

CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE, LARCHMONT, New York
MAY 22, 2016
MOST HOLY TRINITY

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:

“ O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth! “ Psalm 8

Pastor's Corner

IN PRAISE OF DIVERSITY

Since the ingenious earth began
To shape itself from fire and rubble;
Since God invented man, and man
At once fell to, inventing trouble,
One virtue, one subversive grace
Has chiefly vexed the human race.

One whimsical beatitude,
Concocted for his gain and glory,
Has man most stoutly misconstrued
Of all the primal category—
Counting no blessing, but a flaw,
That *Difference* is the mortal law.

Adam, perhaps, while toiling late,
With life a book still strange to read in,
Saw his new world, how variegated,
And mourned, “It was not so in Eden,”
Confusing thus from the beginning
Unlikeness with original sinning.

And still the sons of Adam's clay
Labor in person or by proxy
At altering to a common way
The planet's holy heterodoxy.
Till now, so dogged is the breed,
Almost it seems that they succeed.

One shrill, monotonous, level note
The human orchestra's reduced to.
Man casts his ballot, turns his coat,
Gets born, gets buried as he used to,
Makes war, makes love—but with a kind
Of masked and universal mind.

His good has no nuances. He
Doubts or believes with total passion.
Heretics choose for heresy
Whatever's the prevailing fashion.
Those wearing Tolerance for a label
Call other views intolerable.

“For or Against” 's the only rule.
Damned are the unconvinced, the floaters.
Now all must go to public school,
March with the League of Women Voters,
Or else for safety get allied
With a unanimous Other side.

There's white, there's black; no tint between.
Truth is a plane that was a prism.
All's Blanshard that's not Bishop Sheen.
All's treason that's not patriotism.
Faith, charity, hope—now all must fit
One pattern or its opposite.

Or so it seems. Yet who would dare
Deny that nature planned it other,
When every freckled thrush can wear
A dapple various from his brother,
When each pale snowflake in the storm
Is false to some imagined norm?

Recalling then what surely was
The earliest bounty of Creation:
That not a blade among the grass
But flaunts its difference with elation,
Let us devoutly take no blame
If similar does not mean the same.

And grateful for the wit to see
Prospects through doors we cannot enter,
Ah! Let us praise Diversity
Which holds the world upon its center.
Praise *con amor' or furioso*
The large, the little, and the soso.

Rejoice that under cloud and star
The planet's more than Maine or Texas.
Bless the delightful fact there are
Twelve months, nine muses, and two sexes;
And infinite in earth's dominions
Arts, climates, and opinions.

Praise ice and ember, sand and rock,
Tiger and dove and ends and sources;
Space travelers, and who only walk
Like mailmen round familiar courses;
Praise vintage grapes and tavern Grappas,
And bankers and Phi Beta Kappas;

Each in its moment justified,
Praise knowledge, theory, second guesses;
That which must wither or abide;
Prim men, and men like wildernesses;
And men of peace and men of mayhem
And pipers and the ones who pay'em

Praise the disheveled, praise the sleek;
Austerity and hearts-and-flowers;
People who turn the other cheek
And extroverts who take cold showers;
Saints we can name a holy day for
And infidels the saints can pray for.

Praise youth for pulling things apart,
Toppling the idols, breaking leases;
Then from the upset apple-cart
Praise oldsters picking up the pieces.
Praise wisdom, hard to be a friend to,
And folly one can condescend to.

**Praise what conforms and what is odd,
Remembering, if the weather worsens
Along the way, that even God
Is said to be three separate Persons.
Then upright or upon the knee
Praise Him that by His courtesy,
For all our prejudice and pains,
Diverse His Creature still remains.**

Phyllis McGinley (1905—1978)

† **MASS INTENTIONS**

Week of May 23rd – May 29th

Monday, May 23rd

9:00 am Maura Ruth O'Friel

Tuesday, May 24th

9:00 am Patrick Sullivan

Wednesday, May 25th

9:00 am Patricia A. Ford

Thursday, May 26th

9:00 am Michael F. Egan

Friday, May 27th

9:00 am Victoria Tassone

Saturday May 28th

9:00 am Noto Family

5:00 pm Jeanette & Thomas Connell

Sunday, May 29th

9:00 am William D. Gallagher

10:30 am Ursula G. Kroener

12:00 pm Irene Van Eyck

5:00 pm Sister Suzanne Duzan (Healing)

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, Connall 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, 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, 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

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 — **\$7,104.00**

Total ParishPay was \$4,500.00

Total Collection — \$11,604.00

Attendance last weekend was **776**

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 **\$102,856.00** 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. **Flowers have been donated this week:**

From Florrie & John Feuerbach
in Memory of their son, Peter *Feuerbach*

From Genie Juliano

In memory of Eligia Dundee

From Mary Bohan

In memory of Joe Bohan

From Ann Siragusa

In memory of Bridged and Hugh Connelly



LECTIO & CENTERING PRAYER

Join us for **Lectio Divina Tuesdays** following the 9:00 am Mass in the rectory. **Centering Prayer** meets on Saturdays in the church following the 9:00 am Mass.

Congratulations to all those who
received their First Eucharist

Saturday, May 21st.
All God's Blessings!



HUNGER AWARENESS

SUNDAY, ON MAY 22nd

Come visit the Parish Council Table outside Mass today to learn about our parish support of Mother Theresa Soup Kitchen and Hope Community Services. **BE part of the Hunger Awareness Team at St. Augustine.**

As a community, let's ENERGIZE our support of these two charities who feed our brothers and sisters in need:

1. **INCREASE** food donations brought to church each week. (dried grains, beans, cereals, canned goods, tomato sauce etc.)

2. **COOK or SERVE** meals, on occasion, (dates TBA).

3. **DELIVER** donations to the food pantries, as your schedule allows.

4. **PACK** bags of food every other Tuesday as your schedule allows. (5/24, 6/7, 6/21, etc.)

5. **HELP** distribute bags of groceries every other Wednesday as your schedule permits. (5/25, 6/8, etc.)

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



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 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.



LIVING GENTLY

"What You Can Do About Climate Change" (NYT, 12.2.15) No. 4 : DRIVING CAN BE WORSE THAN FLYING: Driving cross country creates more carbon emissions than a plane seat. And while a hybrid or electric car will save significant gas mileage, most electricity in the US still comes from fossil fuels. Reduce your carbon footprint even more by flying in economy class. (1st class seats take up more room, which means more flights for the same number of people. On average, a 1st class seat is 2.5 times more detrimental to the environment than coach.) If you REALLY want to mind your carbon emissions, taking a train or a bus is best, especially for shorter trips.



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!



CLOTHING DRIVE THANK YOU

A huge thank you to all the volunteers, parishioners, students and junior volunteers who helped make the clothing drive for the Little Sisters of the Assumption on Sunday, May 15th 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. Due to the overwhelming generosity, we did have to close the donation doors early and to those of you who came after 12 noon and were closed out—our deepest apologies. We once again filled The Little Sister's van twice! We were also able to select and store items for future Midnight Runs as well as provide items for Our Lady Queen of Angels Convent in Harlem for distribution to the patrons of their soup kitchen. Watch for additional clothing and household drives in the fall.



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

The book could be referred to the "Gospel of Luke: Part Two." And our current Year C in the Church—the year of Luke's Gospel—is an especially appropriate time to study 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 is scheduled to meet on Monday mornings at 10:30 am in the Catholic Library beginning in June. (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! Another group at another time can be scheduled depending on your availability. See how The Word of God is for yesterday, today and always! **(Email LDoyle@staugustineny.org for more info or to sign up.)**



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 Mar-yAnn 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.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

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