

CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE, LARCHMONT, New York

JUNE 05, 2016

TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:

“ I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me“

Psalm 30:2

Pastor's Corner

A VOICE FOR THE VOICELESS

Considering the level of respect with which widows are customarily treated in most contemporary cultures, it might be difficult for us to appreciate the difficult lot of widows in the ancient world. Ordinarily, in today's world, a widow is a woman whose husband has died; not having remarried, she is in possession of her husband's estate and inheritance. Even though she may continue to mourn her life-partner, she is not legally defenseless, nor has she lost any degree of her social status.

This was not the experience of Hebrew or Greek widows in the ancient Near East. Even the words that defined widowhood then attested to their plight. In her fine study of this topic, Bonnie Bowman Thurston explains that in Hebrew, the word for widow is *almanah*, which finds its root in *alem*, “unable to speak” (*The Widows, Fortress Press 1989*). A similar word in Aramaic means “to be in pain.” In Greek, widow is translated *chera* and is derived from the Indo-European root *ghe* which means “forsaken” or “left empty.” These definitions point to a dismal existence, one in which the widow's rights “died” along with her husband. To ease her lot, there were prohibitions in the scripture against the abuse of widows as well as specific provisions regarding their assistance. But unless she remarried or an elder son or her brother-in-law took her in, her life and future were tenuous at best.

Despite the short shrift they received from their contemporaries, widows (and their children) were the chosen ones of God. As the sacred authors remind us, “The father of orphans and the defender of widows is God in his holy dwelling” (Psalm 68:5); “The Lord protects strangers; the fatherless and the widow God sustains, but the way of the wicked God thwarts” (Psalm 146:9); “For the Lord your God is the God of gods, the Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who has no favorites, accepts no bribes, who executes justice for the orphan and the widow and befriends the alien, feeding and clothing him. So you too must befriend the alien” (Duet 10:17-19a)

Each encounter with the sacred texts leads us to that moment when we are called to think about our own response to what we have experienced. Without that moment and our well-considered response, the proclamation of the sacred word remains incomplete. We who have heard the message of love for God's voiceless ones are to make a home for that message in our hearts. There, by grace, our hearts and minds can be transformed so that we not only hear the word, but listen and then let the Word inspire and guide our words and actions.

Patricia Sanchez, Preaching Resources, June 5, 2016

† **MASS INTENTIONS**

Week of June 6th – June 12th

Monday, June 6th

9:00 am Donald O'Connor

Tuesday, June 7th

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Wednesday, June 8th

9:00 am Richard Guzzio

Thursday, June 9th

9:00 am Brian Vandernoot Cox

Friday, June 10th

9:00 am George Karimattom Sr.

Saturday June 11th

9:00 am Nancy Fazio

5:00 pm Confirmation Candidates

Sunday, June 12th

9:00 am Elaine Kubat

10:30 am Pedro Puig

12:00 pm Phyllis McAndrews

5:00 pm Philip Power

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, Connall 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, Arthur Stock, Susan Testa, Joan Troccoli, Rosemary Walsh, Nicholas James Walsh, Missy Wey, and Mary Williams.

May they find healing and comfort in Jesus

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 — **\$4,107.00**

Total ParishPay was \$4,500.00

Total Collection — \$8,607.00

Attendance last weekend was **624**

Thank you for your support and generosity.

SECOND COLLECTION JUNE 5TH CATHOLIC MISSIONS AMONG BLACK AND INDIAN PEOPLE

The annual National Black and Indian Mission Collection, enables the Church in the United States to provide desperately required pastoral, educational and spiritual assistance to some of the neediest of our brothers and sisters; from the rural south, to Alaska to Harlem and the Bronx. Please be as generous as you possible can.

Gratefully, Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop of New York.



CARDINAL'S APPEAL 2016

Thank you to all who have supported our Cardinal's Appeal. The goal for the 2016 Cardinal's Appeal is \$111,000.00. To date our parish has received **\$106,886.00** in pledges/gifts. For this Appeal to be truly successful, we need the support from all of our families. The Appeal is a vital source of funding for the programs and ministries that sustain the parishes across our Archdiocese. **Thank you for your continued generosity and support** as we continue this campaign. *Pledge/donation envelopes are available in the pews.*

WELCOME FATHER CARUSO

Our Parish received the welcome news that Father Philip Caruso has been assigned to our Parish staff effective July 1st.

Father Caruso is a priest in the Archdiocese where he has served on the faculty of Msgr. Farrell High School, Staten Island, as Pastor of St. Joseph Parish in New Rochelle and most recently as associate priest at St. Joseph Parish in Somers, N.Y. **We Welcome Father Philip Caruso.**



MAY FLOWERS

To honor the Blessed Mother Mary in a special way during May, **donations of flowers have been brought to Our Lady's altar** in remembrance of one who has died, or in celebration of a living loved one, or anonymously. **Flowers donated this week :**

From Vicki Nikou

In Memory of her mother, **Mary Rizzo**



The St Augustine Annual Parish Picnic 5:30 – 8:00 pm Sunday, June 05, 2016 All Are Welcome!!!!

Join us for an afternoon filled with **Friends, Fellowship, Food and Fun** including fun activities for the kids.



HUNGER AWARENESS EFFORT UPDATE

St. Augustine's parishioners once again demonstrated their care for the marginalized and their willingness to broaden the base for the cause of charity and justice. Thank you to the more than 30 parishioners who shared their email address and willingness to volunteer at future service dates. Thank you to the many who expressed interest and asked questions about Mother Theresa's Soup Kitchen and Hope Community Services and who will consider joining in later. Thank you to our generous parishioners who donated cash or checks to aid the effort. A few parishioners prepared a meal last week for 50 people. The week before, we had a group who served. We had a wonderful boost in food donations to the baskets in the vestibules. **Thank you, St Augustine Community For Your Kindness.** More to come.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Our Religious Education program formally begins in First Grade. Two years of preparation are required to receive the sacraments of reconciliation and Eucharist in second grade. Confirmation is conferred in 9th grade or beyond **with continuous, weekly attendance every year from 1st through 9th grade.**

New Registration forms for 2016-2017 will be sent to the homes of all registered families. New families, particularly of first grade children can obtain a registration form from our website: staugustineny.org in the link: Religious Education, by printing it and sending it in with the fee. Registration forms are also available at the Religious Education office in the French American School. **The deadline for registration is June 30.** After that date a late fee of \$50 will be applied.

Please contact the Religious Education office at 914-834-9523 or email staugred@verizon.net



JOIN US FOR THE FORMATION OF A NEW MINISTRY

In celebration of Pope Francis' Encyclical *Laudato Si'*: *On Care of Our Common Home*, a **NEW** ministry is forming aimed at caring for the physical environment in which we worship. No one is too old, young, feeble or strong to help straighten up after mass, polish brass, clean our beautiful marble, etc. If you are interested in helping with the periodic comprehensive clean up or with weekly maintenance sessions, please contact Anne Avenius at Aavenius@msn.com or Kris Patterson at kbpatter@me.com or 919-608-3002. First clean up coming soon!



LAUDATO SI' WEEK! JUNE 12-18

Next week is one of celebration! It's the 1-Year Anniversary of Pope Francis' letter to the world on the glories of Creation, *Laudato Si': On Care of Our Common Home*. Our parish will celebrate each day of that week in a different way:

Celebration Sunday (*Visit our table in front of the church!*);

Mindfulness Monday (*Find new ways in your life to pay attention to our world.*);

Trash-free Tuesday (*How much waste can you NOT generate?*);

Walking Wednesday (*Walk to school, to shop and to the bus stop!*);

Thermostat Thursday (*Set the AC just two degrees higher and save energy!*);

Fasting Friday (*No meat—and perhaps nothing between meals?*); and

Study Saturday (*Visit Franciscan Dan Horan on YouTube and learn more about Laudato Si' for yourself!*)

Save up your stories to share of how you celebrated Laudato Si' Week! Post them on our big yellow poster at the doors of the church— or on FaceBook at [staugustinelarchmont](https://www.facebook.com/staugustinelarchmont). Tweet them to [#stblaugustine](https://twitter.com/stblaugustine) or email them to ldoyle@staugustineny.org to be included in the following week's bulletin and on our parish blog (stblaugustine.blogspot.com)!



The items requested for June 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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MIDNIGHT RUN JUNE 10 ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The next Midnight Run will be sponsored by St. John's Episcopal Church. To make lunches, please contact MaryAnn DeFeis at 833-1803 or madefeis@gmail.com for more information by Friday 6th. Thank you for your support and generosity.



LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

The last session for this school year was held on May 22nd and will resume with Sister Suzanne on September 11, 2016 at the 10:30 Mass. Special thanks to Annalea Ricci for her stories and coordination of this experience during Sister Suzanne's absence.



THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

The Acts of the Apostles might be referred to as the "Gospel of Luke: Part Two." Our current Year C in the Church—the year of Luke's Gospel—is an especially appropriate time to study this fascinating book, which follows the apostles and disciples immediately after the death and resurrection of their and our Savior. Join a small group of 8-10 to read and reflect with the help of excellent materials. Deepen your faith in Jesus the Christ! One group is scheduled to meet on Monday mornings at 10:30 am beginning in June. (Depending on the availability of the group members, we will either finish all nine weeks consecutively or perhaps do four lessons and continue in the fall.) Join in! Another group may be scheduled on the weekend depending on your availability. See how The Word of God is for yesterday, today and always! (Email LDoyle@staugustineny.org or call Pat McNamara at 914-834-0663 for more info or to sign up.)

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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