

CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE, LARCHMONT, New York

APRIL 16 2017

EASTER SUNDAY

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:

“As we have died with him, and have been buried and raised to live with him, so we bear him within us, both in body and in spirit, in everything we do.” Leo the Great (Fifth Century)

Pastor's Corner

THIS SIDE OF HEAVEN

“For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.” I take such comfort in these closing words of today’s Gospel. Because even amid the joy and celebration—the Alleluias sung at full volume and the flowers so fragrant I could swoon from the scent—there is a little piece of me that still doesn’t understand, that probably will never understand the resurrection, at least not this side of heaven.

I think we believe that we *should* understand, and maybe we even nod our head and say, “Amen, amen,” as if it’s all perfectly clear, and yet the truth is that none of it is clear, none of it makes sense from our human perspective. We have to take it on faith; there’s no other way. That means believing in something we do not fully understand with our heads but know without question in the depths of our heart. Like Mary of Magdala, we run to the Lord and then cry out in confusion when we don’t find him where he is supposed to be, when we don’t hear his answer to our prayers.

Today, on Easter, we rejoice in Christ’s victory over the cross and joyfully embrace the unearned gift of Jesus’ resurrection and our salvation, letting our confusion and doubt slip below the surface as the waters of new life wash over us. Intellectual understanding is not necessary after all. We are pilgrims on a journey with no end.

Mary DeTurris Poust, Give Us This Day, April 2017

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—**\$8,529.50**

Total ParishPay was \$4,500.00

Total Collection — \$13,039.50

Attendance Last weekend was **1,164**

Thank you for your support and generosity.

RCIA

Due to the illness of her father who lives in Ohio, it is necessary to postpone Eve Cicciu’s reception of the Sacraments of Initiation to a later time and place. Please keep Eve and her family in your prayers. When she returns we shall have a reception after Mass for Eve and her family. The date and time to be determined.

MASS INTENTIONS

Week of April 17th — April 23rd

Monday, April 17th

7:45 am Pat Gotimer

9:00 am Cornelia Bruno

Tuesday, April 18th

7:45 am William Dunthny

9:00 am Peter Wey

Wednesday, April 19th

7:45 am Geraldine M. Rooney

9:00 am Philip Power

Thursday, April 20th

7:45 am Madeline Rispoli

9:00 am Walter McTague

Friday, April 21st

7:45 am Alumni Camp St. Joseph

9:00 am Julie McWilliams

Saturday, April 22nd

9:00 am Thomas J. Kearns

5:00 pm John & Mary McGoey

Sunday, April 23rd

9:00 am Edward F. Dillon

10:30 am Gerard McNamara

12:00 pm Marie Pulicichio

5:00 pm Patrick Buckley

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, Bernier De Comes, David DiPietro, Mary Ann Dolan, Maureen Donovan, 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, Lori Lamberti, Robert Mangone, Martin Martinez, Virginia McLaughlin, Bob Morris, 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, Mary Williams and Billy Zarcone. **We also pray for all those intentions in our Book of Prayer in the vestibule of the church.**

May they find healing and comfort in Jesus Christ.



HAPPY & BLESSED EASTER

THE CARDINAL'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

Prayerfully Consider Your Sacrifice

The Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal serves many diverse communities across our 10 counties. To date \$54,030.00 has been pledged from 84 families. Our goal is \$108,500.00 from 200 families. As *Disciples of Christ, we are called to share our gifts with our brothers and sisters.* Even small sacrifices can make a big impact. Please answer the call and make your commitment today. **Your donations Help to Prepare the Clergy, Support Retired Priests and Religious, Support Needy Parishes, Catholic Schools and Religious Education Programs, as well as Mission and Evangelization, to enrich our faith.**

Online donations can be made at www.cardinalsappeal.org. Donation envelopes are available in the pews and the entrances to the church. **Thank you for your generosity and support.**



ATTENTION GARDNERS

For the past several years a Vegetable Garden has been planted behind the rectory at St. Augustine Church. **If you or your family would be interested in planting, and cultivating this garden, please contact the rectory at 914-834-1220 or email abetkowski@staugustineny.org.** The vegetables that are grown from this garden are donated to the local Food Pantry. **Gardening supplies and plants will be provided.**

If you are beginning a garden, please consider **planting an extra row of vegetables** for the Food Pantry. Fresh vegetables can be delivered directly to the pantry or dropped off at the rectory.

Join us in this fun and productive ministry.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

The next session of the Bereavement Support Group will begin Monday, April 24th for eight sessions at 1:00 pm in the rectory. The group is available to provide pastoral care and comfort to those who are dealing with the loss of a loved one. Please call 914-834-1220 to register or for more info email srmuriel@staugustineny.org.

ST. AUGUSTINE SENIORS

Find out more about the St Augustine Seniors Group! 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. **Bring a friend! Join Us on April 27th for our annual Easter Party in Kenny Hall.**



WEDDING MUSIC SEMINAR

All engaged couples and friends are invited to a demonstration of wedding music with musicians and singers **Sunday, May 7th at 7:00 pm in the church.** Email Michael Ward at ward72@gmail.com for more information.



RHODES COLLEGE SINGERS

Come hear a beautiful choral concert presented by the Rhodes College Singers in our church on **Wednesday, May 24th at 7:00 pm.** Admission is free. **All are welcome to enjoy this inspiring performance!**



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, May 7th, 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. (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 Hillary Collins at cucciah@gmail.com.



DIVORCE HEALING PROGRAM

The next sessions of The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide will begin on Monday, May 8th at 7:15 pm. The program continues for eight weeks and includes 30 minute DVDs that cover topics of shock, denial, anger, grief, guilt, forgiveness, dating, remarriage and much more.

Whether you got divorced ten days ago or ten years ago, the program offers valuable insight for everyone.

Call the rectory, 914-834-1220, or email abetkowski@staugustineny.org for more information or to register. The cost is \$15.00 for materials. The sessions take place in the rectory, 18 Cherry Avenue.

50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during the 2017 are invited to attend the **Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan** at the Cathedral of St. Patrick, **Sunday, June 11 at 2:00 pm.** Pre-registration is required. Please contact your parish for registration. **The closing date to register for the Mass is Friday, May 12th, 2017.** This event is sponsored by the Family Life Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of New York.



The items requested for April **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.**



LECTIO DIVINA & CENTERING PRAYER

Please join us for two special times of prayer:

Lectio Divina meets on Tuesdays following the 9:00 am Mass in the rectory to discuss the Bible readings.

Centering Prayer meets on **Saturdays** in St. Augustine Church for silent prayer following the 9:00 am Mass.

A NOTE REGARDING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

The Superintendent of School's Office of the Archdiocese of New York is exploring how our Catholic schools can best serve families of children with special needs. Currently, our schools serve students with mid to moderate learning disabilities. However, there is a strong interest and desire to learn what other types of programs they should be considering.

In order for our schools to better serve your present needs, I hope you will **take time to complete a brief, confidential online questionnaire, which you can access at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ADNY-Special>. The survey will remain open through April 17.**

We look forward to hearing your thoughts and best serving your needs.



CRS FOOD FAST BUILDS COMMUNITY

The 7 hour Catholic Relief Services Food Fast brought 34 teens and 10 adult volunteers together to learn about 6 countries: Mexico, Haiti, Ghana, Vietnam, Philippines and Palestine and the work CRS does in these and in over 100 countries worldwide. It was a bonding and growing of young and old working side by side with Catholic Social Teaching at the heart of the Gospel message. Using ice-breakers, games, group presentations, and technology, particularly YouTube and power point, the group engaged in various kinds of ways to build community and realize the challenges that developing countries face in working for "food security." Donors supported our efforts to the tune of \$2,710.00 for CRS. Our committee leaders in Waste Reduction were also on hand to promote the care of creation by our using compostable cups for water and juice and providing containers for proper recycling and compost. A homemade soup, bread and Auntie Ann's Pretzels supper crowned the Fast after the 5:00 pm Mass. The teens were commissioned by the adults at Mass "to be the change they wish to see in the world."

Many thanks to all who participated, helped in any way and those who supported our efforts monetarily. CRS will be able to continue the work of systemic change and alleviating the suffering of so many in our world.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Here are some exciting ways that you can make a difference in taking our parish to the next level as a welcoming and vibrant community: **Photographers are needed to take photos at upcoming parish events on May 14, (11:30—12:30 pm), May 21 (1:00—2:00 pm), June 4 (5:45—7:00 pm)** and any future parish events. Also **photo-board organizers** to arrange photos of these events for display in the church vestibule. **Hospitality volunteers** are needed to help at parish events for set-up, food and supplies provision, table decorations, clean-up. Join Us as a **greeter to welcome parishioners at the church entrances** at our regular weekend Masses. Please contact Karen Khor (khortan@mac.com) or Lu Doyle (ldoyle@staugustineny.org) if you are interested.

St. Augustine's Zero Waste Team is partnering with Shel-drake to make their upcoming **Earth Day celebration a ZERO WASTE EVENT on Saturday, April 22nd, 11:00 am—3:00 pm**. We need adult and teen volunteers (tag-along young helpers are also welcome!) at two different time-shifts (10:45 am—1:00 pm or 12:45—3:15 pm) in Shel-drake to: 1) supervise the bin stations to guide people in proper disposal of compostables and other waste; 2) educate the public about zero waste efforts at our Zero Waste table by answering any questions and providing information. Please contact Karen Khor (khortan@mac.com) or Lu Doyle (ldoyle@staugustineny.org) if you are interested.

FORMED.ORG

Try FORMED.ORG, the website with movies for children, documentaries about the Bible, programs about the Mass and the sacraments, and more—which the Archdiocese has given all its parishioners as a gift. **Register and access its many offerings with our parish code RNBYV2.**

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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ADDRESS _____

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