

CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE, LARCHMONT, New York

APRIL 23 2017

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:

“ Thanks to thee, O God, that I have risen today, to the rising of this life itself. May it be to thine own glory, O God of every gift, and to the glory of my soul like wise.” An Irish Blessing

Pastor's Corner

ST. THOMAS: Apostle (First Century)

“My Lord and My God!”

From a few verses in the Gospel of John, St. Thomas the Apostle emerges as one of the most vivid characters in the New Testament. When Jesus announces his desire to proceed toward Jerusalem, it is Thomas who issues the bold challenge, “Let us also go, that we may die with him” (11:16). Later, at the Last Supper, when Jesus speaks in a cryptic fashion about the way he is going, Thomas asks, “Lord, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?” This evokes the famous response: “I am the way and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me” (14:5).

But it is for his famous “doubt” that Thomas is chiefly remembered. After Easter, Thomas reacts incredulously to the report of his fellow apostles that they have seen the Risen Lord. He will never believe, he insists, unless he can feel for himself the marks of the nails and place his hand in Christ’s wounded side.

Eight days later Christ appears to all of them in the “upper room” where they are hiding. Addressing Thomas by name he invites the doubting disciple to touch his wounds, to place his hand in his side. To this invitation Thomas simply exclaims, “My Lord and my God!” So Jesus responds, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe” (20:24-30).

The activities of Thomas following Pentecost are not known. According to early legends, however, St. Thomas engaged in a great missionary venture that took him as far as the south of India. There he was reportedly martyred. Whatever the truth of this story it is a fact that when Portuguese explorers in the sixteenth century first landed on the Malabar Coast of southern India they found already awaiting them a Christian community that attributed its origins to the direct evangelization of St. Thomas. To this day the descendants of this community refer to themselves as St. Thomas Christians.

All Saints Daily Reflections on Saints, Prophets, and Witnesses For Our Time, Robert Ellsberg.

SAVE THE DATE

**RECEPTION TO CELEBRATE MSGR. THOMAS KELLY'S
50TH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS ORDINATION**

Sunday May 21st 12:00 Noon Mass

Reception to follow in Kenny Hall

All are Invited and Welcome



MASS INTENTIONS

Week of April 24th — April 30th

Monday, April 24th

7:45 am Peter Arndt

9:00 am Peter Wey

Tuesday, April 25th

7:45 am Aurore Doremus

9:00 am William Crossin

Wednesday, April 26th

7:45 am Braulio Lopez

9:00 am Kathleen Molloy

Thursday, April 27th

7:45 am

9:00 am Family of Helen Usak Grega

Friday, April 28th

7:45 am

9:00 am Martin Gray

Saturday, April 29th

9:00 am Camran Parente

5:00 pm Tom & Nel Gallin

Sunday, April 30th

9:00 am Bridget Paolucci

10:30 am Charlie Koppelmann

12:00 pm Christina Padin

5:00 pm Arthur Remy

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.

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—\$26,668.00

Total ParishPay was \$4,500.00

Total Collection — \$31,168.00

Total Collection Good Friday—\$1,468.00

Attendance Last weekend was 2000

Thank you for your support and generosity.

SECOND COLLECTION APRIL 30th CHURCH IN CENTRL & EASTERN EUROPE

This collection provides vital funding for our brothers and sisters living in countries that were once under communist rule. Restoring the Church, in both its structures and its spiritual life, has been difficult, but with your support we can help build a brighter future for this region. Your generous donations will make the difference.

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 \$70,950.00 has been pledged from 93 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.cardinals-appeal.org. Donation envelopes are available in the pews and the entrances to the church. **Thank you for your generosity and support.**



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.



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.**



ATTENTION GARDENERS

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.



MAY FLOWERS

Once again, **to honor the Blessed Mother Mary in a special way during May**, donations of flowers may be brought to Our Lady's altar in remembrance of one who has died, or in celebration of a living loved one, or anonymously. **To schedule your delivery please call** Nancy Manion at 914-834-8516 or email nanmanion@aol.com.

AN EVENING OF BROADWAY

St. Pius X, April 28th 8:00 pm

Join St Pius X in Scarsdale, 91 Secor Road, Scarsdale, NY, for an evening of Broadway favorites featuring Scarsdale's own Maria Failla as well as other special guests.

Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for students, (\$25 and \$15 at the door.) Free for children under 10. For more info. go to spxconcerts.brownpapertickets.com or call 914-725-2755.



MUSIC AT MARIAN WOODS IN HARTSDALE

Marian Woods Convent in Hartsdale NY is hosting its annual Springfest Fundraiser. This fundraiser supports the senior women Religious who reside at Marian Woods. Come join us for an enchanting and refreshing afternoon with delicious hors d'oeuvres, wine and refreshments followed by a concert of "Music through the Years" performed in the beautiful sacred space of Marian Woods Chapel. **Sunday, April 30th, 2:00—4:30 pm.** Donation \$50.00. Call Sr Lorraine 914-750-6137 for info.



LECTIO DIVINA & CENTERING PRAYER

Please join us for two special times of prayer:

Lection 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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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 future parish events. Also **Photo-board organizers** (calling all scrap-bookers!) 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. Be a **Greeter**. Welcome parishioners at the church entrances at our regular weekend Masses. Please contact Karen (Khor khor-tan@mac.com) or Lu Doyle (Ldoyle@staugustineny.org) if you can help in any of these capacities.



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.**

STUDY SCRIPTURE IN SMALL GROUPS

Small groups are forming to study Scripture together: **The Acts of the Apostles, The Gospel of Matthew or The History of Israel's Story** (Part One). We are also beginning discussions of Pope Francis' documents **Laudato Si': On Caring for Creation; The Joy of the Gospel; The Joy of Love.** Won't you join us? Learn more about God; learn more about God's will for you. Contact Ldoyle@staugustineny.org or Pat McNamara at 834-0663.

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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