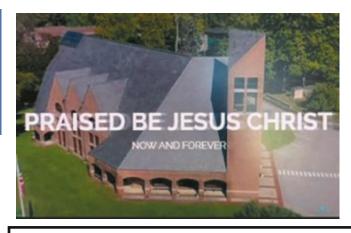
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**SATURDAY**: 8:30AM, 5:00PM SUNDAY: 8:00AM, 10:00AM 12:00 NOON, 6:00PM

**MONDAY - FRIDAY**: 6:30AM, 8:30AM

**HOLY DAYS**: as announced

CONFESSIONS: Saturdays: 9:00-10:00AM

also by appointment

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for an appointment

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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, Jorge De Los Rios, Theresa Timmons, Christopher Santiago, Donna Paolucci, and Peace Aiden.



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

#### Evelyn Mae Cavalieri on February 16th

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



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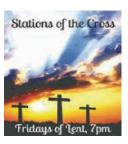
THEIR ASHES WILL BE PLACED ON OUR FOREHEADS ON ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5th.



#### ASH WEDNESDAY March 5th

Ashes will be distributed during the 6:30 and 8:30 AM Masses, 12:00 NOON & 5:30 PM Liturgy of the Word Services and 7:00 PM Mass.

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Join us during Lent at 6:30 PM in the Church to Pray the Sorrowful Mysteries with the Legion of Mary and the Stations of the Cross will follow at 7:00 PM on Fridays (3/7, 3/14, 3/21, 3/28, 4/4, 4/11, & 4/18).



#### **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17:**

6:30 AM S.I. for Sr. Mary Raymond/S.I. for Susan Thye 8:30 AM William Hamel/S.I. for Joan Delaney

#### **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18:**

6:30 AM Patrick Burke

8:30 AM Giuseppina & Michael Calandrello

#### **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19:**

6:30 AM Msgr. Robert F. McCormick

8:30 AM Theresa Cocozza

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20:

6:30 AM For a Special Intention 8:30 AM Fresia Fernandez

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21:

6:30 AM Deceased members of the Barbera Family 8:30 AM Madeline Burns/Elizabeth Kuranowski

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22 (The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle):

8:30 AM Dale Boemerman

5:00 PM Bernard & Ellen Sparano/Ryan & Rice Families

Rose DeBenedictis

#### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23:**

8:00 AM Vinny Renzi

10:00 AM For all our Parishioners & Benefactors

Rosemary Roxanne Marquis

12:00 PM Elizabeth Kuranowski/Irmgard O'Connell

6:00 PM JoAnn Cerussi



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn the week of February 17 ~ 23 in Loving Memory of *Roberta McGalliard.* 



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#### SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



#### VIVA CRISTO REY! SAINT JOSÉ SÁNCHEZ DEL RIO

Saint Jose del Rio's Feast Day was February 10th. This is from Aleteia:

It was 1926. The Mexican government's restrictions of freedom of belief and conscience spurred the faithful to come out and defend their faith. It was a time of bullets, death, and persecutions, often conducted on horseback. Amid the noise of war could be heard the voice of a young man, not quite 15 years old, who

walked to his grave shouting "Long live Christ the King!" Refusing to apostatize, José Sánchez del Río -- "Joselito" -- died a martyr in the Cristero War that shook Mexico between 1926 and 1929, costing approximately 250,000 human lives. According to historians and biographies, Joselito's childhood was that of a normal boy; he went to school and had a knack for archery and especially for making friends. His family, was pious and active in the local parish.

#### His parents' faith was the basis of his holiness.

He learned Christian values and faith at home. His mother was strict, and very serious in everything related to the transmission of the faith. "Behind a saint there's always a family; one does not reach [sainthood] solely on one's own. That devotion, that closeness to God, came from his family," said Antonio Pelaez, author of the book Mirando al Cielo (Looking towards Heaven) a biographical work about St. Jose Sanchez del Rio. His wife Laura Peláez, producer of the film of Mirando al Cielo, assures us that "his parents' detachment and faith were the foundation for José to become a saint." For this reason, his parents gave their blessing to their older sons who had decided to join the Cristeros. José, like his brothers, wanted to defend his beliefs, but his parents refused because of his young age. However, faced with the future saint's insistence and his conviction that "it had never been so easy to earn Heaven," his parents had no choice. Joselito left home with his parents' blessing. Antonio highlights how St. José's example speaks to us today about young people having vocations to religious life and priesthood. "These are very important decisions, made in moments of intimacy with God, in prayer. Many times as parents we don't understand that feeling and that call that our children may have to follow a priestly vocation or religious life, but I think it's very important to support them." He adds that supporting the vocation of a son is beneficial for the whole Church, but the fruits are immense for the family too. In this way, the life of St. José Sánchez del Río teaches us that "it's important to always support God's call to our children.'

#### "Resign yourself to God's will. I'm dying very happy."

Having the approval of his parents, José still had to convince the leader of the Cristeros, who also refused his request at first. But José did not stop. He insisted and offered himself as an assistant, which the leader accepted. At the camp, Joselito encouraged the daily praying of the rosary and cheered up the rest of his companions, who nicknamed him Tarcisius after the young Roman saint and martyr. On February 6, 1928, he was taken prisoner by government troops. He was easy to catch because he had given his horse to his general while they were in battle. From prison, before his death, he wrote to his mother: "I was taken prisoner in combat today. At this time, I believe I am going to die, but nothing matters, Mom. Resign yourself to God's will. I'm dying very happy because I'm dying in the fight next to Our Lord. Don't worry about my death; that is what mortifies me. Rather tell my other brothers to follow the example of the youngest, and you, do the will of God. Have courage and send me your blessing together with that of my father. Greet everyone for me for the last time, and receive for the last time the heart of your son who loves you so much and wanted to see you before dying." At 11:00 p.m. on February 10, José Sánchez del Rio walked to the cemetery with the soles of his feet flayed. Even in pain, José did not deny his faith. Standing in front of his open grave, and without giving in to those who invited him to apostatize -- among them his Godfather - he shouted for the last time, "Long live Christ the King! Long live the Virgin of Guadalupe!"

José was declared a saint by Pope Francis on October 16, 2016. His life is one of the many testimonies of Mexicans contributing to the transmission of the faith in the world. For Antonio, who has helped spread the life of this patron saint of children and youth around the world, "the faith in Mexico is special." This is not only because of Joselito and others like him, but also thanks to Mexico's priests, religious sisters, and faithful who work for the Universal Church.

#### A model for today's families

Laura and Antonio agree that the life of Joselito and his family remains relevant to many challenges we face today: family life, dialogue, and the importance of friendship and of leading a coherent life. In this way, it's an opportunity for parents to ask themselves what they are passing on to their children. "If we parents prepare our children to make the decisions they're going to face in the light of their prayer life, formation, and sacramental life, I don't think there's a better way to protect them and give them a boost to be happy." Laura Pelaez concludes that, as families, we can draw inspiration from the Sánchez del Río family to "make God part of our family life." We shouldn't "leave God for Sundays at Mass but ask him to accompany us in our daily life.

## POPE SAINT JOHN PAUL II ON WHY WE CANNOT LIVE WITHOUT HOPE

From Aleteia:

We all need hope to live a joy-filled life, placing our hope in God, not letting the pessimism of the world bring us down.

Hope is an essential ingredient in a joy-filled life. Without hope, our life can turn into a depressing experience that we want to escape from. Furthermore, our hope needs to be in God, as that is the only type of hope that will endure every storm in life.

#### Living with hope

St. John Paul II spoke about hope in a teleconference with youth during his visit to the <u>United States in 1987</u>. He explained how hope is essential to life: *We cannot live without hope*. We have to have some purpose in life, some meaning to our existence. We have to aspire to something. Without hope, we begin to die. He then further expanded on this comment, providing two examples of people who either lived with hope or without it: "Why does it sometimes happen that a seemingly healthy person, successful in the eyes of the world, takes an overdose of sleeping pills and commits suicide? Why, on the other hand, do we see a seriously disabled person filled with great zest for life? Is it not because of hope? The one has lost all hope; in the other, hope is alive and overflowing. Clearly, then, hope does not stem from talents and gifts, or from physical health and success! It comes from something else. To be more precise, *hope comes from someone else*, someone beyond ourselves."

St. John Paul II believed that the key to living with hope is an ardent faith and trust in God: "Hope comes *from God*, from our belief in God. People of hope are those who believe God created them for a purpose and that he will provide for their needs. They believe that God loves them as a faithful Father. Do you remember the advice that Jesus gave his disciples when they seemed to be *fearful of the future*? He said: "Do not be concerned for your life, what you are to eat, or for your body, what you are to wear. *Life is more important* than food and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they do no sow, they do not reap, they have neither cellar nor barn - yet God feeds them. *How much more important you are than the birds!"* (*Luc.* 12, 22-24). Yes, God knows all our needs. He is the foundation for our hope."

Without hope in a loving and merciful God, we will have very little to live for in this life. When a trial comes our way, we will want to avoid it at all costs and run away from it, not knowing the reason for it. However, when we place our hope firmly in God, we will trust that he will provide and will help us overcome whatever suffering occurs in our life. We need hope to keep our eyes fixed on the love that God wants to pour out upon us.



The Golden Eagles will meet twice monthly through the winter months for coffee socials. Our next gathering is next Wednesday, February 19th in the parish hall from 9:30 to 11am. The Book Club will meet at 11am. All parishioners are welcome. 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 golden.eagles@staugny.org or on the hotline at 914-923-2268.

Be-Informed ~ February 16: 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. February 22<sup>nd</sup> is the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter, Apostle. Study: *Lectio*: Peter or watch: Saint Peter; Keys of the Kingdom: Understanding the Papacy; Keys to the Kingdom with Chris Padgett; or The Footprints of God-Peter. Listen to: Simon Called Peter.



#### THOSE CALLED TO SERVE

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the central means by which we gather, are strengthened, and are sent back into the world to carry out the mission of the Church. We are always working to grow our ministries and welcome those who would like to help with our weekly worship.

Eucharistic Ministers assist the priests and deacons in the distribution of communion at Mass. Some go on to bring communion to the sick, the homebound, the infirm, and the frail elderly. Eucharistic Ministers must be 16 or older, have received the Sacraments of Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation; and if married, should be validly married in the Catholic Church. They must also complete a training program and be formally approved by the Archdiocese before beginning to serve.

The Lector clearly proclaims the First and Second scripture readings at Mass so that all may hear the Word of God and take it into their hearts. He or she also reads the Mass Intentions and announcements at the beginning of Mass.

The Altar Server Ministry is open to young people in 3rd grade through high school who have a desire to serve the parish community. The purpose of this ministry is to assist the priest and deacon during the liturgy. It is a great opportunity to actively involve young people in parish life.

We are in need of volunteers to be trained as Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist to help bring Holy Communion on Sundays to the homebound and those in nearby Nursing Homes and also we need Lectors to proclaim the readings from Sacred Scripture. If you think the Spirit may be moving you to one of these Ministries, please contact Deacon Cliff Calanni at (914) 523-5507 or calanni@aol.com.



If you have Celiac Disease, please stop by the Sacristy prior to Mass to let us know that you would like to receive a glutenfree host during Mass.



Please join our parish on Tuesday, March 4th, from 6 to 8 pm in the school cafeteria for our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. It will be hosted by our Youth Group. The cost is \$8 pp or \$20 per family of 3 or more. There

will be a 50/50 raffle to help support the Youth Group.



#### ~SAVE THE DATE~

The Knights of Columbus Ossining Council #311 will host a

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on Friday, March 14th ~ 5:30 pm in St. Augustine's School Cafeteria. More information will be in upcoming bulletins.



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St. Joseph's Seminary Schola Cantorum will perform the World Premiere of "Heart of the

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Date and Time: Sunday, March 16th at 4:00 pm

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