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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 Choir Altar Servers Children's Choir

CYO

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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, and Donna Paolucci.



ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH, OSSINING, NEW YORK



The Church dedicates the month of September to Our Lady of Sorrows.
Our Lady of Sorrow pray for us.



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 or (914) 941-0067 X 4 to make a confidential request.



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



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

Sofia Grace Vieira on August 31st

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



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

Michael Michell & Madeline Fritz ~ III James Doherty & Elizabeth Roarty ~ I



Due to the amazing and greatly appreciated efforts of all of our volunteers and parishioners, we had a fun and outstanding 48th festival. It is with gratitude and delight that we announce that this year's festival realized over \$120,064.

Many people came out to support this year's festival; and our sincere thanks go again to all of the volunteers, parishioners, friends and the Festival Committee who helped to make this another remarkable and profitable fundraiser.

It has been difficult to get new volunteers to help ease the workload of the people that do far too much already. In order to keep this event successful, more help is definitely needed!!! If you have not volunteered in the past, please consider joining us before, during, and/or after the festival next year to ease the workload!!

Fr. McSweeney



MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1:

6:30 AM Malachy Burns

8:30 AM S. I. for Dana & Kyle Brown

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2:

6:30 AM For All Souls in Purgatory

8:30 AM Ida Santi

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 (St. Gregory the Great):

6:30 AM Michael Cusano

8:30 AM Deceased members of the Bolduc & Savard

Families/Carolyn DiVico

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4:

6:30 AM Robbie McGalliard

8:30 AM William Scumaci & William J. Scumaci

Dalia & Sebastiao Ramos

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5:

6:30 AM Ray Cubisino/Rahul Kakar

8:30 AM Farrokh Bulsara/Robert "Bobby" Lewis

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6:

8:30 AM Elizabeth Lisella

5:00 PM Michael, Martha & Dr. John Delfino

Ann & George Sinnott

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7:

8:00 AM Anthony Nardone/Andrew J. Pankin

10:00 AM For all our Parishioners & Benefactors

Raymond Kimball III

12:00 PM The Texeira Family/Joseph Benke

6:00 PM Maria & Jose Pereira/Sue & Orfeo Venier

If you wish to bring up the gifts for a Mass being said for your loved one (s), please see the Usher before Mass.



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn the week of September 1 ~ 7 in loving memory of *Robert "Bobby" Lewis.*



The Altar Bread & Wine for the week of September $1 \sim 7$ are donated in loving memory of *Tina Pagliuca*.



Last week's Collection
Average Weekly Collection from *WeShare* Users
Last week's Total Weekly Collection

\$ 7,460 \$ 16,081

8,621

Propagation of the Faith collection

\$ 7,814



Please join us on Friday, September 5th, for First Friday Benediction at 8:20 am preceding the 8:30 Mass.

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MESSAGE FROM HIS HOLINESS POPE LEO XIV TO THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Dear friends,

I am pleased to greet all of you gathered in Washington, DC, for the 143rd Supreme Convention of the Knights of Columbus. I also greet those who are participating virtually in these opening ceremonies.

You are meeting during the Jubilee Year of Hope, which encourages the Universal Church, and indeed the entire world, to reflect on this essential virtue, which Pope Francis described as "the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future may bring." I'd like to reflect briefly with you on this important virtue.

As Catholics, we know that the source of our hope is Jesus Christ and he has sent his followers in every age to bring the good news of his saving Paschal Mystery to the entire world. The Church has always been called to be a sign of hope through the proclamation of the Gospel in words as well as in actions. In a particular way during this Holy Year, we are called to be tangible signs of hope for those of our brothers and sisters who experience hardships of any kind.

Your founder, Blessed Michael McGivney, understood this well. He saw the many needs of immigrant Catholics and sought to bring relief to the poor and suffering through his faithful celebration of the sacraments as well as through fraternal assistance, fraternal assistance which continues on to this day.

This year's Convention has the timely theme of "Heralds of Hope," reminding all Knights of Columbus of the invitation to be signs of hope in your local communities, parishes, and families. In this regard, I commend your efforts to bring together men in your communities for prayer, formation, and fraternity, as well as the many charitable efforts of your local Councils throughout the world. In particular, your generous service to vulnerable populations, including the unborn, pregnant mothers, children, those who are less fortunate, and those affected by the scourge of war, brings hope and healing to many and continues the noble legacy of your founder.

With these brief words, I offer my good wishes for the work of the Supreme Convention, which I entrust to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, and to the intercession of Blessed Michael McGivney. And may the blessing of Almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit come down on you and remain with you forever. Amen.

Pope Leo XIV

Without this saint, Augustine may have not written his 'Confessions'

From Aleteia

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Couples who will be celebrating their 50th or 25th anniversary this year will be honored in our Parish on Sunday, October WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS 5th, during the 12:00 NOON Mass. If this

is your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary year, please notify Joan Pires in the Parish Office (941-0067) as soon as possible.

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Governor of the southern Italian province of Campania, Saint Paulinus gave up his privileged position in the Roman Empire to devote himself to a life of prayer along with his wife Therasia. During this time Paulinus began to converse with several bishops, such as St. Jerome and St. Augustine. He became familiar with Augustine through correspondence with St. Alypius, who was a lifelong friend of Augustine and bishop at Thagaste. It was through this correspondence that Paulinus wanted to learn more about Alypius and asked Alypius to write some autobiographical information. What happened next would forever impact Western civilization.

Originally a biography of St. Alypius

Alypius, not wanting to write about his own life, forwarded the request to his friend Augustine, who knew him very well. Augustine in turn wrote a letter to Paulinus describing the chain of events and how he intended to fulfill the request: "When [Alypius] had read your request, desiring him to write for you a sketch of his history ... I, seeing him unable to decide between the respective claims of love and humility, transferred the burden from his shoulders to my own ... I shall therefore, with God's help, soon place in your heart Alypius just as he is." As Alypius was a lifelong friend, Augustine's own experience and conversion were interwoven with Alypius' story, resulting in something beyond expectation. Paulinus wrote back after reading Augustine's writings and felt much closer to him than before: "By the kindness of the venerable bishops Aurelius and Alypius, we came to know you through your writings against the Manichæans, love for you has taken such a place in us, that we seemed not so much to be acquiring a new friendship as reviving an old affection." So what began as a biography of St. Alypius soon "grew legs" and expanded into Augustine's own Confessions. It appears that the world owes a debt of gratitude to St. Paulinus, who didn't realize that in asking Alypius for a sketch of his own history, he would receive in return one of the first -- and still among the greatest -- autobiographical works ever written.

UNDERSTANDING SUICIDE

Grief Support Group - facilitated by Gae Savino, LCSW, FT

The group provides a safe, nonjudgmental; space for individuals to seek comfort and support as they identify, explore and process their grief emotions, belief & reactions to suicide loss.

The group experience aims to provide comfort on your journey towards hope and healing and is offered through the Parish Counseling Network: A Path Towards Emotional Wellness.

Join the Group on Zoom on Tuesdays (Sept. 9 & 23; October 7 & 21; November 4 & 18; December 9 & 23; January 6 & 20; February 3 & 17; March 10 & 24; April 7 & 21 and May 5 & 19.For more information or to register, email ghsavino@aol.com or call (914) 391-5966. A brief phone screening is required prior to attending group.

Mothers' Mount & Fathers' Court Stones

Commemorative stones to honor living or deceased mothers and/ or fathers are still available to purchase for a donation of \$150 each. Order forms are on the table in the vestibule.



The Golden Eagles meet every Wednesday from 9:30 to 11am in the parish hall. All parishioners welcome. This Wednesday, September 3rd, we will have Chair Yoga and a Medicare Save Mor Drugs of Croton will be! hosting a flu shot clinic at this meeting. If you wish to get your annual flu shot, please bring your!

medical insurance cards. Questions or comments? We can be reached at golden.eagles@staugny.org.

Be Informed ~ August 31st: 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. Wednesday on the Memorial of Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church, Watch: FORMED Now! Pope Saint Gregory the Great. Friday Watch FORMED Now! Saint Teresa of Calcutta, Mother Teresa, Mother Teresa: Seeing the Face of Jesus, or 33 Days to Morning Glory, week 3: St. Teresa of Calcutta. Listen to: Mother Teresa of Calcutta.



On Thursday, September 4th, a NEW SCHOOL YEAR BACK TO will begin. On behalf of Ms. Pasquale, Mrs. Fessman, Fr. Figueroa, and myself,



WELCOME BACK ~ WE MISSED YOU! ~ and a warm welcome to our new students and their families. We hope and pray for a happy, safe & successful school year. St. Augustine pray for us.

Fr. McSweeney, Pastor



We are grateful to the St. Augustine Home and School Association for their many contributions and dedication to our school:

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WELCOME MS. MICHELE L. PASQUALE!

It is with great joy that we welcome Ms. Michele Pasquale to our parish family as the new Principal of Saint Augustine School. After an extensive search, Ms. Pasquale comes to us highly recommended with over 20 years of experience in Catholic Education, having served as Principal of two Catholic Schools, Saint Brendan's and Saint Lucy's, and on the faculty

of Saint Michael's Academy ~ all in the Bronx.

Besides holding a Masters of Science in School Administration and Supervision, Ms. Pasquale is a certified New York State School Social Worker and a New York State Licensed Clinical Social Worker. Our Parish is blessed to have her guide our school!

Fr. McSweeney

REGISTRATION for 2025-2026

Registration for Religious Education Classes is underway for students entering 1st grade in September. Classes are held on Monday eve-Religious Education nings from 6:30 to 8:00 PM in the School.

Classes will start on Monday, September 15th. Our "Back to School parents' Meeting" will be held on Monday, 9/15, at 6:45 pm in the Church.

If you are a parishioner enrolling a child for the first time, please call my office for a Registration Form. If you have any questions, please call Patricia Barbera at (914) 941-6663 or email her at patricia.barbera@staugny.org.



OCIA CLASSES WILL BEGIN SOON...

Are you someone or do you know someone who...

Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic? Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized? Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

At St. Augustine's, we offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharistic and Confirmation during the Easter season. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm, accepting setting.

For more information, please contact Patricia Barbera at (914) 941-6663 or Deacon John Barbera at (914) 941-0067 X 102.

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is not a program, it is a process for life that begins now.

OCIA Inquiry Classes will be starting in September/October.



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