

# ST. AUGUSTINE PARISH

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**AUGUST 18, 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

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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: **Bob Lewis, Angela Ceparano, Sharon Manzo, Gertrude Pinckney, Maria Reynolds, Ellen Mitchell, Barbara O'Donnell, Thomas Albanese, John Contento, Raymond McLoughlin, Vincent Giuliano, and Tanner Karlsen.**

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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.**



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

**Ryder Walker Patrick Tompkins on August 18th**  
**June Valeria Jackson on August 18th**

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



The next meeting of the St. Joseph Men's Group will be on Wednesday, August 21st, at 7pm in the Parish Hall and a reminder that the Group meets every first and third Wednesday each month. For more information, please see the flyer on the table in the vestibule.



## MONDAY, AUGUST 19:

6:30 AM Frank & Tracy Iovine  
 8:30 AM Dr. Robert J. Hales/Ginny Calcutti

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 20 (St. Bernard):

6:30 AM Nicholas, Armando, & Michael III Sarcone  
 8:30 AM Madeline & Benn6 Burns/Sebastiao & Leo Ramos

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21 (St. Pius X):

6:30 AM S. I. for the Neff Family  
 8:30 AM Pasquale Assalone

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 22 (Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary):

6:30 AM S. I. for Sr. Mary Raymond/S. I. for Susan Thye  
 8:30 AM Nancy Parise/Agnes Tretter

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 23:

6:30 AM Brenda Leigh Johnson  
 8:30 AM Antonio Sessa/Cheryl Patrick

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 24:

8:30 AM Mary Rose & Stanley Madagro/Margaret Cristello  
 5:00 PM Franco Cocucci/S. I. for the Ryan & Rice Families

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 25:

8:00 AM Joseph Hirsch  
 10:00 AM For all our Parishioners & Benefactors  
 Steven Greffenius  
 12:00 PM Joseph Benke/Patricia Trapasso  
 6:00 PM Jo-Ann Cerussi/Trudy Miehle



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn the week of August 19 ~ 25 in loving Memory of **Catherine M. Beldotti.**



## ~ FESTIVAL NEWS ~

Due to the amazing and greatly appreciated efforts of all of our volunteers and parishioners, we had a fun and outstanding 47th festival. It is with gratitude and delight that we announce that this year's festival realized over \$130,000.

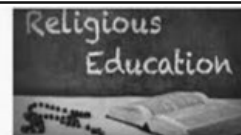
Many people came out to support this year's festival; and our sincere thanks go again to all of the volunteers, parishioners, friends and the Festival Committee who helped to make this another remarkable and profitable fundraiser.

It has been difficult to get new volunteers to help ease the workload of the people that do far too much already. In order to keep this event successful, more help is definitely needed!!! If you have not volunteered in the past, please consider joining us before, during, and/or after the festival next year to ease the workload!!!

Fr. McSweeney



Last week's Collection	\$ 7,770
Average Weekly Collection from WeShare Users	\$ 7,533
Last week's Total Weekly Collection	\$ 15,303
Pastoral Solidarity for the Church in Africa collection	\$ 2,014
Major repairs and improvements collection	\$ 1,051



Register now for 2024-2025 Religious Education classes

**REGISTRATION for 2024-2025** Religious Education Classes is underway for students entering 1<sup>st</sup> grade in September. Classes are held on Monday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 PM in the School.

If you are a parishioner enrolling a child for the first time, please call my office for a Registration Form. If you have any questions, please call Patricia Barbera at (914) 941-6663.

**Religious Education classes for the 2024~2025 school year will start on Monday, September 16th, from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Our "Back to School parents' Meeting" will be held on Monday, 9/16, from 7 to 7:30 pm in the Church.**

## TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### EFFECTIVE PRAYERS THAT TAKE LITTLE TIME

From Aletea

*We've got to be convinced that God is always near us. We live as though he were far away, and we forget that he is also continually by our side.*



While it is essential to set aside time each day dedicated specifically to prayer, it is also important to guard against pigeonholing your spiritual life into that 15- or 20-minute slot. We have to make sure we don't have a "checkbox" attitude of *okay, I've done my prayer thing, so now I get on with "real" life*. Just as our relationships with each other need more than 15-minute slots, so too our relationship with God needs spontaneous "hello"s and "how are you doing"s and "I love you"s. St. Josemaria Escriva said it this way: We've got to be convinced that God is always near us. We live as though he were far away, in the heavens high above, and we forget that he is also continually by our side. He is there like a loving Father. He loves each one of us more than all the mothers in the world can love their children — helping us, inspiring us, blessing ... and forgiving. When we have a living faith in God's presence, it's natural to turn to him or his mother with little thoughts and phrases, which take less than a second to mentally pray. Just as young lovers are always on each other's minds and texting and calling throughout the day, these aspirations do much to keep our love alive, or rekindle it if it's grown cold. Here are some ideas for little "text messages" you might raise to God throughout the day:

- Jesus, I trust in you. (from St. Faustina)
- O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. (from the Miraculous Medal)
- Jesus, remember me. (from the prayer of the "good thief" on the cross)
- God will provide. (what Abraham told Isaac when he asked what animal they would sacrifice)
- Allow me to praise Thee, O Holy Virgin; give me strength against Thine enemies. (from Blessed Duns Scotus)
- Jesus, Mary and Joseph, my family is yours. Guard them in your heart.
- My Jesus, thank you.
- Jesus in the Holy Sacrament of the altar, I give you my heart.
- Jesus, you are mine and I am yours.
- I shall wait for my Lord and Savior.
- Lord, to you I lift up my heart.

One way to both go deeper in the liturgy and to take up a one-second prayer is to use a phrase from the Collect or one of the other prayers of the Mass; this could be a lovely aspiration for the week. Many of the antiphons of the Liturgy of the Hours also will serve as beautiful aspirations. But the important thing is not to merely follow some sort of formula, as that again brings the danger of falling into a "checkbox" spirituality. Allow the aspirations to come from your heart, as short and sweet as you want. Again, St. Josemaria said: "Get used to lifting your heart to God, in acts of thanksgiving, many times a day. Because he gives you this and that. Because you have been despised. Because you haven't what you need or because you have. Because he made his Mother so beautiful, his Mother who is also your Mother. Because he created the sun and the moon and this animal and that plant. Because he made that man eloquent and you he left tongue-tied ... Thank him for everything, because everything is good." *The Way*, 268



### 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.**

### FR. MIKE SCHMITZ INSPIRES CARSON DALY TO NEVER MISS MASS

From Aletea

*Fr. Mike Schmitz's emotional explanation of transubstantiation and the Eucharist had a big impact on the TV host.*

The recent 10th National Eucharistic Congress shone a much-needed light on the power of the Eucharist. It also gave Church leaders the chance to explain in more detail the notion of transubstantiation. Thankfully, if you didn't make it to the congress, some videos have been shared on social media of some of the presentations. And one post in particular was shared by Catholic News Agency, featuring Fr. Mike Schmitz. In the video the clergyman gives a heartfelt explanation of the power of the Eucharist. After explaining the words used by the priest during the Eucharistic prayers, and the transformation of the bread and wine into Jesus Himself, he points out:

*"You guys, it's not just about looking at Jesus. When you see the Word lifted up like this, you are looking at Calvary. When you see the Lord lifted up like this, you're participating in his restoration of the world. When you get to go to Mass, and here is the priest holding up Our Lord like this and just saying, 'God, Father, this is for you,' you get to be a part of the redemption of humanity."*

In fact, the post caught the eye of the popular Today TV host Carson Daly. The openly devout Catholic proclaimed on social media "I'm never missing Mass again. Wow," as shared by Church Pop. The TV host's reaction is not overly surprising, considering he'd previously shared how he'd thought about becoming a priest, as you can see in the video below. Yet, in sharing their thoughts on social media, both Fr. Schmitz and Daly may encourage others to see the beauty of going to Mass.



Couples who have or 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 6th, 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 (914) 941-0067 as soon as possible.

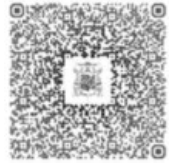
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Seniors

The Golden Eagles meet every Wednesday from 9:30 to 11am in the parish hall. This Wednesday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, we will have local historian, folklore, and storyteller, Jonathan Kruk, with many "Tales of Kindness". Cost is \$5 per person, pay at the door. 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 ~ Aug 18th:** 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 Read: *St. Helena and the True Cross*, or listen to: *St. Helena: The Finding of the True Cross*. Thursday is The Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Study: Symbolon: Knowing the Faith, session 9: *Mary and the Saints*; The Bible and the Virgin Mary, lesson 7: *The Promised Mother*, or lesson 8: *Mother Crowned in Glory*; *Footprints of God: Mary*; or *33 Days to Morning Glory*. Listen to: *Mary, the Indispensable Mother of God* or *The World's First Love*.



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Visit [www.cardinalsappeal.org/donate](http://www.cardinalsappeal.org/donate) to make your gift today! **To date, \$125,474 has been received from 208 donors. Please join them in order for us to meet our 2024 goal of \$186,000.**

You can use the Appeal envelope found in Church. Just make sure to assign your gift to St. Augustine Church in Ossining — #496.



**Please join us for  
DINNER & DANCING  
Friday, November 15th, at  
Trump National Golf Course  
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**More details will be in future bulletins.**



A very special thank you to Michael & Joe, "Team Platinum", of Platinum Propane, P. O. Box 394, Millwood, for donating the propane for this year's festival!!! Thanks again for your generosity

**AUGUST 28<sup>TH</sup>  
Saint of the Day**

Saint  
**AUGUSTINE  
OF HIPPO**



Join us on Wednesday, August 28th, at 7 PM for a Solemn High Latin Mass for Augustine of Hippo ~ Bishop, Confessor and Doctor of the Church.

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- 8/22 – Celibacy for the Kingdom of God in 1 Cor 7**
- 8/29 – The Character and Charisma of Christian Marriage in 1 Cor 7**
- 9/5 – Marriage in Paul and the Teaching of Vatican II**

*This is a free event. All are welcome. Bring your own Bible. \*Doherty Hall is down behind the St. James School complex.*



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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.

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