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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

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Midnight Run Social Ministry

Parish Council

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St. Augustine Society

St. Joseph's Men's Group



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](http://StAugNY.org)**



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## ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH, OSSINING, NEW YORK



TODAY IS THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT. THE SECOND CANDLE REMINDS US OF THE DARK NIGHT WHEN JOSEPH AND MARY FOUND LIGHT AND WARMTH IN THE STABLE.



**Advent Reconciliation**

This year for Advent Reconciliation Monday, which will be held on December 20, 2021, it was suggested that it might be effective to offer a daytime option for confession. After consultation, all parishes will make the sacrament available from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm and 6:00 to 8:00 pm in all the parishes of the archdiocese and the Diocese of Brooklyn. Lenten Reconciliation Monday will be observed on April 11, 2022 from 3:00 to 9:00 PM in the archdiocese and the Dioceses of Brooklyn and Rockville Centre. Promotional material will be available as we get closer to the date.



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

***John Horvatis & Da Som No ~ II***



The Christian Community of Augustine Parish would like to welcome with great joy those reborn by water and the Holy Spirit:

***Paul Joseph Bruno on December 5th***  
***Tallalah Belle Brown on December 5th***

May God who has begun this great work in you bring it to completion in the Kingdom of Heaven.



### **2022 CALENDARS**

A special thanks goes to **DORSEY FUNERAL HOME,**  
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 for donating the 2022 calendars  
 which are on the table in the vestibule.



#### **MONDAY, DECEMBER 6:**

6:30 AM Deceased Members of the Leary family  
 8:30 AM Susan Guiseppe

#### **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7 (St. Ambrose):**

6:30 AM Michael & Martha Delfino  
 8:30 AM Pauline Foulkes  
 5:30 PM Kathleen Corr

#### **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8 (The Immaculate Conception):**

6:30 AM Angelina Maldarelli & deceased members of  
 Maldarelli family  
 8:30 AM Rosemarie, Francis & Daniel Leary  
 7:00 PM Frances DeStefano

#### **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9:**

6:30 AM For a Special Intention  
 8:30 AM Pat Restaino/William Lenzi

#### **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10:**

6:30 AM S. I. for all living & deceased Priests  
 8:30 AM JoAnn Cerussi

#### **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11:**

8:30 AM Rocco Arena  
 5:00 PM John & Mary Volker/Edmund Sinnott  
 Felicitas Alvarade

#### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12: (Third Sunday of Advent):**

8:00 AM Anthony Schlesier  
 10:00 AM For all our Parishioners & Benefactors  
 Elvira Goncalves  
 12:00 PM Andrew J. Panken/Richard DiRenno  
 6:00 PM Sheila Rockefeller



### **Sanctuary Lamp Memorials**

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn the week  
 of December 6 ~ 12 for  
***Angelina Carosella.***



Collection for November 13/14	\$ 7,460
Average Weekly Collection from <i>WeShare</i> Users	\$ 7,420
Total Weekly Collection for November 13/14	\$ 15,880
Major repairs & improvements collection was	\$ 1,565

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Collection for November 20/21	\$ 10,015
Average Weekly Collection from <i>WeShare</i> Users	\$ 7,420
Total Weekly Collection for November 20/21	\$ 17,435
Campaign for Charity & Justice collection	\$ 2,104



Thank you for supporting our Boy Scout Troop 49 by purchasing a baked goodie at their Bake Sale after the Masses the weekend of November 20/21. The proceeds, which were \$1,500.02, will be used to support the Scouts and will help pay for the cost of activities, updating equipment and provide advanced learning opportunities for them.

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 5, 2021  
Season of Advent  
Year of St. Joseph



### GAUDETE SUNDAY IS ALSO "BAMBINELLI SUNDAY" PINK!

Next Sunday, Holy Mother Church celebrates the Third Sunday in Advent, also called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is Latin for rejoice and comes from Philippians 4:4-5, "*Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.*" This is the Introit, the entrance antiphon, for Mass and also the first line of the second reading. Gaudete Sunday marks the halfway point in Advent, and we change things up a bit to provide encouragement to continue our Advent practices. We light the lone rose (pink) candle in our Advent wreaths, the Mass readings challenge us to cry out and sing joyfully as we continue waiting, and many priests wear rose-colored vestments.

**Feel free to wear Pink to Holy Mass next week!**

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We will be blessing the Baby Jesus figurines at all the Masses next weekend as part of the tradition of Bambinelli Sunday. Pope Saint John Paul II, during his papacy, instituted the celebration of "Bambinelli Sunday" on the Third Sunday of Advent—a day on which children from Rome bring the figurine of the Christ Child from their families' Nativity sets to the Church to be blessed. Then after the Holy Father blesses the statues of Baby Jesus, the children will take them back to their homes to be placed under their Christmas trees. Pope Francis has continued the tradition, blessing the statuettes which children bring before him. Parishes around the world join in the celebration, encouraging young children to make the connection between the Nativity set at home and the local church where they worship each weekend.

Dear friends in the Lord:

Recently, Pope Francis noted that "there is no retirement age from the work of proclaiming the Gospel." As we approach the annual *Retirement Fund for Religious* collection—an appeal that benefits some 26,000 elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests—I am reminded that senior religious never retire from their vows. Instead, the prayer and ministry of older religious are an ongoing witness to the Gospel.

In their younger years, they laid the foundation for Catholic schools, parish religious education programs, hospitals, and works of mercy. Today, many serve in volunteer ministry. Others are frail and need assistance. Yet all remain committed to their vocations, accepting the limitations of aging and embracing the opportunity to spend more time praying for our Church and world.

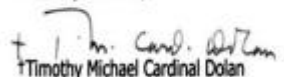
Your gift, which will be collected on December 12 offers support that helps religious communities provide loving care for older members while ensuring younger ones can continue the good works of their elders.

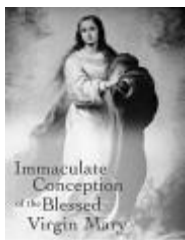
As I write to you today, and express my thanks for last year's contribution of \$223,217, I am also grateful to you for your support of the *Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal* which, in addition to other worthy causes, provides assistance to our retired archdiocesan priests at the St. John Vianney Clergy Residence in Riverdale.

Pray with me for God's continued blessing on all our women and men religious. Rest assured, they are praying for us. To learn more about the collection and whom it supports, visit <https://retiredreligious.org/>.

With gratitude and prayerful best wishes to all for a blessed Advent season, I am,

Faithfully in Christ,

  
†Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan  
Archbishop of New York



### THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (a Holy Day of Obligation)

"The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, the patronal feast of the United States, is a Holy Day of Obligation. Because this feast honoring Mary, the Mother of God, celebrates one of the most important events in salvation history. "O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee."

We declare, pronounce, and define that the doctrine which holds that the most Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instance of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege granted by Almighty God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the human race, was preserved free from all stain of original sin, is a doctrine revealed by God and therefore to be believed firmly and constantly by all the faithful."

**Aspiration to Mary  
(A Prayer repeated throughout the day)**

"O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee."

**Masses are at 5:30 PM on Tuesday, December 7th,  
and 6:30 & 8:30 AM and 7:00 PM on  
Wednesday, December 8th.**

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Seniors

There will be NO regular meeting for the Golden Eagles this week. On Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, we will have our Christmas luncheon at Travelers Rest from noon to 4pm. You must have reservations to attend. There will be a cash bar and a few raffles available. New this year is a Christmas gift exchange. If you wish to participate, bring a wrapped gift valued at \$20. Questions or comments? We can be reached at [golden.eagles@staugny.org](mailto:golden.eagles@staugny.org) or call us on the hotline at 914-923-2268.



The generosity of so many school families and parishioners made it possible for St. Augustine's Youth Group to deliver bags of food and turkeys to 30 of our neighbors in Ossining and Croton. Special thanks to PARKER-BALE POST #1597 AND some of our parishioners for their monetary donations towards 28 turkeys & 3 chickens; and to the staff at Shoprite in Croton for giving us a generous price for the turkeys and for 30 of their shopping bags.

**Be-Informed - Dec 5:** We hope you are enjoying the parish subscription to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) which gives parishioners and members of the community free 24/7 access to over 300 quality Catholic on line programs, 99+ movies, 101+ audios, & 98+ E-Books. Simply register with parish code **W3JKWN** and enjoy. Today is the Second Sunday of Advent. Study YDisciple: Advent, session 2: *Trust in God* or listen to: *Advent: Rethinking the Season* or *Come, Lord Jesus*. On Wednesday, The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, study: *Lectio Mary*, or *Footprints of God*, Session 3: *Mary*. Watch: FORMED Now! *What is the Immaculate Conception?*, or *Ready Reasons: Was the Immaculate Conception Necessary?*, or *Is there Biblical Proof of the Immaculate Conception?*



*WeShare* is an alternative means of support for St. Augustine Parish instead of using envelopes. In lieu of weekly collections, the *WeShare* program will collect monthly contributions via your checking, savings, or credit card account. There is NO cost to you to participate in the program.

#### HOW DO I ENROLL?

To safeguard your personal information, enrollment can be done directly at the *WeShare* website: <https://staugny.churchgiving.com> or by calling *WeShare* Customer Care at 1-800-950-9952, press #3 and then press #2. The process takes less than 5 minutes. OR -- mail a weekly check to Deacon John Barbera, our Director of Operations, at St. Augustine Parish Office, 381 North Highland Avenue, Ossining, NY 10562.



### ST. AUGUSTINE'S 2021 CHRISTMAS CLUB

St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Augustine Parish

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 spiritual growth. Our local Conference formed here at St. Augustine's in March 2010. Since that time, we have served many of our local brothers and sisters, regardless of race or religion, with matters such as: small short term financial assistance, home visits and accompaniment of the elderly and home bound, referrals to assistance for services that we can't provide, and a compassionate presence to those who are suffering. Our Conference is made up of Members and Volunteers from St. Augustine's who are dedicated to serving those in need, but **your help is essential!** While each year we receive more and more requests for the bare essentials, this year as we all endure the COVID pandemic, many are struggling to pay their bills and feed their families. With your generous support, prayers and the help of God, we will be able to respond.

**Please make your check payable to the "Society St. Vincent de Paul" and return it to the wooden box in the vestibule or the Parish Office. Donation envelopes are in the monthly packets that are mailed to the parishioners or on the wooden box in the vestibule of the Church. Thank you for all your support and prayers!**



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 **1,000 households**. **THEY NEED OUR HELP.**

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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: \_\_\_\_\_  
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