

CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE, LARCHMONT, New York

JANUARY 29, 2017

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, the kingdom of heaven is theirs.”

Matthew 5:3

Pastor's Corner

LIVING BEATITUDES

This week, if you do something for someone else for no other reason than to bring joy to their lives, blessed are you.

If you find yourself feeling the loss of a friend or loved one and, in missing them, you realize that you experienced the love of God in their love for you, blessed are you.

This week, if you put yourself second for the needs of another, blessed are you.

If you do the “right” thing when the conventional wisdom is to do the “smart” thing, blessed are you.

This week, if you forgive someone or if someone forgives you, blessed are you.

Sometime in the next few days, if you stop, unplug and spend even just a moment thinking about all the good in your life and find yourself embraced by a sense of gratitude, blessed are you.

This week, if you can diffuse someone’s anger, if you can bridge the chasm between you and another, if you bring a positive perspective to an otherwise negative situation, blessed are you.

If you risk being laughed at or misunderstood or if you endure a “funny look” from someone because you took a stand based on what was morally and ethically right, blessed are you.

You have reason to be glad.

In the blessings you give, you have been blessed.

To be a people of the Beatitudes is to embrace the spirit of humility that begins with valuing life as a gift from God, a gift we have received only through God’s mysterious love, not through anything we have done to deserve it. Jesus calls all who would be his disciples to live the “blessedness” of the Sermon on the Mount: to embrace a spirit of humble gratitude before the God who gives, nurtures and sustains our lives and to respond to such unfathomable love the only way we can: by returning that love to others, God’s children, as a way of returning it to God.

Connections January 2011.



MASS INTENTIONS

Week of January 30th — February 5th

Monday, January 30th

7:45 am Rosemarie Magazino

9:00 am Richard Mumma

Tuesday, January 31st

7:45 am Michael Shaver

9:00 am Patricia Meckert

Wednesday, February 1st

7:45 am Johnnie Dowling

9:00 am John Bonner

Thursday, February 2nd

7:45 am Alfredo Tresgallo

9:00 am Edward F. Dillon

Friday, February 3rd

7:45 am

9:00 am Jerry & Walter O’Donoghue

Saturday February 4th

9:00 am Paul Forsman Jr.

5:00 pm Rosemarie Magazino

Sunday, February 5th

9:00 am Kathleen Folliard

10:30 am Cory Licata

12:00 pm Carmela Perri

5:00 pm Madeline Rispoli

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.



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.

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 — \$ 5,478.50

Total ParishPay was \$4,500.00

Total Collection — \$9,978.50

Attendance last weekend was **805**

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.

2016 PARISH DONATION REPORT

This is frequently the time of year when we take stock of our ability to contribute to charity. Due to your continued support and generosity this past year, our parish has made contributions to the following:

ReDirect Christmas—\$26,750.00,

2nd collection donations to 14 different organizations

700 gifts through the Angel Tree Program

500 Thanksgiving Dinners

Four Midnight Runs to help hundreds of homeless

2016 Cardinal's Appeal—\$158,016.00

Donations to 10 local organizations

Tons of food to the local food pantries,

Habitat for Humanity

Blood Drive and many others

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THE CARDINAL'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

Mindful of the 2016 Parish Donation Report above, 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 \$109,000. 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. **Thank you for your support.**



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.



LARCHMONT-MAMARONECK INTERFAITH COUNCIL

Thursday, February 2nd, the Larchmont-Mamaroneck Interfaith Council will meet at 10:00 am at St. John's Lutheran Church in the sanctuary, 122 Fenimore Road and Cortlandt Avenue, Mamaroneck.

Please enter the parking lot from Cortlandt Ave. and walk in through the red door on the side driveway or enter the church door on the Fenimore side.

The history behind the Stained Glass Windows will be given by Lynn Hillman. She has also written a book about the windows which will be most interesting and informative.

All are welcome to this free event. Bring a friend.

For further information call Jan Rising at 914-632-7735.



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 (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.

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 RNBV2.**

PSALMS

Several new groups will be starting to study the Psalms in 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.**





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.

PRAYER VIGIL FOR CREATION ON BROOKLYN BRIDGE

Though considerably smaller than the massive marches in cities around the country on Saturday, 70 multi-faith prayer vigils for Climate Action Metro NY Catholic Climate Movement were held in the US this past weekend. Westchester residents were also invited to participate with the Metro NY Catholic Movement in NYC vigil on the Brooklyn Bridge last Sunday evening. People and faith leaders from the Christian, Buddhist, Hindu and Jewish communities also participated. The vigils were organized by GreenFaith so that, as people of faith, we could show our love and care for the Earth, and our commitment to people, the planet, and our communities in a public way.

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

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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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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