

FATHER PAT'S SERMON NOTES

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Friends for Life: Remaining in His Love

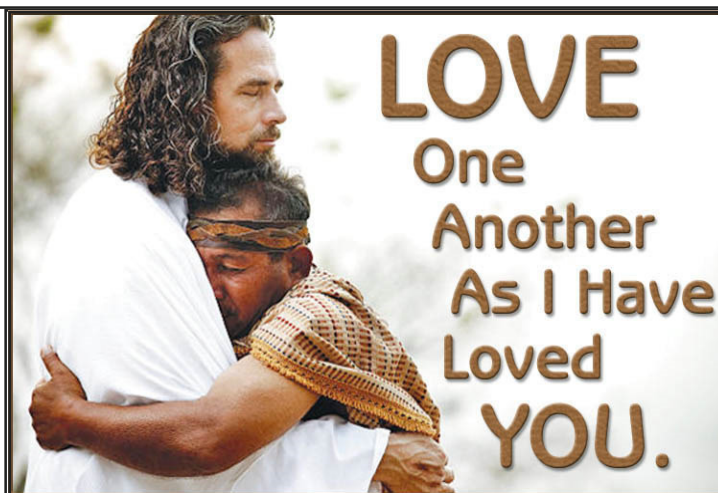
Jesus says in today's Gospel: *"As the Father loves me so I also love you. Remain in my Love...If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love".* In one sentence Jesus repeats the exhortation to "remain in his love" three times! The key to accomplishing this is keeping his commandments. But this is only achievable by staying connected or plugged in to him. Using house appliances as an analogy, many church goers operate more like vacuum cleaners than refrigerators. With the former, we plug it in when needed and unplug it when we are done. But the refrigerator is different. You plug it in when you purchase it and unplug it a decade or more later when it no longer works! In other words, it stays connected for the duration of its life. This is what Jesus means when he says remain in his love. Just as a refrigerator that is unplugged stops being a refrigerator because it no longer serves the purpose for which it was created: keeping food cool, so it is with us. Remaining or staying connected to him (plugged in) will determine whether we will consistently serve the purpose for which we were created. So, how do we do this? How do we stay connected to our "Power Source"! Recognize that there is a pre-step: Decide that this is really what we want. Once you determine that you do, then...

First, set up a standing daily appointment with God – preferably at the beginning of your day. That is, literally put God on your schedule. Second, set aside time to read the Scriptures each day. This is your first meal of the day, God's Word. Third, avail yourself to the amazing grace that comes from the Sacraments (especially, the Eucharist & Confession). Fourth, Study your Faith. Do spiritual reading, and develop a study plan to know and grow in your faith. Finally, exercise...your faith, that is, practice living it out so you get good at it in everyday situations. By doing these things to stay connected to the Risen Lord, you will know yourself to be a friend of his, not only in name but a friend in deed.

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Sunday, May 10, 2015

Scripture Readings

6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:26-31

1Jn 3:18-24

Jn 15:1-8

7th Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:15-17

1 Jn 4: 11-16

Jn 17:11b –19



8:15 am Daily Mass Intentions

Mon	May	11	Kathleen Simms	- Living
Tues	May	12	Ronald Ausbrooks	- Living
Wed	May	13	Norma Mapp	- Living
Thurs	May	14	Gwen Adams	- Living
Fri	May	15	Bernadette Mahoney	- Living

Attendance 1136



Bible Study
Every Wednesday at 7:00pm in the
School Cafeteria.

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This Sunday's Second Collection will be for our Church Renovation fund. Thank you for your support.
Next Sunday's Second Collection will be for to support Catholic Relief Services

St. Augustine School *Love to Learn; Learn to Love*

SR. GLORIA AGUMAGU, HHCJ PRINCIPAL

INFORMATION: 202-667-2608

Catholic Education Corner



Saint Augustine School is now registering for the 2015-2016 school year for grades Pre-K3, Pre-K4 through Eighth. For an

application or more information, please contact Mr. Wilkins, Direction of Admissions at 202-667-2608 or email: admissions@saintaugustine-dc.org

Vincent Brooks Award Nominations



For the past 34 years, on Trinity Sunday, the Parish Pastoral Council has awarded dedicated parishioners the Vincent Brooks Award. This award highlights a persons loyal dedication to a ministry(ies) and has given their time, talent and treasures as a servant leader in the Saint Augustine community.

We are looking for nominations of such parishioners between now and Sunday, May 10. There are nomination forms, list of past awardees and ballot box, at the table in the back of the Church by the parking lot entrance. Though we know these parishioners are not looking for an award or praise, it's always nice to publically say "Thank You, I appreciate what you have done!" The award will be presented on Trinity Sunday, May 31, 2015.

4th Annual Mother-Daughter Tea



Saint Augustine Girl Scout Troop 3902 is hosting their Fourth Annual Mother-Daughter Tea on Sunday, May 17 at the Blackburn Center at Howard University from 3:00—5pm. Ticket are \$25 for Children and \$30 for adults. For tickets and information please call Earline Davis 301-559-3417 or Donna Townsend 202-321-0905.



Holy Name Society Breakfast

The Holy Name Society will hold its Annual Breakfast honoring the Eighth Grade Graduating Class of Saint Augustine School on Sunday, May 17 at 9:30am in the Saint Augustine Room. Tickets are \$15.00. Please see a member of the Holy Name Society for tickets.

Please Pray for Our Sick & Homebound

John Adams, Sr.
Beatrice Alexander
Donovan Anderson
Ronald Ausbrooks
William Barksdale
Frances Brooks
Eunice Brown
Mary Burgan
Williams Burgan
Andrew Burton
Angela Callighan
Elizabeth Carter
Phillip Cephas
Vincent Clarke, Sr.
Annie Cole
Tommie Cunningham
Pauline Dines
Susan Epps
Richard B. Fowler
Barbara Ferguson
Daniel Galloway
Inez Gaskins
Charles Gathers
Thelma Givens
Charlene Gordon
Valencia Green
Robert Greenfield
Frances Gulston
Grace Hansberry

Brian Harvey
John Harris
Patricia Herndon
Emily Hill
Jeanne Hinckley
Deborah Jackson
Eleanor M. Johnson
Paul Joy
Benjamin Kilgore
Sedonia Labee
Keats Labule
Raymond Lane
Louisa Lee
Mary Leonard
Bernadette Mahoney
Norma Mapp
Catherine Mason
Florence Matthews
James McNamara
Leona Miller
Sylvia Monroe
Julius Oben
Colelle Ogbey
Eileen Ogu
Theresa Purcell
George Queen
Ashley Redhead, Jr.
Royal Robinson
Fran Robertson

Lisa Rivera
Doris Silas
Gertina Simms
Kathleen Simms
George Simmons
Mary Smith
Zedekiah Smith
Donnie Stewart
Willis Thomas
Juanita Towns
Selma Twitty
Hayden Vaughn
Lillian Vaughn
Terry Vaughn
Esperanza Walker
Shirley Ward
Betty Washington
Lillie White
Bernice Williams
Teresa Wilkinson
Lozzie York



Please Pray for Our Dead

Parish Pastoral Council



Pastoral Parish Council Meetings are held every 3rd Saturday of the month at 9:00 am in the Gingras Center. Meetings are open to all parishioners.



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RCIA MEETS TUESDAYS AT 6:45 – 8:45PM IN THE GINGRAS CENTER - SABRINA WILLIAMS AT 202-294-6990.

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