

CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE, LARCHMONT, New York

SEPTEMBER 11 2016

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:

“Christ came to save sinners“

1 Timothy 1: 14

Pastor's Corner

CLOSER TO GOD THAN WE THINK

“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?“

He is not forsaken, but Christ does feel the pain and anguish that our hearts must sometimes suffer.

It's the psychology of suffering: to feel alone, to feel that no one understands, to feel forsaken. . . .

God is not failing us when we don't feel his presence.

Let's not say: God doesn't do what I pray for so much, and therefore I don't pray any more.

God exists, and he exists even more, the farther you feel from him.

God is closer to you when you feel he is farther away and doesn't hear you.

When you feel the anguished desire for God to come near you because you don't feel him present, then God is very close to your anguish.

When are we going to understand that God is not only a God who gives happiness but that he tests our faithfulness in moments of affliction?

It is then that prayer and religion have most merit: when one is faithful in spite of not feeling the Lord's presence.

Let us learn from that cry of Christ that God is always our Father and never forsakes us, and that we are closer to him than we think.

*Oscar Romero, from a homily given on Good Friday, 13 April 1979, **The Church Is All of You: Thoughts of Archbishop Oscar Romero**, comp. and trans James R. Brockman, S.J. (London: Collins Fount Paperbacks, 1985), 1985), p.90.*



WELCOME WEEKEND

This weekend is one of welcome to new parishioners and welcoming back after a long, hot summer to longtime parishioners. **Come to Kenny Hall (inside the door of the school bldg. closest to the church) after the 9am and 10:30 am Masses for pancakes, juice or coffee** and a handshake and some conversation from your Pastor, the staff of the parish and all of your friends—and soon-to-be friends! Meet the members of this year's Parish Council and our parish Adult Faith Formation Team, and stop by the tables along the side of the hall to check out the information about some of our parish ministries. If you can't make it after those Masses, stop by the table at the back of the church for a nametag and some info about ministries. How can you share your time and your talents? We'll give you some interesting answers!

† **MASS INTENTIONS**

Week of September 12th — September 18th

Monday, September 12th

7:45 am

9:00 am Jane Hofmann

Tuesday, September 13th

7:45 am

9:00 am Rev. Anthony Aracich

Wednesday, September 14th

7:45 am

9:00 am Alice and Arthur Benning

Thursday, September 15th

7:45 am

9:00 am Peter Feuerbach

Friday, September 16th

7:45 am

9:00 am Laurence and Annie Spollen

Saturday September 17th

9:00 am Alyson King Aurelio

5:00 pm Anne M. Dillon

Sunday, September 18th

9:00 am Philip Power

10:30 am Arthur Stock

12:00 pm Thomas McEvily

5:00 pm Madeline Rispoli

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 — **\$5,947.00**

Total ParishPay was \$4,500.00

Total Collection — \$10,447.00

Attendance last weekend was **623**

Thank you for your support and generosity.



SEPT. 18TH RECOVERY SUNDAY

Next weekend our parish will celebrate RECOVERY SUNDAY. This is a day of prayer for all those struggling with and in recovery from addictive illnesses. Recovery Sunday was inaugurated in 1999 by Cardinal O'Connor and continues under the leadership of Cardinal Dolan. Please join us! Mark your calendar!

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!**



CYO BASKETBALL REGISTRATION

Registration for the 2016-2017 CYO Basketball season is scheduled to begin on **Wednesday, September 21, 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm & 7:15 pm to 8:15 pm in the gym.** The 21st is the first day of Religious Education held on Wednesday. Forms can be picked up in the Religious Education office **beginning the week of 9/19 or on the 21st 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.

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 info email srmuriel@staugustineny.org.



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

2nd Time—Anna Zampino & Andrew O'Neill

2nd Time—Cynthia Schmidt & Alex Saffi

3rd Time—Elizabeth Considine & Shaun O'Connor

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!



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.**



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 for questions. *We will not meet in the event of a funeral.*



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GOLF TOURNAMENT

Monday, September 19th the Larchmont Knights of Columbus will hold its 13th Annual Golf and Dinner Charity Fund Raiser at the Hampshire Country Club in Mamaroneck. This year's event will include a Tennis Clinic & Tournament, and all Men and Women are welcome to join us for golf, tennis or just cocktails and dinner. Call Peter Cantone at 914-618-2895 for details.



STUDY THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW OR THE PSALMS

Small groups are forming to study the Gospel of Matthew or the Book of Psalms together. Join us as we read Mark, the Gospel of Year A (coming up in our weekly readings of the 3-year cycle of the Church) or the Book of Psalms, a book of 150 poems that are a part of the Hebrew Bible and also found in the Christian's Old Testament. "This is the knowledge most of us need and did not acquire," wrote a parishioner after a recent study. Another participant felt his prayer life deepen. All of the discussion questions have been developed by Scripture scholars with a lay audience in mind; our trained facilitators keep the sessions moving—and meaningful. Let us know if weeknights would be better for you— or weekdays or even weekends. Call Pat McNamara at 834-0663 or email her at chenpat@optonline.net for info or to sign up.

WOMAN'S CLUB OF WHITE PLAINS SPONSORING DRIVE FOR FURNITURE SHAREHOUSE

GOT FURNITURE???? Chairs. . .Tables. . .Sofas...Beds & Mattresses. . . Lamps. . . Artwork. . . The Woman's Club of White Plains will hold a drive to benefit Furniture Sharehouse, which collects gently-used furniture for redistribution free-of-charge to families In need. **The Drive will be held on Saturday, Sept. 17 from 9 am—12 noon in the club's parking lot** (305 Ridgeway, White Plains, NY), rain or shine. For more details about what furniture is acceptable for donation, please go to www.furnituresharehouse.org. This event is one of the 100 Acts of Kindness being sponsored by the Woman's Club during its centennial year.



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.



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.

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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.

YOUTH MINISTRY AT OUR PARISH

A group met again to discuss The Vision of Youth Ministry by Robert McCarty with the hope that a cohesive program for the young people of our parish will result. At this third meeting, a revolving group of participants talked about the components of justice & service, leadership development, pastoral care, prayer & worship. The next meeting will be in September (date tba), when we look at family dimension of a parish program for youth ministry. All parishioners are invited to look at some of the chapters of McCarty's book posted on the home page of the website. Help to prepare the way for this new look at youth ministry in a parish setting.



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.



REMEMBERING SEPTEMBER 11TH

Today is the 15th Anniversary of the terror attacks on our country.

We remember all who lost their lives that day, in particular the names memorialized on the wall of our church:

Maurice Kelly, Helen Crossin Kittle, Patricia Helen Kittle, (unborn daughter), Ted Luckett, John F. McErlean Jr., Chris T. Orgielewicz, John A. Rao, and John F. Swaine.

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 call the rectory—914-834-1220 or register by visiting the Parish website at www.staugustineny.org/register or email abetkowski@staugustineny.org. Welcome!