

CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE, LARCHMONT, New York

MAY 21 2017

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:

“Whoever has my commandments and keeps them is the one who loves me”

John 14:15

Pastor's Corner

THE GIFT OF PROMISE

In the movie “Mary Poppins,” the two children, Jane and Michael Banks, jump into bed after having spent their first day with their amazing new nanny. Once in bed, Jane asks, “Mary Poppins, you won’t ever leave us, will you?” Full of excitement, Michael looks at Mary and adds, “Will you stay if we promise to be good?” Mary smiles at her two new charges and replies, “Look, that’s a piecrust promise. Easily made, easily broken!”

Most of us will also probably recall “Promises, Promises,” a popular song from the ‘60s. Composed by the prolific Burt Bacharach and brought to life by the memorable talents of Dionne Warwick, this lively song compared promises that are kept with promises that are broken. “Their kind of promises” (i.e., the empty and unfulfilled ones) “can just destroy a life, take all the joy from life, “ sings Warwick, claiming to be “all through with promises, promises now!” Then the great singer continues, “promises, promises, *my* kind of promises can lead to joy and hope and love—yes, love!” These latter promises are not “piecrust promises.” On the contrary, they are authentic, sincere and fully realized; these are like the promises made by Jesus to his own. Those promises, *Jesus’* promises, could certainly, as the song says, “lead to joy and hope and love—yes, love!”

One of Jesus' promises is featured in this Sunday's Johannine Gospel: the promise of his own continued support and presence in the person of the Paraclete or Spirit of Truth.

When considering all the things that Jesus could have promised his own, the promise of the Spirit becomes all the more significant. Certainly, it was in Jesus' power and it may even have been the unspoken wish of his disciples that he would promise them an easy mission, spent among people who shared their traditions, a mission that they could exercise from the relative comfort of their own homes and hometowns. Jesus could have promised his disciples fame, popularity and a warm welcome from those to whom they reached out with the good news. Jesus could have promised his followers power to dominate, power that would cause the rulers of the then known world to fear and envy them. Jesus could have assured his own that they would be immunized against hostility, prejudice and against ignorance that heaps rejection and ridicule upon that which is unknown, different or unfamiliar. He could have promised peace without a price and justice without hard work and sacrifice. He might have promised good health and longevity to those who hoped to live to see his return. Jesus could have promised those who gave themselves over to his ministry a life without suffering and pain. But all of these promises, however appealing, would have been nothing more than piecrust promises, easily made, easily broken. All of these promises pale into insignificance when compared to the promise Jesus *did* make and keep: the promise of the Paraclete of Holy Spirit. A person, a presence and a power like none other, the promised Paraclete would remain with the disciples and continues to remain with and within those who love and believe in Jesus.

Patricia Datchuck Sanchez Preaching Resources May 01, 2005

MASS INTENTIONS



Week of May 22nd — May 28th

Monday, May 22nd

7:45 am Deceased Members of the Gardiner Family

9:00 am Arthur Stock

Tuesday, May 23rd

7:45 am John Falzone

9:00 am James E. Bair Jr.

Wednesday, May 24th

7:45 am

9:00 am Bridget Paolucci—req. by Ladies Auxiliary

Thursday, May 25th

7:45 am

9:00 am Thomas Livingston

12:00 pm Michael Andrew Beazley

7:30 pm

Friday, May 26th

7:45 am Alumni Camp St. Joseph

9:00 am

Saturday, May 27th

9:00 am Arthur Remy

5:00 pm Gladys D. Gowan

Sunday, May 28th

9:00 am Barbara McCusker

10:30 am Azusena Sacoto

12:00 pm Kevin Fitzgerald

5:00 pm Gwendolyn Mary Murphy

WE PRAY

For those who are ill, including: Sandy Albert, Cindy Augustine, 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, 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, Elizabeth Murray, Patricia Clifford Newman, Doris Nogueira, Scotty Norton, Doris O'Toole, Jack Pastor, Shawna Radogna, Katherine Samon, Annmarie Shower, Susan Testa, Joan Troccoli, Rosemary Walsh, Nicholas James Walsh, Missy Wey, Mary Williams and Billy Zarccone.

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—\$6,655.50

Total ParishPay was \$4,500.00

Total Collection — \$11,155.50

Total Collection National Shrine— \$1,464.00

Attendance Last weekend was 802

Thank you for your support and generosity.

ASCENSION THURSDAY, MAY 25th

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

MASS SCHEDULE

Thursday, May 25th

7:45, 9:00 am, 12:00 Noon and 7:30 pm.

Anointing of the Sick will be offered following the 12:00 Noon 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**. To date **\$97,355.00** has been pledged from **118 families**. Our goal is **\$108,500.00** from **200 families**. Even small sacrifices can make a big impact. **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.cardinalsappeal.org. Donation envelopes are available in the pews and the entrances to the church.

MAY FLOWERS

Once again, 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 nanmanion@aol.com.

Flowers have been donated this week :

From Florrie and John Feuerbach

In honor of their son Peter.

From Genie Juliano

In memory of her Mother, Eligia Dundee

From Courtney Nunns

In Honor of her son William

From Anne-Mieke & Jan Karel Smeets

In Memory of Andre Melief, Dr. Cay Winkel, Carlos Winkel & the deceased Melief & Smeets Family Members



RECEPTION TO CELEBRATE Msgr. THOMAS R. KELLY'S 50th ANNIVERSARY of his ORDINATION to the PRIESTHOOD

Please Join Us

Sunday May 21st 12:00 Noon Mass

Reception to follow Kenny Hall

1:00 – 3:00 pm

All are Invited and Welcome



RHODES COLLEGE SINGERS

Come hear a beautiful choral concert presented by the Rhodes College Singers in our church on **Wednesday, May 24th at 7:30 pm**. Admission is free. **All are welcome to enjoy this inspiring performance!**

(There will not be a Vigil Mass for the Ascension on Wednesday evening, May 24.)



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

The new registration form for 2017-18 has been mailed to families currently enrolled in our program with the Augmenter newsletter. 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 the First Reconciliation and Eucharist is a two year program that begins in the 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.

The early bird discount is only available to June 1 and the final registration deadline is June 30. We appreciate your prompt attention to your enrollment for the next school year.



FIRST EUCHARIST

Congratulations to all the families whose children received First Communion **Saturday, May 20th.**

All God's Blessings

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA

Congratulations to **Eve Cicciu** who received the Sacraments of Initiation **Saturday, May 20th** during the **5:00 pm Mass**. Due to her Father's illness Eve was unable to receive the Sacraments of Initiation during the Easter Vigil.



MIDNIGHT RUN NEEDS YOUR HELP

Friday, June 2nd, St. John's Episcopal Church

June 2nd is the next Midnight Run to help the homeless and once again we need your help. **Brown bag lunches are needed.** Please contribute as few as six meals, and together we can make a huge difference. The meals are passed out at designated locations to people who depend on these runs. If you would like to contribute brown-bag lunches, please contact Vicki Rizzo-Nikou at 914-907-1493 or dr.vickinikou@gmail.com. Thank you.

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, from 2 - 5 pm, 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 Sate, 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' (i.e., the immediate future) 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. Please join us! All are welcome.


SAVE THE DATE
St Augustine Annual
Parish Picnic 5:30 – 8:00 pm
Sunday, June 04, 2017
All Are Welcome!!!!

Join us for an afternoon filled with **Friends, Fellowship, Food and Fun.**



The items requested for May
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.

CLOTHING DRIVE THANK YOU

A huge thank you to all the volunteers, parishioners, and junior volunteers who helped make the clothing drive for the Little Sisters of the Assumption on Sunday, May 7th a huge success. From the high quality and generous quantity of the donations to the enthusiasm and efficiency of the clothing drive sorting team, St. Augustine was rated A+! A special thank you to our junior volunteers and families, under the guidance of Hillary Collins, who got an early taste of community service sorting children's clothes and shoes as well as our confirmation candidates, whose assistance was invaluable. We once again filled The Little Sister's van to the brink! We were also able to select and store items for future Midnight Runs as well as provide items for St. Vincent's Hospital in Harrison, NY. 



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: **Photographers** are needed to take photos at upcoming parish events on, June 4 (5:45-7:00 pm) and future parish events. Also **Photo-board organizers** (calling all scrap-bookers!) to arrange photos of these events for display in the church vestibule. **Hospitality** volunteers are needed to help at parish events for set-up, food and supplies provision, table decorations, clean-up. Be a **Greeter**. Welcome parishioners at the church entrances at our regular weekend Mases. Please contact Karen (Khor khortan@mac.com) or Lu Doyle (Ldoyle@staugustineny.org) if you can help in any of these capacities.



"A SOURCE OF HAPPINESS, A PROTECTION AGAINST SADNESS"

These words of St. John Chrysostom refer to prayer, "the place of refuge for every worry." If someone you know is in need of prayers, you have many ways of asking for them at St. Augustine. You can write them in the new Book of Prayers in the vestibule of the church above the right hand shelves of the Catholic Library (please use only first name or initials) or you may call the rectory to have a name put in the bulletin. The third option is to have your intention sent on to the parish Prayer Network, a ministry instituted in 1992 when our parish participated in RENEW program. (That network began with a 'phone tree' of about 20 people and has blossomed to over 40 people who are contacted by email. Please let the rectory know if you would like to be one of those 'designated pray-ers' also.) As with all personal prayer intentions, please ask the person before you ask for prayers for him or her, and please place prayer intentions before Our Lord but do not discuss them with others. As Jesus said, "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."