St. Augustine Parish

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JANUARY 19, 2025

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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.

If you would like to make a one-time donation to our Church, please scan this QR code:



Activities Adult Choir Altar Servers Children's Choir 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 Parish Council Parish Social Ministry St. Vincent de Paul Society

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

PLEASE CONSIDER REMEMBERING ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH IN YOUR WILL.



ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH IS WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE.

ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH, OSSINING, NEW YORK





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:

Myles Koda de Franco on January 19th Olivia Leigh Esquitin on January 19th May God who has begun this great work in you bring it to completion in the Kingdom of Heaven



ST. AUGUSTINE CEMETERY NEWS

We respectfully request that all Christmas decorations be removed from the graves at St. Augustine Cemetery by Monday, February 3rd. Thank you for your cooperation.



St. Augustine School is now registering students for the 2025-2026 school year for grades Pre-K3 through grade 8.

Registration packets are available on our website www.staugustineschool.org. In person tours for new families are available Mondays ~

Fridays - by appointment only. Call Sandy Goicoechea at (914) 941-3849 Ext. 1 or email: schooloffice@staugustineschool.org to make an appointment.



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

Mothers' Mount & Fathers' Court Stones

Commemorative stones to honor living or deceased fathers and/or mothers are available for engraving with a donation of \$150 each. The stones are 10" X 8" X3". Order forms are on the table in the vestibule.



MONDAY, JANUARY 20: 6:30 AM JoAnn Cerussi 8:30 AM Michelle Zazzini/S.I. for Bette Hoffman

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21 (St. Agnes): 6:30 AM JoAnn Cerussi

8:30 AM Living & deceased members of the Weimar family

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22 (Day of Prayer for the Legal

- Protection of Unborn Children): Ginny Stuart/JoAnn Cerussi 6:30 AM
 - 8:30 AM Susan Marino

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23:

6:30 AM JoAnn Cerussi 8:30 AM Benny Mussuto/S.I. for Gareth & Hanna Croxall

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24 (St. Francis de Sales):

6:30 AM JoAnn Cerussi 8:30 AM S.I. for Sr. Mary Elizabeth Donoghue

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25 (The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle):

8:30 AM JoAnn Cerussi S.I. for Raymond & Theresa McLoughlin 5:00 PM Diane Vererica Hart/Mary & John Volker/ Edmund Sinnott

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26:

8:00 AM 10:00 AM	Ladson Romano/Lorraine Margolis For all our Parishioners & Benefactors Shirley Perillo
12:00 PM 6:00 PM	Leone Stangle/Trudy Miehl JoAnn Cerussi/Halina Siwy



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn the week of January $20 \sim 26$ for Dr. & Mrs. Jack Dunn & Francis Dunn.

The Altar Bread & Wine for the week of January $20 \sim 26$ were donated in loving memory of Angelo Politano.



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wildfires in CA

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BECOMING AN USHER, please call Sal LaLumia at (917) 916-6985 or email him at sal.lalumia2@aol.com.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



SAINT THOMAS MORE ON MAINTAINING A STRONG FAMILY From Aleteia:

Though an important government official, noted writer, and intellectual, St. Thomas More was deeply devoted to his family.

During his lifetime. St. Thomas More achieved international esteem as a writer and government official. His position as Lord Chancellor for King Henry VIII kept him away from his family for long periods of time while he worked in London and traveling abroad. His time was much in demand during this period of life and the King greatly relied on his expertise in running a government. Later, after the King had broken from the Catholic Church and demanded his government officials compromise their faith by denying the supremacy of the Holy Father, More fell out of favor. Alone out of all the highly placed officials, he declined to deny his faith. More was arrested and sent to the Tower of London where he languished for many months and, eventually, was put on trial, convicted, and martyred. For his courage, More is rightly admired and has been made a saint of the Church. Lesser known but equally admirable was his commitment to his wife and children during his life. His diligence as a father was, in its own way, an example of heroic virtue. At the very least, it provides an example that all of us today can benefit from. In the midst of a busy life, he always made time for family. At age 26 he married Jane, with whom he had four children before her early death. He remarried a widow named Alice, with whom he adopted four orphans to add to their already bustling family. Inlaws came to make extended stays, long-term guests were always welcome, and they even acquired a beloved pet monkey. Suffice it to say, the More household was lively. How did St. Thomas More, as busy and important as he was, manage to give his family the time they deserved? How is it that his family loved him to the very end, not simply because he had accomplished so much in the public sphere but because he was their beloved father?

PRAYER

First, he kept the household well-ordered by structuring each day around morning and evening prayers. The family always prayed together, and More would read Scripture aloud during dinner. He himself often attended Holy Mass early in the morning before anyone else was awake. In a large, bustling family, he could have let everything slide into chaos, especially since he had to travel for long periods of time, but instead he took his duties as a father seriously and assisted his family to develop strong spiritual devotion and an orderly use of time. This is such a precious gift, for children to be made aware that God exists and loves them very much. This is the knowledge that allowed his children to grow up with strong virtue and sense of self. His eldest daughter Margaret, for instance, went on to become known as one of the <u>most learned</u> women of her time period.

FAMILY TIME

Second, even though he was a busy man, St. Thomas More never compromised on spending time with his children. When he was home, the family ate dinner together even when he was hosting distinguished guests, he spent long hours assisting with their education and personally attending to their intellectual development, and when they had the opportunity for leisure, he often spent it with the family in the garden. When he was away from home, he wrote letters home almost daily. He was always thinking of his children and would send them poems he'd written for them along with other details of his day. He encouraged the children to write to him in return. More didn't need the letters to be about anything special. He simply wanted to hear from them. In one letter, More writes, "<u>I cannot adequately express, my delightful daughters</u>, how greatly pleased I am by your charming letters. For believe me truly there is nothing which refreshes me so much in the midst of this bothersome business as reading what comes from you. And so, I long with all my heart to hasten home." His family was in no doubt that he valued them greatly and wanted to share in the entirety of their lives.

LOVE

Finally, in person and in his letters, More didn't shy away from clear expressions of love. He complimented and encouraged his children, proclaiming how overjoyed he was to be able to communicate with them. In one letter, he jokes that he wouldn't accept any excuses for not hearing from them; "How can you possibly lack something to say when I am glad to hear about your studies and your games." In one letter to Margaret, he reminds her how soft-hearted he was with his daughters; "You know how often I have kissed, how rarely spanked you, and then only with a peacock's tail...". In return, his children loved him dearly. Margaret famously pushed her way to him through a potentially violent crowd as he was being paraded through the streets outside the Tower of London as an enemy of the state. She threw her arms around him and held on tightly until he finally convinced her to let him go. One of his very last letters before his death was to her, and in it he declares, "I never liked your manner toward me better than when you kissed me last, for I love when daughterly love and dear charity hath no leisure to look to worldly courtesy." To the end, St. Thomas More was complimenting his daughter and declaring how much he loved her. Finally, he asked her to pray for him when was gone. I like to think that she did, every single day, and that he prayed for her, and all his family, and even now they're together again in Heaven.



On Saturday, January 25th, after the 5 pm Mass and Sunday, January 26th, after the 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon & 6 pm Masses, the St. Augustine School Beekeeping Club will once again be selling honey harvested from our parish's apiary (bee yard). The cost will be \$25.00 check / \$23.00 cash for a 1lb. jar. Please support our Beekeeping Club.



SAINT AUGUSTINE CEMETERY COLUMBARIUMS

Our cemetery has two (2) Columbariums for cremated remains. Our Columbariums are located by our shrine statue of Our Lady by Maryknoll Sister Marie Pierre Semler, titled the "Mother of the Thorn-Crowned". Each niche is designed to hold two urns. Contact Christian at our Cemetery at (914) 941-6711 for more information.

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The Golden Eagles will meet twice monthly through the winter months for coffee socials. Our next gathering is next Wednesday, January 22^{nd} in the parish hall from 9:30 to 11am. All parishioners welcome. In case of snow or ice, the meeting will be cancelled. If the meeting

is cancelled, we will send an email and there will be an outgoing message on the hotline. Questions or comments? We can be reached at <u>golden.eagles@staugny.org</u> or on the hotline at 914-923-2268.

Be-Informed ~ **January 19:** We hope you are enjoying the parish subscription to <u>www.formed.org</u> 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. <u>Simply register with parish code W3JKWN.</u> This is week on the 22nd is a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children.



"WHEN I WAS ILL, YOU VISITED ME"

Eucharistic These words of Our Good Lord reverberate in our parish. We are in need of volunteer Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharistic to visit our local Nursing Homes and home-bound parishioners. Volunteers will be interviewed and trained to bring Our Lord in the Blessed

Sacrament to those who cannot attend Holy Mass. Currently we are able to make visits weekly on a rotating basis. Volunteers may be needed one Sunday a month. If we do not get the needed volunteers, we may need to cut back on our ability to visit them each week. For more information, please contact Deacon Cliff Calanni at (914) 523-5507 or calanni@aol.com.



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Please note that the prize checks are **MAILED** to the address on the raffle

ticket. Please provide your entire address on each raffle ticket to make sure you receive your prize! If you would like to participate, **tickets are \$20 each** and are available on the table in the church vestibule or in the school's main office. Please return tickets and payments to the school main office. Thank you for your support!



Dear Fr, McSweeney, Fr. Figueroa and Parishioners,

Thank you for honoring the Saint Vincent de Paul Society with the 2024 Christmas Club. Through the generosity of the parish, approximately \$10,000 has been donated to the Society. We are overwhelmed by your kindness and thoughtfulness.

It is your generosity that allows us to support those in need regardless of race or religion, This past month our efforts have been focused on providing meals for the homeless at the Briarcliff-Ossining Ministerial Association's Shelter. Many new volunteers stepped forward to help with this effort. A huge thank you to all those who provided food. In addition, we have been assisting a St. Augustine family that is currently homeless. Finding housing is probably the most difficult task we face. If anyone knows of any temporary or permanent housing available for a family of 3, please call Marie Tassini at 917-863-9055.

This is a challenging time for many; and with your assistance we have been able to aid those in need. If you or someone you know needs help, please reach out to Deacon Steven DeMartino at 914-330-3727 to make a confidential request. Later this month, the Society will have a brochure in the vestibule of St. Augustine explaining our mission in more detail.

Again a huge thank you to all those who gave so generously to the Christmas Club. You have allowed us to care for many in our community.

Maggie Kolman-Mandle President, St. Augustine Chapter of the SCDP Society



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