

CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE, LARCHMONT, New York

FEBRUARY 05, 2017

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:**

“You are the light of the World”

Matthew 5:14

*Pastor's Corner*

**TO BE SALT; TO BE LIGHT**

Salt and light are set before us as symbols of who we are to be for the world. If we take the Matthean Jesus at his word, then his charge, “You are the salt of the earth; you are the light of the world,” implies that we are to live in such a manner that we impart the services or characteristics of salt and light to those around us.

Salt, when properly used, lends taste; it enhances without masking, muting or otherwise interfering with the flavors it complements. If used correctly, salt is unobtrusive, and yet, when salt is not present, its absence renders food bland and virtually impalatable. Being salt requires that each of us tread the fine line of truth and justice and strike the appropriate balance between active service and quiet prayer. Being salt requires that we never lose sight of Jesus and that we satisfy all our hungers in him. Being salt requires that we retain our taste for the word so that the appetite of the world will never cease to be whetted by our witness to its challenge.

Besides being the salt of the earth, Jesus’ disciples are also charged with being light for a world that would otherwise be darkened by human sin and selfishness. Jesus was well aware of the arduous struggle inherent in being light and of the tendency on the part of some to try to contain or confine that light is evidenced in his directive to “let your light shine before all.” That freely shining light is comprised of good acts such as those recommended by the prophet Isaiah in today’s first reading, viz., sharing bread with the hungry, sheltering the oppressed and homeless, clothing the naked and being true to our own. Such works that will illumine our world.

To be light but not to seek the limelight; to illumine and warm but not to be overexposed; to be salt, but not to overpower every other nuance of taste—to enable, facilitate and enhance but not to control or overwhelm; this is the “balancing act” that is the life of the disciple. This is the challenge that we accept again today and attempt to realize in our individual lives as believers and in our collective witness as church.

***Preaching Resources February 10, 2002.***



The items requested for February  
**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.**



**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Week of February 6th — February 12th**

**Monday, February 6th**

7:45 am Cheri Tucker

9:00 am Alice & Joe Vandernoot

**Tuesday, February 7th**

7:45 am

9:00 am Jerry O'Donoghue

**Wednesday, February 8th**

7:45 am Priscilla Patrinos

9:00 am Christina Padin

**Thursday, February 9th**

7:45 am

9:00 am Elizabeth Murphy

**Friday, February 10th**

7:45 am

9:00 am Yann Mellet

**Saturday February 11th**

9:00 am Alyson King Aurelio

5:00 pm John & Mary McGoey

**Sunday, February 12th**

9:00 am Jane Hofmann

10:30 am Edward Bruno

12:00 pm Catherine Lehane

5:00 pm Sarah & John Treacy

**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, Elizabeth Dolan Dillon, 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, 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.

**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 — **\$ 6,190.00**

Total ParishPay was \$4,500.00

**Total Collection — \$10,690.00**

Attendance last weekend was **810**

*Thank you for your support and generosity.*

## SECOND COLLECTION SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH PETER'S PENCE

The Peter Pence collection supports the charitable work of Pope Francis as he reaches out to those who are marginalized and suffering around the globe. By supporting this collection, you join the Holy Father in bringing a little more mercy into the world.

Let us join with our brothers and sisters in faith from around the globe to help Pope Francis reach the marginalized in our world. Please prayerfully consider how you can best support the Peter's Pence Collection this year, as you have done in the past with gratitude. For more information about the collection, please visit [www.usccb.orgpeters-pence](http://www.usccb.orgpeters-pence).

## THE CARDINAL'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

Mindful of the 2016 Parish Donation Report, we know that this is 2017. The needs of people and the opportunities to be of service continue. If you have not already, you will be receiving a letter from Cardinal Dolan, along with materials that illustrate the deep importance of the Cardinal's Appeal to our community. **Our parish goal for 2017 is \$108,500. In 2016 the generosity of our parishioners contributed \$158,016.00.** Cardinal Dolan is asking you, all of us, to participate by making a gift to this important initiative. Donation envelopes can be found in the pews. **Thank you.**



## 2016 TAX FORMS

If you would like a copy of your 2016 donations to St Augustine Church for tax purposes, please contact the rectory at 914-834-1220 or email [abetkowski@staugustineny.org](mailto:abetkowski@staugustineny.org) and a copy will be mailed to you. Many thanks for your generosity and support throughout the year.



## FEEDING OUR NEIGHBORS

Feeding Our Neighbors is an Archdiocesan-Wide Drive to replenish Dwindling Food Pantries.

### **Sunday, February 05 — Sunday, February 12**

Nearly **325,000 children** have difficulty affording food, that's **22% of children in the 10 counties** of the Archdiocese. Do your part to make sure no hungry neighbor is turned away. Please place all food donations in the boxes and baskets provided in the church.

The three simple ways to participate and contribute to the Campaign are:

1. *Donate money to support emergency food programs in the Archdiocese*
2. *Collect food to support a local food pantry in your community and drop it off at the church.*
3. *Volunteer your time and support at a local food pantry*

For more information: contact [Edna.Mincey@archny.org](mailto:Edna.Mincey@archny.org) or 718-292-9090 ext. 17 <http://www.catholiccharitiesny.org/feedingourneighbors>



## FORMED.ORG

Eleven award-winning children's movies about saints and heroes are now on [formed.org](http://formed.org), the website with documentaries about the Bible, programs about the Mass and the sacraments, and more, which the Archdiocese has given its parishes as a gift. Access its many offerings using our parish code RNBV2.

## MIDNIGHT RUN NEEDS YOUR HELP

The parish Midnight Run team is looking for a lunch coordinator. The coordinator finds volunteers to supply lunches for runs throughout the year at four local churches, St. Augustine, St. John's Episcopal, United Methodist and St. John's Lutheran. This consortium has been going strong for decades; let's keep up our end! For information, please contact MaryAnn De Feis, 833-1803 or [made-feis@gmail.com](mailto:made-feis@gmail.com). (For information about the Midnight Run organization, please visit <http://www.midnightrun.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!**



## SAVE THE DATE IRISH FLEADH SUNDAY, MARCH 19th

Join us at the Irish Fleadh, **March 19th from 2:30—4:45 pm** in Monsignor Kenny Hall, St. Augustine Church. Music, Light Refreshments, Arts and Crafts and More. **Come one come all.** Look for details in the coming weeks.



## OUR 125TH ANNIVERSARY A LENTEN PARISH MISSION

Brother Jack Rathschmidt, O.F.M. Capuchin, will lead us through a mission experience during St. Augustine's 125th Lent as a parish. **Beginning at all of the weekend Masses on March 4-5 and continuing for three evening sessions (Sunday, Monday and Tuesday) from 7-7:45 pm**, he will challenge us to consider the questions, *What does it mean to be in a community? How can we share God's great mercy? What might it mean for us to broaden our horizons as Jesus' disciples?* (Br. Jack asks that we arrive 30 minutes before the evening sessions to sit in silent prayer as preparation; afterwards, a simple meal will be offered in the rectory.)



## STUDY THE SCRIPTURES IN SMALL GROUPS

Several small groups will begin meeting during Lent to study the Scriptures. **Join in to learn more about the Old Testament's Book of Psalms or the New Testament's Gospel of Matthew.** This Lent we will be offering a new group study of **The Eucharist in Scripture.** For more info or to sign up, please contact Pat McNamara at 834-0663 or chenpat@optonline.net.

## ATTENTION MARRIED COUPLES

Catholic Couple Checkup giveaway

**The Archdiocese of New York's Family Life Respect Office is excited to announce that as part of World Marriage Week, we are offering 100 free codes for married couples to take the Catholic Couple Checkup!**

What is the Catholic Couple Checkup? It is an online tool designed to identify the unique relationship strengths and growth areas of dating, engaged, or married couples. Research has shown this process improves relationships by stimulating honest dialogue, increasing understanding, and empowering couples. It's an enjoyable, easy, private way to take the temperature of your relationship and start some meaningful conversations. **Best of all...it's on us!**

**Visit [nyfamilylife.org](http://nyfamilylife.org) during the month of February to get your free code. Don't miss out—the free codes are first come first serve!** For questions contact Izabella Nagle at [Izabella.nagle@archny.org](mailto:Izabella.nagle@archny.org).



## THE URSULINE SCHOOL

The Ursuline School cordially invites girls interested in grades 6, 7, & 8 to attend our Middle School Entrance test and Open House reception, **Saturday, February 11, 2017.** Entrance test 9:00 am, reception to follow at 12:00 pm. **Please visit our website to register, [www.ursulinenewrochelle.org](http://www.ursulinenewrochelle.org).** For further information, call our Admissions office, 914-500-6212.

## THE EMMAUS MINISTRY FOR GRIEVING PARENTS

To meet the spiritual needs of parents whose children of any age have died by any cause—no matter how long ago—the Family Life Respect Life Office offers the Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents. A unique faith-based program providing spiritual retreats for grieving parents offered by grieving parents, the Emmaus Ministry offers a safe place where you can find peace, comfort, and hope, at least for a time. **Join us at one of the following Emmaus Ministry Catholic retreats now being offered in the Archdiocese of New York.**

One-day retreats offered twice at St. Joseph's Seminary: 201 Seminary Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10704

**Saturday, February 11, 2017 and Saturday, February 25, 2017 9:30 am—7:30 pm**

Cost \$25 per person, \$40 per couple. Scholarships available. To register online: [www.emfgp.org/archny](http://www.emfgp.org/archny) or contact Sue DiSisto, [susan.disisto@archny.org](mailto:susan.disisto@archny.org) or 646-794-3191.



## POPE FRANCIS' LAUDATO SI'

In his encyclical on the environment. *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis says that "climate change is a global problem with grave implications. . . It represents one of the principal challenges facing humanity in our day. Its worst impact will probably be felt by developing countries in coming decades" (LS 25). Pope Francis also reminds Catholics that caring for creation is an essential part of our faith (LS, 64) , and he calls upon world leaders to work together to solve the climate crisis. Now is an opportunity for Catholics to respond to the message of this important encyclical. **Please go to [GCCM.org](http://GCCM.org) (Global Catholic Climate Movement) and sign the petition urging President Trump to honor the Paris Agreement,** the world's best chance at addressing the climate crisis before it is too late.

## 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](http://www.staugustineny.org/register).

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