

CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE, LARCHMONT, New York

JANUARY 01, 2017

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:

“And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.”

Luke 2: 16-21

Pastor's Corner

THE “GOOD NEWS”

Each winter, a group of volunteers turned their downtown church's basement into a shelter for the homeless. At Christmas, the basement was decorated with greenery and banners that read, *Good news! Christ is born!, Glory to God in the Highest!*, and so on.

One homeless man who had lived many winters on the cold streets looked around the room and asked cynically, “What is the good news anyway?”

There was a long pause; no one knew what to say.

Finally someone spoke up from the back of the line, “The good news is that it doesn't have to be like this.”

Jim Wallis, Sojourners Magazine

At Christmas, God takes on our humanity in order that we might realize the meaning and joy for which God created us. The Spirit of God transforms the human spirit, enabling us to transform this world from one driven by self-interest and avarice into a world in which the justice and peace of God reigns. The new year of 2017 that begins today is a great unknown: we enter 2017 with anxieties, doubts and, yes, fears. But as Christians, we believe that God has sanctified all time in his work of creation and his re-creation of the world in Christ. The good news is that 2017 doesn't have to be a time of fear and division; by God's grace, we can make 2017 a year of hope, mercy and peace.

Connections January 2017

OUR 125th ANNIVERSARY KICK OFF!

We will begin the 2017 celebration of our 125th Anniversary on Sunday, January 8th, at the annual Baptism Reunion in Kenny Hall after the 10:30 Mass. Meet our newest parishioners, enjoy a light brunch, explore our Italian presepio—and

perhaps you, too, will encounter the three Kings. O, come let us adore Him!
All are welcome.



The items requested for January
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 January 2nd — January 8th

Monday, January 2nd

7:45 am Christopher Hutton

9:00 am Jim Bollaert

Tuesday, January 3rd

7:45 am Grace Kirklin

9:00 am Raquel Suarez

Wednesday, January 4th

7:45 am Andre Morin

9:00 am

Thursday, January 5th

7:45 am Madeline Rispoli

9:00 am Margaret Harding

Friday, January 6th

7:45 am

9:00 am Mildred Wasko

Saturday January 7th

9:00 am Richard Warren

5:00 pm Jane Hofmann

Sunday, January 8th

9:00 am Mona Pannitti

10:30 am Vincent Dolan

12:00 pm Roger Dufort

5:00 pm Dominick Carelli

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, Martin Martinez, Virginia McLaughlin, Elizabeth Murray, Patricia Clifford Newman, Doris Nogueira, Scotty Norton, Doris O'Toole, Bridget Paolucci, Jack Pastor, Katherine Samon, Annmarie Shower, Susan Testa, Joan Troccoli, Rosemary Walsh, Nicholas James Walsh, Missy Wey, and Mary Williams.

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 — \$ **46,873.50**

Total ParishPay was \$4,500.00

Total Collection — \$51,373.50

Attendance last weekend was **2,745**

Thank you for your support and generosity.

SECOND COLLECTION

SUNDAY, JANUARY 08, 2017

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS &

CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

Next week, our second collection is for the Catholic Communication Campaign and Catholic University. This campaign connects people with Christ, here and around the world in developing countries, through the internet, television, radio, and print media. Fifty percent of funds collected remains in our diocese to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the gospel message! To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/cc.

Donations collected will be equally divided between Catholic Communications and Catholic University.



ANGEL TREE

THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to the Angel Tree gift program. Through your thoughtfulness and generosity, we were able to provide gifts to eight organizations, including the Little Sisters of the Assumption, the Mamaroneck Community Center, Cardinal McCloskey Children Center, Bedford Hills Correctional Facility, the Youth Shelter of Westchester, St. Rita's Clinic, Odyssey House in the Bronx and St. Vincent's as well as special families and our seniors. Over 600 children and families were so grateful to receive such wonderful gifts. For many of them, it was their only gift this Holiday season.

Thank you to the Confirmation students who cut the Angels and bought and wrapped gifts for the Odyssey House in the Bronx and the Youth Shelter in Westchester. Thank you to the Stay Connected Kids who helped wrap gifts for St. Vincent's. Thanks to all who provided gifts, collected gifts, sorted and delivered gifts. Your contributions made this program a huge success!

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!**

OUR PARISH 125TH :

A LOGO CONTEST

In 2017, we will be commemorating the 125th Anniversary of our parish of St. Augustine, founded in 1892. **Our kick-off event will be on Epiphany Sunday, January 8, at the annual Baptism Reunion**, with our very newest parishioners also present. **On that day, a parish logo for our anniversary, made by members of the parish between grades 1-12, will be unveiled on a banner.** Please ask your child if she or he would like to submit a logo! The winning entry will be selected based on artistry, creativity and appropriateness. Please go to the Religious Education Office or the Rectory for more information and an entry form showing the size. The logo will be used in numerous ways throughout the year, including on our parish website, www.staugustineny.org.

LARCHMONT MAMARONECK

INTERFAITH COUNCIL

The Interfaith Council will meet on January 5th, 2017 at 9:30 am at Sts John and Paul rectory meeting room. Senator George Latimer will give a talk entitled: **"Church and State: An American Experience"**

All are welcome to this free event. Bring a friend. Refreshments will be served. For further information call Jan Rising at 914-632-7735.

FORMED.ORG

OUR GIFT SUBSCRIPTION

In this Christmas season, as we celebrate the coming of our Savior, go to FORMED.ORG, a new source for our faith formation from the Archdiocese of New York. Sign in using our **parish code RNBYV2**. Check out courses under programs, watch movies, listen to audio presentations and download free Kindle books for you and your children!

APARTMENT NEEDED

A community group in Pelham that is partnered with Catholic Charities is looking for an apartment for a Syrian refugee family of six. They want to settle the family in Pelham or New Rochelle. They need a 2-3 BR Apt, near public transportation, \$1,740—2,300. The family will arrive in the US in early January, 2017. For contact info, visit <http://heartsandhomesforrefugees.com>.



SHARE YOUR TIME & TALENT!

FIND OUT ABOUT THE

OVER 40 MINISTRIES

AT ST AUGUSTINE CHURCH

VISIT www.staugustineny.org

Or Call 914-834-1220!



REDIRECT CHRISTMAS

For over 40 years, ReDirect Christmas has been one of the special parish traditions at St Augustine Church. It is a great way of giving a charitable gift in the name of people on our Christmas lists instead of traditional store bought gifts. Announcement cards are available at the entrance to the church as well as more information about the organizations. **Please make checks payable to St Augustine Church and add ReDirect Christmas to the memo section of the check and send to the rectory. All donations for ReDirect Christmas are due to the rectory by Sunday, January 22, 2017.**

The ReDirect Christmas nominating committee met and considered several nominations for ReDirect Christmas 2016. Many thanks to the committee for their time and talent.

Beneficiaries of this year's ReDirect Christmas Program are:

International

Mary's Meals— provides meals to children suffering the effects of extreme poverty in the world's poorest communities through school feeding programs. A daily meal in school brings poor children to school every day, encourages parents to send their children to school and enables hungry children to concentrate and learn. For many of these children, their meal in school is the only meal they receive. Your donation will allow the 808 children currently enrolled at the Mulunguzi School in the Zomba District in Malawi to have a school feeding program for the first time. Your donation will help build a kitchen for the preparation of these daily meals. For a donation of just \$19.50, Mary's Meals can feed a child for an entire year. Schools with a Mary's Meals feeding program report increased enrollment, reduced absenteeism and improved school performance. Education can lift individuals and communities out of poverty. www.marysmealsusa.org

Domestic

Clare of Assisi House—provides transitional residential services and life skills training for non-violent women with a history of domestic violence, substance abuse and/or prostitution who are coming out of prison and are in need of an environment which will encourage and support each resident in their attempts toward self-sufficiency and independent living in the community-at-large, www.clareofassisihouse.org.



AN INVITATION TO EXPLORE THE CATHOLIC FAITH

Have you or someone you know ever thought about becoming a Catholic?

The RCIA is a process that welcomes unbaptized adults and teens, baptized Christians from other faith traditions as well as baptized Catholics who for various reasons have not received Eucharist or Confirmation.

Jesus said to his followers, "Ask and you will receive, seek and you will find, knock and the door will be opened for you." (Matthew 7:7)

Come by our Church for a visit and a prayer. Find out if the Catholic faith, grounded in Jesus' teaching, offers the answers you are seeking. Contact Sr. Muriel Cooney, OP, or Ann Betkowski for more information—914-834-1220, or email, srmuriel@staugustineny.org.

LECTIO DIVINA

The Lection Divina prayer group meets every **Tuesday following the 9:00 am Mass**. Lection combines the reading of Sacred Scripture from the Sunday Lectionary with prayerful contemplation. The meetings take place in the rectory about 9:30 am. **All are welcome!**



CENTERING PRAYER

Be transformed in Christ through the power of centering yourself in the silence. **Come on Saturdays at 9:40 am to the church** as we join in silent communal prayer for twenty minutes.



SOME DAILY BREAD

Try out the excellent daily devotional booklet **Give Us This Day** for a year. Twelve issues cost only \$25 to join our parish subscription. Email LDoyle@staugustineny.org or call the rectory to join. You will also receive the online edition to share.

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 _____

CITY/STATE _____ TEL _____

EMAIL _____

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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