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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

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Finance
Home and School
Parish Council
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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



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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*, you 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 finance@staugny.org and the statement will be attached to a return email in late January.

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



The St. Augustine Home and School Association is holding their annual Calendar Raffle during February and March 2022 ~ over \$4,000 in cash prizes which range from \$50 to \$500 will be given out. Each day a ticket will be pulled and the holder of that ticket will win the amount shown on the raffle calendar. The ticket is then placed back in the pot and can be selected again and again and again!

Please note that the prize checks are **MAILED** to the address on the raffle ticket. Please provide your entire address on each raffle ticket to make sure you receive your prize! If you would like to participate, **tickets are \$20 each** and are available on the table in the church vestibule or in the school's main office. Please return tickets and payments to the school main office by Wednesday, January 26th. Thank you for your support!



**Holy Hour for Sanctity of Life
Thursday - January 27th, 2022
7:00 - 8:00pm**

"Come away by yourselves and rest a while...." (Mark 6:31)

Join our clergy & our Knights of Columbus council and our parish family as we conclude this Month for the Unborn with a Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament in our Church. The hour will include hymns, reflections, the Litany of our Lady of Loretto, prayers for our Nation, Night Prayer (Compline) and conclude with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Please join us for this beautiful and important witness to our faith!

**ST. AUGUSTINE
CEMETERY NEWS**

We respectfully request that all Christmas decorations be removed from the graves at St. Augustine Cemetery by Monday, February 7th. Thank you for your cooperation.



MONDAY, JANUARY 17 (St. Anthony):

6:30 AM Al Otero
8:30 AM Michael Reda/Peter Handler

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18:

6:30 AM Bobby Mahony
8:30 AM Mary Giles/S. I. for Moira & Paul Kaley

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19:

6:30 AM JoAnn Cerussi
8:30 AM Kevin Moore

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20:

6:30 AM JoAnn Cerussi
8:30 AM S. I. for Bette Hoffman's Birthday

FRIDAY, JANUARY 21 (St. Agnes):

6:30 AM Souls in Purgatory
8:30 AM JoAnn Cerussi/Benny Mussuto

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22 (Day of Prayer for the legal protection of unborn children):

8:30 AM JoAnn Cerussi
5:00 PM Richard DiRenno/Dennis Manwaring

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23:

8:00 AM Eddy Ryan
10:00 AM For all of our Parishioners & Benefactors
Luigi Assalone
12:00 Noon Elvira Goncalves/John Stipicevic
6:00 PM JoAnn Cerussi

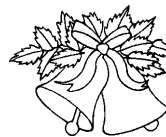


Sanctuary Lamp Memorials

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn the week of January 17 ~ 23 in Loving Memory of **Stanley Anthony Dunajski.**



Last week's Collection	\$ 7,302
Average Weekly Collection from <i>WeShare</i> Users	\$ 7,378
Last week's Total Weekly Collection	\$ 14,680
Collection for Catholic University & Communications	\$ 1,474



Your Christmas Offering

OUR COLLECTION FOR THIS YEAR SO FAR IS \$46,277.

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, you may do so anytime at the Parish Office.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON — The Catholic News Service reported that the 49th annual national March for Life — with a rally on the National Mall and march to the Supreme Court Jan. 21 — will go on as scheduled this year amid a surge in the omicron variant in the nation's capital. Outdoor events are not affected by the District of Columbia's vaccine mandate for indoor gatherings, but participants should expect to wear face masks. Indoor events associated with the annual march will have to comply with city COVID-19 restrictions. The national Pro-Life Summit, sponsored by Students for Life, is also scheduled to take place Jan. 22 at Washington's Omni Shoreham Hotel. The event will feature former Vice President Mike Pence as its keynote speaker. Pence has been a frequent March for Life speaker, and in 2020 he introduced President Donald Trump at the event's rally. The March for Life has canceled its three-day Pro-Life Expo and is combining two planned Capitol Hill 101 panel discussions Jan. 20 into a single event. The organization is still holding its annual Rose Dinner Gala. Participants who are 12 and older attending the panel discussion or dinner will have to provide proof of receiving one COVID-19 vaccination by Jan. 15, or, if they are seeking a medical or religious exemption, they must have proof of a negative COVID-19 test within 24 hours of the event. The Pro-Life summit is also requiring proof of COVID-19 vaccination following the city's regulations. The summit, which in previous years has drawn more than 2,000 high school and college students, notes on its website that it is accepting vaccine exemptions "for a strongly (or sincerely) held religious belief ... in writing or orally" and it is also requiring masks at all events. March for Life never projects attendance figures, but an informal survey by Catholic News Service of a few groups planning to attend this year's march indicates that the turnout may approach pre-pandemic levels. Last year's march was turned into a virtual event due to the pandemic and the violence at the Capitol on Jan. 6. Only an invited group of 80, joined midway by more than 100 others, marched from the nearby Museum of the Bible to just behind the Supreme Court. It was the first outdoor event in Washington since the Capitol violence, with both the Capitol and Supreme Court surrounded by high fences. In previous years, total attendance for the rally and march up Constitution Avenue was estimated to be as high as 100,000. "We have nearly 250 students and faculty headed to D.C.," said Ed Konieczka, assistant director of university ministry at the University of Mary in Bismarck, North Dakota. "That is five full buses — our largest contingent since leading the march in 2017." A similar number was estimated by organizers of the bus caravan for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Indiana. However, the Diocese of Manchester, New Hampshire, decided in December 2021 that the COVID-19 risk was too high to sponsor a bus caravan. Bevin Kennedy, diocesan secretary for communications, cited "the difficulty of monitoring and mitigating the COVID risk with a group of over 100 participants." The march is held annually on a date nearest the anniversary of the Supreme Court's *Roe v. Wade* decision, which legalized abortion. The first march was held Jan. 22, 1974, organized by Nellie Gray, a government lawyer, and the Knights of Columbus. The idea was to form a "circle of life" around the Capitol and the Supreme Court. Jeanne Mancini assumed leadership of the March for Life Education and Defense Fund after Gray died in 2012. This year's theme is "Equality Begins in the Womb." The rally is scheduled to begin at 11 a.m. with a performance by singer Matthew West. The march starts at 1:15 p.m. after the political speeches are completed. There is considerable anticipation that this

year's march could be the last one with the *Roe* decision hanging in the balance. Later this year, the Supreme Court will announce its decision in the *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, an appeal by Mississippi to remove a lower court's injunction on its law banning most abortions after the 15th week of pregnancy. If the court rules in favor of the state law, it will effectively overturn *Roe v. Wade* and send abortion laws back to the states.



2022 MARCH FOR LIFE

The 49th March on Washington, D.C. will be on Friday, January 21, 2022. With more than 61 million aborted deaths in America, march with 100's of thousands of like-minded people from throughout the USA, inform your conscience, and demonstrate to legislators the evil of *Roe vs. Wade* at the 49th March for Life on January 21st. Be the voice of the innocents!

The following two local Churches are sponsoring a bus to Washington D.C. for the rally: St. Patrick's Church, 137 Moseman Rd., Yorktown Heights, the cost is \$50 pp. For more info, contact Maria Litrenta @ (914) 962-1815 or Assumption Church, 131 Union Ave., Peekskill (\$60 pp). For more info, contact Deacon Carlos @ (914) 737-2071.

PRAYER VIGIL FOR LIFE

The 49th Anniversary of *Roe V. Wade* is at St. Patrick's Cathedral, NYC on Saturday, January 22nd, 5:30 PM ~ Holy Mass with His Eminence, Timothy Cardinal Dolan 6:30PM Holy Hour with music by the Sisters of Life. If you are not able to attend the March for Life in Washington, DC, this is the perfect opportunity to join with others in prayer on behalf of life. The Church has designated January 22nd as a particular day of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion, and a prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life. For any questions regarding the Prayer Vigil at St. Patrick's Cathedral, please contact Sr. Virginia Joy at sr.virginia.joy@archny.org or (646) 689-2613. The Prayer Vigil will also be livestreamed at saintpatrickscathedral.org/live.



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 cyoeagles.com

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.

ABORTION LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH IN 2021

InfoCatholica reported that abortion was the leading cause of death globally in 2021, with nearly 43 million unborn babies killed in the womb, according to data provided by Worldometer. As of noon on December 31, 2021, there were 42.6 million abortions performed in the course of the year, Worldometer revealed, while 8.2 million people died from cancer, 5 million from smoking, 1.7 million of HIV/AIDS, 1.3 million from traffic fatalities, and 1 million from suicide. Totaling all the deaths in the world from causes other than abortion reveals a figure of 58.7 million, meaning that abortions accounted for just over 42 percent of all human deaths in 2021. By comparison, worldwide deaths from coronavirus in 2021 totaled around 3.5 million, according to the World Health Organization (WHO). Worldometer — voted one of the best free reference websites by the American Library Association (ALA) — keeps a running tally through the year of major world statistics, including population, births, deaths, automobiles produced, books published, and CO2 emissions. It also registers the total number of abortions performed worldwide, based on the latest statistics on abortions published by the World Health Organization (WHO). Globally, there were more deaths from abortion in 2021 than all deaths from cancer, malaria, HIV/AIDS, smoking, alcohol, and traffic accidents combined, according to Worldometer statistics. The startling number of deaths from abortion, in fact, has led certain observers to call abortion “the social justice cause of our time,” since the sheer magnitude of the problem completely overshadows other human rights issues. On December 28, Christians around the world celebrated the Feast of the Holy Innocents, commemorating the slaughter of all male children in Israel under the age of two by order of King Herod in an effort to kill the newborn Christ child. Pope Francis has compared Herod’s massacre of the Innocents to the modern practice of killing babies through abortion. The 49th annual March for Life in the United States will take place in Washington, D.C., on January 21, 2022, with the theme “Equality Begins in the Womb.” “The pro-life movement recognizes the immense responsibility this nation bears to restore equal rights to its most defenseless citizens in the womb,” March for Life president Jeanne Mancini said at a press conference in October. The stated purpose of the march is to end abortion by “uniting, educating, and mobilizing pro-life people in the public square.” The annual march commemorates the infamous January 22, 1973, Supreme Court decision in Roe v. Wade which, together with the 1992 Planned Parenthood v. Casey, nullified 50 state laws and made abortion legal and available on demand throughout the United States.



Seniors

There will be NO regular meetings for the Golden Eagles until further notice. An email was recently sent to all members to VOTE on trip and lecture ideas for 2022. Please respond to make your vote heard! Alternatively, you can drop off your vote at the Parish Office. The BOOK CLUB will continue to meet monthly with social distancing and masks. The next meeting for the Book Club is Wednesday, January 19 at 11am in the Parish Hall to discuss *The Widows* by Jess Montgomery. Questions or comments? We can be reached at golden.eagles@staugny.org or on the hotline at 914-923-2268.

Be-Informed ~ January 16: 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 on line programs, 99+ movies, 101+ audios, & 98+ E-Books. Simply register with parish code **W3JKWN** and enjoy. This week on the 22nd is a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. Watch: *Standing Up for Human Dignity, Protecting the Vulnerable Unborn, The Value of Life, Unplanned-Behind the Scenes, Why I Left Planned Parenthood: From Death to Life, or Changing Sides*. Listen to: *There is Life in the Womb, The New Conversation: Changing Hearts & Minds on Abortion, or Why I Left Planned Parenthood*.

Sunday Mass In the Event of Severe Weather

Please do not feel obligated to attend at Sunday Mass during severe snowstorms or if concerned about Covid-19. Please use good judgment. We do not want you to place yourselves at risk.

All baptized Catholics are obliged to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. However, there are particular circumstances or conditions that may excuse a Catholic from this obligation. If you are ill, homebound, or if there are severe weather conditions that make attending Mass dangerous to your safety or that of others, you are excused from the obligation. In such cases, if you are unable to attend Mass, the Church recommends making a spiritual Communion and spending time in prayer or joining us at the 10:00 am live-streamed Sunday Mass.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

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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: _____

Telephone: _____

Please send me a New Parishioner’s Packet

Change of Address/Telephone Number

Moving, please remove our name from the Parish List.



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 <https://staugustineschool.org/> or email lstangle@staugustineschool.org. All zoom links will be sent the day of the event.

Administrative Assistant needed at St. Joseph’s Seminary, reporting directly to the Rector, full-time with full-time benefits. Send resume plus cover letter to William.cleary@archny.org.

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