

CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE, LARCHMONT, New York

JULY 02, 2017

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:

“Love seeks only one thing: the good of the one loved. It leaves all the other secondary effects to take care of themselves. Love, therefore, is its own reward.” Thomas Merton

Pastor's Corner

WELCOMING THE WORD

In *The Last Juror* (Doubleday, New York: 2004), John Grisham describes, in vivid and delicious detail, a series of lunches to which Callie Ruffin, a gentle and wise older black woman from the Lowtown section of Clanton, Miss., has invited the new young white owner of *The Ford County Times*, Mr. Willie Traynor: Readers can easily imagine the small table set near the porch railing where the two are able to enjoy Callie's lovely garden. The table, dressed in white cotton cloth, white napkins and flowers in a small vase, fairly groans with a large pitcher of sweet iced tea, pork chops smothered in onions and peppers, corn, okra cooked in ham hocks and bacon, butter beans, collards, cornbread and fresh tomatoes and for dessert, a baked banana pudding. Eager to savor each dish, Traynor is surprised when Callie takes his hand, bows her head and prays a lengthy blessing, thanking God for everything including her “new friend.” She prays for the sick and those who might become so. In slow cadence and perfect diction, she prays for rain and sun and humility and patience. She is talking to her Lord, and her face is perfectly content. She quotes scripture with a practiced eloquence, and “in the clutches of this very holy woman,” Admits Grisham's Traynor, “I had never felt close to God.”

After three hours of that seems to go by all too quickly, Traynor leaves the Ruffin home along with a sack of greens Callie has pressed him to take and an invitation to return the following Thursday for another lunch. “I also left,” says the newsman, “with the feeling that I had entered a new and rewarding friendship.”

Without ever mentioning the word, Grisham has provided his readers with a glimpse into what people from his home state of Mississippi are proud of referring to as “southern hospitality.” With no regard for their differences in age, income, gender; race or background, Callie made Willie Traynor feel welcome in her home and at her table, and both came away from the experience richer and more complete.

This theme of hospitality is reflected in today's first reading and Gospel.

Preaching Resources, Patricia Datchuck Sanchez, June 26, 2005

MASS INTENTIONS



Week of July 3rd — July 9th

Monday, July 3rd

7:45 am Annie Spollen

9:00 am Helen Crossin-Kittle

Tuesday, July 4th

7:45 am Raymond J. Ibelli Jr.

9:00 am Tom McCarthy

Wednesday, July 5th

7:45 am

9:00 am Michael Vivolo

Thursday, July 6th

7:45 am

9:00 am Michael Vivolo (Req. by Ladies Auxiliary)

Friday, July 7th

7:45 am Rita Mendis

9:00 am Maura O'Friel

Saturday, July 8th

9:00 am Peggy Naughton

5:00 pm Thomas Livingston

Sunday, July 9th

9:00 am Jane Hofmann

10:30 am Isabella Rossi

12:00 pm Rae Gaita

5:00 pm Michael Vivolo

WE PRAY

For those who are ill, including: Sandy Albert, Cindy Augustine, Ellen R. Barbieri, Peter Benjamin, Frank Booth, Nelly Carillon, Debbie Coangelo, Teresa Cogan, Caryn Colombo, Conall Crean, Bernier De Comes, David DiPietro, Mary Ann Dolan, 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, Father Joseph Irwin, Mary Jordan, Fred Kriegel, Dorothy & Dave Lakso, Zachary Lawrence, Rose Leghorn, Lori Lamberti, Robert Mangone, Martin Martinez, Virginia McLaughlin, Bob Morris, Calum Murray, Elizabeth Murray, Patricia Clifford Newman, Doris Nogueira, Scotty Norton, Doris O'Toole, Jack Pastor, Shawna Radogna, David Reilly, Katherine Samon, James Smith, Annmarie Shower, Susan Testa, Joan Troccoli, Rosemary Walsh, Nicholas James Walsh, Missy Wey, Mary Williams and Billy Zarcone.

We also pray for all those intentions in our Book of Prayer in the vestibule of the church.



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

3rd Time — Cara McCormick & Alexander Marasco

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—**\$6,026.50**

Total ParishPay was \$4,500.00

Total Collection — \$10,526.50

Attendance Last weekend was **807**

Thank you for your support and generosity.



SECOND COLLECTION SUNDAY, JULY 2ND CHURCH IN AFRICA

Your gifts to this collection make a real difference in the lives of the faithful across the African Continent. So many face a reality of hardship due to migration, poverty, and lack of infrastructure. Your gifts to the collection give them hope.



10:30 MASS LEMONADE STAND

A group of young parents are planning a series of lemonade stands this summer out on the playground after the 10:30 am Mass (if raining, in the cafeteria). Children from 4—8 poured lemonade and passed out baked goods at our first 'standing date' on June 11, and \$172.00 was donated to HOPE Community Services in New Rochelle to buy food for their soup kitchen and food pantry. **Please come!** Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.



Join Us

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Some exciting ways that you can make a difference in taking our parish to the next level as a welcoming and vibrant community:

Sunday Social Hour Volunteers are needed to make the coffee, pour the juice and get baked goods for the social gathering after the 10:30 am Mass for one Sunday a year (or two, depending on your availability).

1-3 yr. Mass Activities Volunteers are needed to ensure there are enough coloring sheets (provided for you) in the pews and organizing two other alternatives in the vestibule for very young children during Masses.



BOOKS REQUESTED

We are also looking for donations of religiously themed children's books or 'soft' puzzles for very young children to look at during Mass. Has your child outgrown a favorite? Do you like to browse at Barnes and Noble? New or used, all contributions will be appreciated & cared for!



GOD'S CALL FOR CATECHISTS

May I tug at your heart strings for you to consider this noble aspect of being a disciple of Christ as a catechist, assistant catechist, or volunteer in our Religious Education program (not CCD)? If you have questions or are unsure of my expectations, feel free to text me at 717-448-6206. Teens do it all the time or email me at srsuzanne@staugustiny.org or the office at staugred@staugustiny.org (please note new emails). I am praying that you will respond to me by phone (office—914-834-9523), text or email. I welcome questions. Be assured that I will help you all through the year from September through May. You will have an orientation meeting in September. Two other meetings will be held, one in November and one in January/February during the actual class time while your learners will be engaged in another activity. You won't be left in the lurch. I will be circulating the classes and also gathering the whole group in Kenny Hall in our "heart space" each week. Twelve of our 52 confirmants have volunteered to be catechist assistants. But we need some lead players. Wednesday classes for Grades 1 through 4 are held from 3:30 to 4:45 pm and evening classes for Grades 5 through 8 from 7:00 to 8:15 pm. Sunday classes are from 9:00 to 10:15 am. Hope to hear from you.



CYO BASKETBALL 2017-18

St. Augustine's CYO basketball program is actively seeking to expand. In addition to the 15 boys and girls teams currently participating, we are looking to grow both programs. For the upcoming season we are specifically seeking **girls who will be entering the 3rd through 7th grades, and boys entering the 5th grade**. We will also need parents to get involved in the coaching of these new teams. For questions regarding this expansion or any other questions involving the program, please contact Mark McNally at mcnally318@gmail.com.



PARISH ORAL HISTORY

As part of a journalism class project, three MHS seniors have prepared training materials for our high school parishioners who would like to interview one or two subjects as part of our 125th anniversary project of collecting the stories of the older parishioners. Are you a high school student who will be around this summer? Email LDoyle@staugustiny.org to join this exciting project! If you like history or journalism or just good conversation, your help is needed.



The items requested for July
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.**



SUMMER AT ST. AUGUSTINE

During the quiet summer months we anticipate three changes for our Parish Community.

1— I am happy to report that **Deacon Robert Gontcharuk has been assigned to the staff of St. Augustine Church.** Deacon Bob has served over twenty years at the neighboring parish of Holy Name of Jesus in New Rochelle. Presently Deacon Bob is away on vacation with his wife Louise. We will be seeing him in July.

2—Our **church is scheduled to be painted during the summer.** We plan to invite new colors besides white.

3—Con Edison has made our parish an offer we could not afford to turn down. **They will be converting all appropriate lighting to LED bulbs in the school, rectory and in the church.** The reason we should not be turning down this offer is that they will be picking up 70% of the cost. We anticipate very significant savings in the cost of electricity as well.



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults R.C.I.A.

WHAT IS R.C.I.A. ?

In 1988, the Catholic Bishops of the United States directed that adults becoming Catholics do so by a unique faith formation process called RCIA. R.C.I.A. is the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. It has also been adapted for children (over the age of seven) and for teens.

WHY YEAR-ROUND R.C.I.A.?

R.C.I.A. is truly a year-round process which begins for you when YOU decide you want to explore the Catholic faith. Every month, the R.C.I.A. group will be engaged in thoughtful preparation for the Sacraments. It is your opportunity to “feast” on the richness of the Word of God—the Bible—and the treasury of the Catholic faith—all traditions centuries old yet still vibrant today. You will learn a different way of living and our prayer is that through the R.C.I.A process, you will come to embrace Catholicism as your way of life.

SOUNDS GREAT! WHEN CAN I START?

You can begin the journey towards the Catholic Sacraments any time during the year. Interested? Please contact the rectory, 834-1220, Sr. Muriel Cooney, OP or email srmuriel@staugustineny.org for more information.



ATTENTION GARDENERS

If you are beginning a garden, please consider **planting an extra row of vegetables** for the Food Pantry. Fresh vegetables can be delivered directly to the pantry or dropped off at the rectory.

Many thanks to the gardeners who planted vegetables behind the rectory.



MIDNIGHT RUN NEEDS

YOUR HELP

The next Mini—Midnight Run for our parish will be on Friday, July 14th. 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 the rectory, 914-834-1220 or email abetkowski@staugustineny.org.

We also need volunteers to provide lunches which we will give to the homeless. **To volunteer to make lunches,** please contact Victoria Rizzo-Nikou at dr.vickinikou@gmail.com. She will provide further information.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

TRAVELING? FIND A CHURCH

In *The Living Bread*, Thomas Merton wrote, “The Love of Christ in this Sacrament [of the Eucharist] enlarges our capacity to receive grace and moves us to acts of a more fervent. . .charity.”

Celebrate the Eucharist wherever you are this summer. Go to **Masstimes.org** to find local churches and the times of all of the Masses in your area, in one listing.

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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.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE _____ TEL _____

EMAIL _____