

CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE, LARCHMONT, New York

SEPTEMBER 04 2016

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:

“Receive Him no longer as a slave but as a beloved brother“

Philemon 9: 16

Pastor's Corner

SOLIDARITY WITH ALL HUMANKIND

Jesus appealed . . . For a loving solidarity which would exclude nobody at all.

Solidarity with humankind is the basic attitude. It must take precedence over every other kind of love and every other kind of solidarity. ‘Whoever comes to me and does not *hate* father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple’ (Luke 14:26).

The commentators always point out that because of the paucity of the Hebrew and Aramaic languages, the word ‘hate’ is used to cover all the attitudes which are not love. Thus it could mean hating, being indifferent to, detached from, or not preferring, someone. In this context, we are told, Jesus is asking for detachment: that one should not give preference to one’s families and relatives. This is true but it does not do justice to the mode of thinking of Jesus and his contemporaries.

If love means solidarity then hate means non-solidarity. What Jesus is asking for is that the group solidarity of the family be replaced by a more basic solidarity with all humankind. This obviously does not mean that one’s kith and kin are to be excluded—as enemies! They are included in the new solidarity because they too are human beings. Nor does this mean that one should love them any less. It is the *basis* of the love that is being altered. They are not to be loved just because they happen to be your family and relatives but because they too are persons. They are to be loved with an inclusive love. In the end this will mean that they are loved all the more. They will be *loved*, not merely preferred.

All the other references to the family in the gospels confirm this interpretation.

Albert Nolan, *Jesus before Christianity: The Gospel of Liberation* (London: Darton, Longman & Todd, 1977), pp. 61-62



SMILE EVERYBODY

School is only 3 weeks away. The coming of September allows our Parish the opportunity to celebrate **Welcome Sunday. This year it will be September 11th.** Welcome Sunday gives old time parishioners and new arrivals as well as visitors, the opportunity to enjoy a cup of coffee (even possibly a pancake) and some good conversation. More specifically it is an opportunity to find out more about the various ministries and events that happen in our Parish and how we can share our time and talents.

† **MASS INTENTIONS**

Week of September 5th — September 11th

Monday, September 5th

7:45 am Josephina Melief

9:00 am C. Joseph Genster

Tuesday, September 6th

7:45 am Irene Silvestri

9:00 am Thomas Comer

Wednesday, September 7th

7:45 am

9:00 am Alyson King Aurelio

Thursday, September 8th

7:45 am Nellie & Paul Benjamin

9:00 am John & Mary McGoey

Friday, September 9th

7:45 am Irene Zarcone

9:00 am Philip Power

Saturday September 10th

9:00 am Madeline Rispoli

5:00 pm Caterina DePippo

Sunday, September 11th

9:00 am John McErlean

10:30 am Jane Hofmann

12:00 pm Irene Van Eyck

5:00 pm Helen Crossin Kittle

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, Roger and 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 — **\$4,743.00**

Total ParishPay was \$4,500.00

Total Collection — \$9,843.00

Attendance last weekend was **572**

**Thank you for your support
and generosity.**



MERCY SATURDAY

Timothy Cardinal Dolan invites everyone to **St. Patrick's Church in Yorktown Heights, Saturday, September 17th.**

The event begins at 2:30 pm with a talk on mercy, an opportunity to experience God's mercy in the sacrament of Confession and a discussion on how to get more involved in the *Works of Mercy*. Mass will be at 5:15 pm. The aim is to focus on the call of Pope Francis: to reflect in a special way on God's mercy toward us, and our need to be merciful toward each other.



LARCHMONT/MAMARONECK INTERFAITH COUNCIL

The next meeting will be held on **September 8th at 9:30 am at Sts. John and Paul rectory meeting room.**

Our speaker will be **Rosemary Parandelis** who is the Chaplain at Sound Shore Medical Center. She will discuss: **'Facing the Unknown—A Chaplain's Journey'**.

All are welcome to this free event. Refreshments will be served. Bring a friend. For more information call Jan Rising at 914-632-7735.



10:30 COFFEE SERVICE

Looking for a way to meet people and share your smile? Or perhaps you would like to share information about your ministry? **Why not volunteer to help with the 10:30 Coffee Service. Families and individuals are invited to join this welcoming ministry.** You will be scheduled to provide coffee and donuts once or twice during the year following the 10:30 mass. All expenses will be reimbursed. Ministries are also welcome to sign up for a Sunday and use the opportunity to share information about their stewardship. For details please email Margaret Paganini at amkfmfrbr@aol.com or abetkowski@staugustineny.org or call 914-834-1220.



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

1st Time—Anna Zampino & Andrew O'Neill

1st Time—Cynthia Schmidt & Alex Saffi

2nd Time—Elizabeth Considine & Shaun O'Connor

3rd Time—Kerri Halleran & Mike McCarthy



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Liturgy of the Word for Children will begin again on **Sunday, September 11 at the 10:30 am Family Mass** with Sister Suzanne.

Religious Education **Sunday classes will begin on September 18 for Gr. 1 through 8 at 9:00 am** in Kenny Hall. **Wednesday classes for Grades 2 through 4 will begin on September 21 at 3:30 pm** in Kenny Hall. **Wednesday classes for Grades 5 through 9 will begin on September 21 at 7:15 pm** in Kenny Hall. **Wednesday classes for Grade 1 will begin on September 28 at 3:30 pm** in the cafeteria.

Confirmation sessions for Gr. 9 and older teen candidates will begin on Sunday, October 2 at 3:00 pm in Kenny Hall.

The calendar and *The Augmenter* was mailed to the homes on August 23rd. Both appear on the web site.

Class lists have been made. Those children not registered by August 23rd will not have a place in the roster and will be put on a waiting list.

Catechist assistants are still being sought. Please call Sister Suzanne at 834-9523 or email at rsuzanne@verizon.net with your desire to serve in this capacity.



DIVORCE HEALING PROGRAM

St. Augustine Church is pleased to announce the beginning of an exciting, new ministry to men and women who have suffered from divorce. **The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide** is a twelve-week program featuring thirty-minute DVD sessions each week that cover topics of shock, denial, anger, grief, guilt, forgiveness, money, the courts, the kids, the ex-spouse, annulment, dating, sexuality, spirituality, remarriage or staying single, and much more. *Whether you got divorced ten days ago or ten years ago, the program offers valuable insight for everyone.* Call the rectory, 914-834-1220 or email abetkowski@staugustineny.org for more information. All participants are required to register. So far 10 people are registered! There is a cost of \$15.00 for materials and please let us know if you will need child care to attend. **The first session is Tuesday, Sept. 20 at 7:00—8:30 pm in the rectory, 18 Cherry Ave.**



BEREAVEMENT GROUP

The next session of the Bereavement Support Group will begin Monday, September 12th for eight sessions at 1:30 pm in the rectory. The group is available to provide pastoral care and comfort to those who are dealing with the loss of a loved one. Please call 914-834-1220 to register or for more information or email srmuriel@staugustineny.org.



CYO BASKETBALL R EGISTRATION

Registration for the 2016-2017 CYO Basketball season is scheduled to begin on Wednesday, September 14, 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm & 7:15 pm to 8:15 pm in the gym. The 14th is the first day of Religious Education. Forms can be picked up in the Religious Education office beginning the week of 9/12 or on the 14th in the gym. Children of parishioners in grades two through high school are eligible. Fees are \$150 per child, 4th grade through high school. 2nd and 3rd grade fees are \$75 per child. A 50% discount is provided to each additional sibling at all age groups. Registration will end in early October. The season runs from mid November until mid February. Any questions, email Mark McNally at mcnallyfamily6@verizon.net.

ST. AUGUSTINE AUXILIARY NEWS

The annual invitation for membership letter containing sign up for various volunteer functions is in the mail. If you did not receive one yet, please contact **Anne-Mieke Smeets at 914-522-3844.**

The Auxiliary invites all Parishioners to the Opening Mass on Thursday, Sept. 22nd, at 9:00 am in St. Augustine Church. The Mass intention is for the past and present members of the Ladies Auxiliary, which will be followed by a breakfast-social in the Rectory.

If you would like to bring a baked good or fruit etc. to this event, please fill out the sign up in the annual Auxiliary letter and send the form ASAP or call Anne-Mieke Smeets. We hope to see you all on the 22nd!

FAMILY DAY

Family Day— Be Involved. Stay Involved, is The national Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse's national initiative to promote simple acts of parental engagement as key ways to help prevent risky substance use in children and teens. **Family Day will be celebrated across the country on Sept. 26th.** To learn more and to join parents all across America in taking the Family Day STAR Pledge, log on to www.CASAFamilyDay.org.



FREE ELDER LAW ASSET PROTECTION SEMINAR

Saturday, September 17th, 11:00 am—1:00 pm, Mamaroneck Public Library. At this seminar you will learn what Elder Law can do for you. For more information and to reserve a seat, call 914-358-4235.



The items requested for September 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.



“PARDON OUR APPEARANCE”

It has been a busy spring and summer of renovations going on within our parish.

Thanks to the very generous response to our increased offertory appeal last November, we were able to seal the surface of our parking lot and driveways in the spring. Currently the scaffolding in the church is for the renovation of the church lighting system. Last week we have begun necessary repairs on our organ. Also last week much of our sidewalk was resurfaced for the safety of pedestrians. For safety and attractiveness, all of our votive candle stands are being replaced with the exception of the heart shaped stand near the Altar of Reservation of the Blessed Sacrament. Finally the flag pole in front of the school was repainted and a new American flag will be added. **Again, thank you for your continued generosity and support.**



ST. AUGUSTINE SENIORS

St Augustine Seniors Group will begin **Thursday, September 15th in Kenny Hall!** 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!**

EMPLOYMENT NETWORKING SUPPORT GROUP

A free 6 week Employment Networking Support Group, for anyone who recently lost a job or is returning to the workforce, will be sponsored by the RDC Center for Counseling & Human Development beginning on **September 19th.** This program will be offered at The White Plains Education & Training Center, 303 Quarropas St., White Plains. For more information or to register call Pat Sheridan, LCSW, 798-1103.

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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