

Archbishop Stepinac High School Drama Club presents the tri-state regional premiere of the Broadway hit, **Sister Act**. Show dates are: **April 29th, 30th, May 6th, 7th at 7:30 pm and a matinee on May 8th at 2:00 pm**. Tickets are \$22 for adults and \$18 for children under 12 and senior citizens. Major Bowes Award night will honor all Good Counsel Academy Alumnae at the April 30th performance. All religious nuns are invited to "Nun Night" on May 6th and can pre-order one complimentary ticket! For all tickets reservations please call 914-946-4800 ext. 200. For further information email theatre@stepinac.org.

The items requested for April 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.



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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