

CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE, LARCHMONT, New York

JULY 17, 2016

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:**

“Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her.” Luke 10: 38-42

*Pastor's Corner*

**THE HOUSE WHERE LOVE DWELLS. . .**

In Yann Martel's new novel *The High Mountains of Portugal*, a young man has just buried his child and the boy's mother, who both died suddenly in an epidemic. And for the first time he must go into the house in which the two died, the place in which they made their home. Martel describes the young man's feelings as he walks through the empty house:

“Love is a house with many rooms, this room to feed the love, this one to entertain it, this one to clean it, this one to dress it, this one to allow it to rest, and each one of these rooms can also just as well be the room for laughing or the room for listening or the room for telling one's secrets or the room for sulking or the room for apologizing or the room for intimate togetherness, and of course, there are the rooms for the new members of the household. Love is a house in which plumbing brings bubbly new emotions every morning, and sewers flush out disputes, and bright windows open up to admit the fresh air of renewed goodwill. Love is a house with an unshakable foundation and an indestructible roof. [This father] had a house like that once, until it was demolished. . . ”

*The house of Martha and Mary in Bethany mirrors the challenge of creating houses where love dwells. It is a balance of Martha's generous, selfless service to the practical matters of maintaining a house and Mary's "part" of realizing the peace and compassion of Christ dwelling in every room. We all realize too well the challenges of providing for the practical and pragmatic demands of maintaining our houses and abodes. But realize, too, the love that now dwells in your house and resolve to let that love—the love that is the Spirit of God—breathe and move in every room and moment you live there.*  
*Connections: July 2016*



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.**



**BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

1st Time— Kristen Randolph & Gregory Jordan

† **MASS INTENTIONS**

**Week of July 18th – July 24th**

**Monday, July 18th**

7:45 am John Welday  
9:00 am Philip Power

**Tuesday, July 19th**

7:45 am Raymond Ibelli Jr.  
9:00 am Joseph and Russell Family

**Wednesday, July 20th**

7:45 am David John Cole  
9:00 am Madeline Rispoli

**Thursday, July 21st**

7:45 am Elaine Barry  
9:00 am Ruth Doyle

**Friday, July 22nd**

7:45 am Regina Riley  
9:00 am Philip Power

**Saturday July 23rd**

9:00 am Father Joseph Karimattom (Living)  
5:00 pm Edward A. Muir II

**Sunday, July 24th**

9:00 am Mrs. Eileen Morrissey  
10:30 am Milena Leonard  
12:00 pm James Pipher  
5:00 pm Roberto Cervantez

**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, 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 — **\$5,692.00**

Total ParishPay was \$4,500.00

**Total Collection — \$10,192.00**

Attendance last weekend was **710**

**Thank you for your support and generosity.**



## A SUMMER VISITOR TO OUR RECTORY

Msgr. Stephen Ntim, a priest of the diocese of Kumasi, Ghana, will be staying at our rectory from Tuesday, July 19th, through the month of August. Msgr. was referred to our parish by Father Patrick Ryan, S.J. and our weekend associate, Father John Dzieglewicz, S.J. Both priests are in the Fordham University Faculty. Msgr. Ntim was ordained in 1984. He has a PHD in the Psychology of Education from the Salesian Pontifical University of Rome. He has served in various parishes and other assignments in the diocese of Kumasi in Ghana. He is currently a Senior Lecturer and Dean of the Faculty of Education, Catholic University of Ghana. **Welcome Msgr. Stephen Ntim.**



## PROPAGATION OF FAITH

**Fr. Michael McCormack, O.P. will preach a Mission Appeal during all masses at St Augustine on the weekend of July 23rd and 24th 2016**, in this, the 800th Jubilee year of the founding of the Order. Fr. McCormack and the Dominican Friars invite all parishioners to become spiritual partners with them and the friars who serve in the mission in Kenya, which was established 25 years ago. Proceeds from the appeal are used to support the friars in the mission—those in formation as well as American and Kenyan Dominican priests who are engaged in evangelization, faith development and catechesis in this underserved region where the Faith is very new. In addition, friars have pastoral ministries and work with the poor. Their mission depends on the support of the faithful here at home. Your generosity is appreciated.

## YOUTH MINISTRY AT OUR PARISH

A group of interested parishioners is reading a book entitled *The Vision of Catholic Youth Ministry: Fundamentals, Theory, and Practice* (by R. McCarty; available on Amazon or call the rectory). Won't you join us for discussion? **Our next meeting is on Monday, August 15 at 7:30 pm**; we'll be discussing chapters 1— 7. Please come and be part of the process of creating a community of welcome for our younger parishioners. For more information, please email [Ldoyle@staugustineny.org](mailto:Ldoyle@staugustineny.org).



## DAILY MASS

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

## 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.**



## 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](mailto:kbpatter@me.com).**



## AN INVITATION TO EXPLORE THE CATHOLIC FAITH

**Have you or someone you know ever thought about becoming a Catholic?**

The RCIA is a process that welcomes unbaptized adults and teens, baptized Christians from other faith traditions as well as baptized Catholics who for various reasons have not received Eucharist or Confirmation.

Jesus said to his followers, "Ask and you will receive, seek and you will find, knock and the door will be opened for you." (Matthew 7:7)

Come by our Church for a visit and a prayer. Find out if the Catholic faith, grounded in Jesus' teaching, offers the answers you are seeking. Contact Sr. Muriel Cooney, OP, or Ann Betkowski for more information—914-834-1220, [srmuriel@staugustineny.org](mailto:srmuriel@staugustineny.org).



## 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.**



## A PRAYER FOR OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

O God, we pray and beseech you to guide and protect our young people. Be with them as they experience sickness and health, sorrow and joy, loneliness and friendship, success and failure. Gracious God, give to them the courage and strength to make right decisions as they journey through life. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, may they come to know and experience your loving care. We make this prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen.



## LIVING GENTLY

Pope Emeritus Benedict reminded us back in January of 2010 that "the Church has a responsibility towards creation, and she considers it her duty to exercise that responsibility in public life, in order to protect earth, water and air as gifts of God the Creator meant for everyone, and above all to save mankind from the danger of self destruction."



## DIVORCE HEALING PROGRAM

St. Augustine Church is pleased to announce the beginning of an exciting, new ministry to men and women who have suffered from divorce. **The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide** is a twelve-week program featuring thirty-minute DVD sessions each week that cover topics of shock, denial, anger, grief, guilt, forgiveness, money, the courts, the kids, the ex-spouse, annulment, dating, sexuality, spirituality, remarriage or staying single, and much more. *Whether you got divorced ten days ago or ten years ago, the program offers valuable insight for everyone.* Call the rectory, 914-834-1220 or email [abetkowski@staugustineny.org](mailto:abetkowski@staugustineny.org) for more information. All participants are required to register. There is a cost of \$15.00 for materials and please let us know if you will need child care to attend. **The first session is Tuesday, September 20th at 7:00—8:30 pm in the rectory, 18 Cherry Avenue. Join us.**



## 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](mailto: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.**



## ST. AUGUSTINE RECEIVES SHORE/ICARE AWARD

SHORE/ICARE, the local nonprofit organization which advocates and acts for affordable housing, honored 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, ChemoComfort, etc. Our aim is to follow more closely the Catholic Social Teaching to serve the poor and marginalized among us, to recognize Jesus in the faces of all people. **To join one of our parish ministries of charity and justice, visit our parish website at [staugustineny.org](http://staugustineny.org). To find out more about SHORE/ICARE, visit their website at [www.shelteringthehomeless.org](http://www.shelteringthehomeless.org).**



## FREE RELIGIOUS AND SPIRITUAL READING

Free books are available in the vestibule of the church opposite the community bulletin board. Help yourself! (Note that the books on the two Catholic Library bookshelves are only for check-out.)