

CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE, LARCHMONT, New York

JUNE 11 2017

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:

“God so loved the world that he gave his only Son. . . For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world but that the world might be saved through him.” John 3: 16—18

Pastor's Corner

ROOT, BRANCH AND FRUIT

Many metaphors have been employed to depict and explain the Trinity. St. John Damascus, a great Eastern theologian of the eighth century, said we should think “of the Father as a root, the Son as a branch, and of the Holy Spirit as a fruit, for the sustenance of these three is one.” Today’s celebration of the Trinity (originating in France in the eighth century and adopted by the universal Church in 1334) focuses on this central understanding of our faith—our belief in the God who has revealed himself as Father, the root that sustains life; Son, the Word of God who grafts us as “branches” to that life; and Spirit, the harvest of God’s love in all, binding all, and given to all.

Today’s Gospel reading focuses on the relationship between Father and Son and the love (the Spirit) that compels the Father to give his Son for the sake of humanity’s salvation. Nicodemus, a Pharisee and member of the Sanhedrin, comes under the cover of darkness to meet the remarkable Rabbi he has heard so much about. In their discussion, Jesus speaks of a God not of endings but beginnings; a God who does not demand the payment of debts but who constantly offers unconditional and unlimited chances to begin again; a God who does not take satisfaction in our failures but rejoices in lifting us up from our brokenness, despair and estrangement from him and from one another.

Humankind realizes its salvation in the loving providence of the Creator who continually invites us back to him; the selfless servanthood of the Redeemer who “emptied” himself to become like us in order that we might become like him; the joyful love of the Spirit that is the unique unity of the Father & Son.

Table Talk Year A Jay Corimier



The items requested for June 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—Samantha Schwerhofer & Peter Norchic 3rd Time— Lynn Branigan & George Lex



Congratulations and Blessings to all who receive their Confirmation on Sunday, June 11th at 2:30 pm

MASS INTENTIONS



Week of June 12th — June 18th

Monday, June 12th

7:45 am Rita Nendis 9:00 am Stevenson Family

Tuesday, June 13th

7:45 am Madeline Rispoli 9:00 am Irene Van Eyck

Wednesday, June 14th

7:45 am Alumni Camp St. Joseph 9:00 am Peter Feuerbach

Thursday, June 15th

7:45 am 9:00 am Josephina Melief

Friday, June 16th

7:45 am 9:00 am Arthur Stock

Saturday, June 17th

9:00 am Mary Jane Murray 5:00 pm Elizabeth Dillon

Pentecost Sunday, June 18th

9:00 am Andre Melief 10:30 am Craig Cioffari 12:00 pm Donald O’Connor 5:00 pm Madeline Riordan

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, 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.

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—**\$4,588.00**

Total ParishPay was \$4,500.00

Total Collection — \$9,088.00

Black and Indian Missions Collection—\$1,478.00

Attendance Last weekend was **755**

Thank you for your support and generosity.

ST AUGUSTINE HAS EXCEEDED STEWARDSHIP APPEAL GOAL!!

The Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal serves many diverse communities across our **10 counties**. To date **\$120,985.00** has been pledged from **131 families**. Our goal is **\$108,500.00** from **200 families**.

Thank you to St. Augustine Parishioners for again exceeding our goal.

Your donations Help to Prepare the Clergy, Support Retired Priests and Religious, Support Needy Parishes, Catholic Schools and Religious Education Programs, as well as Mission and Evangelization, to enrich our faith.

Many thanks for your continued support



THANK YOU

"No duty is more urgent than that of returning thanks." St. Ambrose (Mentor of St. Augustine)

To the People of St. Augustine Parish,

Thank you, one and all, for your generosity, your support and your gracious words that enriched the celebration of my 50th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood. This note is not so much an act of duty or politeness as an expression of deep joy and real gratitude.

May the Lord Bless You and Keep You.

Msgr. Thomas R. Kelly



SAFETY PRACTICES

St. Augustine Church is reviewing its Safety and First Aid practices as a parish. If there is someone who has this expertise and is willing to share their time and talent with the Pastor for a brief meeting, please call. We are requesting a discussion and advise on proper first aid and safety procedures and materials. Please call the rectory at 914-834-1220 or email abetkowski@staugustineny.org.

Thank you.



IMPORTANT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Verizon has just informed us that they will not provide us with email service after June 11, 2017. Therefore we have changed to new email addresses.

The new St. Augustine Religious Education email is: staugred@staugustineny.org

The email for those who wish to email Sister Suzanne personally is: srsuzanne@staugustineny.org.

Please respond to both of these emails so these emails will be put in your phone and computer. If we do not hear from you, the old email may be used and it will be lost. This is a big change and Sister Suzanne wants to make sure you can receive all the information and her communication at all times.

Our computer system has changed and we are experiencing several difficulties. We are hearing that some families did not receive the bulk mailing sent on May 4 with the registration form and the **Augmenter**.

New families, especially those with new first graders, may print a registration form from the website or obtain one from the religious education office. The sacrament program for First Reconciliation and Eucharist is a two year program that begins in first grade. Two years of preparation are required for celebration of these sacraments. Confirmation is celebrated in the ninth grade or at another year in high school. Attendance at all classes from Grades 1 through 8 is required for eligibility. **Final registration deadline is June 30.** We appreciate your prompt attention to your enrollment for the next school year.

LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

Sister Suzanne will be ending the school year with Liturgy of the Word for Children at the 10:30 Family Mass on June 11, 2017. She will resume on September 10, 2017.

INTERFAITH BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

An Interfaith Baccalaureate Service for graduating high school seniors and their families, friends, faculty and staff members is being held on **Tuesday, June 13 at 7:30 pm at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Mamaroneck**. Our own St. Augustine high school graduating seniors are a group of outstanding young people who we hope will be present at this event. They embody the best of what we hope for in the young adults to carry their faith to the ends of the earth. They will be honored in a very special way. Sister Suzanne was asked to give a five minute reflection at this service. She hopes for an overwhelming response!

8th ANNUAL NY BIBLE SUMMIT

Discover new insights on Sacred Scripture with the International Bible scholars and keynote speakers, Thomas Cardinal Collins and Carlos Cardinal Osoro Sierra of Madrid. Join Archbishop Christophe Louis Pierre, Apostolic Nuncio of the Holy See to the United States, for the opening Mass. Meet Dr. Roy Peterson, President of the American Bible Society, and enjoy a preview of the soon-to-open Museum of the Bible with the museum's president, Cary Summers. **Saturday, June 17, 8:45 am—4:00 pm, NY Catholic Center, 350 East 56th Street, NYC**

Fee: \$25 per person. For details on all the speakers and info on registration, visit www.nyfaithformation.org.

ST. VINCENT'S HOSPITAL

St. Vincent's Hospital in Harrison, NY is looking for donations for their patients. **Numerous patients arrive with only the clothing on their back.** Please donate any of the following items for young adults and adults: **sneakers, slippers, sweatpants, all types of pants, regular shirts, t-shirts and blouses, sweaters, coats, wigs, pocketbooks, new packages of underwear and socks of all sizes. Donations can be left in the enclosed porch of the rectory at any time. Thank you.**



WELCOME THE STRANGER

On Sunday, June 11, 2 - 5 pm at the Westchester Jewish Center, Mamaroneck, NY, Neighbors for Refugees (formerly Hearts and Homes for refugees of Larchmont Mamaroneck) is presenting an afternoon of ideas for **Welcoming Refugees: What You Can Do.** Two of the domestic resettlement agencies which interface with the US Dept. of State, Catholic Charities and HIAS, will be represented to talk about the vetting process and other steps in resettlement as well as journalist Jodi Kantor, who recently wrote a series of articles for the NYT about the '13th month of Syrian refugees who have been resettled in Canada. Local HS students who are making a difference in refugees' lives and some local citizens who are collecting items to be sent to European refugee camp will also be represented.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Sr. Eileen Clifford, O.P. at 212-371-1000 x 2949 or Deacon George J. Coppola at 917-861-1762. Both may also be reached via e-mail at victimassistance@archny.org. Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website, www.archny.org. In keeping with the Archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.



ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC

Good food and a good time was had by all in Kenny Hall last Sunday at the annual Parish Picnic. The Parish Council along with a legion of helpers who were generous with their time and culinary skills provided food and fun for the nearly 200 parishioners who turned out (in?) on a sprinkly Sunday evening. Games, relay races and face painting prevailed in a gym full of laughing children while 6th grader Emma K. and 2nd grader Olivia D. of our Religious Education Program received a certificate of award for their awesome artwork: logos for the 125th Anniversary of their parish, which will be exhibited on a banner on the front of the church beginning next Sunday! (Could not make it this year? We missed you! Mark the first Sunday of next June on your 2018 calendar, the next parish picnic.)



Join Us

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!

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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