

CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE, LARCHMONT, New York

JANUARY 22, 2017

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:

“What I am is God’s gift to me. What I become is my gift back to God” Anonymous

Pastor’s Corner

FOLLOW ME

As Jesus was waking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Peter and Andrew and said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” They left their nets. A little further down the way he saw James and John and called them. They, too, left their boat and their father and followed him.

What was happening on that seashore? How can anybody explain the fact that four grown men simply left behind everything they had worked for to follow Jesus. What did their wives say?

Somehow Jesus’ message unsettled those fishermen. His preaching didn’t just strike a new chord with them, it played on them like a symphony. Jesus’ call to conversion is described with the Greek term *metanoia*, a word which means much more than the English “repent.” *Metanoia* was an invitation to an alternative reality, a new kind of existence. Jesus named that new existence the reigning of God, or in Matthew’s words, the kingdom of heaven. There is no definition of that kingdom, no parable or encyclopedia that summarizes its characteristics. It is not a place, but a way of being. Jesus showed what it was like in everything he said and did. Matthew gave it a shorthand description saying that Jesus went all around, proclaiming the kingdom, making it present by curing every disease and illness—making everything the way it ought to be. An encounter with Jesus was an encounter with the reigning of God and an instant invitation to *metanoia*. It set people on fire.

The greatest obstacle to *metanoia*, Jesus’ greatest adversary, was not the demons or the power of oppression. It was an attitude of submission to the way things had always been, the belief that nothing can really change, that heaven might be different but that history will always repeat itself. That attitude, often dressed up with pious platitudes about virtues like patience and acceptance, provides a greater threat to *metanoia* than any persecution ever will.

Metanoia is not something the disciples could achieve, they could only be open to it. When it was offered, they had to make a decision, the most important decision of their lives. They had to decide whether to believe in what Jesus offered, to accept him as Lord, or simply respect him as another interesting philosopher whose ideas they could talk about when the seas were calm. We hear about fishermen who decided to leave behind everything that tied them to “normal life.” In the very act of leaving their boats, they were opening themselves to what Jesus was offering. They would no longer be fisherman. Rather than catch food to sell to nourish others, they themselves would become the nourishment others needed. Rather than being tied to one family, one neighborhood, they would receive a hundred times more. And who’s to say their own wives and children didn’t share in their decision and travel with them on the road?

Each of us is called to make the same decision. We have to choose either to regard Christianity as a nice idea, a comfort in difficult times or to make the following of Christ the only thing that makes sense of our life. Christ’s call comes to each of us individually and promises to transform us into everything we could possibly be.

Preaching Resources, January 22, 2017



MASS INTENTIONS

Week of January 23rd — January 29th

Monday, January 23rd

7:45 am Stephen Carre

9:00 am Jerry & Walter O’Donoghue

Tuesday, January 24th

7:45 am Ann Charmak (Healing)

9:00 am Jean Wasko (Healing)

Wednesday, January 25th

7:45 am Ann Charmak (Healing)

9:00 am Jerry and Walter O’Donoghue

Thursday, January 26th

7:45 am Ann Charmak (Healing)

9:00 am Robert Orff

Friday, January 27th

7:45 am Ann Charmak (Healing)

9:00 am Bridget Paolucci

Saturday January 28th

9:00 am John J. Bonner

5:00 pm Joseph Bohan

Sunday, January 29th

9:00 am Walter Fitzgerald

10:30 am Prayers of Thanksgiving, Winters Family

12:00 pm Mary Gengo

5:00 pm M J Reidy

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, 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 — **\$ 8,667.00**

Total ParishPay was \$4,500.00

Total Collection — \$13,167.00

Attendance last weekend was **841**

Thank you for your support and generosity.

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 and a copy will be mailed to you.

Many thanks for your generosity and support throughout the year.

LOGO CONTEST WINNERS

Special congratulations to two young parishioners: the second grader and the sixth grader who won the 125th Anniversary Logo Contest! Their winning entries are posted at all the bulletin boards at the entrances to the church, and will soon be prominently featured on the parish website.



ST AUGUSTINE CELEBRATING 125 YEARS

Amory Cottage (c.1900)

18 Cherry Avenue

St. Augustine's Rectory

Sometime between 1892 and 1904, the rectory house, enhanced by a large wrap-around porch, was built at the corner of Larchmont and Cherry avenue, where St. Augustine Church stands now. John Milton Amory, its original owner, had purchased the land from Julia Woodruff Southack, heir of one of the principals in the Larchmont Manor Company.

Mr. Amory, a veteran of the Civil War, died in this house in 1925 at the age of 82, only a few months after retiring from the New York Stock Exchange and selling the seat he had held since 1869.

The house was purchased from the Amory estate in 1926 by Father James Brady on behalf of St. Augustine Church. In the same year, as plans for a new church building were undertaken, the decision was made to locate it on the site of the Amory house. Accordingly, the house was moved to its present site, and it subsequently became St Augustine Rectory.

The original front entrance, facing toward Larchmont Avenue, was connected by a passageway to the back of the church, and a new entrance was created on Cherry Avenue.

FORMED.ORG

The Archdiocese of New York has gifted all of its parishes with a free subscription to FORMED.ORG, a website with documentaries and feature films, audio presentations, free Kindle books for adults and children, programs about the sacraments and the Mass etc. Parishioners may access this website using our parish code RNBYV2.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

The next session of the Bereavement Support Group will begin **Monday, January 23rd for eight sessions at 1:30 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.



PSALMS

Several new groups will be starting to study the Psalms in January, February and March. Would you like to join in? Learn about the history and language of our responsorial psalms of the Mass, songs of love, prayers of despair and of triumph, and paeans of praise for the Lord our God. **Please email Lu Doyle at ldoyle@staugustineny.org for more info.**



MORNING DAY OF PRAYER

A Morning Day of Prayer for Catholic Teachers in Public Schools will take place on **Saturday, January 28, 2017. From 9:00 am to 1:30 pm at the Maryknoll Society Center, 55 Ryder Road, Ossining, NY, 914-965-0490.** As the new school year begins, join Catholic Teachers in Public Schools both active and now retired from across the Archdiocese of New York. Deepen your appreciation of your ministry as a teacher, share with colleagues and pray and reflect upon Jesus' connection with each of us.

A suggested donation of \$25.00 is requested to help defray the cost. Make checks payable to the Catechetical Office and mail it to 56 Dunston Ave., Yonkers, NY 10701. For more info: contact Antoinette Rossetti, 914-965-0490.

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. (For information about the Midnight Run organization, please visit <http://www.midnightrun.org>)



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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.



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.

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 or contact Sue DiSisto, susan.disisto@archny.org or 646-794-3191.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CONTEST

Congratulations to the following winners of the Larchmont-New Rochelle Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest:

Age	Boys Winner	Girls Winner
9	Michael Lebowitz	Sophie Mascimento
10	Brendon O'Keefe	Rylie Rosenberg
11	John Healy	Olivia Fosina
12	Colin Plunkett	Olivia Gallagher
13	Timmy Norris	Kathryn Lefever
14	George Healey	N.A.

Winners move on to the District Free Throw competition on **Saturday, February 11 at 12:00 noon** at St. Columbanus School Gym in Cortlandt Manor.

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 _____

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