

CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE, LARCHMONT, New York

APRIL 09 2017

PALM SUNDAY OF LENT

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:

“ He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.” Philipians 2

Pastor's Corner

THE LORD'S PASSOVER

A community is only a community when the majority of its members is making the transition from “the community for myself” to “myself for the community”, when each person’s heart is opening to all the others, without any exception. This is the movement from egoism to love, from death to resurrection; it is the Easter, the Passover of the Lord. It is also the passing from a land of slavery to a promised land, the land of interior freedom.

A community isn’t just a place where people live under the same roof; that is a lodging house or an hotel. Nor is a community a work-team. Even less is it a nest of vipers! It is a place where everyone—or, let’s be realistic, the majority! - is emerging from the shadows of egocentricity to the light of a real love. . .

Love is neither sentimental nor a passing emotion. It is an attraction to others which gradually becomes commitment, the recognition of a covenant, of a mutual belonging. It is listening to others, being concerned for them and feeling empathy with them. It means answering their call and their deepest needs. It means feeling and suffering with them—weeping when they weep, rejoicing when they rejoice. . .And if love means moving towards each other, it also and above all means moving together in the same direction, hoping and wishing for the same things. Love means sharing the same vision and the same ideal. So it means wanting others to fulfil themselves, according to God’s plan and in service to other people. It means wanting them to be faithful to their own calling, free to love in all dimensions of their being.

Jean Vanier, Community and Growth (London: Darton, Longman & Todd, 1979), pp.10—11

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—**\$7,883.00**

Total ParishPay was \$4,500.00

Total Collection — \$12,383.00

Attendance Last weekend was **902**

Thank you for your support and generosity.



Blessings and Welcome
On Palm Sunday



MASS INTENTIONS

Week of April 10th — April 12th

Monday, April 10th

7:45 am Elizabeth Dillon

9:00 am Peter Wey

Tuesday, April 11th

7:45 am Franco Mancini

9:00 am Peter Feuerbach

Wednesday, April 12th

7:45 am Jennie Durso

9:00 am Philip Power

EASTER SUNDAY GREETERS

Greeters are needed to welcome parishioners at all of the church entrances at the Easter Masses: 7:45 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am and 12:00 noon. Please email Carla Henderson at carlo.hendo@gmail.com or Lu Doyle at lidoyle@staugustineny.org if you can help.



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.



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.



HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

Monday, April 10th — Sunday, April 16th

MONDAY Confessions 3:00—9:00 pm

HOLY THURSDAY

Mass of the Lord's Supper— 8:00 pm

Visits to Repository until 10:30 pm

GOOD FRIDAY

Tenebrae—9:00 am

Stations of the Cross,

(outdoors weather permitting) 12:00 pm

Liturgy of the Passion and

Death of Our Lord—3:00 pm

Confessions 7:00—7:30 pm

Stations of the Cross—7:30 pm

HOLY SATURDAY

Tenebrae—9:00 am

Confessions 11:00 am —12:00 pm & 4:00—5:00 pm

Easter Vigil Liturgy—8:00 pm

EASTER SUNDAY

Interfaith Sunrise Service 6:30 am Manor Park

7:45, 9:00, 10:30 am and 12:00 pm

No Evening Mass



FOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land.

Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines.

The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. ***Please be generous!***

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-Friday.



RECONCILIATION MONDAY

Monday, April 10th has been designated as Reconciliation Monday. Confession is offered in all parishes of the Archdiocese of New York as well as Brooklyn and Rockville Center. Confession will be offered between 3:00 and 9:00 pm at St. Augustine Church. Holy Father Francis has made a special effort to encourage us to take advantage of this sacrament of God's love and forgiveness. All are invited and welcome.



TENEBRAE

Tenebrae is the name for the prayer service which combines Matins (office of Readings) and Lauds (Morning Prayer of the Church) during the Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday). The word Tenebrae in Latin means "shadows" or "darkness". This ceremony serves as a sort of funeral service, commemorating the death of Jesus. The readings, generally sung to special chants. The practice of Tenebrae dates from the eighth century.

THE CARDINAL'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

Prayerfully Consider Your Sacrifice

The Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal serves many diverse communities across our **10 counties**. *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.**



LENTEN FAST AND ABSTINENCE

The regulations on Lenten fast and abstinence are:

"FASTING" On Good Friday, those who are 18 but not yet 59 are allowed only one full meal. Two smaller meals are allowed as needed, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

"ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT" Those who are 14 years of age or older are to abstain from meat on all the Fridays of Lent.

The Church no longer attempts to prescribe Lenten practices in detail. The above regulations simply highlight, Good Friday, and the other Fridays of Lent. The more fundamental obligation is to make lent a penitential season, choosing practices that are adapted to one's own needs. **GOOD FRIDAY is a day of fast and abstinence. FRIDAYS in Lent are days of abstinence.**



AN ICON FOR OUR LENTEN SEASON

One of our parishioners who is an icon painter (or, an 'icon writer') has offered to share with St. Augustine her representation of ***Christ as The Bridegroom*** as a subject for our contemplation and devotion especially during the Lenten season. Please look for it to the left of the pulpit in the front of the church. A more detailed description of its meaning is on a handout on the table behind the last row of pews.



OUR CATECHUMEN

Our Catechumen Eve Cicciu will receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil, Saturday April 15th. The catechism of the Catholic Church says that the purpose of the Catechumenate is to bring the faith of the Catechumen to maturity, yet the faith required for baptism is not a perfect and mature faith. Faith needs the community of believers. May our Parish continue to welcome and support the Cicciu family.



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.

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.



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.



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 7 (11:30—12:30 pm), May 21 (1—2 pm), June 4 (5:45—7 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. Also, **hosts for coffee hour after Sunday 10:30 am Mass** to pick up the food and make the coffee, set up, clean up, and socialize with other parishioners for these gatherings. Volunteer with another family to make things simpler and more fun! Most urgently, we need **greeters to welcome parishioners at the church entrances at the Easter weekend Masses** (April 15—16) and, if you'd like to continue, at our regular weekend Masses. Please contact Karen Khor (khortan@mac.com) or Lu Doyle (ldoyle@staugustineny.org) if you are interested.

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.



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 register or update your information by visiting the Parish website at www.staugustineny.org/register.