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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

COMMITTEES

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

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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, Sharon Manzo, Gertrude Pinckney, Maria Reynolds, Ellen Mitchell, Barbara O'Donnell, Thomas Albanese, John Contento, Raymond McLoughlin, Vincent Giuliano, and Tanner Karlson.**

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October
Month of the
Holy Rosary



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:

Cameron John Frederickson on October 13th
Keira Valentina Greves on October 13th
Isabella Lillian Hesselgrave on October 13th

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

Silver & Gold WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Congratulations to the following couples who celebrated their "special" Wedding Anniversary this year:

Golden WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Ludwig & Mary Grace Guarino
Francis (Skip) & Sue Sylvester

Silver WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Nathan & Nicole Weber
Paul & Monthi Quadras
Carl & Mary Pernicone

May God continue to bless all of you with good health and happiness for many more years.



Calling all caring hearts!

Join us for a Baby Bottle Drive to support Gianna's House Pregnancy Care Center in Brewster.

Here's how you can get involved:

- Fill the bottle with love by donating spare coins, dollars or donations.
- Return your filled bottle to the church next weekend (**October 19th or October 20th**) after any Mass.

Your small act of kindness can make an enormous difference in providing comfort and care to moms who need it most. Gianna's House is a Catholic pro-life pregnancy resource center helping women experiencing unexpected pregnancies to break down the obstacles they face so they can choose life for their babies. For any questions or further info, contact: director@giannashouseinc.org or visit us at: [Home \(giannashouseinc.org\)](http://Home.giannashouseinc.org).



MONDAY, OCTOBER 14:

- 6:30 AM For a Special Intention
- 8:30 AM Constance Weireter/Alice Marie Hales

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15:

- 6:30 AM All Souls in Purgatory
- 8:30 AM All Souls in Purgatory/Flora Meyer

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16:

- 6:30 AM Richard Taksel
- 8:30 AM Leo Ramos/Hilario Lasso

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17:

- 6:30 AM S. I. for all Living & Deceased Priests
- 8:30 AM John Sarcone, Jr./Rosario & Magda Lasso

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18:

- 6:30 AM JoAnn Cerussi
- 8:30 AM Margaret & Louis Konco/Frances Sinon

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19:

- 8:30 AM Anastasia Noulas/Constancio Ribeiro
- 5:00 PM Maria Costa Pereira/Rice Family/Diane Saienni

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20:

- 8:00 AM Mario Lisella/Millie & Sal Cubisino
- 10:00 AM For all our Parishioners & Benefactors
Rita E. Parra
- 12:00 PM Yolanda & John Ricci/Ersilia Agostinelli
S. I. for Matthew Weireter
- 6:00 PM Pasquale J. Beldotti/John Joseph Consorti



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn the week of October 14 ~ 20 in loving Memory of **Thomas E. Hales.**



The Altar Bread & Wine for the week of October 14 ~ 20 were donated in loving memory of **Anna Stachiw.**



Last week's Collection	\$ 10,409
Average Weekly Collection from WeShare Users	\$ 7,858
Last week's Total Weekly Collection	\$ 18,267
Hurricane Helene Relief	\$ 3,391



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

Gareth Croxall & Hanna Jalbert ~ III

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



TIMOTHY CARDINAL DOLAN

Dear Family of the Archdiocese of New York,

Recently, I met with all the priests of the Archdiocese of New York to update them on our continuing response to the abuse crisis. It's part of the pledge we made to you, God's people, to make certain that we are living up to the safe environment policies and practices that we put in place over 20 years ago. It is important that I let you know as well how we are doing, as we also pledged to keep you posted.

While even our enemies -- and their name is legion -- seem to admire and credit our archdiocese in serving all New Yorkers with exemplary reform and progress in this area of protecting our young people, we can never become complacent. Our annual audits by outside agencies, including our regular ones by the universally respected federal Judge Barbara Jones, assure us we're keeping our promises. It is only right that we continue the essential, sensitive attention to victims and their families, and our scrupulous attention to the promises we've made to God's people to provide a safe environment for their children.

Our vigilance extends as well to ensuring a safe environment for vulnerable adults and in the workplace. Our session rightfully recognized that this is now all fairly considered a big part of the "safe environment" we wish to nurture.

I am proud that our bishops, priests, and lay staff all approached the sessions with great seriousness and sensitivity. They continue, as I do, to know that we can never relax in our efforts to provide a safe and welcoming environment for all.

I also raise another issue that was discussed at our gathering that has serious implications for the future of the Church here in New York.

You all know, I am sure, of the *Child Victims Act* (CVA), passed by the New York State Legislature and signed into law in 2019.

We have worked hard to settle meritorious cases not covered by insurance, in justice to the victims of years past. We settled over 400 hundred cases through our Independent Reconciliation and Compensation Program (IRCP) and 123 more in response to the CVA.

There remains about 1400 cases of alleged abuse, some dating back to World War II! To be clear, not all of these allegations are against priests. In fact, the two largest groups of complaints are against a former volunteer basketball coach and a former janitor.

It has always been our wish to expeditiously settle all meritorious claims. However, *Chubb*, for decades our primary insurance company, even though we have paid them over \$2 billion in premium by today's standards, is now attempting to evade their legal and moral contractual obligation to settle covered claims which would bring peace and healing to victim-survivors. As a result we have sued them for violating New York's General Business Law which protects New York consumers from deceptive and fraudulent business practices.

In legal documents, *Chubb* has abandoned its archdiocese and parish policy holders and those people such policies were purchased to protect, the survivors of child sexual abuse. *Chubb* scurrilously claims that they are not obligated to settle claims because the abuse of victims was "expected or intended" by the Church. You read that right. They make the false argument that people like my beloved predecessors Cardinal Terence Cooke or Cardinal John O'Connor took actions with the intent of harming children, or at least expecting that would be the case. Outrageous!

Why would they make such an egregiously false claim? Easy. To protect their bottom line -- one that currently brings in \$2 billion per quarter. Their apparent plan, which other *Chubb* insured have fallen victim to -- see the bankrupted Archdiocese of San Francisco, for instance -- is designed to delay, delay, and further delay, hoping to force the archdiocese to pay the claims *Chubb* is legally responsible for paying but has refused to pay. A sad story!

In the *long run*, all these cases are a towering expense for us.

As we diligently continue to shepherd the pastoral life of the archdiocese, we have taken dramatic steps to do more with less, by cutting costs but preserving our faith mission. We will be moving into new smaller offices next year, substantially reducing the cost of our office space, and putting our current archdiocesan headquarters on First Avenue on the market; the proceeds of that eventual sale will be used to ease the financial burden caused by the sexual abuse crisis. Other properties are carefully being considered for sale as well. Our future financial strength will require even more strategy and sacrifice and even more help from the archdiocese and more help from our parishes and people.

Be assured, however, that we can't and won't let this destroy us. Our clergy and I remain inspired by and grateful for your generosity. *The Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal*, for instance -- half of which, as you know, is returned to our struggling parishes -- is again on target to reach and go over its goal. But, even more profoundly, we have the promise of Jesus that He is with us always, and that the "gates of hell" will not destroy us, even though they sure keep trying! That's an insurance policy, His Word, that will never fail to pay claims!

We may be reduced to the frustrated reply and extended hand of Peter in the Temple Square to the disabled beggar asking for alms, "Silver and Gold I do not have. But, what I do have I give to you. In the name of Jesus Christ, stand up and walk!" And he did.

Cower and hide we will not! Fear we will not! We will stand and walk together through this, as we all did twenty-three years ago after 9/11, as we continue our resolve to compensate and reconcile with survivors, and as we ministered throughout the darkness of COVID. This challenge will strengthen our resolve to rely confidently upon the infinite power of the holy name of Jesus. With Him, nothing is impossible! Without Him, nothing is possible!

Be assured of a remembrance in my Masses and prayers each day.

A blessed autumn!

With prayerful best wishes, I am,

Faithfully in Christ,

+Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan
Archbishop of New York





Seniors

The Golden Eagles meet every Wednesday from 9:30am to 11am in the parish hall. This week there will be a discussion on gentle fitness and healthy living suggestions. Questions or comments? We can be

reached at golden.eagles@staugny.org or on the hotline at 914-923-2268.

Be-Informed ~ October 13: Today Watch: Finding Fatima, The 13th Day, The Day the Sun Danced or Fatima: Hope for the World. Listen to: Fatima for Today. Simply register with parish code **W3JKWN**. On Monday, children can watch: Columbus: Adventures to the Edge of the World. Tuesday is the Memorial of Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church. Listen to: St. Teresa of Avila, Deep Conversion/Deep Prayer, or The 3 Stages of the Interior Life. Study: True Reformers: Episode 5, St. Teresa of Avila. Friday we celebrate the Feast of Saint Luke, Evangelist. Watch FORMED Now!: Luke and the Eucharist, The Passion According to Saint Luke, or The Gift of Peace. Listen to: The Gospel of Luke



October 13, 2024

Month of the Holy Rosary

Dear friends in the Lord:

This year our Eucharistic celebration for World Mission Sunday will be celebrated the weekend of October 20. Thank you for last year's most generous contribution of \$389,116.

Pope Francis, in his message for World Mission Sunday invites us to reflect on the theme inspired by the Gospel: "Go and invite everyone to the banquet (Mt 22:9)."

Over a century ago, our own Catholic community in the United States was nurtured through the generosity of the worldwide Church that contributed to what is today this second collection. Now, we are called to extend that same generosity to our brothers and sisters in over 1,150 mission territories across Asia, Africa, Latin America, the Pacific Islands, and the Middle East.

The collection on World Mission Sunday directly supports seminaries, future religious sisters, catechists, Catholic schools that provide essential education, healthcare and food centers that provide essential care, embodying the love of Christ.

As members of the Church which is universal by its very nature, we are invited to participate actively in this mission. Our contributions and prayers on World Mission Sunday support the Church's vital work of evangelization, inviting all to experience the joy and hope found in Christ.

I urge you to respond generously to this call through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith on that special day.

May this World Mission Sunday deepen our commitment to the Church's universal mission.

In this spirit, I offer you my personal gratitude and prayerful best wishes for your enthusiastic missionary spirit.

With prayerful best wishes and gratitude to you and your families, I am,
Faithfully in Christ,

+Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan
Archbishop of New York

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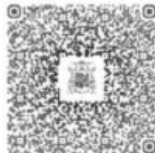
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Contributions to the New York State Council Knights of Columbus C & B Program are not deductible as a charitable contribution for Federal income tax purposes.

Our Knights of Columbus #311 will be selling their "Charitable & Benevolent raffle tickets" after next weekend's Masses.

Please support them by purchasing some raffle tickets.



I would like to thank all of you who made the decision to join your fellow parishioners over the last few weeks.

Because of you, the 215 parishioners who have participated, we are now 70% of reaching our goal! But we still have work to do. Many of these gifts are pledges which generally means you take several months to fulfill the pledge through making multiple payments. Reminders from the archdiocese will be mailed to those who made pledges.

\$128,123 has been pledged and \$124,528 has been paid. I hope we can have both numbers match by the end of this year. Thank you for continuing to make payments to fulfill your pledge. If you have any questions regarding your pledge, please call the Cardinal's Appeal Office at (646) 794-3300.

Fr. McSweeney



The next meeting of the St. Joseph Men's Group will be on Wednesday, October 16th, at 7pm in the Parish Hall and a reminder that the Group meets every first and third Wednesday each month.

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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!

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.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Please send me a New Parishioner's Packet

Change of Address/Telephone Number

Moving, please remove our name from the Parish List.

On Saturday, October 19, and Sunday, October 20th, the St. Augustine School Beekeeping Club will once again be selling honey harvested from our parish's apiary (bee yard) after all scheduled masses. The cost will be \$25.00 check / \$23.00 cash for a 1lb. jar.

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