# St. Augustine Parish

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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 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

#### **COMMITTEES**

Advocates for People with Special Needs Bereavement Support Group Cemetery Festival Planning Finance Home and School Midnight Run Social Ministry Parish Council

If you would like to make a one-time donation to our Church, please scan this QR code:



If you would like to join our Parish Monthly Giving Plan or to get more information, please scan this QR code; or log on to staugny.churchgiving.com; or call (877) 316-0260.





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.

PLEASE CONSIDER REMEMBERING ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH IN YOUR WILL.



ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH IS WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE.

# ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH, OSSINING, NEW YORK



The Church dedicates the month of September to Our Lady of Sorrows. Our Lady of Sorrow pray for us.



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, 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:

Christopher Berrisford & Emily Wheeler ~ III Connor McGrath & Stephanie Cordeiro ~ II Frederick Witte & Nicole Parliament ~ I



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

#### Natalia Maria Sanchez on September 3rd Ruby Susan Camia on September 3rd

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





#### CARE FOR RETIRED PRIESTS

\$1M of the Cardinal's Appeal supports the Saint John Vianney Clergy Residence, which is a comfortable and safe home for 70 retired priests who have devoted their lives to serving the Church. Help us care for those who cared for us with a gift to the Cardinal's Appeal.

To date, \$118,815 has been received from 221 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.



#### **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4:**

- 6:30 AM Donald Gallagher/Anthony Dilello 8:30 AM William & William J. Scumaci/
  - Dalia & Sebastian Ramos
- **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5:** 
  - 6:30 AM Ray Cubisino 8:30 AM Farrokh Bulsara/S. I. for J. Johnson
- WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6:
  - 6:30 AM Elizabeth Lisella 8:30 AM Virginia Marie Stuart/John & Mary Mark

#### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7:

6:30 AM Lisa & Jessica Moore

- 8:30 AM Sean Nestor/Maria & Jose Pereira
- **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8** (The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary): 6:30 AM Kathryn Joan Herity/Kevin B. Gallagher, Jr.
- 8:30 AM Diane Pezzulich/Hedwiga Lopez Cruz

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 (St. Peter Claver):

 8:30 AM Fresia Fernandez/Irma Brindis/Edward Chin
5:00 PM Joseph L. Benke/Biagio Maffettone/ Eustace & Sullivan families

#### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10:**

| 8:00 AM  | Arthur Neff/Andrew Panken              |
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| 10:00 AM | For all our Parishioners & Benefactors |
|          | Jake Arcara                            |
| 12:00 PM | Filippo DiZenzo/Ladson Romano          |
| 6:00 PM  | Trudy Miehl/Mannie Cohen               |



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn the week of September 4 ~10 in loving memory of *Maureen Dugan.* 

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The Altar Bread & Wine for the week of September 4 ~ 10 were donated for *S. I. for the 2023 Franciscan Pilgrimage to Rome & Assisi.* 



| Last week's collection                                 | \$<br>7,470  |
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| Average Weekly Collection from <i>WeShare</i> Users    | \$<br>7,882  |
| Last week's Total Weekly Collection                    | \$<br>15,352 |
| Collection for St. Augustine Latin Mass on August 28th | \$<br>1,260  |
| Collection for the Feast of St. Augustine              | \$<br>1,470  |

#### ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

COUTH

Youth Group Meetings will resume on Monday, September 18th, from 7:30 to 9:00 PM in the Youth Hall.

**NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME!** Come and join in on the fun! If you have any questions, please call Tony Corda at (914) 373-1548.

#### "LET ME KNOW MYSELF": A BEAUTIFUL PRAYER BY ST. AUGUSTINE

#### From Aleteia:

"Lord Jesus, let me know myself and know Thee, and desire nothing save only Thee."

We could say the saints are "romantics" at heart, lovers who are deeply in love with God. When they prayed, they did so from their heart and expressed it in how they wrote their prayers. One of the greatest of these saints is St. Augustine, who was an eloquent orator and talented writer. He used the best of Roman culture to formulate his ideas and literary works. Below is a beautiful poetic prayer written by Augustine, which expresses his humility and the great love he had for God. We are invited to make these words our own and stir up in our hearts a desire to know ourselves in the light of God's divine providence.

> Lord Jesus, let me know myself and know Thee, And desire nothing save only Thee. Let me hate myself and love Thee. Let me do everything for the sake of Thee. Let me humble myself and exalt Thee. Let me think of nothing except Thee. Let me die to myself and live in Thee. Let me accept whatever happens as from Thee. Let me banish self and follow Thee, And ever desire to follow Thee. Let me fly from myself and take refuge in Thee, That I may deserve to be defended by Thee. Let me fear for myself, let me fear Thee, And let me be among those who are chosen by Thee. Let me distrust myself and put my trust in Thee. Let me be willing to obey for the sake of Thee. Let me cling to nothing save only to Thee, And let me be poor because of Thee. Look upon me, that I may love Thee. Call me that I may see Thee, And for ever enjoy Thee. Amen.

In 395, Augustine was named bishop of Hippo (modern-day Annaba, Algeria), becoming the spokesman of the Church in North Africa. As bishop, Augustine guided his flock for 34 years, instructing them by his teaching and writing. He is especially honored for his highly developed, careful explanations of the Faith, as well as his *Confessions, The City of God*, and various treatises and sermons.

#### ST. AUGUSTINE'S LIFE WAS CHANGED BY THIS BIBLE VERSE

#### From Aleteia:

When St. Augustine heard a voice say "Take and read," he read this Bible verse, which changed his life forever.

While there were many different contributors to St. Augustine's famous conversion, including the prayerful tears of his mother, the Bible played a pivotal part in his journey back to Jesus Christ. In particular, one day he was with a friend and heard a peculiar voice, as he explains in his Confessions. I heard the voice as of a boy or girl, I know not which, coming from a neighboring house, chanting, and oft repeating, Take up and read; take up and read. Immediately my countenance was changed, and I began most earnestly to consider whether it was usual for children in any kind of game to sing such words; nor could I remember ever to have heard the like. So, restraining the torrent of my tears, I rose up, interpreting it no other way than as a command to me from Heaven to open the book, and to read the first chapter I should light upon.

The first verse his eyes fell upon was Romans 13:13-14. L

et us conduct ourselves becomingly as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. The verse made a major impact upon St. Augustine, as he had lived a life of debauchery, indulging in all the carnal desires. He didn't read any more of the Bible at that moment, as that was sufficient to pierce his heart. No further would I read, nor did I need; for instantly, as the sentence ended — by a light, as it were, of security infused into my heart — all the gloom of doubt vanished away.

#### WITHOUT THIS SAINT, AUGUSTINE MAY HAVE NOT WRITTEN HIS 'CONFESSIONS'

#### From Aleteia:

St. Paulinus asked for an autobiography; what Augustine wrote surpassed all expectations.

Governor of the southern Italian province of Campania, St. Paulinus gave up his privileged position in the Roman Empire to devote himself to a life of prayer along with his wife Therasia. During this time Paulinus began to converse with several bishops, such as St. Jerome and St. Augustine. He became familiar with Augustine through correspondence with St. Alypius, who was a lifelong friend of Augustine and bishop at Thagaste.

It was through this correspondence that Paulinus wanted to learn more about Alypius and asked Alypius to write some autobiographical information.

What happened next would forever impact Western civilization. Alypius, not wanting to write about his own life, forwarded the request to his friend Augustine, who knew him very well. Augustine in turn wrote a letter to Paulinus describing the chain of events and how he intended to fulfill the request. When Alypius had read your request, desiring him to write for you a sketch of his history ... I, seeing him unable to decide between the respective claims of love and humility, transferred the burden from his shoulders to my own ... I shall therefore, with God's help, soon place in your heart Alypius just as he is. As Alypius was a lifelong friend, Augustine's own experience and conversion were interwoven with Alypius' story, resulting in something beyond expectation. Paulinus wrote back after reading Augustine's writings and felt much closer to him than before. By the kindness of the venerable bishops Aurelius and Alypius, we came to know you through your writings against the Manichæans, love for you has taken such a place in us, that we seemed not so much to be acquiring a new friendship as reviving an old affection. So what began as a biography of St. Alypius soon "grew legs" and expanded into Augustine's own Confessions.

It appears that the world owes a debt of gratitude to St. Paulinus, who didn't realize that in asking Alypius for a sketch of his own history, he would receive in return one of the first — and still among the greatest — autobiographical works ever written.

### Mothers' Mount & Fathers' Court Stones

Commemorative stones to honor living or deceased fathers and/or mothers are available for engraving with a donation of \$150 each. The stones are  $10^{\circ} \times 8^{\circ} \times 3^{\circ}$ . Order forms are on the table in the vestibule.

#### RCIA CLASSES WILL BEGIN SOON...



Are you someone or do you know someone who...

Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic? Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized?

Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

At St. Augustine's, we offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharistic and Confirmation during the Easter season. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm, accepting setting.

For more information, please contact Patricia Barbera at (914) 941-6663 or Deacon John Barbera at (914) 941-0067 X 102.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is not a program, it is a process for life that begins now.

RCIA Inquiry Classes will be starting in September/October.

# *SEPTEMBER 3, 2023*



#### EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

As part of the National Eucharistic Revival, the bishops of the State of New York are hosting a state-wide Eucharistic Congress October 20-22, Eucharistic 2023 at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Martyrs

in Auriesville, New York. Featuring faith, fel-Revival lowship, and Eucharistic Adoration, there will be music, talks, and more available at this historic event. Tickets to the NYS Eucharistic Congress are being offered free of charge! Visit the website at https://nyseucharisticcongress.org for more information about the Eucharistic Congress and to register today.

Our parish will reserve a bus for a Saturday, October 21 one-day trip up and back if enough people are interested. The plan would be to leave St. Augustine's at 6:00am arriving at about 8:30am to attend the day's events: Mass with Cardinal Dolan and other NY Bishops, inspiring talks, beautiful music and more. Then return the same evening. Please leave your name with the Parish Office if interested.

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■ The Golden Eagles meet weekly on Wednesday mornings from 9:30 to 11am in the parish hall. This Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, we will have Chair yoga and a Medicare update. We

will also have a presentation by Jeff Cadge on The Cookstove *Project* and how you can help. Additionally, SaveMor Pharmacy will be here with the annual flu vaccine. If you wish to be vaccinated, please bring your insurance card. Questions or comments? We can be reached at golden.eagles@staugny.org or on the hotline at 914-923-2268.

**Be-Informed** ~ **September 3rd:** 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. Tuesday watch Mother Teresa, Mother Teresa: Seeing the Face of Jesus, or 33 Days to Morning Glory, week 3: St. Teresa of Calcutta. Listen to: Mother Teresa of Calcutta. The 8<sup>th</sup> is the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Study: The Bible and the Virgin Mary, Lesson 9: Full of Grace. Watch Mary of Nazareth, What is the Immaculate Conception?, or Was the Immaculate Conception Necessary? Listen also to: The Virgin Mary Revealed Through Scripture or The Eternal Woman.





St. Augustine Parish will host a BLOOD DRIVE sponsored by the Hudson Valley Blood Center on SUNDAY, September 24<sup>th</sup>, from 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM in the Parish Hall. This Blood Drive is for CHILDHOOD CANCER **AWARENESS MONTH.** 

Please consider donating blood ~ you never know when you or someone in your family will need a transfusion. To sign up, call 1 -800-933-2566, visit nybc.org/donate, or scan the above code.

That morning, please remember to eat, drink, and bring your donor ID card or ID with your name and photo. Please see the flyer on the table in the Vestibule. Please help to make this Blood Drive out move successful ever!!!!!



On Thursday, September 7th, a NEW SCHOOL YEAR will begin. On behalf of Sister Mary Elizabeth, Mrs. Fessman, Fr. Figueroa, and myself, WELCOME BACK ~ WE MISSED YOU! And a warm welcome to our new students and their families. We hope and pray for a happy, safe & successful

school year. St. Augustine pray for us.

Fr. McSweeney, Pastor

We are grateful to the St. Augustine Home and School Association for their many contributions and dedication to our school:

#### HOME AND SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS 2023-2024

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## A BACK-TO-SCHOOL PRAYER

Loving God, thank you for the rest and relaxation we enjoyed over the summer. Today, we pray for our children as they begin their new school year. Bless them with joy at seeing friends, excitement at new experiences, and a love of learning. Watch over all who learn, replacing fear with joy, anxiety with peace, and tiredness with energy. Grant teachers wisdom patience, and joy in serving their students. In Jesus' name we pray. 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!

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City/Zip:

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- Change of Address/Telephone Number
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