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DECEMBER 8, 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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Altar Servers

Children's Choir

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Knights of Columbus

Lectors

Legion of Mary

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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, Donna Paolucci & Peace Aiden.**

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TODAY IS THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT. THE SECOND CANDLE REMINDS US OF THE DARK NIGHT WHEN JOSEPH AND MARY FOUND LIGHT AND WARMTH IN THE STABLE.



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.**



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

Anthony Cataldo & Angela Fultz ~ I



A very special thank you to Gae Savino and her 4 year-old grandson, Lucas Panagacos, for decorating the windows in our Church so beautifully for the Advent season.



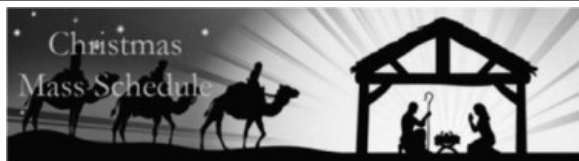
Baptism

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

Elizabeth Nicole Sabolik on December 8th
Mariella Rose Burstell on December 8th

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

~KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS~



CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

Tuesday, December 24th

5:00 PM, 8:00 PM, and 12:00 Midnight

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Wednesday, December 25

8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 12:00 Noon



MONDAY, DECEMBER 9:

6:30 AM S.I. for Sr. Mary Raymond/S. I. for Susan Thyne
8:30 AM Agnes (Nessie) Bale/S. I. for Anne Pouliot
5:30 PM For a Special Intention

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10:

6:30 AM Michael, Martha & Dr. John Delfino
8:30 AM Mary Petnel/S. I. for Anne Pouliot

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11:

6:30 AM S. I. for Anne Pouliot
8:30 AM D. M. for the Bolduc & Savard families
Concetta Rossi

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12:

6:30 AM Joann Cerussi/S. I. for Anne Pouliot
8:30 AM John Mark/William Lenzi

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13:

6:30 AM S. I. for Anne Pouliot
8:30 AM S.I. for Helen Merlo/Mary Capicotto/Lucy Margiotta

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14:

8:30 AM Rocco Arena/S. I. for Anne Pouliot
5:00 PM Mary & John Volker & Edmond Sinnott/
Robert "Bobby" Lewis

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15: (Third Sunday of Advent):

8:00 AM Millie Barreiro/S. I. for Anne Pouliot
10:00 AM For all our Parishioners & Benefactors
Elsie Yozzo
12:00 PM Leonard J. Weireter, Jr./Gary Brätt & Lena Moglia
6:00 PM Celeste Patton Clarke/JoAnn Cerussi



Sanctuary Lamp Memorials

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn the week of December 9 ~ 15 for **Lucia Simici.**



The Altar Bread & Wine for the week of December 9 ~ 15 were donated in loving memory of **The Pivovar Family.**



Last week's Collection	\$ 8,138
Average Weekly Collection from WeShare Users	\$ 7,638
Last week's Total Weekly Collection	\$15,776



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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

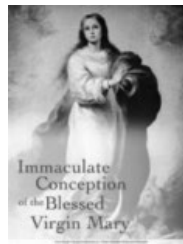


GAUDETE SUNDAY IS ALSO "BAMBINELLI SUNDAY" PINK!

Next Sunday, December 15th, Holy Mother Church celebrates the Third Sunday in Advent, also called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is Latin for rejoice and comes from Philippians 4:4-5, "Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near." This is the Introit, the entrance antiphon, for Mass. Gaudete Sunday marks the halfway point in Advent, and we change things up a bit to provide encouragement to continue our Advent practices. We light the lone rose (pink) candle in our Advent wreaths, the Mass readings challenge us to cry out and sing joyfully as we continue waiting, and many priests wear rose-colored vestments.

Feel free to wear Pink to Holy Mass next week!

We will be blessing the Baby Jesus figurines at all the Masses next weekend as part of the tradition of Bambinelli Sunday. Pope Saint John Paul II, during his papacy, instituted the celebration of "Bambinelli Sunday" on the Third Sunday of Advent—a day on which children from Rome bring the figurine of the Christ Child from their families' Nativity sets to the Church to be blessed. Then after the Holy Father blesses the statues of Baby Jesus, the children will take them back to their homes to be placed under their Christmas trees. Pope Francis has continued the tradition, blessing the statuettes which children bring before him. Parishes around the world join in the celebration, encouraging young children to make the connection between the Nativity set at home and the local church where they worship each weekend.



THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (a Holy Day of Obligation)

"The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, the patronal feast of the United States, is a Holy Day of Obligation. Because this feast honoring Mary, the Mother of God, celebrates one of the most important events in salvation history. "O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee."

We declare, pronounce, and define that the doctrine which holds that the most Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instance of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege granted by Almighty God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the human race, was preserved free from all stain of original sin, is a doctrine revealed by God and therefore to be believed firmly and constantly by all the faithful."

Aspiration to Mary

(A Prayer repeated throughout the day)

"O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee."

**Masses will be at 6:30, am, 8:30 am & 5:30 pm
on Monday, December 9th.**



Please join the Parents of Girl Scout Troop 2294 for "BREAKFAST WITH SANTA" on Sunday, December 15th, from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm in the Parish Hall. Adults will be \$7, kids \$5, and under 3 ~ free.

There will be a 50/50 raffle, music, activities, fun & food. Photos with Santa will be available. Cash only!

THE PROCEEDS FROM THIS YEAR'S "BREAKFAST WITH SANTA" WILL BE USED TO PURCHASE A TREE WHICH WILL BE PLANTED ON THE GROUNDS OF ST. AUGUSTINE PARISH IN "LOVING MEMORY OF LEONE STANGLE".

PLEASE STOP BY THE PARISH HALL ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15TH, BETWEEN 8:30 AM AND 1:30 PM TO SUPPORT GIRL SCOUT TROOP 2294'S WONDERFUL ENDEAVOR.



~THANK YOU!~

Dear Rev. McSweeney: We are grateful for your supporting a baby bottle drive for Gianna's House at St. Augustine Church. Your parishioners are most generous - close to \$7,000 was raised.

None of our success would be possible without the generosity of donors like the parishioners of St. Augustine's. Please be assured the donations collected will be put to good use. Thank you again for your commitment and support.

We will keep the kind and generous parishioners of St. Augustine's in our prayers.

Julie Noce
Executive Director of Gianna's House, Brewster, NY



**Please join our parish for
"LESSONS & CAROLS with
CHRISTMAS PAGEANT"
Saturday, December 14th,
at 2:30 PM in our Church.**



The generosity of so many school and religious education families and parishioners made it possible for St. Augustine's Youth Group to deliver bags of food and turkeys to 38 of our neighbors in Ossining and Croton. Thanks to our Cub Scouts in Pack 49 for sorting the food items. Special thanks to PARKER-BALE POST #1597, GRACE HALL, and some of our parishioners for their monetary donations towards 38 turkeys; and to the staff at Shoprite in Elmsford for giving us a generous price for the turkeys.



Seniors

There will be NO meeting this week for the Golden Eagles. On Wednesday, December 11, we will have our annual Christmas luncheon. This year's luncheon is at Table 9, 92 Roa Hook Rd at the Annsville Circle, Cortlandt Manor from noon to 3:30 pm. 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 ~ December 8: 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 Second Sunday of Advent. Monday is The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Watch: *Lectio Mary*; The Bible and the Virgin Mary, Session 9, *Full of Grace* & Session 10, *All Holy*; or *Footprints of God: Mary*. Watch: *What is the Immaculate Conception?; Was the Immaculate Conception Necessary?; Is there Biblical Proof of the Immaculate Conception?; or Blessed Duns Scotus: Defender of the Immaculate Conception.* Watch: *Advent Through The Centuries.* You can also watch: *Guadalupe: The Miracle and the Message*; FORMED Now!: *Our Lady of Guadalupe and Saint Juan Diego*; or for children: *Juan Diego: Messenger of Guadalupe.* Listen to: *Our Lady of Guadalupe.*



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.



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.



Dear friends in the Lord:

As we approach the annual collection for the *Retirement Fund for Religious*—an appeal that benefits nearly 25,000 elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests — I reflect on the ministry of women and men religious past and present — and I am grateful for the ways they have shaped my own faith. I also value the tremendous service they have offered our archdiocese.

In their younger years, they laid the foundation for Catholic schools, parish religious education programs, hospitals, and works of mercy with very little compensation, leaving their religious communities with a shortage of retirement savings. Today, many serve in volunteer ministry. Others are frail and need assistance. Yet all remain committed to their vocations, accepting the limitations of aging and embracing the opportunity to spend more time praying for our Church and world.

Your gift, which will be collected on December 15, offers support that helps religious communities provide loving care for older members while ensuring younger ones can continue the good works of their elders. Rising health care costs and decreased income compound the challenge to meet day-to-day needs for medications, nursing assistance, and other necessities. Over 20 congregations in the archdiocese received more than \$2,000,000 in grants from this national collection.

While I write to you today and express my thanks for last year's contribution of \$415,957, I am also grateful to you for your support of the *Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal* which, in addition to other worthy causes, helps our retired archdiocesan priests at the St. John Vianney Clergy Residence in Riverdale.

Pray with me for God's continued blessing on all our women and men religious. Rest assured; they are praying for us. To learn more about the collection and whom it supports, visit <https://retiredreligious.org/>.

With gratitude and prayerful best wishes to all for a blessed Advent season, I am,

Faithfully in Christ,

+Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan
Archbishop of New York

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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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