

CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE, LARCHMONT, New York

JULY 24, 2016

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:

“For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and the one who knocks, the door will be opened.”

Luke 11: 1-13

Pastor's Corner

NEEDLES KNITTING,
BLESS THE LORD . . .

An elderly woman is struggling to pray, but it's just not working. She says the right words, but she has no sense of God's presence. Her wise pastor counsels her to go to her room each day and, for fifteen minutes, to knit before the face of God. The pastor forbids her to say a single word of prayer. "Just knit and try to enjoy the quiet of your room," he tells her.

The woman thinks, *Fifteen minutes to do nothing and not feel guilty!* So she gives it a try. Slowly she begins to enter the silence created by her noiseless knitting. And she begins to perceive, she says, "that this silence is not simply the absence of noise; this silence has substance. It is not the absence of something; rather, it is the presence of something."

Continuing to knit, she discovers "at the heart of silence, there is God; who is all stillness, all peace, all poise."
(Anthony Bloom, *Beginning to Pray.*)

Prayer is not simply a formula of words or a choreography of ritual. Prayer is the awareness of God as the source of all that is good and the ultimate fulfillment of our life's journey. Prayer is not the scope and breadth of the words we utter but the sense of gratitude that compels us to give voice to those prayers. Authentic prayer enables us to realize God's love in our love for family and friends and their love for us; to see God's hand nurturing and sustaining every molecule of creation; to feel God's life-giving breath animating every moment of our existence. Jesus calls us to be men and women of prayer that begins and ends with realizing how blessed we are by God: to embrace the spirit and attitude of prayer that actively seeks out and gratefully celebrates God's compassion present in every heart and his peace in all things.

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—Gabriela Bis & Matthew Kelleher
2nd Time—Kristen Randolph & Gregory Jordan

† **MASS INTENTIONS**

Week of July 25th – July 31st

Monday, July 25th

7:45 am Richard Payne

9:00 am Philip Power

Tuesday, July 26th

7:45 am Madeline Rispoli

9:00 am David Hanson

Wednesday, July 27th

7:45 am Mr. Jeffreys Sr.

9:00 am Sue Congdon

Thursday, July 28th

7:45 am Elaine Barry

9:00 am David Wood

Friday, July 29th

7:45 am

9:00 am Florence Ellsworth & Rose Perry

Saturday July 30th

9:00 am Dave Spyker

5:00 pm Christopher Nevin

Sunday, July 31st

9:00 am Philip Power

10:30 am Alyson King Aurelio

12:00 pm Donald J. Pirone

5:00 pm Jane Murphy Cella

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 — **\$6,434.00**

Total ParishPay was \$4,500.00

Total Collection — \$10,934.00

Attendance last weekend was **642**

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.



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.

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.



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, or email , srmuriel@staugustineny.org.

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

The Stepinac Alumni Theatre is pleased to announce its summer production of the Shakespearean comedy ***A Midsummer Night's Dream***. All performances will take place at Archbishop Stepinac High School, Outside Back Lawn. (Rain or Shine—In case of rain performance will be held in air conditioned theater). 950 Mamaroneck Avenue, White Plains, NY 10605.

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, July 28, 29, 30—7:00 pm





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.



NEW VIGIL CANDLES

Taking a cue from St. Patrick's Cathedral, St Augustine is trying out new vigil candles on a trial basis by the baptism font and St. Mary's statue. The candles burn for two hours. These candles burn cleaner without soot and the glass does not break or shatter due to the heat of the flame.



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 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.**



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.)



SOME DAILY BREAD

Try out the excellent daily devotional booklet **Give Us This Day** for a year. Twelve issues cost only \$25 when you join our parish subscription. Email LDoyle@staugustineny.org or call the rectory to join. You will also receive the online edition to share with a spouse or a friend.

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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