

CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE, LARCHMONT, New York

OCTOBER 16, 2016

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:

“Every painful event contains in itself a seed of growth and liberation”

Anthony de Mello

Pastor's Corner

**THE PERSISTANT WIDOW
IN OUR MIDST**

It may be a spouse's Parkinson's disease, a parent's Alzheimer's, a sister's breast cancer, a child's leukemia. The illness of a loved one, a catastrophe striking their family, the suffering of someone dear to them transforms these moms and dads and sons and daughters and friends into dedicated advocates and determined guardians.

They fight hospitals and insurance companies for the critical medical care needed by their loved ones. They take on the most obstinate bureaucracies for the assistance and services their child is entitled to but denied. They work tirelessly to raise awareness, raise money, and when necessary, raise Cain, so that their loved one may live as fully a life as possible, so that a cure might be found, so that other families will not have to experience the pain and anguish they have known.

These dedicated men and women are the Gospel widow in our midst. They face down the “dishonest judges” of arrogance and avarice; they take on the “fearful judges” of insensitivity and unawareness; they go toe-to-toe with the “judges who fear neither God nor respect any human being,” save themselves.

Their love for the sick and suffering enables them to carry on “day and night”, their faith and conviction in the rightness of their cause empowers them to carry on despite the frustration and inaction they face.

The very compassion of God is their hope and assurance that their prayer will be heard.

The persistent widow of today's Gospel lives among us: She is the poor, the struggling, the ignored, the forgotten; she is the mother and father, the daughter, and son, the family and friend of the suffering and dying who care for them and who work for a cure so that other families may be spared what they have suffered through; she is the victim of injustice whose sense of her own dignity enables her to fight on. Christ promises that the Father hears the worthy prayer of the Gospel widow in her many guises and that her perseverance in faith will one day be rewarded—and Jesus confronts us with our own culpability for the widow's plight when we become, in our obliviousness and self-absorption, “judges who neither fear God nor respect any human being.” May the Gospel Jesus be our hope in our own struggles and an inspiration to us to become the answer to the prayers of the “persistent widows” among us here.

Connections October 2007

† **MASS INTENTIONS**

Week of October 17th — October 23rd

Monday, October 17th

7:45 am Jennie Durso

9:00 am Richard Payne

Tuesday, October 18th

7:45 am Emperatriz Machuca

9:00 am Christina Padin

Wednesday, October 19th

7:45 am Stevenson Family

9:00 am Roger Dufort

Thursday, October 20th

7:45 am Dillon O'Connor

9:00 am Roger Dufort

Friday, October 21st

7:45 am

9:00 am Julie and Joseph Duzen

Saturday October 22nd

9:00 am Jessie Ciminesi

5:00 pm Richard Payne

Sunday, October 23rd

9:00 am William P. Dillon

10:30 am John P. Dillon

12:00 pm Edward F. Dillon, Jr.

5:00 pm Patricia Keenan

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 Teresa 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 — **\$5,323.00**

Total ParishPay was \$4,500.00

Total Collection — \$9,823.00

Attendance last weekend was **747**

Thank you for your support and generosity.



SECOND COLLECTION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23RD WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Next week, we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Its theme this year is “Mercy Changes the World.” Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support the young mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve some of the poorest of the poor. Please keep the Missions in your prayers and be generous in next week’s collection for the Society of the Propagation of the Faith.

CARE OF OUR COMMON HOME

Please join us Monday mornings following 9 am Mass. This new ministry will meet for 2-3 hours to tackle small cleaning and polishing projects throughout the Church. Join us for one or all of the Mondays in September and October in the “Care of Our Common Home” - our Church. Contact Kris Patterson at kbpatter@me.com

MIDNIGHT RUN NEEDS YOUR HELP

Friday, October 21st, St Augustine

Is the next Midnight Run to help the homeless and once again we need your help. *We are looking for donations of gently used men’s clothing, particularly sweat-shirts with hoods, jeans, sneakers or soft-soled shoes, hats and gloves, blankets, backpacks and travel-size toiletries.* Donations can be left in the donation box in the vestibule of the church. There are so many ways in which you can help. **If you are interested in becoming involved, please contact Mary Irwin at 914-539-2808 or maryirwin391@gmail.com.**

Sandwich meals are needed for the run. 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 sandwich meals, **please contact MaryAnn DeFeis at 833-1803 or madeifeis@gmail.com.** Monetary donations are always appreciated and can be made by check to St Augustine Church. Please note Midnight Run in the memo section.



CLOTHING AND KITCHEN ITEM DRIVE

The next St. Augustine Clothing Drive for the Little Sisters of the Assumption in Harlem, NY is scheduled for **Sunday, October 23rd, 9:00 am—1:00 pm in the cafeteria.** Most needed items include: Men’s, Women’s and Children’s clothing as well as bedding, linens, towels, accessories, shoes and kitchen items, especially Halloween costumes. (Please no VCR tapes or books, computers, printers or ripped or stained clothing.)

Donations will also be collected for St. Vincent’s Hospital in Harrison (Inpatient substance and psychiatric treatment programs) They are in need of sneakers, sweatpants, regular and yoga pants, blouses, slippers, coats, wigs, pocketbooks, new packages of underwear and socks etc.

If you would like to help sort and load, kindly let us know. For questions and or to volunteer, contact Sheryl McSherry at 914-834-7567 or email at mcslny@aol.com.



COLLECTION OF BABY GIFTS

During the period of November 6th through November 13th a collection of baby gifts for the newborn infants at Rosalie Hall Home, a shelter for unwed mothers in the Bronx, will take place. Sister Diane Prusinski, SM, former Director of Rosalie Hall, has been deeply appreciative of the help our parish has given to the shelter over the years. Our gifts enabled her to recognize the young women residing at Rosalie Hall at Christmas and on other special occasions throughout the year. If you wish to support this project, **please bring your unwrapped layette-size gift to the Rectory or leave in the basket in the church at the statue of St. Teresa, Nov. 6th through Nov. 13th.**



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

All couples who are celebrating their 50th, 40th or 25th wedding anniversary—your priests and parish would like to honor and congratulate you at our **Annual Anniversary Mass, Saturday, November 12th at 5:00 pm.** Dinner will follow in the rectory dining room. *Please RSVP by Friday, October 29th, 914-834-1220.*



ST AUGUSTINE ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE

Sunday, November 20th, 9:30 am—1:30 pm

Mark your calendars for our annual Blood Drive in memory of Joe Vandernoot. Volunteers are needed . . . Not only to give blood (it only takes an hour) but also to help on the day of the drive and/or bring baked goods for donors. Please contact Steve Piccone at steve@piccone.com or call 834-1165. **Thank you in advance for providing the gift of life.**



**15TH ANNUAL
WALK FOR HABITAT
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH**

Your walk can build a world of hope. Get a sponsor. Get lots of sponsors and Join Us on **Sunday, November 6th, for a funfilled walk while helping to raise money for Habitat for Humanity Westchester.** Habitat is a non-profit organization that builds affordable housing for low-income working families and veterans with special needs. The walk is less than two miles so everyone can participate. Start raising pledges today! The walk begins at 1:00 pm at Constitution Park, (across from St. Augustine Church) and continues to Manor Park and back. Refreshments will be served in the cafeteria following the walk. Pledge forms are available in the church vestibule and on the porch in front of the rectory.

For more information abetkowski@staugustineny.org or call Anne Avenius 914-527-6762.

Together we CAN make a difference



REDIRECT CHRISTMAS

ReDirect Christmas is a over 40 year tradition at St Augustine where one or two charitable projects are chosen each year. During the holiday season, people can donate to these organizations in a person's name to give as a Christmas gift instead of a traditional store bought gift.

ReDirect Christmas Nomination Forms are available in the entrance to the church and in the porch in front of the rectory. Please complete the form including a short narrative describing why your charitable organization/project should be selected for the ReDirect Christmas program. Nominations can be dropped off at the rectory, placed in the collection basket or left at the entrance of the church. An International and a domestic charitable organization and or project will be chosen from the nominees.

Nominations due by Tuesday, November 1st.



MUSICAL PERFORMANCES

Music at **St. Thomas Episcopal Church**, Mamaroneck, NY—Sundays, Oct 23rd, Dec 18th, Jan 22nd, Feb 26th, April 23rd and June 4th. www.saintthomasmmrk.org or 914-698-0300

St Pius X, Scarsdale, NY presents The Philippine Madrigal Singers, October 30th at 5:00 pm. 914-725-2755, www.saintpiusxchurch.com.



The items requested for October 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.



**MASS FOR DECEASED
PARISHIONERS**

On **Wednesday, November 2nd, at 7:30 pm Mass**, our parish will gather to remember all deceased parishioners of our parish. All who were buried from our church since the last All Souls Day will be named and a candle will be lit for each of them in their memory. If you would like to participate in this Mass, please contact Sr. Muriel at 914-834-1220 or email srmuriel@staugustineny.org **by Tues. 10/25.**



OPEN HOUSES

Kennedy Catholic High School, Somers—Open House, Grades 7th and 8th—**Sunday, October 16th, 1—4 pm** kennedycatholic.org/open-house

The Ursuline School—Open House, Oct 29th, 12:30—3:30 pm grades 6—12. For info, Ursulinenewrochelle.org or 914-500-6212.

**TEST FOR ADMISSION INTO
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL—TACHS**

The test for Admission into Catholic High School (TACHS), the entrance test for Catholic high schools in the Archdiocese of New York, **will be administered on Friday, November 4, 2016 in selected high schools throughout the Archdiocese.**

Students may register 7 days a week online via www.tachsinfo.com or via telephone from 8am to 7pm at 1-866-618-2247. By applying early, they will have a much better chance of being assigned to a test site of their choice. You may obtain a Student Handbook from a Catholic elementary or high school, religious education office or the front porch of the rectory. Student Handbooks are also available at www.tachsinfo.com.

An examination fee of \$63 will include a student handbook, test materials, and the reporting of scores to THREE high schools of your choice

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 _____