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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: Alice Marie Hales, Angela Ceparano, Sharon Manzo, Joe Rodriguez, Gertrude Pinckney, Maria Reynolds, Ellen Mitchell, Barbara O'Donnell, Thomas Albanese, John Contento, Raymond McLoughlin, Vincent Giuliano, Jorge De Los Rios, Theresa Timmons, Christopher Santiago, Thomas Albanese, Donna Paolucci, Peace Aiden.

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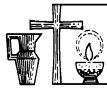
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Today is the first Sunday in Advent. The first candle reminds us of the light of hope that the prophets had as they looked forward to a Messiah who would bring peace and love to the world.



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:

Isabella Melillo on November 30th

Zoe James Goubeaud on December 1st

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



RECITE THE ROSARY EVERY DAY FOR AN INCREASE IN VOCATIONS AND PEACE IN THE WORLD.



ST. AUGUSTINE'S 2024 CHRISTMAS CLUB

St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Augustine Parish

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is a Catholic lay organization, dedicated to serving the poor while deepening our relationship with God through that service. Our local Conference was formed here at St. Augustine's in March 2010. Since that time, we have served many of our local brothers and sisters, regardless of race or religion, with matters such as: small short-term financial assistance, home visits, referrals to assistance for services that we can't provide, and a compassionate presence to those who are suffering. Specifically, over the past year we have provided monetary assistance for a senior to move into senior housing; provided weeks of meals for the Ossining Homeless Shelter; partially paid a single mother's electric bill; assisted the widow of a recently deceased Vet with a security deposit; gave out numerous food shopping cards; and donated backpacks, coats, toys, and gift cards to local service organizations. Our Conference is made up of volunteers from St. Augustine's who are dedicated to serving those in need but none of this would be possible without your generous support and prayers.

Please make your check payable to the "Society of St. Vincent de Paul" and return it to the wooden box in the vestibule or the Parish Office. Donation envelopes are in the monthly packets that are mailed to the parishioners or on the wooden box in the vestibule of the Church. You can also donate to the Christmas Club through WeShare.



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2:

6:30 AM Mary Shaw
8:30 AM Mildred Barreiro

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3 (St. Francis Xavier):

6:30 AM Debbie O'Connor
8:30 AM Luisa Esteves/Izzy Sellazzo

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4:

6:30 AM Eddy & Helen Dunn/Rosetta Murray
8:30 AM Dominick Marengo/Barbara & Fritz Sohnlein

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5:

6:30 AM John Benke
8:30 AM William E. Dubray/Michel Hitti

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6:

6:30 AM The Leary Family
8:30 AM Benny Burns/Frances Simon

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7 (St. Ambrose):

8:30 AM Min Chae "Conrad" Lee/Sr. Lucille Cutrone
5:00 PM Bernard & Ellen Sparano/Robert "Bobby" Lewis
Michael & Martha Delfino

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8: (Second Sunday of Advent):

8:00 AM Angelina Maldarelli/Orteo Venier
10:00 AM For all our Parishioners & Benefactors
Joseph P. Holohan
12:00 PM Michael Cusano/Ida Maiello
6:00 PM Rosemarie, Francis & Daniel Leary/JoAnn Cerussi



Sanctuary Lamp Memorials

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn the week of December 2 ~ 8
Het & Pauline Foulkes



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Advent Reconciliation

Find Peace through Forgiveness on Reconciliation Monday

December 16

2 ~ 4 pm and 6 - 8 pm

Amidst all the other preparations for this most Holy Season, make sure to prepare yourself for Christmas.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



VIVA CRISTO REY!

Ever hear someone shout “Viva Cristo Rey” at a conference or prayer meeting! Live Christ the King!

That was the battlecry of the Cristeros - the Catholic rebels who fought the tyrannical Mexican government who had closed churches and banned Masses and disallowed catholic priests to wear the collar.

In today's interview I speak with Father Eric Weldon, a priest in the diocese of Wichita, Kansas. Together we discuss St. Jose Luis del Rio.

Who was Jose Luis Sanchez del Rio?

Jose Luis Sanchez Del Rio was a fourteen year old farm boy from Mexico who fell in love with his faith after being taught the basics of the faith by his parish priest.

He ended up suffering much and died a martyr for his faith. He was a part of the Mexican Revolution of 1910. It was a civil war against the government which had severely oppressed religious freedom.

His Godfather and uncle was the mayor of his city in Mexico, and he pleaded with his godson to denounce his faith so he could live, but Jose, even against his own family, stood firm in his love for Jesus and proclaimed “Viva Cristo Rey” which in English translates to “Live Christ the King.”

The War and Eventual Capture

Different factions arose and they tried to fight the government as best they could.

Jose wanted to join the military but could not as he was too young, but he did menial tasks that a fourteen year-old could do to show his support for the cause. He was eventually captured and tortured; his uncle pleaded with him to denounce the Cristeros but he refused.

Jose's feet were sliced open and he was forced to walk upon cobblestone and glass to where he was going to be executed.

The government tried using him as an example to other citizens what would happen to them, but nothing could shake him for the Lord was with him. It was difficult for his parents to accept his decision and to try and understand why such a young child would die for Christ, but his parents stood by his side.

What Would You Do

If you were accused of being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?

Today, Christians are being marginalized around the world, and we must never be afraid to stand up for our faith! So many of us have become complacent to comfort and tolerable to evil. We must stand firm in our faith, and if God calls, we must carry our own cross.

A Movie to Watch

Most Catholics don't know their faith and little of the tragedy of the Civil War in Mexico based on anti-Catholicism.

An excellent movie to watch is, “For Greater Glory.” We pray this podcast opens up the eyes and ears and touches the souls of those who may be called to stand up for their faith, as we live in confusing and troubling times.

Viva Cristo Rey!



OPLATKI

Oplatki wafer is a popular, family-centered Christmas tradition enjoyed by families from Eastern Europe. The Oplatki tradition originated in the Kingdom of Poland and is traced to the early centuries of Christianity. This Christmas custom began with a simple white wafer baked from flour and water. Each wafer is rectangular in shape with a Christmas image pressed into them, such as the Nativity, the Star of Bethlehem or the Holy Family.

THE MEANING BEHIND THE TRADITION

The name "oplatki" or "oplatek" may vary depending on whether the tradition is being observed by families with a Polish, Slovak or Lithuanian background. In English this word means "Angel Bread." In America the tradition is sometimes simply called "Christmas Wafers." Whatever the country, many nationalities have come to love this warm and wonderful Christian tradition!

BREAKING BREAD AS A SIGN OF UNITY

The Christmas wafer tradition began because the word "Bethlehem" means "House of Bread." The breaking of bread has long been a sign of charity, unity, and friendship in many cultures. The Oplatki reminds us of this symbol of communion common to humanity, as well as in a fuller way the Eucharistic meal that Catholics participate in at each Mass. Just as Christians share in the Eucharist as one family in Christ, the Oplatki wafer allows for one's family to come together and share the love they have for one another.

HOW TO CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS WITH THE OPLATKI WAFERS

The Oplatki Christmas tradition, as it is commonly celebrated in the home, goes something like this: Just before the Christmas Eve meal the entire family will gather around the table with the Christmas wafer. Generally the eldest member of the family, usually the father or mother, will begin the ritual by breaking off a piece of the wafer and passing it to another family member while giving a blessing. This blessing can simply consist of what you desire for your loved one in the upcoming year - whether it be good health, growth in God's grace, or happiness. It can also be a request for forgiveness and a desire for reconciliation. The Christmas wafer is then passed from person to person around the table until all have had a piece and all have been given blessings. Each person then consumes their piece of the Oplatek in a special display of love and solidarity between the whole family.

SHARE THE LOVE

Friends of the family or other guests can also be invited to join in this Christmas tradition. The purpose of this act is primarily to express one's unconditional love and forgiveness for one another. This tradition can vary slightly depending on the nationality, or the celebration may be made more elaborate by including more symbolism, but this is generally the foundational idea.

Oplatki will be available after Masses next Sunday, Second Sunday of Advent.



Volunteers are needed on Wednesday, December 18th, at 10 am to help place the poinsettias around the Altar. If you are available, please call Joan Pires in the Parish Office at (914) 941-0067 or email: joan.pires@staugny.org.

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Seniors

There will be NO meeting this week for the Golden Eagles. On Wednesday, December 4, we will be going to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse Christmas show. The bus will depart St. Augustine's at 9am. You must be pre-registered for this trip to attend. Questions or comments? We can be reached at golden.eagles@staugny.org or at 914-923-2268.



The Golden Eagles will be collecting NEW or handknitted hats, scarves and gloves for men, women and children to benefit the Ossining Food Pantry. There will be a box in the vestibule for your donations. The need is great, so please help to keep your neighbors warm!



After masses on Saturday, December 7, and Sunday, December 8, Boy Scout Troop 49 will be selling baked goods. We will have cookies, cupcakes, breads, pies, and other delicious desserts. Cash, Check and Zelle payments accepted. Thank you in advance for your support.

Be-Informed ~ December 1: 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.** Today is the First Sunday of Advent. Register at daily.formed.org to receive daily advent reflections on the Mass readings with Dr. Tim Gray. Watch: *Advent, Prepare Your Heart* with Fr. Agustino Torres, CFR; *Behold* with Sr. Miriam James, SOLT; or *Adore* with Fr. John Burns. Listen to: *A Journey Through Advent* or: *Come, Lord Jesus- Meditations on the Art of Waiting.*



Feeling blue? Is your heart melting as others appear merry & bright? If so, join us at:

Navigating Grief During the Holidays: A Griever's Survival Kit Workshop

Join us on Thursday, December 5, 2024

6:30 – 7:30 pm on Zoom.

Speakers: Gae Savino, LCSW, FT & Linnie Pickering, LMSW

Gae & Linnie will share a Holiday Grief Survival Kit equipped with practical tips on how to manage difficult moments during the holidays. Join us as we learn how to navigate grief from mourning to moments of joy using positive self-compassionate coping skills. This Holiday Grief Survival Kit offers hope, comfort, & support on your grief journey.

Registration is required. Please email Gae at: ghsavino@aol.com to confirm your participation at the Zoom workshop. Individuals 21+ are encouraged to attend.

The Zoom link will be emailed on the morning of 12/5 to join the workshop.

No fee to attend; however, donate to a charity in memory of your loved one.

Sponsored by the St. Augustine Parish Bereavement Support Education Program

~KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS~



Instead of or in addition to, Elf on a Shelf, perhaps move Mary and Joseph thru your house on their "journey to Bethlehem" and end up at the Nativity scene Christmas Eve.



The St. Joseph's Men's group will meet on Wednesday, December 4th, from 7 to 8:15 pm and Saturday, December 21st, from 9:15 to 10:30 am in the Parish Hall.

If you are interested in joining, please contact Deacon Joe Servello: Email: deaconjoseph.servello@archny.org Text only: (914) 414-6216



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Please send me a New Parishioner's Packet

Change of Address/Telephone Number

Moving, please remove our name from the Parish List.

~SAVE THE DATES~



**St. Augustine's School
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Saturday, December 7th
10 am to 4 pm in the school.



Please join our parish for
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Saturday, December 14th,
at 2:30 PM in our Church.



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