

CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE, LARCHMONT, New York
MARCH 26, 2017
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:

“The Lord is my Shepard; there is nothing I shall want.” Psalm 23

Pastor's Corner

INSIGNIFICANCE

In his insightful and entertaining book, *Illustrissimi*, Albino Luciani (Pope John Paul I) penned a series of letters to such fictional and historical persons as Mark Twain, Pinocchio, Figaro the Barber, Hippocrates, Guglielmo Marconi and Jesus. Luciani's correspondence with these famous figures reflected the fact that he was first and foremost a pastor. Taking to heart the ancient Christian maxim, “*Per verbum ad Verbum*,” he believed that a believer could reach the word of God through a study of the literary word. Within the familiar, conversational style of each letter, Luciani taught some aspect of the Christian ideal.

The pope, who died within five weeks of his August 1978 election, wrote in his letter to David, king of Israel, “The Bible presents the various components of your personality: poet and musician, brilliant officer, a shrewd king, sometimes involved—alas! Not always happily—with women and in harem intrigues with the consequent family tragedies; and, nevertheless, a friend of God, thanks to your noble piety, which kept you aware of your insignificance in the face of God” (*Illustrissimi: Letters from Pope John Paul I*, Little, Brown and Company, Boston: 1978).

David's *insignificance* is also acknowledged in today's reading from 1 Samuel. Youngest son of Jesse, left at home to tend the family's flocks, David was nevertheless the one who was chosen by God to be king because the “Lord who looks into the heart” (v.7) judges people according to a different standard. David's youthful inexperience which appeared to his father, brothers and even to Samuel to be an obstacle which would have prevented his accession to the throne did not deter the saving plan of God.

By his anointing, David was consecrated or set apart by God for special service. In Jewish tradition, the anointing signified the presence of the Lord's spirit with his anointed or *messiah*. There are two other instances of David's being anointed at Hebron, first by the tribes of Judah (2 Samuel 2:4) and then by those of Israel (2 Samuel 5:4) These later anointings signified the veneration and allegiance of the tribes for their new king.

At baptism, human insignificance is anointed and set apart by God for special service. Endowed with the presence of his Spirit, the faithful are also empowered to overcome the obstacles inherent in Christian living.

Celebration, March 1996



MASS INTENTIONS

Week of March 27th — April 2nd

Monday, March 27th

7:45 am

9:00 am Brenda McAuly

Tuesday, March 28th

7:45 am

9:00 am Maura O'Friel

Wednesday, March 29th

7:45 am

9:00 am Patrick Buckley

Thursday, March 30th

7:45 am

9:00 am Kevin Fitzgerald

Friday, March 31st

7:45 am

9:00 am Donald T. O'Connor

Saturday April 1st

9:00 am Jose Salvador Madera

5:00 pm Peter James Marcon

Sunday, April 2nd

9:00 am Frank Fato

10:30 am Louise J. Troisi

12:00 pm Barbara Fitzgerald

5:00 pm Patrick Galvin

WE PRAY

For those who are ill, including: Sandy Albert, 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, Maureen Donovan, 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, Mary Jordan, Fred Kriegel, Dorothy & Dave Lakso, Zachary Lawrence, Rose Leghorn, Lori Lamberti, Robert Mangone, Martin Martinez, Virginia McLaughlin, Bob Morris, 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, Mary Williams and Billy Zarcone.

May they find healing and comfort in Jesus Christ.

SECOND COLLECTION
SUNDAY, MARCH 26TH
CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

By participating in the Catholic Relief Service (CRSC) collection, you are responding to Jesus in disguise in some of the most marginalized communities in our world. Catholic Relief Service collection provides services for immigrants, humanitarian aid in the wake of natural disasters, refuge for the displaced, and advocacy for peace and justice around the world. Let us join together in this special collection to support those who are suffering and are on the margins of society.

For more information please visit www.usccb.org/catholic-relief. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

Faithfully in Christ,

Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan



PRAY THE STATIONS
OF THE CROSS

A classic devotion and prayer during Lent is the Stations of the Cross. Prayer booklets are available in the church and the church will remain open until 5:00 pm each day during Lent.



HOLY WEEK AND
EASTER SERVICES

Monday, April 10th — Sunday, April 15th

MONDAY Confessions 3:00—9:00 pm

HOLY THURSDAY

Mass of the Lord's Supper— 8:00 pm

Visits to Repository until 10:30 pm

GOOD FRIDAY

Tenebrae—9:00 am

Stations of the Cross,

(outdoors weather permitting) 12:00 pm

Liturgy of the Passion and

Death of Our Lord—3:00 pm

Confessions 7:00—7:30 pm

Stations of the Cross—7:30 pm

HOLY SATURDAY

Tenebrae—9:00 am

Confessions 11:00 am —12:00 pm & 4:00—5:00 pm

Easter Vigil Liturgy—8:00 pm

EASTER SUNDAY

Interfaith Sunrise Service 6:30 am Manor Park

7:45, 9:00, 10:30 am and 12:00 pm

No Evening Mass

THE CARDINAL'S ANNUAL
STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

Prayerfully Consider Your Sacrifice

The Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal serves many diverse communities across our **10 counties**. *As Disciples of Christ, we are called to share our gifts with our brothers and sisters.* Even small sacrifices can make a big impact. Please answer the call and make your commitment today. **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.**

Online donations can be made at www.cardinals-appeal.org. Donation envelopes are available in the pews and the entrances to the church. **Thank you for your generosity and support.**



AN ICON FOR OUR LENTEN SEASON

One of our parishioners who is an icon painter (or, an 'icon writer') has offered to share with St. Augustine her representation of **Christ as The Bridegroom** as a subject for our contemplation and devotion especially during the Lenten season. Please look for it to the left of the pulpit in the front of the church. A more detailed description of its meaning is on a handout on the table behind the last row of pews.



THE LIVING STATIONS
OF THE CROSS

On Wednesday, April 5 at 7:30 pm in Kenny Hall our older high school teens will lead us in walking the road to Calvary. This year, an approach involving music and movement, with the cast of characters who will draw us into the heart of this prayer experience, is new and dynamic. In this 125th anniversary of our parish, please honor our young parishioners with your presence and prayer by joining them in this rendition that will haunt and inspire you.

LENTEN FAST AND ABSTINENCE

The regulations on Lenten fast and abstinence are:

"ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT" Those who are 14 years of age or older are to abstain from meat on all the Fridays of Lent. The fundamental obligation is to make lent a penitential season, choosing practices that are adapted to one's own needs.



The items requested for March
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.



FOOD FAST

A Catholic Relief Services 7 hour Food Fast will be held on **Sunday, April 2 for TEENS** with Adult Volunteers from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm with an Empty Bowls Soup and Bread supper following in Kenny Hall.

There is enough food in the world to feed everyone, why then do so many go hungry? Pope Francis' words haunt us: "We are in front of a global scandal of around one billion people who still suffer from hunger today." **We ask teens and adults to be a part of resolving this problem.** The teens are willing to do the fast and learn with adults to end systemic hunger by 2015. They need sponsors to support this venture. Their goal is one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) to give to Catholic Relief Services. Envelopes are in the back of the church for donations that can be placed in collection baskets at the Masses. Teen parental consent forms are also in the back of the church. Teens need to register with Sister Suzanne at srsuzanne@verizon.net or text her at 717-448-6206 by March 31. Although those teens appearing at the door on the day will also be accepted. Your monetary support and encouragement of teens to participate will be invaluable. You may choose a teen you know or sponsor the whole group doing the FOOD FAST. This venture of our teens and your support are all blessings that spell **true discipleship.**

THE EUCHARIST IN SCRIPTURE AND THE BOOK OF PSALMS

During Lent, nearly 30 parishioners are studying The Eucharist in Scripture, which emphasizes the importance of meals shared in faithful fellowship as part of our covenant relationship with God. Old Testament meals and promises provide the foundation for gospel meals with Jesus, culminating in the Last Supper as understood by Paul and in the four gospels. Another 20 parishioners have decided to complete their study of the Book of Psalms, a unique collection of the song-prayers of Israel. To study Psalms is to study prayer, ultimately to enter into prayer. The study will challenge participants to reflect on their own prayer and life experiences. This particular study will focus partly on the Psalms of Lament, which express the sorrow of the soul in distress and of the individual's and the community's need to turn to God in order to be healed or rescued. Please read along this Lent—and please keep these parishioners in your prayers during their study—as they keep you in theirs each session.



FREE 6-WEEK EMPLOYMENT/ NETWORKING SUPPORT GROUP

Sponsored by the RDC Center and given at the White Plains Education & Technology Center, 303 Quarropas St., White Plains, 6:30—8:00 pm **April 10 – May 22nd.** Topics: Job Trends, The Myers Briggs Inventory, Resume Preparation, Interviewing and LinkedIn. To register, psheridan@divinecompassion.org or 914-798-1103

GREETING CARDS FOR PRISONERS

The Kairos Outside organization, with whom we shared our 2015 ReDirect Christmas fund, is **collecting new, unused greeting cards to give to prisoners' families for the sons and husbands in prison.** Please go through your collection at home and see what you can contribute. Drop them off at the rectory during Lent. Thank you for also keeping these families and the prisoners in your prayers.



40 DAYS FOR LIFE: MAR. 1 – APRIL 9

This spring's "40 Days for Life" campaign will be held March 1—April 9th, "40 Days for Life" is a peaceful, highly-focused, non-denominational initiative that focuses on 40 days of prayer and fasting, peaceful vigil at abortion facilities, and educational outreach with the goal of protecting mothers and their children from abortion. **To learn more about the 40 Days for Life campaign, visit: www.40daysforlife.com**

YAI WESTCHESTER SPRING BALL

YAI—Institute for People with Disabilities is having a **Spring Ball, Sunday, April 2nd**, Double Tree Hilton Hotel, Tarrytown, NY. Cocktails and Silent Auction 4:30—5:30 pm, Dinner and Dancing 5:30—9:30 pm. Tickets are \$60.00 per person. For more information, contact Tracy.Behling@yai.org or call 835-2810.



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Try FORMED.ORG, the website with movies for children, documentaries about the Bible, programs about the Mass and the sacraments, and more—which the Archdiocese has given all its parishioners as a gift. **Register and access its many offerings with our parish code RNBV2.**

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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