

CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE, LARCHMONT, New York

NOVEMBER 20, 2016

SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:

“The other criminal crucified with Jesus said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

“Truly, I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.” Luke 23: 35-43

Pastor's Corner

HOPE IN THE ACTIVE VOICE

The volunteer tutor was asked to visit a nine-year-old in a large city hospital. She took the boy's name and room number and was told by the boy's teacher that they were studying nouns and adverbs in class.

It wasn't until the tutor got to the boy's room that she realized the boy was a patient in the hospital's burn unit. No one had prepared her to find a nine-year-old so horribly burned and in such great pain. She felt she couldn't just turn and leave, so gathered her courage and entered the room.

“Hi, I'm the hospital teacher,” she stammered. “Your teacher asked me to help you with nouns and adverbs.” And, clumsily, she launched into the lesson.

The next morning a nurse called the tutor. “What did you do to that boy?”

The tutor immediately began a tearful apology, but the nurse interrupted her.

“No, no, no. You don't understand. We've been very worried about him. But since you were here, he's fighting back, he's responding to treatment. It's as though he's decided to live.”

The boy explained that he had given up hope, until the tutor came. “I figured they wouldn't send a teacher to work on nouns and adverbs with a kid who's dying, would they?”

James Hewitt

The story of the good thief is a story of hope. Coming to terms with his own guilt and finally seeing beyond himself to recognize the injustice of Jesus' condemnation, he is able to seek reconciliation with God—and, in one of his last breaths, Jesus welcomes him into eternity. The hope of the cross begins with confronting our sinfulness and accepting responsibility for the wrong we do; only then can we begin to realize our potential for healing, grace and the transformation of our lives from injustice, from estrangement to forgiveness, from bigotry to welcome, from hate to love.

Connections November 1998

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Thursday, December 8, 2016

(Holy Day of Obligation)

Mass Schedule

7:45, 9:00 am, 12:00 pm & 7:30 pm



† **MASS INTENTIONS**

Week of November 21st — November 27th

Monday, November 21st

7:45 am Patrick Uhm

9:00 am Elizabeth Russell

Tuesday, November 22nd

7:45 am Bill Winters

9:00 am Jim Treacy

Wednesday, November 23rd

7:45 am John Macri

9:00 am Roger Dufort

Thursday, November 24th Thanksgiving Day

9:30 am Herman & Jessie Ciminesi

Friday, November 25th

7:45 am

9:00 am Fred Cipollone

Saturday November 26th

9:00 am Charles Hesler

5:00 pm Sidney J. Doherty

Sunday, November 27th

9:00 am Francis X. Connell

10:30 am Robert Whoriskey

12:00 pm Charles Hesler

5:00 pm Roger Dufort

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, Maria Teresita de Chavez, Bernier De Comes, David DiPietro, Mary Ann Dolan, Elizabeth Dolan Dillon, 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, Martin Martinez, Virginia McLaughlin, 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, 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 — **\$5,951.00**

Total ParishPay was \$4,500.00

Total Collection — \$10,451.00

Attendance last weekend was 782

Thank you for your support and generosity.

NOVEMBER

A MONTH TO REMEMBER

During the month of November, we are called in a special way “to remember our brothers and sisters who have gone to their rest.” A book of the names of our dead is kept in our church near the pulpit from All Saints Day until Thanksgiving. Our parishioners are invited to write the names of their deceased in this book.

SECOND COLLECTION CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT Sunday November 20th

The collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) provides funding for groups that make lasting change and uplift the poor in the United States. CCHD’s grants improve education, support economic development, and create affordable housing in low-income neighborhoods. Help us continue to defend human dignity and build communities of solidarity. *Please give to the CCHD Collection.*



CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

CONFESSION

Saturday, December 10th & 17th, 4:00—4:45 pm

Confession Monday, December 19th, 4:00—8:00 pm

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 24th, Christmas Eve

4:00 6:00, 8:00 (with St. Augustine Choir) and 10:00 pm

Sunday, December 25th, Christmas Day

9:00, 10:30 am and 12 Noon

No Evening Mass

New Year’s Eve Saturday, December 31st

5:00 pm

Sunday, January 1st, New Year’s Day

9:00, 10:30 am and 12 Noon & 5:00 pm



HAPPY AND BLESSED
THANKSGIVING TO ALL



ST AUGUSTINE ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE

Sunday, November 20th

9:30 am—1:30 pm

The Annual Blood Drive in memory of Joe Vander-noot is **Sunday**. Volunteers are needed . . . To give blood (it only takes an hour). **Please join us in the cafeteria for goodies and to Give The Gift Of Life. Thank you for your time and support.**

THANKSGIVING DINNER DRIVE

The Annual Thanksgiving Dinner Drive preparations have begun. **Posters are in the church to sign up and provide a dinner for individuals and families in need in our community Thanksgiving Day.**

The meals should be complete, fully cooked and in a sturdy box stating how many the meal will feed. We ask that you do not get pre-cooked meals as they are cooked and then frozen. Side dishes and desserts are also gratefully accepted if you cannot do a whole meal. **If you will be away the holiday, grocery gift cards are much appreciated as well. The meals should be delivered to the church between 8:00—9:00 am Thanksgiving morning.** Volunteers are needed to deliver the meals after the 9:30 am Mass. For more information, call Anne Avenius at 914-527-6762 or aavenius@msn.com or Margaret Paganini at 914-833-3123 or amkmfrbr@aol.com.



ANGEL TREE 2016

With the Holiday Season upon us, St. Augustine’s Parish will once again be collecting Christmas presents for those less fortunate in our community. **Please consider taking one or more angels from the Angel Tree in the vestibule of the Church.** This is a good way to help your children understand the joy of giving. There is a bulletin board next to the tree where you will find an explanation of the different organizations to which the Christmas gifts will be delivered. Please return the gifts to the Rectory, **with the angel securely attached BEFORE DECEMBER 10th.** To many, these will be the only gifts they will receive this holiday season. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Any questions, please call Anne Avenius at 914-527-6762 or Irish Benson at 914-834-5831.



OUR ANNUAL ADVENT POTLUCK

On Sunday, December 11 from 6:00—7:30 pm, all will gather in Kenny Hall for our second Annual Advent Potluck. Dine on delicious food from around the world. All are welcome. Bring the whole family—fun art activities for kids of all ages. Enjoy a singalong of music of the season! For more info, email Ldoyle@staugustineny.org. Look for an invite coming your way after Thanksgiving.

ADVENT CHRISTMAS WREATHS

Buy your Advent/Christmas Wreaths and Support our Local Food Pantry and Catholic Relief Services

Our Confirmation candidates and their parents will be selling Advent and/or Christmas wreaths on **Sundays, Nov. 27 and Dec. 4 after the Masses in front of the church.** Candles and wreath rings will also be available for purchase. The wreaths are coming from Sisters Gail, Bernadette and Arnie at the Green Mountain Monastery in Vermont. The Sisters hand harvest the balsam from their trees in the forest on their property for you. They trim the balsam branches to encourage heartier trees and receive the incredibly fragrant gift of these noble friends of the forest in return. In a world where we are presented with the devastation of Earth and its life systems at every level, this small act of "Communion Consciousness" models a different way of being human within the sacred community of life. **The cost is \$25** with \$5 going to specific charities for every wreath sold. Each wreath is 20 inches with a bow and pine cones.

Please reserve a wreath by signing the poster in the back of the church or emailing Sister Suzanne at staugred@verizon.net. You may pay in advance and send a check to Sister Suzanne or pay when you pick up your wreath. We are hoping to sell 100 wreaths this year. That will enable us to give \$250 to the Hope Pantry and \$250 to Catholic Relief Services to help the Haitians. Please support us and the needs of some locally and those in Haiti.



ADVENT WREATH Candles AND RINGS

Before (and after!) the First Sunday of Advent, look for Advent candles and the rings to hold them on the table in the back of the church. Make your Advent a holy time of waiting.



LECTIO DIVINA & CENTERING PRAYER

Please join us for two special times of prayer during this time of Thanksgiving and Advent:

Lectio Divina meets on Tuesdays following the 9:00 am Mass in the rectory.

Centering Prayer meets on Saturdays in St. Augustine Church following the 9:00 am Mass.



The items requested for November 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.



LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS

Please send in your reservations for your tables for the **St. Augustine Holly Party** which will be held on **FRIDAY, December 2, 2016.**

If you have any baskets to donate, please contact us. Send your reservation(s), at \$10.00 per person to Annalea Ricci, 8 Iden Avenue, Larchmont, NY 10538-2712. Tel: 834-7443.

It is a tradition to bring an unwrapped gift (wrapping paper separately) to the Holly Party to put under the Christmas tree to benefit the children of the incarcerated mothers at Bedford Hills Correctional Facility for Women (Hour Children). The gifts are for children ages infant to 16 years old adolescents! Gift ideas are : dolls of color, games, sports balls, puzzles, paint sets, toys, clothing, etc. (no toy guns or anything with batteries, except when extra ones are supplied!)

For any information regarding the Auxiliary or the Holly Party, please call Anne-Mieke Smeets at 834-0194 or 522-3844 or contact Ann Meehan at 834-1230. Gifts can be dropped off at the rectory. Please write your name on a piece of paper with the gifts, and contact Anne-Mieke before you bring the gifts and/or baskets. Thank you.

FORMED.ORG OUR GIFT SUBSCRIPTION

In this month of November, when we commemorate the dead and the Communion of Saints in a special way, go to **FORMED.ORG**, a new addition to the faith formation of adults from the Archdiocese of New York, and sign in, using our parish code **RNBV2**. Scroll down a little on the homepage and click on **CATHOLICISM**, at the left. Watch **Session 8: A Vast Company of Witnesses**; hear about the lives of St. Katharine Drexel, St. Therese of Lisieux, St. Edith Stein and St. Teresa of Calcutta.

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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ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE _____ TEL _____

EMAIL _____