# St. Augustine Parish

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# FEBRUARY 11, 2024

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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 & Children's Choir Altar Servers CYO Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Knights of Columbus Lectors Legion of Mary Scouts Boys/Girls Senior Center Ushers Youth Group <u>Committees</u> Advocates for People with

Advocates for People with Special Needs Bereavement Support Group Cemetery Festival Planning Finance Home and School Board Parish Council St. Joseph's Men's Group St. Vincent de Paul Society

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.





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 Manzo, Marie Tassini, Gertrude Pinckney, Maria Reynolds, Ellen Mitchell, Barbara O'Donnell, Thomas Albanese, and John Contento.



### ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH, OSSINING, NEW YORK



### FEBRUARY IS THE **MONTH OF THE** HOLY FAMILY



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.



#### ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 14th

Ashes will be distributed during the 6:30 and 8:30 AM Masses, 12:00 NOON & 5:30 PM Liturgy of the Word Services and 7:00 PM Mass.





JOIN US DURING LENT AT 7:00 PM ON FRIDAYS (2/16, 2/23, 3/1/ 3/8, 3/15, 3/22 & 3/29) IN THE CHURCH **TO PRAY THE** STATIONS OF THE CROSS.

LENTEN FAST AND ABSTINENCE During the season of Lent, the Church urges the faithful to reflect a spirit of penance in their daily lives through performing acts of fast and abstinence.

+Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14th, and ends on Holy Thursday, March 28th.

+Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. This is a serious matter within Church law.

+Fasting means only one full meal a day may be taken. Two smaller meals can be eaten to maintain physical strength but together they should not equal another full meal in quantity. Snacking between meals is not permitted. Catholics ages 18-59 are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those who are not specifically obliged to fast are encouraged to join in the discipline of fasting to the extent that they are able.

+Abstinence forbids the eating of meat or poultry. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged to abstain on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent and continues to oblige throughout their lives. Those who are not specifically obliged to abstain from eating meat are urged to join in the discipline of abstaining to the extent that they are able.

+Remember all Fridays of the year are designated as days of penance during which we are encouraged to practice self-denial out of gratitude for the suffering and death Jesus accepted for us.

+The time for fulfilling your Easter Duty extends from the First Sunday of Lent (February 18) to Holy Trinity Sunday (May 26).



#### **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12:**

Vinnie Nestor/Henry Reichert 6:30 AM S. I. for Karen Brown & the Brown family 8:30 AM Sal Valenti

#### **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13:**

Michael & Martha Delfino/Dr. John Delfino 6:30 AM 8:30 AM William F. Lynn/S. I. for John A. Savino, MD WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14 (ASH WEDNESDAY):

HURSDAY	FEBRUARY 15.
7:00 PM	Paul & Rita Bolduc
	S. I. for Carly, Dan, Lucas, & Wynn Panagacos
8:30 AM	Christos, Theresa & Christine Sirakos
6:30 AM	Ryan Thompson

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15:

6:30 AM	Souls in Purgatory/Matthew and Mildred Wheeler
8:30 AM	S. I. for the Barbera Family

#### **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16:**

- 6:30 AM **Diane Pezzulich**
- 8:30 AM Michael Giorgiano

#### **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17:**

Domenico, Giovanni, Joseph, Rocco & 8:30 AM Rosario Bellantone, Jr. 5:00 PM Mary & John Volker/Edmund Sinnott

- SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18 (First Sunday of Lent): 8:00 AM Felix Fields/Andrew Marin 10:00 AM For all our Parishioners & Benefactors David Banks 12:00 PM Barbara Langan
- 6:00 PM Jo-Ann Cerussi



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn the week of *February 12 ~ 18* in loving memory of Trudy Miehl.



Last week's collection	\$ 11,453
Average Weekly Collection from WeShare Users	\$ 7,805
Last week's Total Weekly Collection	\$ 19,258



The next meeting of the St. Joseph Men's Group will be on Wednesday, February 21st, at 7pm in the Parish Hall and a reminder that the Group meets every first and third Wednesday each month.



**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BE-**COMING AN USHER FOR OUR WEEKEND MASSES, PLEASE CALL SAL LaLUMIA at (917) 916-6985. \_\_\_\_\_

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### SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Dear Friends in the Lord:

I am pleased to introduce this book, Building the Kingdom: The History of the Archdiocese of New York. It's a lively, accessible telling of an amazing and inspiring story  $\sim our$  story.

This local Church has a truly remarkable history. The Archdiocese of New York has been the crossroads of the Catholic faith in our country. So much history has unfolded in this place; so many saints have walked these streets where we walk; so many ministries and evangelization efforts got their start in our midst. To learn this story

is not only to take pride in what has been, but to look to the future with renewed hope. As our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has said, Church history is not "a treasure only to conserve jealously, but must help us to walk in the present towards the future."

This book tells the story of the Archdiocese of New York in "graphic novel" format, an immersive medium that has become more and more popular, especially with young readers. Beautiful drawings and carefully researched text combine to make the history of our local Church both accessible and engaging. Readers will come away knowing more about all the people  $\sim$  the bishops, priests, deacons, religious, lay faithful, and the saints who have shaped our local Church and our history.

With prayerful best wishes for you and your parish and school communities, I am,

Faithfully in Christ.

Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan

Archbishop of New York

Building the Kingdom: The History of the Archdiocese of New York is available for purchase for \$20. If interested, stop by the sacristy after Mass or contact the Parish Office.



#### **LEGION OF MARY**

Our Lady of Fatima will visit YOU! Members of the Legion of Mary will bring a parish statue of Our Lady of Fatima to your home and they will pray the rosary with you. Our Lady will stay with you for one week. Spending time with our Lady in your home, praying the rosary is filled with many blessings for you and your family. To schedule a visit or for more information on the Legion of Mary. please call Patty Barbera at (914) 310-0588.



Formation of new Parish Priests ~ As Cardinal Dolan's episcopal motto says, "Lord, to whom shall we go?" many men echo Peter's question to our Lord as they say "yes" to His invitation to priesthood. Will you support our seminarians in their formation to be future shepherds of our Church?

To date, \$22,795 has been received from 26 donors. Please join them in order for us to meet our 2024 goal of \$186,000. To DONATE, please visit www.cardinalsappeal.org/donate or scan the QR code which is above.



#### **ST. AUGUSTINE'S YOUTH GROUP MASS** WITH CARDINAL DOLAN

St. Augustine's Youth Group visits St. Patrick's Cathedral every year. This year's trip included a special tour of the crypts. In the cathedral below the gold Altar are two small copper doors  $\sim$  a sanctuary within a sanctuary. The crypt is a rarely seen part of the Cathedral, and the tour was arranged for our group by Deacon John Barbera. They learned about the history of the Cardinals at the Cathedral. Special thanks to Fr. Figueroa for arranging a priceless picture with Cardinal Dolan. Deacon John joined Cardinal Dolan in celebrating the Mass ~ three of our Youth Group members and one of our leaders were asked to bring up the gifts. It was a very special and memorable trip to St. Patrick's Cathedral. Our Youth Group and leaders are grateful for the support of the Parish, our Clergy, and Fr. McSweeney, our Pastor.

#### 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" x 8" x 3". Order forms are on the table in the vestibule.



Thank you from BSA Troop 49 to the St. Augustine Parish community! We had our most successful pasta dinner fundraiser for many years. We served more than 250 dinners and raised more than \$4,400 for the Scouts and Scout activities. We are humbled and grateful for the continued generosity and support of our home in St. Augustine. We hope to see you next year!!

#### Lenten Day of Prayer and Reflection for Liturgical Ministers

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Ushers, and Parish Musicians are invited to come together and reflect on the twofold Imitation of Christ and its meaning for their lives, their ministry, and their parish communities.

Presenter: Fr. Peter Martyr Yungwirth, O.P., Pastor, St. Vincent Ferrer and St. Catherine of Siena Parish, NYC

Date: Saturday, March 16, 10am-3pm Place: St. Joseph's Seminary, Yonkers Registration fee: \$40 (includes lunch). More information and registration: DavofPraver2024.eventbrite.com Contact: liturgy@archny.org or (914) 968-6200 x8177.

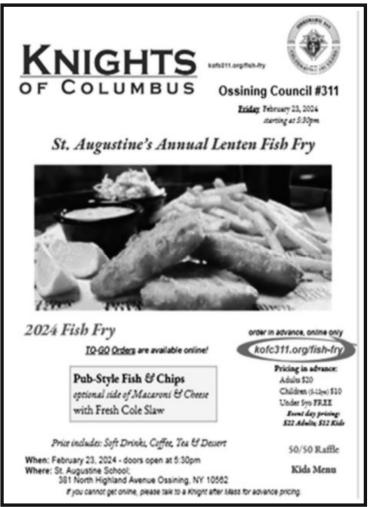
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The Golden Eagles will gather for Coffee Socials on the first and third Wednesdays each month through the winter from 9:30am to 11am in the parish hall. The next Coffee Social is Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>. The book

cial is Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>. The book club will also meet at 11 AM on February 21st. In case of snow or extreme weather, the meeting will be cancelled. If the meeting is cancelled, we will send an email and there will be an outgoing message on the hotline. Questions or comments? We can be reached at <u>golden.eagles@staugny.org</u> or on the hotline at 914-923-2268.

**Be-informed** ~ **February 11:** 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. <u>Simply register with parish code</u> <u>W3JKWN</u>. Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. Watch: Ready Reasons: *What's the Deal with Ashes on Ash Wednesday? or Whole* 40: Making a Spiritual Plan for Lent. On the 14<sup>th</sup> we also remember St. Valentine. Study: *Beloved: Living Marriage*, or Watch Marriage: God's Design for Life and Love. Listen to: Men, Women, and the Mystery of Love, The World's First Love, For Love and Marriage, Three to get Married, Marriage and Family: Love Unveiled, Counting Your Blessings, or What Every Couple Should Know About Marriage and Prayer.



Support Group Support Group

*"Surviving Divorce"* on Saturday, February 17th, from 9:30 to 11:30 am at St. Patrick's Parish Center Meeting Room (lower part of the Church), 137 Moseman Road, Yorktown Heights. To register, please call or email the Facilitator, Joyce Schelle, (914) 450-8606, jschelle23@aol.com, or the Parish Office at (914) 962-5050.

The St. Augustine Bereavement Support Group Ministry invites all parishioners to join us at the Therapeutic Benefits of Health, Exercise, & Wellness Workshop set for Wednesday, February 14th, from 5:30 - 6:30 pm on Zoom.

"Exercise not only improves our physical abilities but it also reduces stress, improves our mood, & mental health!"

Roberta Bergman, Creator of "bodyformula," a leading fitness instructor will demonstrate uplifting exercises & wellness techniques to improve our posture, reduce back pain, & stress. She has been featured on many national networks including: Fox TV, CNN, NBC, Lifetime, Good Day New York, The Phil Donahue Show as well as instructional videos, fitness blogs, & author of her new book, "Back on Track: The Lifestyle & Exercise Guide on Healing Back Pain." Wear comfortable clothes & be prepared to move, stretch, & feel good!

Registration is required. Please email Gae Savino, LCSW, CT at ghsavino@aol.com to confirm your reservation.

There is no fee to attend.

Remember, motion is lotion for our physical & mental health!!

#### 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*, the *We Share* 2023 Year-End Statements were emailed to everyone on January 22. If you have not received the email, please log into your *WeShare* account and print out your statement. This only pertains to parishioners who are on *WeShare*.

Those parishioners who use our envelope system can send an email request to <u>finance@staugny.org</u> and the statement will be attached to a return email. Please note if you use the envelope system a statement will be mailed to you <u>only</u> if you request one.

If you do not use email, <u>call Deacon John Barbera at (914) 941</u> <u>-0067 X 102</u> 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 <u>only</u> if you request one.





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