

CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE, LARCHMONT, New York

JUNE 25 2017

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:

“The confession of evil works is the first beginning of good works.”

St. Augustine

Pastor's Corner

FAITH CONFESSED

[Christ] does not say, “Everyone who acknowledges me in his own heart” but “before others.” If one does not acknowledge him before others, it does one no good to believe in Christ in one’s heart. For it is impossible that one who denies with one’s lips can believe in one’s heart. For the root of confession is the heart’s faith. Confession is thus the fruit of faith. As long as a root is living, it must produce either branches or leaves, and if the plant does not produce these, we know beyond a doubt that its root is withered in the ground. In the same way, as long as the faith of the heart is healthy, it always sows the seeds of confession with the lips. But if there is no acknowledgement with the lips, you should know beyond a doubt that the faith of the heart has already withered away. For the apostle says, “For one believes with one’s heart and so is justified, and one confesses with one’s lips and so is saved.” (Rom 10:10)

And so confession by the lips is worth nothing without faith of the heart, and faith of the heart is worth nothing without confession by the lips. If it benefits you to believe with the heart without confession before others, does it also benefit an infidel to confess Christ deceitfully, even though he does not believe in his heart? If it results in no benefit to an unbeliever to confess without faith, in the same way it will not benefit you to believe without confession.

Unknown 5th century author, the *Incomplete Commentary on Matthew.*



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

3rd Time—Samantha Schwerhofer & Peter Norchic
2nd Time—Cara McCormick & Alexander Marasco

MASS INTENTIONS



Week of June 26th — July 2nd

Monday, June 26th

7:45 am

9:00 am William Mutschler

Tuesday, June 27th

7:45 am Larry Fikes

9:00 am Frank Caruso

Wednesday, June 28th

7:45 am

9:00 am Agnes Crossin

Thursday, June 29th

7:45 am Harold Walter Miers

9:00 am John and Mary McGoey

Friday, June 30th

7:45 am

9:00 am Mary D. Connell

Saturday, July 1st

9:00 am

5:00 pm Thomas Livingston

Sunday, July 2nd

9:00 am Brian Caughlin (Healing)

10:30 am Kevin Fitzgerald

12:00 pm Peter Wey

5:00 pm Roger Valente

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, David Reilly, 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.

SECOND COLLECTION SUN., JULY 2ND
CHURCH IN AFRICA

Your gifts to this collection make a real difference in the lives of the faithful across the African Continent. So many face a reality of hardship due to migration, poverty, and lack of infrastructure. Your gifts to the collection give them hope.

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—**\$6,026.50**

Total ParishPay was \$4,500.00

Total Collection — \$10,526.50

Attendance Last weekend was **807**

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 **\$127,290.00** has been pledged from **138 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



SUMMER AT ST. AUGUSTINE

During the quiet summer months we anticipate three changes for our Parish Community.

1— I am happy to report that **Deacon Robert Gontcharuk has been assigned to the staff of St. Augustine Church**. Deacon Bob has served over twenty years at the neighboring parish of Holy Name of Jesus in New Rochelle. Presently Deacon Bob is away on vacation with his wife Louise. We will be seeing him in July.

2—Our **church is scheduled to be painted during the summer**. We plan to invite new colors besides white.

3—Con Edison has made our parish an offer we could not afford to turn down. **They will be converting all appropriate lighting to LED bulbs in the school, rectory and in the church**. The reason we should not be turning down this offer is that they will be picking up 70% of the cost. We anticipate very significant savings in the cost of electricity as well.

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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.



CYO BASKETBALL 2017-18

St. Augustine's CYO basketball program is actively seeking to expand. In addition to the 15 boys and girls teams currently participating, we are looking to grow both programs. For the upcoming season we are specifically seeking **girls who will be entering the 3rd through 7th grades, and boys entering the 5th grade**. We will also need parents to get involved in the coaching of these new teams. For questions regarding this expansion or any other questions involving the program, please contact Mark McNally at mcnally318@gmail.com.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR ARCHDIOCESE

To all parishioners: You can enjoy FORMED.ORG, a free Catholic website provided by the Archdiocese, **by registering with the parish access code RNBV2**. "The site has amazing content to offer, Bible studies, sacramental information, Bishop Barron's Catholicism series, *The Wild Goose*, Lighthouse Catholic Media talks, *Catholic Answers* content and so much more." The content has tripled in the past year and continues to grow.

GOD'S CALL FOR CATECHISTS

May I tug at your heart strings for you to consider this noble aspect of being a disciple of Christ as a catechist, assistant catechist, or volunteer in our Religious Education program (not CCD)? If you have questions or are unsure of my expectations, feel free to text me at 717-448-6206. Teens do it all the time or email me at srsuzanne@staugustineny.org or the office at staugred@staugustineny.org (please note new emails). I am praying that you will respond to me by phone (office—914-834-9523), text or email. I welcome questions. Be assured that I will help you all through the year from September through May. You will have an orientation meeting in September. Two other meetings will be held, one in November and one in January/February during the actual class time while your learners will be engaged in another activity. You won't be left in the lurch. I will be circulating the classes and also gathering the whole group in Kenny Hall in our "heart space" each week. Twelve of our 52 confirmands have volunteered to be catechist assistants. But we need some lead players. Wednesday classes for Grades 1 through 4 are held from 3:30 to 4:45 pm and evening classes for Grades 5 through 8 from 7:00 to 8:15 pm. Sunday classes are from 9:00 to 10:15 am. Hope to hear from you.



BROKEN AS CHRIST IS

Father Michael Barnes writes, "It is the very nature of the Eucharist, in enacting the drama of Christ, to incorporate an element of the brokenness of the world and the brokenness of human relations. . . St. Augustine spoke of the Christian community becoming the body of Christ by receiving the body of Christ; when we are offered the Body of Christ in communion we reply 'Amen', meaning 'yes, we are'. . . The body which is broken for us makes us a body which is also broken; Jesus's life and death prepare him for resurrection certainly, but . . . a resurrection precisely through misunderstanding and suffering. It can be nothing less for those who would follow. To become the Body of Christ we also must be broken like Christ." *Go to Mass this summer; share in the Eucharist. As a member of the Body of Christ, you need to be there—and we all need you there. (Traveling? Try Masstimes.org for local churches and their Mass times, all in one listing.)*



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!



PARISH ORAL HISTORY

As part of a journalism class project, three MHS seniors have prepared training materials for our high school parishioners who would like to interview one or two subjects as part of our 125th anniversary project of collecting the stories of the older parishioners. Are you a high school student who will be around this summer? Email LDoyle@staugustineny.org to join this exciting project! If you like history or journalism or just good conversation, your help is needed.

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.



10:30 MASS LEMONADE STAND

A group of young parents are planning a series of lemonade stands this summer out on the playground after the 10:30 am Mass (if raining, in the cafeteria). Children from 4—8 poured lemonade and passed out baked goods at our first 'standing date' on June 11 —and \$172.00 was donated to HOPE Community Services in New Rochelle to buy food for their soup kitchen and food pantry. **Please come!** Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

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.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE _____ TEL _____

EMAIL _____