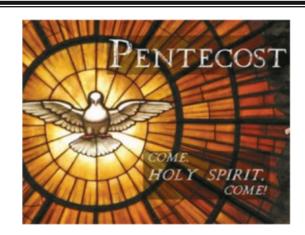
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SATURDAY: 8:30AM, 5:00PM

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.

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May
Month of
The Blessed
Mother



During the month of May, come join us after the 8:30 AM Mass Monday ~ Saturday for the recitation of the Rosary for your personal intentions and for peace in our world.



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: Angela Ceparano, Finnegan & Autumn Fitzsimmons, Tom Johnson, Ana Melio, Sharon Gertrude Pinckney, Manzo, Maria Reynolds, Ellen Mitchell & Christopher Slattery.



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

Daniel Vieria & Jennifer Molde ~ III



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This Monday, we celebrate Memorial Day, a time when we remember all those who have gone before us and have begun the final stage of their journey home to God. It is a time to remember those who have and are giving their lives in defense of our great country.

Please join us during the 8:30 am Mass tomorrow (Memorial Day) to pray for all the men & women who died while serving our great country.



Please join us on Friday, June 2nd, for First Friday Benediction at 8:20 am preceding the 8:30 Mass.



FATHER'S DAY IS SUNDAY, JUNE 18

Father's Day intention envelopes are available on the wooden receptacle in the Vestibule. Feel free to use both sides of the envelope to record the names of (living and deceased) fathers, grandfathers, and godfathers. You may place the envelopes in the wooden receptacle or drop them off at the Parish Office. The envelopes will then

be placed on the Altar for the month of June, dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.



MONDAY, MAY 29 (The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church):

6:30 AM Thomas John Robinson

8:30 AM For all the men & women who died while serving our Country/Rosemarie, Francis & Daniel Leary

TUESDAY, MAY 30:

6:30 AM Janet James

8:30 AM Michael S. Novotny, III/John Marchese

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31 (The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary):

6:30 AM Odete Pires

8:30 AM M/M Octavio Morales/Mark Mendlovsky

THURSDAY, JUNE 1 (St. Justin):

6:30 AM Annette Amato

8:30 AM Carmela Santucci/Beau Riely

FRIDAY, JUNE 2:

6:30 AM Edward M. Wheeler

8:30 AM Deceased members of the Bolduc/Savard families

SATURDAY, JUNE 3 (St. Charles Lwanga & Companions):

8:30 AM Nicholas Mangieri

5:00 PM James Rice/Dr. John Delfino

SUNDAY, JUNE 4 (The Most Holy Trinity):

8:00 AM Constancio Ribeiro/William Becker 10:00 AM For all our Parishioners & Benefactors

Antonio Lopes/Livia Galasso

12:00 PM Trudy Miehl/Roberta McGalliard

6:00 PM Catherine M. Beldotti/Teresa DePalma



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn the week of May 29 ~ June 4 in loving memory of *Mr. & Mrs. Octavio Morales.*



The Altar Bread & Wine for the week of May 29 ~ June 4 were donated in loving memory of *Carmela Santucci*.



Last week's collection	\$ 9,464
Average Weekly Collection from WeShare Users	\$ 7,636
Last week's Total Weekly Collection	\$ 17,100
Collection for Mother's Day	\$ 1,259
Collection for Ascension Thursday	\$ 1,928
Collection for Churches in Central & Eastern Europe	\$ 2,403



Congratulations to our Deacons who will be celebrating their Ordinations to the Diaconate during June: Deacon Timothy Slominski for his 23rd Anniversary on June 3rd; Deacon Steven DeMartino for his 18th Anniversary on June 11th; Deacon Cliff Calanni for his 13th Anniversary on June 19th; and Deacon John Barbera, for his 9th Anniversary on June 21st. May the Good Lord continue to bless each one of them in their ministry.

POPE BENEDICT PREDICTED GENDER IDEOLOGY WOULD BE FINAL REBELLION AGAINST GOD

Simon Caldwell For the Catholic Herald

Pope Benedict XVI predicted that gender ideology would be the next great challenge to the Church and the final rebellion against God, a US moral theologian has revealed. Dr John Haas, a former member of the Pontifical Academy for Life, said the late pope made the "unsolicited" observation during a private conversation at the Vatican in 2014, the year after Benedict relinquished his petrine office. He said the Pope Emeritus told him that "the next great challenge the Church is going to face is gender ideology, and it will be the ultimate rebellion against God the Creator". Dr Haas told 114 students during his commencement address at the 2023 Christendom College graduation ceremony in Front Royal, Virginia, that he was "surprised" by Benedict's remarks because they were so spontaneous. But he said he could now see his words were "prophetic". "We have been hit with a tsunami of transgender ideology," Dr Haas said, adding that today "Catholic health care institutions are being sued because they refuse to perform mutilating surgeries on men who want to be surgically altered to look like women or women who want to appear as men". "Catholic academic institutions are also being sued and attacked as they simply try to continue to give witness to the truth of their students being either male or female," added Dr Haas, the former president of the US National Bioethics Center. One of the final acts of Pope Benedict's pontificate was to speak forcefully against the emerging threat of gender ideology, which dismisses biological and scientific categories of male and female in favor of an individual constructing a "gender" of their own choosing. In an address to the Roman Curia given at Christmas 2012, less than two months before he stepped down, the German pope noted that "the very notion of being - of what being human really means - is being called into question". He said that according to the "new philosophy of sexuality", sex is "no longer a given element of nature, that man has to accept and personally make sense of: it is a social role that we choose for ourselves. while in the past it was chosen for us by society." He said: "The profound falsehood of this theory and of the anthropological revolution contained within it is obvious. "People dispute the idea that they have a nature, given by their bodily identity, that serves as a defining element of the human being. They deny their nature and decide that it is not something previously given to them, but that they make it for themselves. "According to the biblical creation account, being created by God as male and female pertains to the essence of the human creature. This duality is an essential aspect of what being human is all about, as ordained by God. "This very duality as something previously given is what is now disputed. The words of the creation account: "male and female he created them" (Gen 1:27) no longer apply. No, what applies now is this: it was not God who created them male and female - hitherto society did this, now we decide for ourselves. "Man and woman as created realities, as the nature of the human being, no longer exist. Man calls his nature into question. From now on he is merely spirit and will.

"The manipulation of nature, which we deplore today where our environment is concerned, now becomes man's fundamental choice where he himself is concerned. From now on there is only the abstract human being, who chooses for himself what his nature is to be. "Man and woman in their created state as complementary versions of what it means to be human are disputed. But if there is no pre-ordained duality of man and woman in creation, then neither is the family any longer a reality established by creation. Likewise, the child has lost the place he had occupied hitherto and the dignity pertaining to him." Pope Benedict added: "When the freedom to be creative becomes the freedom to create oneself, then necessarily the Maker himself is denied and ultimately man too is stripped of his dignity as a creature of God, as the image of God at the core of his being. "The defense of the family is about man himself. And it becomes clear that when God is denied, human dignity also disappears. Whoever defends God is defending man." His successor, Pope Francis, has also repeatedly spoken against gender ideology, implicitly condemning it in paragraph 155 of Laudato Si, his 2015 papal encyclical on the environment, and describing it publicly as part of a "global war on the family". The Pontiff's most recent criticisms came during a speech in Budapest, Hungary, last month when he

denounced gender ideology as an example of "ideological colonization". Some senior figures within the Church believe, however, that the gravity of the threat posed by gender ideology warrants a papal encyclical to clearly elucidate Catholic teaching on the truth and meaning of human sexuality. They include Cardinal Willem Eijk, the Archbishop of Utrecht, who specifically requested an encyclical earlier this year when he went to Rome for the four-yearly ad limina visit of the Dutch bishops. "I have asked if it would not be good for the pope to issue an encyclical on gender thinking", the cardinal said at a press conference afterwards. "Gender theory is being pushed in all kinds of organizations and we as a Church have not said that much about it." His request was formally lodged with Cardinal Kevin Farrell, the American prefect of the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life. Gender ideology is convulsing western societies in particular, with record numbers of young people asking for drugs or surgery that will enable them to live in the so-called gender of their choice. Cardinal Eijk, a former hospital doctor and a member of the Pontifical Academy for Life, made a similar call for an encyclical during a speech in Oxford in 2016, arguing that the Church had a duty to remind Catholics of the truth of its teaching about the human body. "Perhaps a document only on this problem might be an urgent question," Cardinal Eijk said. "It is spreading and spreading everywhere in the western world and we have to warn people," he said. "From the point of moral theology, it's clear - you are not allowed to change your sex in this way," he added.



UNIQUE WAR MEMORIAL FOR OSSINING'S CATHOLIC WAR HEROES.

At the end of World War I, Rev. Cornelius V. Mahoney, Pastor of St. Augustine Church from 1903—1931, honored the young boys from Ossining who sacrificed their lives for our country by having four statues erected in the large circle at the entrance of St. Augustine Cemetery.

The first statue is called the Acceptance of the Sacrifice and typified the agony of our Lord in the Garden of Olives. It is a memorial of the enlistment of these boys, which was their acceptance of the sacrifice when they virtually agreed to lay down their lives for their country.

The second statue represents the Consummation of the Sacrifice, which is typified by the crucifixion of our Lord, and, on the part of the boys, by giving their lives for their country.

The third statue represents the Victory of the Sacrifice in the Resurrection of our Lord, which compares to the return of the conquering heroes to their homes.

The fourth statue represents the Sorrow of the Sacrifice, which is represented by a statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary with her dead son in her lap after he was taken down from the cross ~ representing the sorrows of the mothers whose sons did not return from World War I.



We are looking to hire two (2) males (18 years & older) to work at St. Augustine Cemetery during the summer months ~ Monday thru Friday from 9 am to 2 pm to do landscaping work. If you are interested, please call the Cemetery at (914) **941-6711.**



The Golden Eagles meet weekly on Wednesday mornings from 9:30 to 11am in the parish hall. This Wednesday, May 31st, we will have entertainment by *Sounds Familiar*. They are a husband and wife duet singing favorite

tunes from the decades. Admission is \$5, pay at the door. Questions or comments? We can be reached at golden.eagles@staugny.org or on the hotline at 914-923-2268.





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To date, \$111,814 has been received from 195 donors. Please join them in order for us to meet our 2023 goal of \$181,500. Visit www.cardinalsappeal.org/donate to make your gift today.



St. Augustine School invites you to a *Taste of Italy Fundraiser Dinner* on Friday, June 9th, from 7—10 pm in the School. It will



be an evening of food, drinks, music, dance & community. There will be a silent auction and raffle prizes. The cost is \$75 per person which includes 1 drink & 10 raffle tickets. Tickets may be purchased via eventbrite by scanning this QR code; questions can be sent to: homeschool@staugustineschool.org.



"You Are Not Alone On Your Grief Journey ..."

St. Augustine Bereavement Support Groups continue to be conducted via Zoom twice monthly for individuals grieving the loss of a loved one.

A schedule of the Bereavement Support Groups include: MONDAYS ~ 6:00 to 7:30 pm Westchester Addiction Bereavement Support Group

TUESDAYS ~ 6:00 to 7:30 pm Spousal/Partner Loss Bereavement Support Group

THURSDAYS ~ 5:15 to 6:30 pm Covid-19 Bereavement Support Group

The Westchester Addiction Bereavement Support Group and the COVID-19 Loss Bereavement Support Group are sponsored by Catholic Charities of Orange, Sullivan & Ulster and its Parish Counseling Network program.

The Spousal/Partner Loss Bereavement Support Group is sponsored by Joseph F. Nardone Funeral Home in Peekskill.

Group is a safe space to share & seek support. Members offer a caring, nonjudgmental presence as normal grief reactions & emotions are explored. The Group experience provides comfort on your grief journey towards hope & healing.

An intake interview is a prerequisite to attend Group. For more information, contact Gae Savino, LCSW, CT at (914) 391-5966 or ghsavino@aol.com. All faiths welcome. Individuals over 21+ are invited. No fees to attend.



With praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God, the Parish of Saint Augustine in Ossining, New York, joyfully announces the Ordination of Deacon Joseph Servello to the Order of Permanent Diaconate through the imposition of hands and the invocation of the Holy Spirit by His Eminence Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan, Arch-

bishop of New York, on Saturday, June 17, in the Year of Our Lord 2023, at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick in the City of New York at nine o'clock in the morning.

Deacon Joseph will joyfully serve his First Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, June 18, at our 12:00 Noon Holy Mass. Light refreshments will be available after the Mass.

We plan to reserve a bus (if there are enough people who sign up to go) from our parish to St. Patrick's Cathedral and back for Deacon Servello's Ordination Mass. Seats are first come, first serve for a donation of \$20 pp to help defray the cost. The bus will leave the lower parking lot at 7:00 am and return around Noon. Please contact Acolyte Joseph Servello at 914-414-6216 or jservello2000@gmail.com to reserve a seat on the bus.

Be-Informed ~ May 28: 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.** Today is the Solemnity of Pentecost Sunday. Study: Lectio: Evangelization, Session 2: Clothed with Power; Lectio: Peter, Session 8: Peter & Pentecost; Symbolon: Knowing the Faith, Session 7: The Holy Spirit and the Life of Grace; or The Wild Goose. Watch: Breath of God. Listen to: The Holy Spirit in Light of Pentecost. Tomorrow is Memorial Day. Please remember and honor our Deceased Veterans. Tomorrow is also the Memorial of The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church and Wednesday is the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Study: Symbolon: Knowing the Faith, Session 9: Mary and the Saints or The Bible and the Virgin Mary: Session 5: Ark of the New Covenant. Watch: Ready Reasons: Was the Immaculate Conception Necessary? or listen to: The Virgin Mary Revealed Through Scripture or The World's First Love: Mary, Mother of God.



Please support Expectant Mother Care by taking home a baby bottle from the box in the vestibule and return it on Father'

s Day (June 18th) filled with donations for EMC. Your generosity saves lives. Thank you for your support.

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