

CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE, LARCHMONT, New York

FEBRUARY 26, 2017

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:**

“My God, My All” St. Francis of Assisi

*Pastor's Corner*

**BLUEPRINT FOR THE REIGN OF GOD**

When I lived among impoverished people in Peru I was initially shocked when my neighborhood friends would go all out for a celebration of someone's birthday or baptism. They would serve food that I thought they couldn't spare to guests who came to pray with them as they waked a deceased family member in the front room. Didn't they understand the need to conserve, to save for tomorrow?

Slowly I learned about a different set of values. A good party proclaims that the person we celebrate—whether alive or dead—is of incalculable value while money is only money, and more often than not it was in a spiral of devaluation. Additionally, people who live hand to mouth know too well that tomorrow is never guaranteed. You might save a few cents, but who's to assure that you'll be here tomorrow to enjoy it? Just ask the people of Haiti who survived the earthquake of 2010 and got hit with hurricane Matthew in 2016! A country that can “boast” of an entire Wikipedia entry just for its natural disasters will understand Jesus' assertion that guests can't fast while the bridegroom is with them but they'll probably shake their heads at the saying, “A penny saved is a penny earned.”

Somehow poverty can teach people that when you face an unknown and uncontrollable future you should make everything possible of the moment at hand. They don't go out naked with the hopes that God will cause clothes to grow on them, but they also understand the futility of worry—it adds nothing to the quality or expanse of life and health.

There's another bit of wisdom hidden in the tendency to party in spite of poverty: Celebrations create community. Folks participate in one another's lives and become more and more bound to one another. The Spanish phrase “Mi casa es su casa” becomes even more true as the whole neighborhood watches out for the kids playing on the street and everyone knows when the old man on the corner will go without dinner if somebody doesn't do something about it this afternoon.

Jesus told his followers not to worry about life, food, drink or clothes, but rather to seek the kingdom of God and its righteousness because everything else would come in its stead. It seems that the more we have, the more we tend to count on our own ability to procure and keep what we need. Are we putting more faith in IRAs, insurance policies and good locks than we do in God? The answer to that question might be found in how much we are willing to risk to help a neighbor; be that the person across the street or the refugees pleading for a place of safety now that their homes have been destroyed by warring factions over whom they have no influence. When my friend talked of leaving some corn in her little field she was teaching that if we watch out only for ourselves, poor mothers will not be able to feed their children. And like a mother, she saw every hungry child as her won.

Jesus not only told his disciples to trust in God, but he also promised that those who left the security of home and family for his sake would receive a hundred times more in return. That promise comes true as we create the sort of community that can celebrate just because life is good and can share the little we have because we know it is all a gift.

**Mary M. McGlone, Preaching Resources February 26, 2017.**



**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Week of February 27th — March 5th**

**Monday, February 27th**

7:45 am June Kiely

9:00 am Irene Van Eyck

**Tuesday, February 28th**

7:45 am Michael Neville

9:00 am Thomas J. Moyna

**Wednesday, March 1st Ash Wednesday**

7:45 am

9:00 am Patrick Buckley

12:00 Noon

7:30 pm Kevin Fitzgerald

**Thursday, March 2nd**

7:45 am Irma & Edward McDonnell

9:00 am William P. Dillon

**Friday, March 3rd**

7:45 am

9:00 am Kay Lehane

**Saturday March 4th**

9:00 am Mary Quinn

5:00 pm Nel Gallin

**Sunday, March 5th**

9:00 am Ed & Dolly Paoli

10:30 am Debbie Bruno

12:00 pm Philip Baker

5:00 pm Marie Leff

**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—\$5,667.50

Total ParishPay was \$4,500.00

**Total Collection — \$10,167.50**

Attendance Last weekend was **690**

**Thank you for your support and generosity.**

## THE CARDINAL'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

**The 2017 Cardinal's Appeal has begun!**

"So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith." Galatians 6:10

As disciples of Christ, we are called to help one another and be merciful, as Jesus taught us. It is only with **your help** that the Cardinal's Appeal continues its good work in our communities. Through our ministries and charities the *Cardinal's Appeal* continues to be a beacon of hope for our brothers and sisters in faith. Online donations can be made at [www.cardinalsappeal.org](http://www.cardinalsappeal.org). Donation envelopes are available in the pews and the entrances to the church. **Thank you for your generosity and support.**



### ASH WEDNESDAY

**Wednesday, March 1st is Ash Wednesday**

and the beginning of the season of Lent. Ashes will be distributed after the homily.

**MASS TIMES:**

**7:45 & 9:00 am, 12:00 Noon & 7:30 pm.**

### WHY ASHES?

On this day the Church invites us to receive a cross of ashes on our foreheads as a sign that during the coming Season of Lent we will make sincere efforts to cleanse our lives of sin and to discipline ourselves through prayers and fasting.

### WHO MAY RECEIVE ASHES?

Baptized individuals who have reached the age of reason. Babies and young children who have not yet received the Sacrament of Penance should not be presented to receive ashes, as ashes are intended for those capable of personal sin. The keeping of Ash Wednesday is for leading the baptized members of the Church to repentance and renewal of baptismal promises at Easter.

### THE BLACK BOOK FOR LENT

A booklet of daily Reflection for Lent is available at the entrance of the church. These reflections on the daily readings of the Mass make it simple for even the busiest person to make prayer an important part of everyday life. We suggest an offering of \$2.00.

## LENTEN FAST AND ABSTINENCE

The regulations on Lenten fast and abstinence are: **"FASTING"** On Ash Wednesday and 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 Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.

The Church no longer attempts to prescribe Lenten practices in detail. The above regulations simply highlight Ash Wednesday, 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.

**ASH WEDNESDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY are days of fast and abstinence. FRIDAYS in Lent are days of abstinence.**



**MARCH 5, 6 & 7**

### OUR PARISH LENTEN MISSION

Renowned speaker and 'itinerant preacher' 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, Do you think of yourself as a missionary? 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, copies of his popular series of DVDs with Gaynell Cronin will be available in the back of the church.*)

### MIDNIGHT RUN NEEDS YOUR HELP

**The next Midnight Run for our parish will be on Friday, March 3rd.** We are looking for contributions of gently used men's clothing, especially jeans, hoodies, and jackets. There is also a great need for men's sneakers and backpacks and travel size toiletries. Your donations are greatly appreciated and can be placed in the Midnight Run boxes at the entrance of the church or in the porch in front of the rectory at 18 Cherry Avenue. For more information contact Mary Irwin at 914-539-2808 or email at [maryirwin391@gmail.com](mailto:maryirwin391@gmail.com)

We also need volunteers to provide lunches which we will give to the homeless. **To volunteer to make lunches, for the March 3rd Run or the Friday, March 17th St. John's Lutheran Midnight Run in Mamaroneck**, please contact MaryAnn DeFeis at 833-1803 or by email [madeifeis@gmail.com](mailto:madeifeis@gmail.com). MaryAnn will provide further information.





## 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. All are Welcome!**

### LENTEN SMALL GROUP STUDY: THE EUCHARIST IN SCRIPTURE

During Lent, several small groups are forming to study **The Eucharist in Scripture**. Please join us and bring a friend for this special look at the importance of Eucharistic meals in the four gospels as well as other books of the bible. The six sessions will be on several different days and evenings of the weeks of lent. For more info or to sign up, please email [Ldoyle@staugustiny.org](mailto:Ldoyle@staugustiny.org) or call 914-833-9292.

### THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW & THE BOOK OF PSALMS

Join us to learn more about the **Book of Matthew**, our Gospel for the current liturgical year, or the Hebrew Scriptures' **Book of Psalms**. Days and times are determined by your availability. Please contact [Ldoyle@staugustiny.org](mailto:Ldoyle@staugustiny.org) or call 914-833-9292 for more information.



### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The completely volunteer-run adult ESL (English as a Second Language) program at the New Rochelle YMCA (50 Weyman Avenue, New Rochelle) is looking for teachers, substitute teachers, and tutors to teach English to adult immigrants either the morning, afternoon or evening during the week at the Y. **No previous ESL teaching required.** Please contact Karen Khor at [khortan@mac.com](mailto:khortan@mac.com) if you are interested.

### SHARE A MEAL WITH FRIENDS AND SUPPORT SHORE & I CARE

Sam's of Gedney Way, 50 Gedney Way, White Plains, NY, 914-949-0978, will generously donate 10% of your lunch or dinner bill on Wednesday, March 8th to SHORE & I CARE's plans for the creation of new homes for homeless families. [www.shelteringthehomeless.org](http://www.shelteringthehomeless.org). Dine at Sam's to help families in need of a home!

### 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.**



### ZERO WASTE

Would you like to be part of St. Augustine's new zero waste initiative with the three-pronged goal of reducing waste, educating parishioners and becoming an example in the care of Creation for our broader community? **In honor of St. Augustine's 125th anniversary, our parish is rolling out a parish-wide zero waste initiative.** Zero waste is a goal where little or no trash is generated (more info at [zwia.org](http://zwia.org)). Everything is either reused, recycled or composted so that very little ends up in the waste stream. Please contact Karen Khor at [khortan@mac.com](mailto:khortan@mac.com) or [Ldoyle@staugustiny.org](mailto:Ldoyle@staugustiny.org) or call the rectory at 834-1220 to join our Care for Creation subcommittee.



### 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.**



### LARCHMONT-MAMARONECK INTERFAITH COUNCIL

The Interfaith Council will meet on **Thursday March 2nd at St. John's Lutheran Church, Fenimore Rd & Cortlandt Avenue at 9:30 am.**

Rev. Marvin Henk, pastor at St. John's Lutheran Church will give a talk on his recent trip to Jerusalem/Israel.

All are welcome to this free event. **Bring a friend.** Refreshments will be served. Call Jan Rising at 914-632-7735.

### 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@staugustiny.org](mailto:abetkowski@staugustiny.org) and a copy will be mailed to you. Many thanks for your generosity and support throughout the year.



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.**