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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 7:00PM

**BAPTISMS:** Call the Parish Office for an  
appointment

**MARRIAGES:** Please arrange six months  
in advance.

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IN THE CHURCH  
TO PRAY THE  
STATIONS OF THE CROSS.**



We continue to pray for those who are ill in our parish and ask Our Loving God to allow our prayers to lift them up in their continued illness. Please keep the following members of our parish family in prayer: **John Incatasciato, Sharon Manzo, Gertrude Pinckney, Regina Najarian and Christopher Slattery**

**ST. AUGUSTINE'S YOUTH GROUP  
ANNUAL PLANT SALE**



**Palm Cross  
\$12.00**



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*April 2 ~ after 5pm Mass AND  
April 3 ~ 7:30 am to 1:30 pm & after 6 pm Mass*

**OUTSIDE THE CHURCH**

*Please support our Youth Group ~  
they are our future!*



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

**Anthony John Merlucci on March 27, 2022**

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



**THE DATES FOR THIS YEAR'S  
FESTIVAL ARE WEDNESDAY, JULY  
20, through SATURDAY, JULY 23.**

The \$100 Raffle Tickets are now available at the Parish Office – Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Someone will walk away with \$10,000, \$5,000 or three (3) \$1,000 prizes. Maybe it will be you – but only if you take a chance!! Only 350 tickets will be sold at \$100 each so get together with family members or friends to share the cost of a ticket.



**MONDAY, MARCH 28:**

6:30 AM Anne Leone  
8:30 AM Shaina Danielle Cohen

**TUESDAY, MARCH 29:**

6:30 AM For a Special Intention  
8:30 AM Peter & Luke Marengo

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30:**

6:30 AM Anne Leone  
8:30 AM Shirley Perillo

**THURSDAY, MARCH 31:**

6:30 AM S. I. for Dr. Gabrielle Barbera-O'Dowd  
8:30 AM Sister Patricia Glass, FSE

**FRIDAY, APRIL 1:**

6:30 AM Susan Pellegrini  
8:30 AM Joseph Pascale

**SATURDAY, APRIL 2:**

8:30 AM Lucy DiNuzzo/Rocco Arena  
5:00 PM John & Mary Volker/Edmund Sinnot/Joan Howard

**SUNDAY, APRIL 3 (Fifth Sunday of Lent):**

8:00 AM Carmella Colombo/John Veterie  
10:00 AM For all of our Parishioners & Benefactors  
Joseph P. Holohan, Jr.  
12:00 Noon Kathleen M. McSweeney/John Massey  
6:00 PM JoAnn Cerussi



**Sanctuary Lamp Memorials**

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn the week of  
March 28 ~ April 3  
**for Peace in Ukraine.**



Last week's collection	\$ 9,055
Average Weekly Collection from WeShare Users	<u>6,627</u>
Last week's total weekly collection	\$ 15,682
Major repairs & improvements collection	\$ 1,431



**Knights of Columbus  
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**FRIDAY, April 8th ~ 6 pm**  
**St. Augustine School, 381 N. Highland Avenue, Ossining**  
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**Take-out orders will be available. See more details in  
next week's bulletin.**

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

## ROME — Pope Francis once again condemned Russia's war on Ukraine Sunday, decrying the daily toll of "slaughter and atrocities."

Employing his strongest language to date, the pontiff lamented to the crowds gathered in Saint Peter's Square that "the violent aggression against Ukraine does not stop, a senseless massacre where every day there is a repetition of slaughter and atrocities."

There is no justification for this!" he continued. "I plead with all those involved in the international community to truly commit to ending this abhorrent war."

The pope went on to enumerate the barbarities being carried out, calling the Russian aggression against Ukraine an "inhuman and sacrilegious cruelty."

"This week again missiles and bombs have fallen on civilians, the elderly, children, and pregnant mothers," he said. "I went to see the wounded children who are here in Rome. One was missing an arm; one had a head injury... innocent children."

Francis went on to speak of the "millions of Ukrainian refugees" fleeing their homeland as well as those trapped with no way to escape the bombardment.

"So many grandparents, sick and poor people separated from their own families, so many children and fragile people are left to die under the bombs without being able to receive help and find safety even in the air raid shelters. All this is inhuman!" he said.

"Indeed, it is also sacrilegious because it goes against the sacredness of human life, especially against defenseless human life, which must be respected and protected, not eliminated, and this comes before any strategy!" he said.

"Let us not forget it is inhuman and sacrilegious cruelty!" he repeated. The pope also thanked the many bishops, priests, and pastors who have remained close to their people in Ukraine to care for them materially and spiritually, bearing witness to "the Gospel of charity and fraternity."

Francis said he feels personally close to "the martyred Ukrainian people," while urging all Christians to pray for them daily and to do all in their power to care for them and protect them.

"I invite every community and all the faithful to unite with me on Friday 25 March, the Solemnity of the Annunciation, for the Solemn Act of Consecration of humanity, especially Russia and Ukraine, to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, so that she, the Queen of Peace, may help us obtain peace," he concluded.

## Pope Francis condemns 'inhuman and sacrilegious' war against Ukraine

Pope Francis on Sunday sharpened his rhetoric against Russia's shelling of Ukrainian civilians in its increasingly brutal invasion. "All this is inhuman!" Francis said, according to a translation published by Vatican News, the Holy See's media portal.

"Indeed, it is also sacrilegious," he continued, "because it goes against the sacredness of human life, especially against defenseless human life, which must be respected and protected, not eliminated, and which comes before any strategy! Let us not forget: It is a cruelty, inhuman and sacrilegious." Pope Francis waves from the window of the apostolic palace during the weekly Angelus prayer. (Tiziana/AFP via Getty Images)


Francis made the remarks during his weekly Sunday address to pilgrims in Vatican City's St. Peter's Square, where many of those gathered wore gold and blue, the colors of Ukraine's flag.

The pope's condemnation of Russia's war against Ukraine represents a continuation of his activism on the issue. In the opening days of Russia's assault, Francis visited the Russian embassy to lobby for peace. On Ash Wednesday, earlier this month, Francis used his address to the world's 1.3 billion Catholics to call for public prayer to "appeal to the conscience of all those who have power over war and peace." And on Friday, Francis spoke at a gathering of European Catholic representatives, calling Russia's war against its smaller neighbor a "perverse abuse of power."

As Russia's attack has stalled, facing surprisingly fierce resistance from the Ukrainian military, the Kremlin has increased its bombardment — both artillery and missiles — of civilian areas. Over 3 million Ukrainian refugees have already fled their home country, according to the United Nations.



Shopping gift cards for Shop-Rite and Stew Leonard's will be sold after the 5:00 pm Masses. Please purchase these gift cards and support St. Augustine School. Gift cards act like cash and the school receives 5% of the amount sold.



*Come let us adore Him!*

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

*Spend a little time with Our Lord*

Every Thursday from 9:00 am to 6:30 pm

*Holy Hour (Morning Prayer, Rosary,*

*Chaplet of Divine Mercy) from 9:00 am – 10:00 am*

*Compline and Solemn Eucharistic Benediction at 6:30 pm.*



Your 2022 *Cardinal's Appeal* contributions are currently allowing 24 men to attend Saint Joseph's Seminary. Seminary, like any college, costs money – but seminarians are not eligible for the same types of financial aid that students in typical colleges are. Your dollars enable them to become the priests who will lead our parishes into the future. **To date, \$50,443 has been received from 90 donors. Please join them in order for us to meet our goal of \$180,500.** Click on the number of months you prefer. There are options to extend payments up to 10 months! It is not limited to a one-time payment.

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# MARCH 27, 2022



## WHY THE SHROUDING OF STATUES?

As Monsignor Elliott remarks in his guide "Celebrations of the Liturgical Year", "The custom of veiling crosses and images ... has much to commend it in terms of religious psychology, because it helps us to concentrate on the great essentials of Christ's work of Redemption." It was a custom to shroud or cover the crosses and statues in a church with purple or red cloth. Some churches still retain this practice, as the *Roman Missal* states: "The practice of covering the crosses and images in the church may be observed if the Episcopal conference should so decide. The crosses are to be covered until the end of the celebration of the Lord's passion on Good Friday. Images are to remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil." The practice reminds us that we are approaching the solemn Holy Week, and helps us avoid distractions. Some felt that in this time in which we mystically enter into the historical realities of Jesus' final days, it is not fitting to have the image of the Cross presented to the faithful. Abbot Gueranger, the revered Benedictine Abbott of Solemnes, enlightens us with a mystical interpretation: As Christ hid himself from the rage of the authorities (John 8:59), so now he is hidden from the world in preparation for the mysteries of his passion. "The presentment of that awful hour [of our Savior's passion] leads the afflicted mother [the Church] to veil the image of her Jesus: the cross is hidden from the eyes of the faithful.

The statues of the saints, too, are covered; for it is but just that, if the glory of the Master be eclipsed, the servant should not appear. In a way it is as if the Blessed Mother and the saints shroud themselves in sorrow of the mysteries of the Passion which we are about to enter.



Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2022 are invited to attend the Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at Saint Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday, June 5th, from 2:30 to 3:30 PM. Pre-registration is required. Please contact Joan Pires in the Parish Office at (914) 941-0067 to register. **The closing date to register for the Mass is Monday, May 16, 2022.** If you have any questions, call (646) 794-2000 or send an email to [specialevents@archny.org](mailto:specialevents@archny.org).

Couples who will be celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year will be honored in our Parish on Sunday, October 2nd, during the 12:00 NOON Mass. If this is your 25<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary, please notify Joan Pires in the Parish Office (941-0067) as soon as possible.



If you can help transport canned items to the Ossining Food Pantry, 7 S. Highland Ave., Ossining - once a month, please call Joan Pires at (914) 941-0067 in the Parish Office for details.

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

### RECONCILIATION MONDAY ~ APRIL 11

2 to 4 PM & 6 to 9 PM in the Church

### HOLY THURSDAY ~ APRIL 14

Tenebrae ~ 8:30 AM in the Church  
Mass of the Lord's Supper ~ 7:00 PM  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament ~ 8 to 10 PM in the Parish Hall

### GOOD FRIDAY ~ APRIL 15

Tenebrae ~ 8:30 AM in the Church  
Stations of the Cross ~ 12:00 NOON  
"Celebration of the Lord's Passion" ~ 3:00 PM in the Church  
Stations of the Cross ~ 7:00 PM

### HOLY SATURDAY ~ APRIL 16

Tenebrae ~ 8:30 AM in the Church  
Swieconka (Blessing of the Easter Breakfast Food) 11:00 AM in the Church

### EASTER VIGIL ~ 8:00 PM

### EASTER SUNDAY ~ APRIL 17

Masses are at 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 12:00 NOON



If you knit or crochet, please feel free to join our group on Fridays at 9:30 to 11:00 am in the Parish Hall. If needed, supplies will be available.



A very big thank you to all the donors who gave the "gift of life" last Sunday. We had 47 blood donors registered, resulting in 45 life-saving donations. Once divided into its 3 components (red cells, platelets, plasma) each blood donation will help save the lives of 115 area hospital patients in need of blood transfusions.



The Golden Eagles will have a "Social & Coffee" on March 30<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Hall from 9:30 to 11am to gather and enjoy each other's company! All are welcome. Please feel free to bring a baked goodie to share with the group! Questions or comments? We can be reached at [golden.eagles@staugny.org](mailto:golden.eagles@staugny.org) or on the hotline at 914-923-2268.

**Be-Informed - March 27:** 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**. Today is the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent. Read: *Meditations for Lent* or Listen to: *Freedom Through Forgiveness, The Healing Power of Confession, Keep Holy the Sabbath, My Beloved Son, Beyond Belief, Passion of Christ in Light of the Holy Shroud of Turin, Stations of the Cross, or Love- Sacrifice- Trust- He Showed Us the Way.*



**Please join us on Friday, April 1, for First Friday Benediction at 8:20 am preceding the 8:30 Mass.**

**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!

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