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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

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Holy Communion Knights of Columbus

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**COMMITTEES** 

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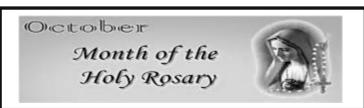
Parish Social Ministry
St. Augustine Society

St. Joseph's Men's Group

St. Vincent de Paul Society



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.







Your support with the 2021 Cardinal's Appeal helps our New York Catholic Family across the archdiocese. Your generosity serves our community by supporting young adult outreach, preparing couples through marriage prep, caring for our retired priests, educating our seminarians, and so much more.

> This year your gift will also help to provide \$1 million in covid-19 relief.

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. Please make your gift today by using a pledge envelope (found in our pews) or online as well. Visit: <u>cardinalsappeal.org/donate</u> to make a gift! (Be sure to select "St. Augustine—Ossining" in the drop-down "Direct My Parish Gift To") To date, \$138,614 has been received from 205 donors. We only need \$39,886 to meet our goal of \$178,500.



We joyfully announce the forthcoming celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage and ask for a remembrance in your prayers for:

> Harrison Lemke & Magdalen Hobbs ~ II Timothy Hennessy & Nicole Brello ~ I Steven Reilly & Stephanie Gmeiner ~ I



Congratulations to the following couples who were honored today during our 12:00 Noon Mass for celebrating their "special" Wedding Anniversary this year:

50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Richard & Linda Maccarrone

25th WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Bruce & Angela Kaye Guerrino & Leslie Lupetin Mark & Jenny Maiello

May God continue to bless all of you with good health and happiness for many more years.



MONDAY, OCTOBER 4 (St. Francis of Assisi):

6:30 AM Grace Weimar

S. I. for Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist 8:30 AM

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5:** 

6:30 AM Mary Hughes

Charles Mitchell/Aleksandras Sepkus 8:30 AM

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6:

6:30 AM **Bobby Mahony** 

William & William J. Scumaci 8:30 AM

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7 (Our Lady of the Rosary):

6:30 AM Jose Mauricio Diaz

8:30 AM William Lenzi/Joseph Kirchdorfer & family

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8:

6:30 AM Michael & Martha Delfino

8:30 AM Thomas E. Hales

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9:** 

8:30 AM Luigi Assalone/Charles, Richard & Anna Kurth

John & Mary Volker/Edmund Sinnott 5:00 PM

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10:** 

8:00 AM Joseph Colombo/Manolo Luciano 10:00 AM

For all our Parishioners & Benefactors

Anna Pianko

12:00 Noon Andrew J. Panken/Gennaro V. Calvi

6:00 PM Robert Hales



#### Sanctuary Lamp Memorials

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn the week of October 4 ~ 10 in Loving Memory of Luigi Assalone.



Last week's Collection 8.347 Average Weekly Collection from WeShare Users 7,980 Last week's Total Weekly Collection \$ 16,327 The Special Collection for St. Joseph's Seminary \$ 5,143

# A New York Blood

Last weekend's results are in; and St. Augustine's Blood Drive was a success! They collected a total of 34 units of blood; and with one donation able to save three (3) lives, that's 102 lives saved from this one event. A very special thank you to everyone who donated the "Gift of Life"

#### TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### **U.S. HOUSE PASSES ABORTION RIGHTS BILL**

WASHINGTON --- The Reuters News Agency reported that the U.S. House of Representatives approved legislation last Friday to protect abortion services against growing Republican-backed state restrictions, including a Texas law that imposes a near-total ban on abortion, but the bill is unlikely to pass the Senate. The Democratic-controlled House voted 218-211 largely along party lines to pass the legislation called the Women's Health Protection Act. Just one Democrat. Representative Henry Cuellar of Texas. voted against the proposal. The bill would protect abortion services and pre-empt many restrictions Republicans have passed at the state level, such as those requiring ultrasounds or other tests. Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer said in a statement. It is not expected to pass the evenly divided Senate, where Democrats would need at least 10 Republicans to support it. Republican Senator Susan Collins, a moderate who supports abortion rights, has said she opposes it. She said the House bill would weaken exceptions provided to healthcare providers who refused to perform abortions on moral or religious grounds.

But the House vote provides an opportunity for Democrats to demonstrate their support for abortion rights ahead of the 2022 congressional elections, which will determine which party controls Congress in the second half of President Joe Biden's presidential term.

### U.S. BISHOPS RESPOND TO HOUSE VOTE ON BILL THAT IMPOSES RADICAL "ABORTION ON DEMAND UNTIL BIRTH"

WASHINGTON - The Catholic World News reported that the House of Representatives voted to pass the Women's Health Protection Act. This bill would impose abortion on demand nationwide at any stage of pregnancy through federal Statute and would eliminate pro-life laws at every level of government -- including parental notification for minor girls, informed consent, and health or safety protections specific to abortion facilities. The Bill would also compel all Americans to support abortions here and abroad with their tax dollars and would also likely force health care providers and professionals to perform, assist in, and/or refer for abortion against their deeplyheld beliefs, as well as force employers and insurers to cover or pay for abortion. Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann of Kansas City, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities issued following statement: "This deceptively-named bill is the most extreme pro-abortion bill our nation has ever seen. H.R. 3755 is not about the health of women, but only about eliminating any and all protections for unborn children - including baby girls. It would lead to the deliberate destruction of millions of unborn lives, leaving countless women with physical, emotional, spiritual scars. "This bill assumes that abortion can be the only, or best, solution to a crisis pregnancy. H.R. 3755 is built on a false and despairing narrative that utterly fails women. In treating abortion as the moral equivalent to the removal of an appendix, this proposal is radically out of step with the American public. As a nation built on the recognition that every human being is endowed by its Creator with the unalienable rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, this bill is a complete injustice. Congress should embrace public policy that respects the rights of mothers, their children, and the consciences of all Americans, not advance a radical 'abortion on demand until birth' policy that is completely out of step with our country's principles."

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.

#### **FATHER EMIL KAPUAN**

The remains of Father Emil Kapuan, who died in a North Korean prison camp in 1951, were returned to his Kansas home last week, to be buried in the Wichita cathedral.

Father Kapuan, who was known for both his personal holiness and his extraordinary courage as a military chaplain, is a candidate for beatification. He has already been posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor.

Emil Kapaun was born in 1916 on a central Kansas farm, the son of Bohemian immigrants. He entered the seminary shortly after high school, and was ordained a priest in June 1940. He served in ordinary pastoral ministry until August 1944, when he responded to a call for military priest-chaplains until the end of the Second World War . He studied at The Catholic University of America until he was called back to active duty in 1948. In January 1950, he was sent to Japan, to support an Army unit fighting in the Korean



War. With his unit in the thick of the fighting, Kapaun crisscrossed Korea for months to serve military units at the front, often offering Mass on the hood of his Jeep. The priest was known for a tireless pastoral presence, although he often said it was no more than the work ethic his farmer parents had given him. In the November 1950 Battle of Unsan, Kapaun's unit was ambushed, and forced into a chaotic retreat. The priest carried wounded men away from the fighting, often under heavy fire. He was captured during that battle, but he escaped when his captors were shot by U.S. and South Korean forces. But as Kapaun stayed near the front to carry the wounded to safety, he was captured again. He would not make another escape. Kapaun was made to march with other soldiers nearly 100 miles to a prison camp. When the priest arrived at the filthy camp, he did what he could to support his fellow soldiers. He stole food for them, offered Mass in secret, nursed sick men to health, and gave away the few things he had to soldiers who needed them more.

In 1951, he developed a blood clot and became weak. He couldn't eat. He could barely celebrate Easter Mass in late March, 1951. After weeks in a filthy hospital camp, he died on May 23, 1951. He was 35 years old, and was buried in a mass grave. He was remembered as a hero, and was eventually awarded posthumously the Medal of Honor for his sacrifices.

#### A NOTE ABOUT CREMATION

Cremation is permitted by the Catholic Church, and Catholics are reminded that the cremains (ashes) are to be treated with respect and dignity. Cremains should be buried or interred as soon as possible after a Funeral Mass. Cremains should never be displayed or stored in an urn at home or sprinkled over land or water, nor may they be divided among family members and friends. Just as the body is reverently buried, so too should cremains be buried reverently with prayer. Please speak with one of our Priests if you have any questions.

### **OCTOBER 3, 2021**



The Golden Eagles meet every Wednesday in the Parish Hall from 9:30 to 11am. This Wednesday, October 6, Bethel Springvale Assisted Living will be sponsoring guest speaker Joe Lawliss. Joe is a professional

opera singer, and he will break down the opera for us and help us to understand more about the opera. Questions or comments?

We can be reached at golden.eagles@staugny.org or call us on the hotline at 914-923-2268

Be-Informed ~ October 3: We hope you are enjoying the parish subscription to www.formed.org which gives parishioners and members of the community free 24/7 access to over 300 quality Catholic online programs, 99+ movies, 101+ audios, & 98+ E-Books. Simply register with parish code W3JKWN and enjoy. Tomorrow Watch: St. Francis of Assisi, Clare and Francis, Francis: The Knight of Assisi, St Francis: Troubadour of God's Peace, or The Birth of the Franciscans. Thursday is the Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary. Pray: Devotionals, The Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary, or The Traditional Catholic Rosary. Listen to: Praying the Rosary like Never Before or The Miracle of the Rosarv for Children.



Next weekend is PASTA WEEKEND. We ask that each family bring in a 15 oz. can of prepared pasta, boxes of dry pasta, and/or pasta sauce and put it in the box in the vestibule.

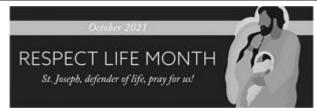
The Ossining Food Pantry is open to eligible residents of the greater Ossining area. Their clients are singles, couples, a single mother with children, a senior citizen who cannot make it on Social Security,

or someone who has recently lost their job. The day the Pantry opened in 1988, they served one client. Now they pack food and provide additional assistance for more than 1000 households. THEY NEED OUR HELP.

#### **UPCOMING CRAFT FAIRS**

Holy Rosary Church, 180 Bradhurst Ave., Hawthorne, is having their Holiday Craft Fair (baked goods, crafts, food & raffles) on Saturday, November 16th, from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm. For more information or vendor participation, call (914) 769-0030.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, Shrub Oak, needs vendors for their annual Christmas/Crafts Fair to be held on Saturday, December 4th. For information and registration forms, email Addie DeSouza at Seton.christmasfair@gmail.com. Forms and fees must be submitted by October 31<sup>st</sup>.





Respect Life Sunday is October LIFE CHAIN 3rd this year and begins Respect Life Month: a time to intentionally pray for the protection of all

human life. Please join the Life Chain on Sunday., 10/10, from 2 to 3 pm at Holy Rosary Church, 170 Bradhurst Ave., Hawthorne. The Life Chain is a peaceful and prayerful public witness for an end to abortion that offers a message of mercy and healing for those who are suffering as a result of abortion. Contact Mary Ann Priore @ (914) 747-0082.



The following thank you letter was received from the Little Sisters of the Poor Jeanne Jugan Residence:

Dear Fr. McSweeney:

Thank you for welcoming the Little Sisters of the Poor to visit St. Augustine Parish the weekend of September 11/12 to accept donations for our mission of caring for the elderly poor. You priests and the parishioners showed us great kindness, hospitality and a warm welcome as

The parishioners were once again very generous to us. The total amount of the donations received at the door of the Church amounted to \$5,797 and will be used for the care of our residents.

The Little Sisters and our residents remember you and the parishioners of St. Augustine Parish in our prayers, May God bless you and keep you in His loving care.

Sincerely,

Sr. Jane, Isp Collecting Sister

Doctor Joseph Mobilia's general dentary practice welcomes Doctor Michael Khoury, 43 South Highland Avenue, Ossining, NY. Part-time Dental Assistant is needed in the Ossining Office. Experience preferred. For more information, please call (914) 941-3375.

**Navigating Through the End Times** ~ Are we living in the End Times?

Jesus Christ foretold this thousands of years ago. He warned us to look at the signs of the times.

Well, look at the times we're in. Endless WAR. Global FAMINE. Covid (PESTILENCE). And seemingly never-ending DEATH from this virus. The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse aren't coming. They're here. The good news is that Christ also provided us with a plan for navigating though these End Times.

If you're worried, confused, afraid, or angry about what's going on in the world, then join Jennifer Castellano and Robert La Vallie on Tuesday, October 19 at 7PM as they provide you with a roadmap to navigate through the End Times. St. Augustine's will host this hybrid Mission. If you can't attend in-person, then you can do so, via Zoom. The Zoom information: Meeting ID: 834 3132 1679 Passcode: 667524 This will be an enlightening and potentially soul-saving evening. See you then. If you have any questions, or you'd like to receive additional updates, then feel free to contact us at HawthorneOP@gmail.com.

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Our warmest welcome to all who celebrate with usWhether 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.
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