

CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE, LARCHMONT, New York

MAY 28 2017

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:

“ Pray as though everything depended on God. Work as though everything depended on you.”
St. Augustine

Pastor's Corner

PRAYING, AN ESSENTIAL
LIFE EXPERIENCE

Luke, in the first reading from Acts, opens for us the door to an upstairs room in Jerusalem. There we are privileged to be in the company of Jesus' first disciples, including his mother, Mary. Gathered together, those early believers drew strength from one another and from prayer. With Jesus apparently gone from their midst, prayer was the constant that united and centered them when all else seemed to be crumbling around them. "in (such) moments of crisis," said the late Rabbi Abraham J. Heschel (1907-1972), "a word of prayer is like a strap we take hold of when tottering in a rushing street car which seems to be turning over." However, as each believer knows from experience, prayer is not simply an emergency exercise or a spiritual life jacket to which we turn when our ship is sinking. Fully aware of its fundamental importance, Heschel has also described prayer as "a humble answer to the inconceivable surprise of living." Prayer is at once an awareness of God and an awareness of self, coupled with the desire to bring about a harmonious communion between the two. Prayer is an essential life experience without which the believer's relationship with God cannot grow. Indeed, prayer is as essential to the life of faith as breathing! For this reason, it seems appropriate to consider prayer not as a static abstract noun, but as an active, evolving gerund.

According to Webster's New World Guide to English Usage (1998), a "gerund is a verbal noun, suffixed by '-ing.'" Gerunds function as nouns but retain the characteristics of verbs. To put it another way, a gerund is an action-packed term; this special quality seems to better approach and define the reality of prayer. More than the recitation of certain words or set formulae, praying is an action-event. Praying is living, loving, growing, giving, singing, crying, shouting, dancing, serving, rejoicing, lamenting and cajoling—as well as praising, thanking, petitioning and repenting.

Patricia Datchuck Sanchez, Celebration, May 1999.



Feeding the Community

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.



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

1st Time— Lynn Brannigan & George Lax

MASS INTENTIONS



Week of May 29nd — June 4th

Monday, May 29th

7:45 am
9:00 am

Tuesday, May 30th

7:45 am
9:00 am

Wednesday, May 31st

7:45 am James E. Bair Jr.
9:00 am

Thursday, June 1st

7:45 am
9:00 am

Friday, June 2nd

7:45 am
9:00 am

Saturday, June 3rd

9:00 am
5:00 pm Deirdre Hart & Thomas O'Shea

Pentecost Sunday, June 4th

9:00 am Andre Melief
10:30 am Kevin Fitzgerald
12:00 pm Patricia Gotimer
5:00 pm Matthew Wilson

WE PRAY

For those who are ill, including: Sandy Albert, Cindy Augustine, Ellen R. Barbieri, Bill Battalia, Peter Benjamin, Frank Booth, Calum, 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, 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.

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—**\$5,427.00**

Total ParishPay was \$4,500.00

Total Collection — \$9,927.00

Attendance Last weekend was **841**

Thank you for your support and generosity.

SECOND COLLECTION

JUNE 4TH

CATHOLIC MISSIONS AMONG BLACK AND INDIAN PEOPLE

The Black and Indian Mission Collection exists to help diocesan communities to build the Church and preach the Gospel of Jesus among the African American, Native American, and Alaska Native people of God. It supports: Enlivening Parish Life & Catechesis, Empowering Evangelizers, Helping Educators Reach Kids and Encouraging Vocations. **Thank you for your support.**

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 \$102,235.00 has been pledged from 125 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.

Flowers have been donated this week :

From Toscano Family

*In memory of the Deceased Members of the
Toscana Family*



Happy Memorial Day

Thank You

MANY THANKS

A heartfelt thank you to all who participated in the Parish's celebrations of my 50th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood. In particular a special thank you to the Children's and Adult Choirs, to the Religious Education Students who sent me cards with kind wishes, and to the numerous parish volunteers who hosted the gracious reception after the Anniversary Mass etc.

Blessings, Msgr. Thomas R. Kelly



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. **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.

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**. "This site has amazing content to offer, including Bible studies, sacramental information, Bishop Barron's Catholicism series, *The Wild Goose* by Fr. Pivonka, Lighthouse Catholic Media talks, *Catholic Answers* content and so much more." The content has tripled in the past year and continues to grow.



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.**

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** 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 khor-tan@mac.com) or Lu Doyle (Ldoyle@staugustineny.org) if you can help in any of these capacities.



JOIN US!! 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.



"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."

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 _____