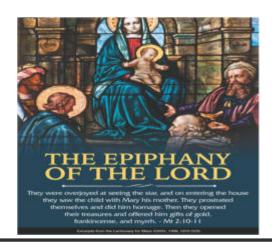
St. Augustine Parish

381 North Highland Avenue Ossining, NY 10562 Parish Office: (914) 941-0067 Fax: (914) 944-0828



JANUARY 2, 2022

REV. BRIAN T. McSWEENEY, PASTOR REV. JEAN-PIERRE SEON, PAROCHIAL VICAR REV. RICHARD D. BAKER, IN RESIDENCE REV. MATTHEW UGWOJI, IN RESIDENCE DEACON STEVEN A. DEMARTINO DEACON CLIFF C. CALANNI DEACON JOHN A. BARBERA

PARISH TRUSTEES: Michael Delfino and Frank Sylvester PARISH OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR: Joan Pires DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS: Deacon John A. Barbera MUSICAL DIRECTOR & ORGANIST: Bozena Romano (914) 739-3527 SCHOOL PRINCIPAL: Sr. Mary Elizabeth Donoghue, O.P. (914) 941-3849 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR: Patricia Barbera (914) 941-6663 PARISH SUPERINTENDENT: Mario Gutierrez ST. AUGUSTINE CEMETERY: (914) 941-6711 SENIOR CENTER COORDINATORS: Nancy Knight and Janice Paganelli (914) 923-2268 YOUTH GROUP COORDINATOR: Tony Corda (914) 373-1548 CYO BASKETBALL COORDINATORS: Tammy Alves (914) 729-4093 & Kara Calandrello

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



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





Epiphany of the Lord

A CHRISTMAS THANK YOU!!

For all who sent a card, or baked some cookies, bread or such, or left a bottle, gift, or sent your love, we'd like to thank you VERY MUCH!

A Blessed Christmas Season and a Happy New Year!

May God bless you all,

Fr. McSweeney Fr. JP Fr. Matthew





Your support with the 2021 Cardinal's Appeal helped 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 also helped 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") **During 2021, \$146,263 was received from 217 donors. Please join them in order for us to meet our goal of \$178,500.**



In order to avoid disappointment, if you are planning to have your Wedding here at St. Augustine Church, please check the availability of the Church before you book your venue.

MANY 6:30 AM AND 8:30 AM WEEK-DAY MASSES ARE AVAILABLE FOR 2022. PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO SCHEDULE SOME MASSES FOR YOUR LOVED ONES.



	mass internions		
	MONDAY, JA 6:30 AM 8:30 AM	Angelo Apollonio	
	TUESDAY, J 6:30 AM 8:30 AM		
	WEDNESDA 6:30 AM 8:30 AM	Y, JANUARY 5 (St. John Neumann): Rosa Yanguez & John Farrell Shaina Danielle Cohen/Joseph Benke	
	THURSDAY, 6:30 AM 8:30 AM	JANUARY 6: Msgr. Charles P. Boccio Julia Ann Hunter	
		NUARY 7: Edith Moore William & William J. Scumaci	
SATURDAY, JANUARY 8:			
	8:30 AM 5:00 PM	Battesima Arena Michael & Martha Delfino/Anthony Schlesier	
	SUNDAY, JANUARY 9:		
		Andrew J. Panken	
	10:00 AM	For all of our Parishioners & Benefactors Christos, Theresa & Christine Sirakos	
	12:00 Noon	Joseph Benke/Joseph "Pepe" Barreiro	
	6:00 PM	Dawn Marie Beldotti/Marguerite T. Napoleon	



Sanctuary Lamp Memorials

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn the week of January 3 ~ 9 in Loving Memory of *Joseph Benke*.



This bulletin was sent to the printer before the collection amount was calculated for Sunday, December 26th.



OUR COLLECTION FOR THIS YEAR SO FAR IS \$28,352.

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 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



THE BLESSING OF HOMES ON THE FEAST OF EPIPHANY

One popular tradition for Epiphany dates from the Middle Ages – the Blessing of Homes. At Mass today, there will be a blessing of chalk. After Mass is over, take the blessed chalk home with you.

Using the blessed chalk, mark the inside of the main door of the house with the initials of the Magi – Magus Caspar, Magus Melchior, Magus Balthasar – and a code of the current year connected with crosses:

20+C+M+B+22

The real meaning of the initials C+ M+ B are the first letters of the blessing: Christus Mansionem Benedicat (Latin, "May Christ bless this dwelling place"). After marking the doorway, pray:

Leader: "Lord God of Heaven and Earth, Who has revealed Your only-begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star: Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill them with the light of Christ, that their love for others may truly reflect thy love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen. May we, in this house, and all who come to visit, to work and to play, remember these things throughout the coming year. May all who come and go here find peace, comfort, joy, hope, love and salvation, for Christ has come to dwell in this house and in these hearts. Amen.

All: May we be Christ's light in the world. Amen.

THANKS!

SAINT AUGUSTINE PARISH FAMILY WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OUR DEDICATED PARISHIONERS WHO HELPED TO MAKE OUR CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS SUCH A BEAUTIFUL AND SPIRITUALLY-UPLIFTING SUCCESS.

We continue to face the challenges of the Pandemic. We would first like to thank our parish Knights of Columbus who were ever present at our celebrations to insure all the directives regarding the health and safety of our parishioners were adhered to.

Thank you to our Deacons, Lectors, Altar Servers and Ushers who always allow the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass to be celebrated with dignity.

Thank you to Bozena Romano and the members of the Children's' & Adult Choirs, who were able to add their voices in song in diminished number because of the pandemic.

A Thank-you to the Mann Family for faithfully hanging our wreaths each week of Advent and then transforming them for Christmas; Joan Pires, Gina Gioio, Pam DelSonno, Luz Padro and Emanuele Neves for decorating the Altar and Church with the poinsettias; Maria Vieira for decorating our Altar Candles and dutifully caring for them; to Gae Savino for always decorating the entrance to our property and the entrances to our Church and Parish Offices.

The two beautiful Christmas trees on our Altar were donated in loving memory of James P. McHale, Sr. and decorated by Ken Dempsey.

AND FOR ANY THAT WE MAY HAVE OVERLOOKED WHO WORKED "BEHIND THE SCENES" TO MAKE OUR CHRISTMAS SEASON JOYFUL ~ THANK YOU!!!!

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 in 2021. We especially want to thank all those who have donated to The Society now and

throughout the year.

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 another challenging year for all of us, but especially for those who were struggling before the pandemic, have lost their jobs, have suffered with illness or are working for less. Requests that for food assistance continues to be the biggest request. 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,

Doreen DeMartino, President Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Prayer for Putting Away Christmas Decorations

Lord Jesus, today we have put all of our Christmas decorations away. We are entering into Ordinary Time, and our house looks "ordinary" again, too. But Lord, you know and we know that our house has a secret. Deep inside it, all of our Christmas decorations are still here. The blessing of Christmas is always with us, kept in the deep, quiet places of the house. And Lord, our lives will become ordinary again, too, but you know that each of us has the grace of baptism. The grace you gave us is always with us, in the deep, quiet places of our soul. May we live the grace of Christmas every day, only without all the trappings: May we always give generously, receive gifts gratefully, welcome others, and study your life. May our house be a home with Christmas at its core, and our souls a home where Jesus always dwells.

JANUARY2, 2022



There is NO meeting this week for the Golden Eagles. We wish a Happy and Blessed New Year to all.

Be-informed ~ January 2: We hope you are enjoying the parish subscription to <u>www.formed.org</u> 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. Today is the Solemnity of The Epiphany of the Lord. Simply register with parish code <u>W3JKWN</u> and enjoy. Watch *The Story of the Nativity*, Formed Now! *The Maji*, Ready Reasons: *Were the Magi at Jesus' Birth?*, or for children *Brother Francis: O Holy Night*. Listen to: *Prepare the Way of the King, God Made Man*, or *The Story of Christmas*. Also Watch: *God's Doorkeeper* about St. Andre Bessette.



Shopping gift cards for Shop-Rite and Stew Leonard's will be sold after the 10 AM and 12 Noon masses on Sunday, January 16th. Please support St. Augustine School by purchasing these gift cards. Gift cards act like cash and the school receives 5% of the amount sold.



2022 CYO Basketball Registration is open!

St. Augustine's CYO basketball program provides boys and girls from grades 3 through 8 with a positive, character-building experience through sport. Players will learn the fundamentals of

basketball, the challenge of competitive sports and the values of sportsmanship, teamwork, and personal responsibility. Students from St. Augustine School and CCD program are eligible. Register Online at <u>cyoeagles.com</u>



If you want a legacy \sim what better legacy could you have than to help other people live?

One person can make a difference \sim one donor can save the lives of up to eight people and improve the lives of dozens of others through organ, bone, skin, and corneal transplants.

Most major religions condone the act of donation, declaring it an excellent act of charity. However, family consent is required for donation. Therefore, it is imperative that you share your decisions with your family.

Please be a humanitarian and help save lives. Sign the back of your driver's license or an organ donor card and carry it with you at all times. For more information on organ donor awareness, contact the New York Organ Donor Network at 1-800-GIFT-4-NY (1-800-443-8469) or visit their website at www.donatelifeny.org.

"Organ donation is not only an act of social responsibility, but also an expression of the universal brotherhood, which binds all men and women together". ~ Pope Francis ~



St. Augustine School in Ossining is now registering students for the 2022-2023 school year for grades Pre-K3 through grade 8. Virtual open houses will be held on January 20, February 17, and March 24 at 7PM. To register for a virtual open house, visit us at <u>https://</u> staugustineschool.org/ or email

Istangle@staugustineschool.org. All zoom links will be sent the day of the event.



St. Augustine Parish would like to thank David & Sue Restaino and Mary Anne Katz for transporting the donated food to the Ossining Food Pantry throughout the year. This is a very big undertaking; and we, as a Parish, are very grateful for their dedication.



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.

Our Parish Council is in need of a Recording Secretary to take/prepare minutes for the meetings, which are on the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 7:00 to 8:00 PM in the Parish Hall. If interested, please call Deacon Calanni @ (914) 523-5507.

WELCOME TO ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH 381 NORTH HIGHLAND AVENUE OSSINING, NEW YORK 10562 (914) 941-0067

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:

Telephone: _

Please send me a New Parishioner's Packet

Change of Address/Telephone Number

Moving, please remove our name from the Parish List.



