

CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE, LARCHMONT, New York  
NOVEMBER 27, 2016  
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:**

“Stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come!”  
Matthew 24

*Pastor's Corner*

**THE GRACE OF WAITING**

For most of us, patience just doesn't seem to be in our DNA. We want what we want when we want it—and usually, with enough money or bluster, we can get it.

But we may be missing something when things happen too quickly, too conveniently. Kathleen Norris, one of the most insightful spiritual writers of our time, in her book *Acedia & Me: A Marriage, Monks and a Writer's Life*, recalls:

“When I started using computers, in the mid-1970s, I noticed that while the programs with which I kept the finances of several small businesses made my work easier, they also made me more impatient. I went from being grateful for how quickly new software could do the bookkeeping to snarling at the machine for being so slow. While I knew that my desktop Apple was many times more powerful than the first UNIVAC, which had filled a huge room in the 1950s, I failed to be grateful for the inventiveness and skill that made it possible. Instead, I sighed each time I had to wait while the machine checked a record, made a computation, or saved to disk the work I had done.”

“One day, when I timed one such annoying delay and found that it constituted all of ten seconds, I felt as if I had been slapped in the face and warned: Pay attention—watch yourself. And when I did, I saw an idiot groaning with impatience over a tiny increment of time. Technology had made a fool of me, for a few seconds of ‘waiting’ in computer time is no longer than seconds spent ‘waiting’ on a magnificent, rocky beach for the sun to rise over a pearl-tinted ocean; it is only my perception that makes them different. And how I perceive such things is a matter of spiritual discipline.”

*Advent is a spiritual “slap in the face” similar to what Kathleen Norris experienced at her computer. These four weeks before Christmas admonish us to stop and pay attention to the preciousness and fragileness of time. Advent teaches us not to master time but to embrace the flow of God's time, to realize that time is not an obstacle to be mastered but a gift to be cherished. Our lives are measured in a fixed, finite period of days, months and years that are not meant to be squandered on temporary and passing things. The spirit of Advent waiting enables us to hope, to behold God in every moment we live, to realize the possibilities to make things better and complete.*

**Connections December 2009.**

† **MASS INTENTIONS**

**Week of November 28th — December 4th**

**Monday, November 28th**

7:45 am

9:00 am Peggy Troy

**Tuesday, November 29th**

7:45 am

9:00 am Frank DiFolco

**Wednesday, November 30th**

7:45 am

9:00 am Tom & Sarah Treacy

**Thursday, December 1st**

7:45 am

9:00 am John & Mary McGoey

**Friday, December 2nd**

7:45 am

9:00 am John McHugh

**Saturday December 3rd**

9:00 am Charles Green

5:00 pm Patrick Galvin

**Sunday, December 4th**

9:00 am Lillian Kresge

10:30 am Regina Riley

12:00 pm Cecilia O'Shea

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.**

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



**Thursday, December 8, 2015  
(Holy Day of Obligation)**

## Mass Schedule

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

## CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

### CONFESSION

Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>, 4:00—4:45 pm

**Confession Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 4:00—8:00 pm**

### MASS SCHEDULE

#### Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Eve

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

#### Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Day

9:00, 10:30 am and 12 Noon

**No Evening Mass**

#### New Year's Eve

#### Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup>

5:00 pm

#### Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, New Year's Day

9:00, 10:30 am and 12 Noon

5:00 pm



## CARE OF OUR COMMON HOME

Please join us Monday mornings following the 9:00 am Mass. This new ministry will meet for 2-3 hours to tackle small cleaning and polishing projects throughout the Church. Contact Kris Patterson at [kbpatter@me.com](mailto:kbpatter@me.com) for questions.

## ST. AUGUSTINE SENIORS

Find out more about the St Augustine Seniors Group! Everyone 55 years young and older are invited to join. The group meets most Thursdays from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm in Kenny Hall. Share lunch, play Bingo, Scrabble, meet new people. **Bring a friend!**



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.**



**BLESSINGS AND PRAYERS  
ON THIS FIRST SUNDAY  
OF ADVENT**



## ANGEL TREE 2015

With the Holiday Season upon us, St. Augustine 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 13<sup>th</sup>.** 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](mailto:Ldoyle@staugustineny.org). Look for an evite coming your way.



## THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS CHRISTMAS GIFT DRIVE

The friars will be in Larchmont to collect Christmas gifts for children from very poor neighborhoods in the South Bronx and Newark. They will collect the gifts at the Barry home at **6 Douglas Lane, Larchmont between 2 and 5 pm on Wednesday, Dec 14<sup>th</sup>.** Gifts are needed for children up to the age of 14. They should be gift wrapped and labeled with appropriate age and gender. Call Mary Gail Barry (715-5835) for more information.



## ROSALIE HALL

Many thanks to all of you who contributed so generously to Rosalie Hall. This shelter for unwed mothers deeply appreciates your gifts and enables them to help the young mothers especially during the Christmas season.



## 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.

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## AN INVITATION TO EXPLORE THE CATHOLIC FAITH

Have you or someone you know ever thought about becoming a Catholic?

The RCIA is a process that welcomes unbaptized adults and teens, baptized Christians from other faith traditions as well as baptized Catholics who for various reasons have not received Eucharist or Confirmation.

Jesus said to his followers, "Ask and you will receive, seek and you will find, knock and the door will be opened for you." (Matthew 7:7)

Come by our Church for a visit and a prayer. Find out if the Catholic faith, grounded in Jesus' teaching, offers the answers you are seeking. Contact Sr. Muriel Cooney, OP, or Ann Betkowski for more information—914-834-1220, or email, [srmuriel@staugustineny.org](mailto:srmuriel@staugustineny.org).



## 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.



## ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

**Thursday, December 1st, 6:30—9:00 pm**

*Let us prepare our hearts for the coming of Our Lord...*

Advent by Candlelight is a beautiful evening that brings women together to focus on the true meaning of this Blessed Season. Each table is uniquely set and decorated around the Advent Candle Wreath.

**Reflections will be given by: Sr. Danielle Marie Baran and Cecile Martin-Houlgatte**

Sign up as 1 or 8 and share a warm drink and dessert. Resurrection Church Parish Hall, 910 Boston Post Rd, Rye, NY Cost \$20 per person. For more info Marnee at [mwohlfert@arcol.org](mailto:mwohlfert@arcol.org)

## 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 **RNBYV2**. 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.



## 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**



## NEW MISSILES FOR MASS

New Daily Mass and Sunday Mass Missiles have been exchanged for the old missiles at St. Augustine Church. The hymns and readings and prayers will remain the same. The new missiles include the Daily Mass scriptures as well as the Sunday Mass scriptures for the entire year. It also includes the music for the Mass in one book.

This reduces the amount of paper and resources needed to print the missiles and is therefore more earth friendly and only needs to be changed once a year saving on other resources as well.

## **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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