

CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE, LARCHMONT, New York

MAY 15, 2016

PENTECOST SUNDAY

**NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:**

“Jesus said, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, I send you.’ When he said this, he breathed on them and said, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit’” John 20:23

*Pastor's Corner*

**BECOMING COMMUNITY**

We might think of Pentecost Sunday as something like the church's Fourth of July celebration. It's not just the attention-getting sound, the pyrotechnics and the excitement, but the here-comes-everybody reunion of a multinational crowd of folks who all heard a message and allowed themselves to get caught up in its power. And it was even more than that. Instead of the earth-shaking commotion leading to confusion, everybody understood what was being communicated—to the point that they were actually confused by the fact of clear communication.

While Luke began his Gospel by talking of a small clan of Jewish people and Jesus' birth in a little town in the middle of nowhere, he begins the Acts of the Apostles in the religious center of Judaism with a crowd representing the whole known world. Pentecost was a big deal! But what might it mean to us? It is of course, all about the Spirit, and today's readings tell us that the Spirit is ready to lead us through transformation every bit as clear and bewildering as the events of Luke's story.

Because Luke's narrative in Acts is the only scriptural account of the Pentecost event, today's other readings offer additional perspectives on the gift and effects of the Holy Spirit in the life of the church. One of the first things we might notice here is that every one of the five suggested readings for today's liturgy leads us to reflect on our place in the community of believers. Not one of them speaks of a private experience of the Spirit of God, quite the opposite. The communal dimension is most obvious in the selection from 1 Corinthians, in which Paul uses the image of a body to explain how intimately the members of the community have become identified with one another.

When Paul speaks of the differing gifts within the body of Christ, he highlights the paradoxical reality that the more unified people become, the more their personal identity is strengthened. The more they get involved as integral parts of the community, the more their individual gifts are brought out in service to others. The more they understand their particular call from the Lord, their unique manifestation of the Spirit, the more they will understand and cherish being part of the whole body of Christ. Or, building on Paul's homey metaphor: The more the hand is called on to scratch the head, the better the hand gets at it and the happier the head, which in turn keeps nourishing the hand's muscles.

The Feast of Pentecost is meant to be a blowout celebration that reminds us of the unfathomable power we have been given to create a community of universal solidarity. Pentecost celebrates the fact that the Gospel can be understood in every time and culture because it fulfills the deepest yearning of human hearts. With all of our bewildering differences, Pentecost tells us that we are all such a part of one another, that sharing God's peace is really possible. That is the message we are called to believe and proclaim by the way we live. To the extent that we believe it, it will become true.

*Preaching Resources, Mary M. McGlone May 15, 2016*

† **MASS INTENTIONS**

**Week of May 16th – May 22nd**

**Monday, May 16th**

9:00 am John and Mary McGoey

**Tuesday, May 17th**

9:00 am Lucia Matthews

**Wednesday, May 18th**

9:00 am Alice and Arthur Benning

**Thursday, May 19th**

9:00 am Alumni Camp St. Joseph

**Friday, May 20th**

9:00 am Mark Anthony Rescign

**Saturday May 21st**

9:00 am Eligia Dundee

5:00 pm Roberto Cervantez

**Sunday, May 22nd**

9:00 am Rosemarie Simplicio

10:30 am Milena Leonard

12:00 pm Peter Salerno

5:00 pm Angelina Bermudez

**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 Duzan, Mark Elliott, Loren Finnell, Mary Elizabeth Fraioli, Marty Gary, Robert Glickman, Alexandria 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 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 — **\$5,748.00**

Total ParishPay was \$4,500.00

**Total Collection — \$10,248.00**

Total Collection Ascension Thursday—**\$885.00**

Attendance last weekend was **805**

**Thank you for your support and generosity.**



## 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 **\$85,686.00** 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.*



## MAY FLOWERS

To honor the Blessed Mother Mary in a special way during May, **donations of flowers may be brought to Our Lady's altar** in remembrance of one who has died, or in celebration of a living loved one, or anonymously. To schedule your delivery please call Nancy Manion, 914-834-8516 or email [nanmanion@aol.com](mailto:nanmanion@aol.com). **Flowers have been donated this week :**

From Margaret, John & Christine Jolly  
in Memory of *Maura (Mary) O'Brien, John Cahill  
and Catherine Cooney*

From Joanne Wendling

In Memory of her mother *Therese Noto* and  
her friend *Essie Turner*

From Susan McGoey

In Memory of her mother *Mary McGoey*

From Frances and Pat Riley

In memory of *Mary Henry and Winnie Riley*



## CLOTHING DRIVE TODAY CAFETERIA, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Bring your good quality clothing and household items today to the clothing drive for the Little Sisters of the Assumption in East Harlem. Items most needed include men's, women's and children's clothing, bedding, linens, towels, accessories, shoes, kitchen items and small appliances in working order. For children's clothing, please, if possible, bundle and label these separately. **Please no holes or stains, no computers or accessories or DVDs.**



## 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: [staugustiny.org](http://staugustiny.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. An early bird discount is afforded families who register before June 1. **The deadline for registration is June 30.** After that date a late fee of \$50 will be applied.



## HUNGER AWARENESS SUNDAY, ON MAY 22nd

Let's **RENEW** our efforts to help feed needy and homeless families who receive food and other help from HOPE Community Services in New Rochelle and Mother Teresa's Soup Kitchen in the Bronx:

1. **INCREASE** food supplies brought to church EACH WEEK, especially: *Dry Pasta, rice, jarred or canned tomato sauce, canned stews, meat filled soups, cereals, canned or dried beans, canned fruit and vegetables.* (Flip-Top cans are appreciated.)
2. Sign up to **DELIVER** canned food donations on occasion.
3. **COOK or SERVE** meals, on occasion, (dates TBA).
4. **PACK** the bags of food for our neighbors in need at HOPE in NR: volunteers needed about 2 hours in the morning (from 9 or 9:15 am) every other Tuesday 5/24, 6/7, 6/21, etc. or every other Wednesday 5/25, 6/8, 6/22 etc. *Feel free to sign up for just one date!*

**Visit our table outside church on Sunday 5/22 or, contact Bill Quinn at [quinnw@optonline.net](mailto:quinnw@optonline.net) or call the rectory, 914-834-1220. Thank you.**



## LIVING GENTLY

"What You Can Do About Climate Change" (NYT, 12.2.15) No. 3 of 7: **EAT EVERYTHING IN YOUR REFRIGERATOR.** Scientists have estimated that up to 40% of American food is wasted—which amounts to almost 1,400 calories per person every day. Food waste occupies a significant chunk of our landfills, adding methane to the atmosphere as it decomposes. Even more important, wasted food adds to the amount of food that needs to be produced, which is already a big part of our carbon load. To waste less, plan out meals ahead of time; use a shopping list; avoid impulse buys. At home, freeze food before it spoils. And if you find yourself routinely throwing prepared food away, reduce portion sizes.



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

Volunteers are needed to help out at the picnic. Please add your name to one of the sign up sheets at the entrance of the church if you can help out that day.

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

**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 Avenius@msn.com or Kris Patterson at kbpatter@me.com or 919-608-3002. First clean up coming soon!



**ANNUAL GOLDEN WEDDING**  
**MASS CELEBRATION**

Couples celebrating their **50th Wedding Anniversary** anytime during 2016 are invited to attend the **Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at the Cathedral of St. Patrick, Saturday, June 25th at 1:30 pm or Sunday, June 26th at 2:00 pm**. Pre-registration is required. Please call, 914-834-1220 or email abetkowski@staugustineny.org. **The closing date to register for the Mass is Tuesday, May 24th, 2016.**

**AN INVITATION TO COME & SEE**

If you would like to know more about how Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church can **make a positive difference in your life**, please contact us for more information; Sister Muriel Cooney, O.P. 914-834-1220 ext. 23, or srmuriel@staugustineny.org or abetkowski@staugustineny.org.



The items requested for May 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.**



**THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES**

**Two small groups are scheduled to begin a study of The Acts of the Apostles**, which could be referred to the "Gospel of Luke: Part two." Year C in the Church—the year of Luke's Gospel—is an especially appropriate time to study "Luke/Acts," which follows the apostles and disciples immediately after the death and resurrection of their and our Savior, Jesus Christ. It is "the story of the church as it continues to unfold in Luke's own generation, and by the extension implied in his vision, our generation is included as well." **One group will meet on Monday mornings at 10:30 am in the Catholic Library; the other will meet at 10:30 am on Saturday mornings at the same location.** 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! See how The Word of God is for yesterday, today and al-*



**ATTENTION ALTAR SERVERS**  
**OF ALL AGES**

During the month of May, our parish is looking for people of all ages to join the Altar Server Ministry. Older Servers can assist our Parish in particular at funerals. It is an additional way of consoling our grieving families. The younger servers are an important part of our parish community and assist the priests of our parish at Sunday Masses. **Please consider joining this ministry to enhance our Parish Prayer life.** For more information call the rectory at 914-834-1220 or email abetkowski@staugustineny.org.



**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 De Feis at 833-1803 or madeifeis@gmail.com for more information by Friday 6th. Thank you.**

**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](http://www.staugustineny.org/register).

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