

CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE, LARCHMONT, New York

JULY 10, 2016

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:

“ The parable of the Good Samaritan: ‘And who is my neighbor?’”

Luke 10: 25-37

Pastor's Corner

A HOLE IN THE FENCE

There's been a great deal of buzz of late about building fences to keep out those deemed undesirable. One such fence now under construction will have a gaping hole in it.

The government of Austria is building a fence along its southern border with Hungary in an effort to prevent migrants from entering the country illegally. The government maintains that it is already overwhelmed with an influx of 90,000 immigrants just last year. A stretch of the fence was to cross land owned by the Catholic Church, but the bishop of the diocese has refused permission to build the fence on church property. In a letter to the Austrian government, Bishop Agidius Zsifkokvics of Eisenstadt wrote that the planned barrier is inappropriate for a diocese which “lived for decades in the shadow of the Iron Curtain”

“I grew up with the Iron Curtain and I know what it meant for us all when it finally fell. I have said repeatedly new fences will not solve the refugee problem. We need to tackle today's problems at root, which means stopping organized human trafficking, stopping European arms sales, stopping war and the deliberate destabilization of the Middle East, and stopping the exploitation of African raw materials and agriculture by European firms.

“A fence would be contrary to the spirit of the Gospel and Pope Francis' clear message to Europe,” the bishop said.

So there will be an opening in the fence where it crosses on church land.

The Telegraph, April 22, 2016.

The holes in such fences are the pathways of the Good Samaritan. The story of the Good Samaritan begins with a vision that mirrors that of God, a vision that sees every man, woman and child as a son and daughter of God, our brother and sister in God's Christ. No one is expendable, no one is ever written off; everyone matters, everyone counts; all are welcome no matter how much we have to squeeze in to make room for one more. Christ calls whoever would be his disciples to look beyond what divides us and focus on what unites us; to put aside our own needs and wants to embrace the needs of others; to see our own wealth as a means to bring healing and hope into the lives of those who have little; to break down walls and “make holes” in whatever fences are erected that undermine that Gospel vision.

Connections July 2016

† **MASS INTENTIONS**

Week of July 11th – July 17th

Monday, July 11th

9:00 am John and Mary McGoey

Tuesday, July 12th

9:00 am Paul and Nellie Benjamin

Wednesday, July 13th

9:00 am Jane Hofmann

Thursday, July 14th

9:00 am Alumni Camp St. Joseph and
Alice and Arthur Benning

Friday, July 15th

9:00 am Peter Feuerbach

Saturday July 16th

9:00 am Alyson King Aureilo

5:00 pm Irene Van Eyck

Sunday, July 17th

9:00 am Mary D. Connell

10:30 am Steven J. Chirogianis

12:00 pm Alyson King Aurielo

5:00 pm Rosario N. Avelino

WE PRAY

For those who are ill, including: Sandy Albert, Angelo Avitabile, 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, Roger and Marlene Dufort, Sr. Suzanne Duzen, 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, Jack Pastor, Richard Payne, 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 — **\$4,565.00**

Total ParishPay was \$4,500.00

Total Collection — \$9,065.00

Total Collection Church in Africa—\$1,219.00

Attendance last weekend was **589**

Thank you for your support and generosity.



CARDINAL'S APPEAL 2016

St Augustine Parish has met and exceeded its Appeal Goal! Currently over \$130,000 has been pledged from 167 families! Although the goal has been reached, that does not mean that our efforts should stop. Our parish receives 60% of all monies raised over goal. The appeal supports so many different ministries and programs that cannot stand without our help. We would love to have every family participating in such a worthy cause. **Thank you again for all you do and for your support for the important work made possible by the Cardinal's Stewardship Appeal.**

WELCOME MSGR. ROBERT LARKIN

Effective July 1st, Monsignor Robert Larkin has joined our parish staff.

Msgr. Larkin was ordained in 1973 from St. Joseph's Seminary, Dunwoodie, NY. He has served at St. Dominic Parish, the Bronx, Cardinal Hayes High School, St. Barnabas Parish, the Chancellery and as Pastor of Visitation Parish the Bronx and Sacred Heart Parish Hartsdale.

We welcome Monsignor Larkin.



THE PEOPLE OF ST. AUGUSTINE ARE RECEIVING AN AWARD

SHORE/ICARE, the local nonprofit organization which advocates and acts for affordable housing, is honoring our parish of St. Augustine with its annual award for helping them and others through ReDirect Christmas as well as efforts to partner with Mother Teresa's Soup Kitchen, HOPE Community Services, Midnight Run, the Resource Foundation, YAI, Little Sisters of the Assumption, Chemo-Comfort, etc. Our aim is to follow more closely the Catholic Social Teaching to serve the poor and marginalized among us. **Please join us for a delightful midsummer dinner, fundraising auctions and wine raffle on Wednesday, July 13, on the waterfront at Orienta Beach Club at 6:30 pm.** For more information, call Shore (Sheltering the Homeless is Our Responsibility) at 328-1896 or visit their website at www.shelteringthehomeless.org.

DAILY MASS

Beginning Monday, July 11th, in addition to the 9:00 am week day Mass, St Augustine Church will be celebrating 7:45 am Mass Monday—Friday.



OUR CHURCH

Continuing the celebration of Laudato Si, our parish has started a new ministry. To get the ministry started, two days were spent cleaning the pews. Surprisingly, a tremendous amount of gum was found on the underside of the pews as well as on the floor.

Please be aware of the following to take care of our common home, St. Augustine Church:

- Please dispose of all gum before entering the church
- Please do not leave food or drinks in the pews as these can attract rodents. A trash can is available at the entrance to the church on the left.
- Please do not leave cigarette butts in the plants surrounding the church .

It is up to all of us to treat our church building with reverence and each other with respect and love.

Thank you to the ministry for all their hard work. If you would like to join in the care and keeping of our church, please all Kris Paterson at 919-608-3002 or email kbpatter@me.com.



OUR TEENS IN CAMDEN

Recently a group of high school age parishioners went to Camden's Romero Center to learn about and to serve the poorest among us. Romero Center Ministries was founded in 1998 on the 18th anniversary of the martyrdom of Archbishop Oscar Romero of El Salvador. When St. Joseph Pro-Cathedral Parish came into possession of a large former convent on its campus they had a vision for an urban retreat center that would ground people, especially Catholic youth, in Jesus' call to see and serve the poor among us. They wanted people to see that there is opportunity and challenge in the work of the Church. "From the very beginning, we've told participants that the most important thing that will happen on these experiences is not what they will do for others, but what others will do for them." In the words of Oscar Romero, "We learn to see the face of Christ— the face of Christ that also is the face of a suffering human being, the face of the crucified. The face of every person— and we love each one with the criteria with which we will be judged: 'I was hungry and you gave me to eat.' Ask Sister Suzanne Duzen, our DRE, to tell you more about the trip these students took— and how they came back changed.

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.



MIDNIGHT RUN FRIDAY, JULY 22ND

The next Midnight Run will be sponsored by United Methodist Church on Friday, July 22nd. To volunteer to make sandwiches, please contact MaryAnn DeFeis at 833-1803 or email madeifeis@gmail.com.

Lunch should include, boxed drink, sandwich on soft whole-wheat bread, turkey only or cheese only, or peanut butter & jelly, or meatloaf, or vegetarian, (no ham), hard boiled eggs (leave in shell), soft fruit, dessert, snack and a napkin.

Please pack lunches in gallon Ziploc bags and label with sandwich description. Thank you for your support and generosity.



The items requested for July are
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.

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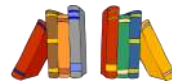
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Thanks to those who took advantage of the early bird discount and have registered their children for the new year. Now the deadline, June 30 has passed. A \$50.00 late fee will be added to the total amount. If there is a difficulty in paying the full amount at this time, please fill out the registration and ask for a form to do the installment plan. There are some scholarships available. Please send your registration or drop it at the rectory.

It is so important to know how many children will be registered to determine the number of catechists needed. Some parents who have not taken this responsibility seriously will be faced with teaching a class in order to get their child into the program.

The need for catechists is so great. Ideally I want 2 catechists in each class, one who is the primary catechist and an assistant. The assistant learns how to teach and takes on the class when the primary catechist can't be there. Another alternative is to make a team of two or three catechists who work together teaching the class. One catechist is the primary and the other two work with her/him to keep a consistent approach even when they alternate days. I am open to different possibilities. Our Pflaum Gospel Weeklies program makes it easy for catechists to teach our Catholic faith.

Please consider this invitation to teach and communicate to me your intent. Class size is only 12 to 14 and very manageable. I will have several sessions in September, specifically for behavior management, and teaching styles to help new and seasoned catechists alike. **Contact me by phone at 834-9523 or by email: srsuzanne@verizon.net.**



FREE BOOKS

Looking for some summer reading? Free books are available in the vestibule of the church opposite the bulletin board.

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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