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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

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Cemetery
Festival Planning
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Parish Council
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St. Vincent de Paul Society

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


PLEASE CONSIDER REMEMBERING ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH IN YOUR WILL.



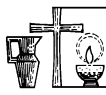
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The local conference Board of the St. Vincent de Paul Society meets regularly, with prayer and spiritual reflection, at the Parish Office, where volunteers personally serve local persons in desperate circumstances by offering prayer, personal attention 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.**

 **Baptism**

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

Vincent Frank Comitto on October 20th
Kurtis William Comitto on October 20th
Levi Carl Comitto on October 20th


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

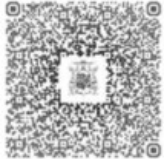


Our 2024 Dinner Dance on Friday, November 15th, at Trump National Golf Club in Briarcliff Manor is quickly approaching. This year we will be honoring Louis Rinaldi, President of Louis Rinaldi, Inc., Ossining, NY, and Jack Pereira, President of D & J

Concrete Corp., Millwood, NY, in appreciation for serving as Trustees on our Cemetery Committee and for all that they do for our Parish.


If you have not sent in your RSVP to attend the Dinner Dance or to place an ad in the Journal, please do so early this week. The deadline for both will be November 6th. Flyers are on the table in the vestibule for your convenience.

 **the CARDINAL'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL**
Sharing God's Gifts



THANK YOU TO THE PARISHIONERS WHO HAVE ALREADY CONTRIBUTED TO THIS YEAR'S CARDINAL'S APPEAL. IF YOU HAVE NOT PLEDGED YET, PLEASE DO SO SOON.

Visit www.cardinalsappeal.org/donate to make your gift today!
To date, \$129,728 has been pledged and \$126,888 has been paid from 216 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.

 **Mass Intentions**

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21:
 6:30 AM Al, Anna & Joseph Mellusi
 8:30 AM Peter Cristello/Francesco Maffettone

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22:
 6:30 AM Robert "Bobby" Lewis
 8:30 AM Nicholas, Armando & Michael III Sarcone
 Eddy Dunn

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23:
 6:30 AM S. I. for Sr. Mary Raymond/S. I. for Susan Thyne
 8:30 AM Catherine Altro/Deborah Calandrello

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24:
 6:30 AM Joseph P. Holohan
 8:30 AM Carmen, Estrella & Armando Relano
 S.I. of Thanksgiving for Shirley Perillo


FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25:
 6:30 AM Carl Contrata
 8:30 AM Brendan Farrelly/Kenneth Camadeco

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26:
 8:30 AM Virginia & Henry Burh/Margaret Cristello
 5:00 PM Carmen Gardner/Ralph Fields
 D. M. for Eustace & Sullivan families


SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27:
 8:00 AM S. I. for Stephan Piotrowski/Margaret Millen Hurlman
 10:00 AM For all our Parishioners & Benefactors
 Robert L. Rinaldi
 12:00 PM Joseph Benke/Ann Antonecchia/Louis Russo
 6:00 PM Celeste Patton-Clarke/Dolores Consorti



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn the week of October 21 ~ 27 in loving Memory of **Pasquale J. Beldotti.**

 **church support**

Last week's Collection	\$ 7,351
Average Weekly Collection from <i>WeShare</i> Users	<u>\$ 7,858</u>
Last week's Total Weekly Collection	\$ 15,209
Hurricane Milton relief fund	\$ 3,159

 **ALL SOULS' DAY IS NOVEMBER 2**

There are **ALL SOULS' DAY** envelopes in the vestibule of the Church and in the packet of envelopes that was mailed to you. The names of deceased members of your family, which you will place in those envelopes, will be remembered in a special way at the Masses during the month of November. Please return the envelopes to the wooden receptacle in the vestibule or the weekly collection basket in order for them to be placed on the Altar.

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A LETTER TO DIOGNETUS

Written Circa 130 A.D.

The Christians in the world

"Christians are indistinguishable from other men either by nationality, language or customs. They do not inhabit separate cities of their own, or speak a strange dialect, or follow some outlandish way of life. Their teaching is not based upon reveries inspired by the curiosity of men. Unlike some other people, they champion no purely human doctrine. With regard to dress, food and manner of life in general, they follow the customs of whatever city they happen to be living in, whether it is Greek or foreign.

And yet there is something extraordinary about their lives. They live in their own countries as though they were only passing through. They play their full role as citizens, but labor under all the disabilities of aliens. Any country can be their homeland, but for them their homeland, wherever it may be, is a foreign country. Like others, they marry and have children, but they do not expose them. They share their meals, but not their wives.

They live in the flesh, but they are not governed by the desires of the flesh. They pass their days upon earth, but they are citizens of heaven. Obedient to the laws, they yet live on a level that transcends the law. Christians love all men, but all men persecute them. Condemned because they are not understood, they are put to death, but raised to life again. They live in poverty, but enrich many; they are totally destitute, but possess an abundance of everything. They suffer dishonor, but that is their glory. They are defamed, but vindicated. A blessing is their answer to abuse, deference their response to insult. For the good they do they receive the punishment of malefactors, but even then they, rejoice, as though receiving the gift of life. They are attacked by the Jews as aliens, they are persecuted by the Greeks, yet no one can explain the reason for this hatred.

To speak in general terms, we may say that the Christian is to the world what the soul is to the body. As the soul is present in every part of the body, while remaining distinct from it, so Christians are found in all the cities of the world, but cannot be identified with the world. As the visible body contains the invisible soul, so Christians are seen living in the world, but their religious life remains unseen. The body hates the soul and wars against it, not because of any injury the soul has done it, but because of the restriction the soul places on its pleasures. Similarly, the world hates the Christians, not because they have done it any wrong, but because they are opposed to its enjoyments.

Christians love those who hate them just as the soul loves the body and all its members despite the body's hatred. It is by the soul, enclosed within the body, that the body is held together, and similarly, it is by the Christians, detained in the world as in a prison, that the world is held together. The soul, though immortal, has a mortal dwelling place; and Christians also live for a time amidst perishable things, while awaiting the freedom from change and decay that will be theirs in heaven. As the soul benefits from the deprivation of food and drink, so Christians flourish under persecution. Such is the Christian's lofty and divinely appointed function, from which he is not permitted to excuse himself."

From a letter to Diognetus

A momentous unveiling: Bernini's baldacchino restored



From Aleteia:

After eight months of restoration works, the structure will be unveiled in a special Mass that coincides with the conclusion of the Synod. The work was financed by the American Knights of Columbus!

On October 27, Pope Francis will unveil the newly restored baldacchino in St. Peter's Basilica. As explained by Vatican News, after eight months of restoration works under scaffolding, the structure will be unveiled in a special Mass that coincides with the conclusion of the Synod. Cardinal Mauro Gambetti, the archpriest of the basilica, heralded the event as a pivotal moment in the life of the Church. The date has multiple meanings. Cardinal Gambetti (the first conventual Franciscan to be made a cardinal since the 19th century) emphasizes its double significance: It marks the end of the Synod, and commemorates an important interreligious meeting initiated by John Paul II in Assisi in 1986. This context adds depth to the event, reminding participants of the Church's commitment to promoting unity and understanding in a divided world. The baldacchino itself, a stunning creation by Gian Lorenzo Bernini, was commissioned by Pope Urban VIII and completed between 1624 and 1635. Standing nearly 29 meters tall (almost 100 feet), it occupies a central position above the tomb of St. Peter, the first pope. This magnificent structure is not merely decorative: It is a vital element of the basilica's architecture and liturgical space. Cardinal Gambetti shared that Pope Francis has been actively involved in overseeing the restoration process. The Holy Father has expressed great appreciation for the progress made on the baldacchino, recognizing its importance as a work of art and a symbol of faith. Since the last major restoration took place in 1758, the recent renovations were long overdue and addressed both aesthetic and structural needs. As read in Vatican News, the work was described as "a challenging and necessary restoration," especially in anticipation of the upcoming Jubilee in 2025, a milestone that invites pilgrims from around the world to renew their faith. The unveiling of the baldacchino represents the revitalization of a key architectural feature of St. Peter's, and serves as a reminder of the Church's enduring mission. As the Synod ends and a new chapter begins, this restoration echoes the ongoing journey of faith, reflection, and renewal. It invites the faithful to gather at the heart of the Church to embrace a future that upholds the values of peace, dialogue, and beauty, rooted in the past all the way to St. Peter. As we look forward to this momentous occasion, the restoration of Bernini's baldacchino stands as a testament to the Church's rich heritage and its ongoing commitment to fostering a vibrant spiritual life within the Catholic community.



Seniors

There will be NO regular meeting this week for the Golden Eagles. Our trip to Krucker's Picnic Grove for Oktoberfest is Wednesday, October 23. The bus will depart St. Augustine senior center at 9:30 am. You must be pre-registered to attend. Questions or comments? We can be reached at golden.eagles@staugny.org or on the hotline at 914-923-2268.

Be-Informed ~ October 20: Tuesday is the Feast of Saint John Paul II, Pope. Watch John Paul II: I Kept Looking For You: Pope John Paul II: KAROL: John Paul II and the Fall of Communism: or Ocean of Mercy. Simply register with parish code **W3JKWN**. You can also Study: Divine Mercy in the Second Greatest Story Ever Told or 33 Days to Morning Glory, Week 4: Pope St. John Paul II. Listen to: Saint John Paul the Great or Vatican II, Mercy, and You.

VOTE "NO" ON PROPOSAL 1

Proposal 1: A Wolf in Sheep's Clothing

From a statement of the Catholic Bishops of New York State: On November 5, faithful citizens throughout the nation will have the opportunity once again to exercise their sacred right to vote. Pope Francis has reminded us that as thoughtful Catholics, we must participate in the public square for the sake of the common good. Every Catholic is called to do the work of properly informing his or her conscience and voting for candidates and policies that will best advance the natural law, the protection of human rights, the dignity of the human person, the sacredness of all life, and the teachings of Christ and His Church. It is a presidential election year, and there are important votes to be cast for Congress and the state Legislature as well. Importantly, in New York, like several other states, there is also a critical referendum on the ballot. Proposal 1 is a wolf in sheep's clothing that could lead to darkness for many New York families. This amendment disregards the lives of unborn and struggling children in the name of political agendas. It could have dangerous consequences for these children and their parents. As they look to make their voices heard in the public square, **faithful Catholics should consider these consequences and vote NO**

Likewise, they should thoughtfully vote their informed conscience up and down the ballot so that we might usher in change for good.

Rosa Fierro, a resident at The Pines, 19 Narragansett Avenue, Ossining, needs a volunteer to help her organize (papers, etc.) her apartment—#308. If interested, call Rosa at (929) 777-1806.



First Communicants



We ask that you pray for the children of our Parish as they begin their journey in preparation for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion which commenced with the Enrollment Mass this weekend. They will receive their First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 8, 2025. We ask God to bless these future committed young Christians.

Eva Alba-Cuevas
Finley Barreiro
Manuel Berrutti
Colin Beyrer
Evan Billingsley
Sophia Brancato
Hailey Briar
Winston Brown
Lily Calabro
Finn Carey
Mary Conklin
Mariano Damore
Matthew DiPietro
Daniel Espinoza
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Jack Fasanella
Maceo Faughnan
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Kylie Herighty
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John Kelly
Thomas Kozlowski
Andrew Lopez

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Norah Maratea
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Raymond Varisco
Ryan Venuto
Aimee Vergara Manchego
Valentina Villa



BIRTHRIGHT ~ VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed in the Peekskill office of Birthright. Our primary goal is to support those who choose not to abort their children. In doing this, we try to support them with diapers and children's clothing as proof that we will help them. Trainings will be Fridays, November 1 and 8, in our office at One Park Place, Peekskill. If interested, please call Tina McDermott at (914) 245-1795 or t5mcdermott@aol.com.



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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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