

CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE, LARCHMONT, New York

JULY 09, 2017

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest"

Matthew 11: 28

Pastor's Corner

THE "OUT" THAT JESUS OFFERS

An accomplished painter, wishing to share his talent and technique, offered to conduct a class for aspiring artists. When discussing the subject of artistic composition, he emphasized that it would be poor style, for example, to portray a woodland, a forest or a wilderness, without painting into it a path out of the trees. When a true artist draws any kind of a landscape, he explained, he/she always gives the picture an "out". Otherwise the tangle of trees and the trackless spaces may depress and dismay the onlooker.

After considering the lesson taught by the artist as well as the lessons put forth in today's scripture selections, it occurred to this author that God has offered humankind a similar "out." Amid the tangle of the human experience and the trackless spaces of this broken and imperfect world, God, who is the ultimate artist, has gifted us with Jesus; he is the path that leads to life and to God.

In today's gospel, Jesus invites the weary and the burdened, "Come to me, learn from me, and you will find rest."

In order to recognize the "out" or the path that Jesus offers, a certain attitude and/or posture is required; Jesus described the posture of those who would follow his path in terms of "merest children" or "little ones" (Matthew 11:25). These nepoi, which can also be translated as infants, are the spiritual descendants of the anawim or poor ones (also, remnant) featured as God's predilect in the Jewish Scriptures (see Zechariah 3:12-13). Materially bereft, the poor ones were totally reliant on God; they with their empty hands, became for the community living signs of that deeper poverty in which every human being stands before God.

In describing the spirituality of these poor, little ones, the eighteenth century Hasidic teacher, Moshe Leib, remarked, "How easy it is for a poor man to rely on God! What else has he to depend on? And how hard it is for a rich man to rely on God! All his possessions call out to him: 'Depend on us!'"

Jesus is the poor one par excellence because he is in exclusive relationship with God. His is a salvific poverty, because it does not depend on human resources.

As his disciples and as the adopted children of God, each of us is called to be similarly divested of all that is not Christ in order to be completely related to and reliant on God.

The truly poor, i.e., those who have allowed the spirituality of Jesus to penetrate every layer and inform every aspect of their lives, will find it necessary to continually simplify, clarify, and rectify all that is not consonant with their commitment to Christ. Aware that such a comprehensive commitment can be exhausting, Jesus encourages his own to remember that we do not bear the yoke alone. He, who is our path, is also our partner, sharing the burden, lightening the load. Again and again he invites us: "Come to me, learn from me, find your 'out', and rest in me."

Patricia Datchuck Sanchez, Celebration July 4, 1999

MASS INTENTIONS



Week of July 10th — July 16th

Monday, July 10th

7:45 am Jane Payne

9:00 am Elaine Barry

Tuesday, July 11th

7:45 am Mora Bunyan

9:00 am Juan Ibarra

Wednesday, July 12th

7:45 am Alumni Camp St. Joseph

9:00 am Dick Payne

Thursday, July 13th

7:45 am

9:00 am Jack L. Thurston

Friday, July 14th

7:45 am

9:00 am Peter Feuerbach

Saturday, July 15th

9:00 am Stevenson Family

5:00 pm Michael Vivolo

Sunday, July 16th

9:00 am John and Mary McGoey

10:30 am John Maloney

12:00 pm Elizabeth Dolan Dillon

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.

COLLECTION OF GOODS FOR REFUGEES

Wednesday, July 12, 3 pm—7 pm, and Saturday, July 15th, 9 am—3 pm, St. John's Episcopal Church, 4 Fountain Square, Larchmont, (use door on Linden Ave., signs & volunteers will direct you). Will be collecting goods for refugees. Gently used clothes, clean stuffed animals, small children's books, soccer balls or other simple sporting balls, wheelchairs, walkers and crutches, blankets and sheets as well as new diapers, women's sanitary pads, and toiletries.

Please bring all donations only on the dates and times mentioned above.

Donations will be shipped to the refugees in camps surrounding Syria.

Amazon has also set up a wish list site, go to <https://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/?ie=UTF8&cid=A1NHJ686E9YBAE>.

For more information and a complete list of items needed email gyurer@gamil.com or see the flyer on the bulletin boards in the church

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.

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@staugustineny.org or the office at staugred@staugustineny.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@staugustineny.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.

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ADDRESS _____

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