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MASSES

SATURDAY: 8:30AM, 5:00PM

SUNDAY: 8:00AM, 10:00AM
12:00 NOON, 6:00PM

MONDAY - FRIDAY: 6:30AM, 8:30AM

HOLY DAYS: as announced

CONFESSIONS: Saturdays: 9:00-10:00AM
also by appointment

ADORATION: Thursday- 9:00AM to 6:30PM

BAPTISMS: Call the Parish Office
for an appointment

MARRIAGES: Please arrange six months
in advance.

ACTIVITIES

Adult Choir
Altar Servers
Children's Choir
CYO
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
Knights of Columbus
Lectors
Legion of Mary
Scouts Boys/Girls
Senior Center
Ushers
Youth Group

COMMITTEES

Advocates for People with Special Needs
Bereavement Support Group
Cemetery
Festival Planning
Finance
Home and School
Parish Council
Parish Social Ministry
St. Augustine Society
St. Joseph's Men's Group
St. Vincent de Paul Society

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL HELPS PEOPLE

The local conference Board of the St. Vincent de Paul Society meets regularly, with prayer and spiritual reflection, at the Parish Office, where volunteers personally serve local persons in desperate circumstances by offering prayer, personal attention and financial help. Short-term gifts can be offered to assist with rent, utilities, food and clothing. If you are in need, please call Deacon Steven DeMartino at (914) 330-3727 to make a confidential request.

Website: StAugNY.org

ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH IS WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE

While we can continue to remain safely at home for our sake and for the sake of others, we can still participate in the traditional services at 10:00 am and 12:00 Noon every Sunday. A Dispensation from Sunday Obligation is still in effect for those who are not comfortable returning at this time.

Please stay connected via:

FLOCKNOTE ~ Flocknote.com; WEBSITE ~ staugny.org; FACEBOOK ~ Augustine Saint; or YOU TUBE ~ Saint Augustine's Ossining

The Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal
Supporting His Church for 40 years

The Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal serves our spiritual communities across our 10 counties. If you have not yet made your pledge to the Cardinal's Appeal, please make your commitment today. Remember, you can pledge your gift now and make payments in the coming months. **To date, $111,493 has been received from 205 donors. Please join them in order for us to meet our goal of $175,000.**

St. Augustine School
PreK3 through 8th Grade Open Houses

St. Augustine School in Ossining began Registration for the 2021-2022 school year for PreK3 thru Grade 8 on January 4th. A virtual Open House will be held on January 12th at 7 PM. To register for this virtual open house, please visit us at www.staugustineschool.org or email lstangle@staugustineschool.org.

Need for Confession?

Confession is a vital part of the growth and strength of being a Catholic, and all Catholics should avail themselves of this Sacrament of Healing. Please join the Dominican Laity from the Rose Hawthorne Fraternity who will speak about the Sacrament of Reconciliation. St. Augustine will host this presentation on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 7PM in the Church. You can attend in person or connect remotely (on Zoom). This will be an enlightening evening. See you then.

YEAR-END CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Thanks to all our parishioners who so generously gave their financial support to our parish during this past year. For those parishioners who make their contributions via *WeShare*, they will receive an email around the 3rd week of January with the statement attached. Please be on the lookout and check that emails from LPI do not go to spam.

Those parishioners who use our envelope system can send an email request to mary.anne.dempsey@staugny.org and the statement will be attached to a return email in late January.

If you do not use email, **call Mary Anne Dempsey at (914) 941-0067 X 102** with your name, address, envelope # and phone number so that she can send the statement to you**.** Please note that a statement will be mailed **only** if you request one**.**

MONDAY, JANUARY 11:
6:30 AM Harry Hebrank/Holy Souls in Purgatory
8:30 AM Benny Mussuto/Catherine Collins Bona

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12:
6:30 AM Michael & Martha Delfino
8:30 AM Andrew J. Panken/Adrian Gaute

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13:
6:30 AM Garnett F. Eisner
8:30 AM Antoinette Gallagher

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14:
6:30 AM Special Intention for Mary Ellen Hamor
8:30 AM Pat Restaino

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15:
6:30 AM Bridget Mamone
8:30 AM Andrew J. Panken

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16:
8:30 AM Flavia, Joseph & Peppe Bellantone/Maria Moreira
5:00 PM Mary & John Volker/Edmund Sinnott

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17:
8:00 AM Anton Nevolo/Peter Handler
10:00 AM For all our Parishioners & Benefactors
John & Antoinette Gallagher
12:00 Noon Kevin Gallagher, Jr./Rose Creary Sharp
6:00 PM Stanley Anthony Dunajski & Kathleen Ryan

Sanctuary Lamp Memorials

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn the week
of January 11 ~ 17
in Loving Memory of
Stanley Anthony Dunajski.

Last week's Collection	$ 9,604
Average Weekly Collection from *WeShare* Users	$ 8,561
Last week's Total Weekly Collection	$ 18,165
Collection for the Solemnity of Mary	$ 4,380

MANY 6:30 AM AND 8:30 AM WEEK-DAY MASSES ARE AVAILABLE FOR 2021. PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO SCHEDULE SOME MASSES FOR YOUR LOVED ONES.

Your Christmas Offering

OUR COLLECTION FOR THIS YEAR SO FAR IS $55,111.

We would like to thank our Parishioners and friends who contributed to the Christmas collection. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. If for any reason you were unable to make your Christmas donation last week, you may do so anytime at the Parish Office.

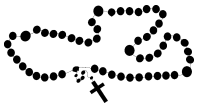
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord. This brings to an end the season of Christmas. The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan. Jesus descended into the River to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of God. The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes. In the Eastern Church this feast is called Theophany because at the baptism of Christ in the River Jordan God appeared in three persons. The baptism of John was a sort of sacramental preparatory for the Baptism of Christ. It moved men to sentiments of repentance and induced them to confess their sins. Christ did not need the baptism of John. Although He appeared in the "substance of our flesh" and was recognized "outwardly like unto ourselves", He was absolutely sinless and impeccable. He conferred upon the water the power of the true Baptism which would remove all the sins of the world: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him Who takes away the sin of the world". Many of the incidents which accompanied Christ's baptism are symbolical of what happened at our Baptism. At Christ's baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon Him; at our Baptism the Trinity took its abode in our soul. At His baptism Christ was proclaimed the "Beloved Son" of the Father; at our Baptism we become the adopted sons of God. At Christ's baptism the heavens were opened; at our Baptism heaven was opened to us. At His baptism Jesus prayed; after our Baptism we must pray to avoid actual sin.

CANDLEMAS ~ FEBRUARY 2

Candlemas, also known as the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus Christ, the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the Feast of the Holy Encounter, is a Christian Holy Day commemorating the presentation of Jesus at the Temple. It is based upon the account of the presentation of Jesus in Luke 2:22–40. In accordance with Leviticus 12: a woman was to be purified by presenting a lamb as a burnt offering, and either a young pigeon or dove as sin offering, 33 days after a boy's circumcision. It falls on February 2, which is traditionally the 40th day of and the conclusion of the Christmas–Epiphany season. While it is customary for Christians in some countries to remove their Christmas decorations on Twelfth Night (Epiphany Eve), those in other Christian countries historically remove them on Candlemas. On Candlemas, many Christians also bring their candles to their local church, where they are blessed and then used for the rest of the year; for Catholics, these blessed candles serve as a symbol of Jesus Christ, who referred to Himself as the Light of the World.[7]

PLEASE REMEMBER ST. AUGUSTINE'S ENDOWMENT IN YOUR WILL. Suggested wording: *"I give St. Augustine Church, 381 N. Highland Avenue, Ossining, New York 10562 the sum of $_____for general purposes".* Thank you.



RECITE THE ROSARY EVERY DAY FOR AN INCREASE IN VOCATIONS AND PEACE IN THE WORLD.

POPE FRANCIS ENTRUSTS 2021 TO MARY'S HEAVENLY PROTECTION

On January 1 Pope Francis reminded us: "We begin this year placing ourselves under the maternal and loving gaze of Mary Most Holy, celebrated in today's liturgy as Mother of God. Thus we take up once again the journey along the paths of history, entrusting our anxieties and our torments to her who can do everything. Mary watches over us with maternal tenderness just as she watched over her Son Jesus, and if we look at the Nativity Scene, we see that Jesus is not in the crib, and they told me that the Madonna said: "Won't you let me hold this Son of mine a bit in my arms?" This is what the Madonna does with us: she wants to hold us in her harms to protect us as she protected and loved her Son. The reassuring and comforting gaze of the Holy Virgin is an encouragement to make sure that this time, granted us by the Lord, might be spent for our human and spiritual growth, that it be a time in which hatred and division are resolved, and there are many, that it be a time to experience ourselves as brothers and sisters, a time to build and not to destroy, to take care of each other and of creation. A time to make things grow a time of peace. It is specifically regarding the care of our neighbors and of creation that the theme for the World Day of Peace, which we celebrate today, is dedicated: *A Culture of Care as a Path to Peace*. The painful events that marked humanity's journey last year, especially the pandemic, taught us how much it is necessary to take an interest in others' problems and to share their concerns. This attitude represents the path that leads to peace, because it fosters the construction of a society founded on fraternal relationships. Each of us, men and women of this time, is called to make peace happen, each one of us, we are not indifferent to this. We are called to make peace happen each day and in every place we live, taking those brothers and sisters by the hand who need a comforting word, a tender gesture, solidary help. This is a task given us by God. The Lord has given us the task of being peacemakers.

And peace can become a reality if we begin to be in peace with ourselves – at peace inside, in our hearts – and with ourselves, and with those who are near us, removing the obstacles that prevent us from taking care of those who find themselves in need and in indigence. It means developing a mentality and a culture of "care taking" to defeat indifference, to defeat rejection and rivalry – indifference, rejection, rivalry which unfortunately prevail. To remove these attitudes. And thus, peace is not only the absence of war, peace is never sterile: no, peace does not exist in a *quirofano* (an operating room). Peace is within life: it is not only the absence of war, but is a life rich in meaning, rooted in and lived through personal realization and fraternal sharing with others. Then that peace, so longed for and always endangered by violence, by egoism and evil, that peace that is endangered might become possible and achievable if I take it as a task given to me by God.

May the Virgin Mary, who gave birth to the "Prince of Peace" (*Is* 9:6), and who cuddles him thus, with such tenderness in her arms, obtain for us from heaven the precious gift of peace, which cannot be fully pursued with human force alone. Human force is not enough because peace is above all a gift, a gift to be implored from God with incessant prayer, sustained with patient and respectful dialogue, constructed with an open collaboration with truth and justice and always attentive to the legitimate aspirations of individuals and peoples. My hope is that peace might reign in the hearts of men and women and in families, in recreational and work places, in communities and in nations. In families, at work, in nations: peace, peace. Now is time to think that life today is organized around war, and enmities, by many things that destroy. We want peace. And this is a gift. On the threshold of this beginning, I extend to everyone my heart-felt greetings for a happy and serene 2021. May each one of us make sure that it be for everyone a year of fraternal solidarity and peace, a year filled with expectant trust and hope, which we entrust to the heavenly protection of Mary, Mother of God and our Mother.

Dear Fr. McSweeney, Fr. JP & Parishioners:

We sincerely thank you for naming the St. Augustine Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul as the recipient of the Christmas Club of St. Augustine Church for 2020. We especially want to thank all those who have donated to The Society now and throughout the year. This year we realized $16,838 from the St. Augustine's 2020 Christmas Club.

It is your generosity that allows us to help those in need in our community. Since our inception in 2010, we have served many of our local brothers and sisters, regardless of race or religion, with matters such as: small-short term financial assistance, providing food, home visits and accompaniment, referrals to assistance for services that we are unable to provide, and support of the Interfaith Council for Action (IFCA), homeless shelter in Ossining. This has been a challenging year for all of us, but especially for those who were struggling before the pandemic, have lost their jobs, have suffered illness or are working for less. The requests that we have received for food assistance this year are unprecedented. Your support and prayers are what have allowed us to help.

Please consider joining us on our journey as a Volunteer. We all donate whatever time we can. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is a Catholic Lay organization dedicated to serving the poor while deepening our relationship with God through that service and personal growth. The Essential Elements of the Rule of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul are "…. Spirituality, Friendship and Service".

If you would like to know more about The Society, please contact us at any time. It is said often by our Volunteers that the benefits and graces that we receive far out-weigh any effort put it.

Again, thank to you Fr. McSweeney, Fr. JP and all those who gave so generously to the Christmas Club this year. You have made it possible to help the needy in our community. Be assured of our prayers for you and please keep The Society in your prayers.

"It is our vocation to set people's hearts ablaze to do what the Son of God did, who came to light a fire on earth in order to set it ablaze with His love". Frederic Ozanam, Founder, The Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Wishing you all God's Blessings,

Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Doreen DeMartino, President

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"You Are Not Alone On Your Grief Journey ..."

St. Augustine Bereavement Support Groups continue to be conducted via Zoom twice monthly for individuals grieving the loss of a loved one.

A schedule of the Bereavement Support Groups include:

Monday, Westchester Addiction Bereavement Support Group
Tuesday, Spousal/Partner Loss Bereavement Support Group
Wednesday, Parent Loss Bereavement Support Group
Thursday, Covid-19 Bereavement Support Group

Group is a safe space to share & seek support. Members offer a caring, nonjudgmental presence as normal grief reactions & emotions are explored. The Group experience provides comfort on your grief journey towards hope & healing.

An intake interview is a prerequisite to attend Group. For times of the Groups and more information, contact Gae Savino, LCSW, CT at (914) 391-5966 or ghsavino@aol.com. All faiths welcome. Individuals over 21+ are invited. No fees to attend.

SAINT AUGUSTINE CEMETERY COLUMBARIUM

Our cemetery recently added a Columbarium for cremated remains. Our Columbarium is located by our shrine statue of Our Lady by Maryknoll Sister Marie Pierre Semler, titled the "Mother of the Thorn-Crowned". Each niche is designed to hold two urns. Please contact our Cemetery at (914) 941-6711 for more information.

WELCOME TO ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH
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Our warmest welcome to all who celebrate with us…Whether long-time residents or newly arrived in this parish, we thank God for you!

If you are not registered, please fill out this form below and drop it into the Collection Basket or mail it to the Parish Office. Thank you.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

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____ Please send me a New Parishioner's Packet
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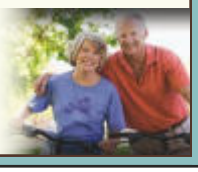

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