

CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE, LARCHMONT, New York

APRIL 10, 2016

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:

“ We have to regard ourselves as sealed, by this mission of bringing light, blessing, enlivening , raising up, healing and freeing.” Pope Francis

Pastor's Corner

THE JESUS FACTOR

Most biblical scholars agree that there is no empirical proof of Jesus' resurrection. The appearances of the risen Lord were faith encounters; the early disciples saw Jesus and experienced him as risen because they believed in him and in the words he had spoken to them. But the German Lutheran biblical scholar Martin Dibelius (1883-1947) cited what he called the “X-factor” as proof of the truth of Jesus risen. This X-factor or Jesus-factor accounted for the differences in the attitude and actions of Jesus' disciples before and after his resurrection. These differences are astounding, said Dibelius, and can be attributed to nothing else save the grace and the Holy Spirit bestowed on the apostles by the risen Jesus.

Before Jesus' resurrection, the apostles appeared dense, confused and afraid. They misunderstood Jesus' teachings and misread his intentions. They were unclear about how he would exercise his messiahship. They misconstrued the mission in which they were to share and sought to fulfill their own ambitions instead of becoming servants of all others, as Jesus was. They did not remain awake to pray with him; in his most desperate hour; they fell asleep. When Jesus was arrested, many fled, and even Peter denied he knew Jesus.

But then something happened—and the apostles were so different, so completely transformed, that even an unbeliever would be forced to admit an X-factor: We know and believe this to be the suffering, death and resurrection to life eternal of our Lord and God, Jesus Christ.

After Jesus' resurrection, the apostles were bold and courageous. They did not hide; they preached the kerygma openly, as today's first reading from Acts tells us. Even when given orders from the Sanhedrin, they heeded no voice but God's and continued to preach in Jesus' name. They even pointed out to the high priest and the Sanhedrin that they had been complicit in Jesus' death: “Though you had him killed by hanging him on a tree” (Acts 5:30). Were these apostles the same men and women who had followed Jesus and let him do all the talking? Were these the ones who shied away from any conflict “for fear of the Jews”? Yes, indeed, these were the ones who rejoiced in the fact “that they had been found worthy to suffer dishonor for the sake of the name” (Acts 5:41).

After breakfast on the shore, prepared and served by Jesus, the conversation between Jesus and Peter cut out the heart of who Peter was. He who had professed loyalty to Jesus, even if it cost him his life, had vehemently denied even knowing Jesus. Within this post-Easter encounter; often called the rehabilitation of Peter, Jesus assured Peter of his love and forgiveness as well as his position as nourisher of Jesus' lambs. “Feed them,” Peter was told. By the grace of Jesus' resurrection, he would do so until death, a death he endured for Christ.

Patricia Sanchez, Preaching Resources, April 10, 2016.

† **MASS INTENTIONS**

Week of April 4th – April 17th

Monday, April 11th

9:00 am Franco Mancini

Tuesday, April 12th

9:00 am Alice and Arthur Benning

Wednesday, April 13th

9:00 am Irene Van Eyck

Thursday, April 14th

9:00 am Peter Feuerbach

Friday, April 15th

9:00 am Seastian Karimattom

Saturday April 16th

9:00 am Lou Ventura

5:00 pm William D. Gallagher

Sunday, April 17th

9:00 am Peter O'Hara

10:30 am Cornelia Bruno

12:00 pm Pierre Drogoul

5:00 pm Doris Nogueiro

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 Cangelano, 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, 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 — **\$17,017.00**

Total ParishPay was \$4,358.00

Total Collection — \$21,375.00

Attendance last weekend was **886**

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 **\$55,550.00** 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,

Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan,

Archbishop of New York



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

3rd 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.



EASTER SEASON RETREAT

For Men "A Journey Worth Taking"

Come join us for a time of Prayer,
Rejuvenation and Reflection.

At the Bishop Molloy Passionists Spiritual Center, 86-45 Edgerton Blvd, Jamaica, NY, 11432. **April 22—24, 2016**, Friday evening through Sunday at 12:00 noon. The theme is "A Journey Worth Taking"

For more information call Joe Gryzlo at 914-630-4929 or Bishop Molloy Passionists Spiritual Center at 718-739-1229 or email abetkowski@staugustineny.org.



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)

ASCENSION THURSDAY

Thursday, May 05, 2016

Holy Day of Obligation

Mass Schedule

9:00 am, 12:00 Noon and 7:30 pm

Anointing of the Sick will be offered following the 12:00 pm Mass



ST. AUGUSTINE SENIORS

Find out more about the St Augustine Seniors Group and *join them in Kenny Hall on Thursday, May 5th for lunch. All are welcome!*

Everyone 55 years young and older are invited to join. The group meets most Thursdays from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm in Kenny Hall. Share lunch, play Bingo, Scrabble, meet new people. Several day trips are also scheduled throughout the year. **Bring a friend!**



RCIA – RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Congratulations to Gwi Yeop Son and Rose Hidalgo

During the 5:00 Mass on Saturday, April 2nd, Gwi made her Profession of Faith in the Catholic Church, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion. Rose made her Confirmation. The Celebrant was Msgr. Kelly and Karen Khor provided a lovely reception for Gwi and Rose at her home following the Ceremony.



JOY OF THE GOSPEL

Friday, April 15th from 12:00—1:30 pm,

Mary Ann Mazza will provide a program explaining the importance of Art and Beauty in the Catholic Church. This presentation is part of the study of *Joy of the Gospel* an Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis that was one of our Lenten Study Programs along with Pope Francis' encyclical on the Environment, *Laudato Si*.

Weather permitting, please meet outside the Church at 12:00 pm. All are welcome.



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.



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.



NY 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.

6 WEEK EMPLOYMENT SUPPORTGROUP

A free 6-Week Employment Networking Support Group, sponsored by The RDC Center for Counseling & Human Development, is being offered on **May 2, 9, 16, 23 & June 6 & 13 from 6:30—8:00 pm, at The new White Plains Education & Training Center, 303 Quarrapas St, White Plains.** The workshop is for persons who have lost their jobs recently or who want to re enter the workforce. To register or for more info call Pat Sheridan, 798-1103 or google the WP Education & Training Center and register on line.



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 call the rectory—914-834-1220 or register by visiting the Parish website at www.staugustineny.org/register.