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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
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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

**Bereavement Support Group
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Festival Planning
Finance
Home and School
Parish Council
Parish Social Ministry
Respect Life
St. Vincent de Paul Society**

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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 Rodrigues, 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.

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*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:

Gia Gabrielle Vigna on September 7th

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:

***James Doherty & Elizabeth Roarty ~ II
Jorge Berenguer & Bianca Cavalieri ~ I***



St. Augustine's Parish
Attention Catholic Men:
St. Joseph Men's Group Meeting Times

The St. Joseph Men's group will meet in the Parish Hall the **First Wednesday ~ 7 to 9:30 pm** and the **Third Saturday ~ 9:15 to 10:30 am** of each month.

The next meeting is on Saturday, September 20th.

The purpose of the St. Joseph Men's group is for Catholic men to come together to:

- Strengthen your relationship with Christ.
- Discuss Sunday Mass Readings in a way of fellowship focused on becoming spiritual leaders.
- No commitment. Show up and see what it's all about. The Holy Spirit will guide us.
- Bi-Monthly meetings.
- Open to all men from their twenties on up.

If you are interested in joining, please contact Deacon Joe Servello: Email: jservello2000@gmail.com



MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 (The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary):

6:30 AM S. I. for all living & deceased Priests
8:30 AM Maureen Dugan

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 (St. Peter Claver):

6:30 AM Michael, Martha & Dr. John Delfino
John-Paul Rodrigues
8:30 AM Fresia Fernandez/S.I. for Sr. Kieran Foley, FSE

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10:

6:30 AM Maria Del Carmen Sanchez/
8:30 AM Kevin C. Carey/Filippo DiZenzo

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11:

6:30 AM Sr. M. Charitine, VSM
8:30 AM Victims & their families of 9/11/John Bianco

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12:

6:30 AM James Falconi
8:30 AM Giuseppina & Michael Calandrello

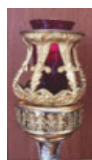
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 (St. John Chrysostom):

8:30 AM Guido Fiorilli
5:00 PM Mary & John Volker/George Sinnott/Biagio Maffettone

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14:

8:00 AM Halina Chury
10:00 AM For all our Parishioners & Benefactors
Anna Jordan
12:00 PM Hubert Fewer/Henry Reichert
6:00 PM Tammy Alves

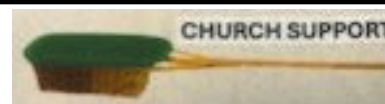
If you wish to bring up the gifts for a Mass being said for your loved one (s), please see the Usher before Mass.



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn
the week of September 8 ~ 14
in loving memory of
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The Altar Bread & Wine for
the week of September 8 ~ 14
are donated in loving memory of
Augustine & Angelina Maratzo.



Last week's Collection	\$ 11,324
Average Weekly Collection from <i>WeShare</i> Users	\$ 7,460
Last week's Total Weekly Collection	\$ 18,784
The collection for the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception was	\$ 2,128



ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Youth Group Meetings will resume on Monday, September 15th, from 7:30 to 9:00 PM in the Youth Hall.

NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME! Come and join in on the fun! If you have any questions, please call Tony Corda at (914) 373-1548.

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FATHERLY ADVICE FROM ST. LOUIS OF FRANCE TO HIS SON

From Aletheia

*St. Louis, King of France, was not only an exemplary monarch, he was also a remarkable father, desiring the best for his children. Many monarchs in the history of the world were terrible parents, as they essentially let their children be raised by nurses and maids, having nothing to do with them. St. Louis of France, on the other hand, was much more concerned about the upbringing of his children and desired that they lead a good and holy life. This can be clearly seen in a spiritual testament St. Louis wrote to his son, which is featured in the Church's Office of Readings. In it he provides the following **five fatherly pieces of wisdom** that any father can learn from and can pass on to their children.*

1. LOVE GOD WITH YOUR ENTIRE BEING

My dearest son, my first instruction is that you should love the Lord your God with all your heart and all your strength. Without this there is no salvation.

2. ACCEPT ANY TRIAL THAT COMES YOUR WAY

If the Lord has permitted you to have some trial, bear it willingly and with gratitude, considering that it has happened for your good and that perhaps you well deserved it.

3. LEAD A LIFE OF PRAYER

Listen to the divine office with pleasure and devotion. As long as you are in church, be careful not to let your eyes wander and not to speak empty words, but pray to the Lord devoutly, either aloud or with the interior prayer of the heart.

4. LOVE THE POOR

Be kindhearted to the poor, the unfortunate and the afflicted. Give them as much help and consolation as you can... Always side with the poor rather than with the rich, until you are certain of the truth.

5. REMAIN FAITHFUL TO THE CHURCH

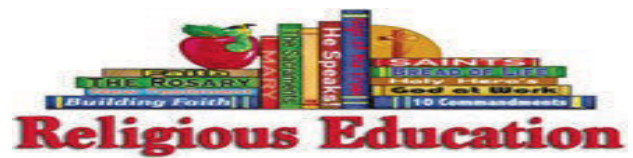
Be devout and obedient to our mother the Church of Rome and the Supreme Pontiff as your spiritual father.

St. Louis desired above all else to "practice what he preached," and his children could see that he was not simply Catholic in name, but truly believed every part of his Catholic faith. He is a great intercessor for all fathers who want to provide what is best for their children, especially in the spiritual realm.

WHERE IS CATHOLICISM GROWING IN THE U.S.?

From the National Catholic Register:

Out of the top 10 gainers, only one diocese — the Archdiocese of New York — is located outside of the South or the West. Of the 10, six are in Texas or California. As the number of Catholics in the U.S. has grown by 40% in the past 40 years — from 48 million to 67 million — new hubs of Catholic life have emerged — ranging from booming major metro areas to smaller communities that are punching well above their weight on vocations. Several dioceses in the South and the West, centered on growing cities, have gained literally hundreds of thousands of Catholics in recent decades, to the point where some of those dioceses have found themselves lacking the infrastructure to accommodate the new crush of parishioners. At the same time, many areas of the country once considered Catholic strongholds — particularly the Northeast and the Midwest — have continued, in a decades-long trend, to see their Catholic population atrophy. In 1980, nearly 70% of the nation's Catholics lived in the Northeast or Midwest. By 2000, that percentage was 58%. And by 2019, it was just 47%, Church statistics show.



Catechesis is an integral part of the mission of the Church. As such, Catechetical Sunday is set aside each year to celebrate this special ministry. The 12:00 Noon Mass next weekend is dedicated to our Religious Education teachers to honor them as they share their faith with our Religious Education children.

This year's Catechists are:

1st grade ~ Ms. Margaritia Solis & Mrs. Raquel Solis

2nd grade ~ Mrs. Mimi Fultz & Mrs. Cindy Paribello

3rd grade ~ Mrs. Rita Cadge & Mrs. Regina Gioio

4th grade ~ Mrs. Joanne Kovar & Ms. Paulette Sirakos

5th grade ~ Mrs. Joanne Van Valkenburgh

6th grade ~ Mr. Peter Marengo

7th grade ~ Mr. Mario Reyes & Mrs. Michelle Reyes

8th grade ~ Confirmation: Mrs. Eileen Cohen & Mr. Tony Corda and Kristina Jenney

Aides: Mrs. Lorna Calcutti & Mrs. Liz Llano

Religious Education Coordinators: Deacon John & Mrs. Patricia Barbera

Religious Education classes for the 2025~2026 school year will start on Monday, September 15th, from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Our "Back to School parents' Meeting" will be held on Monday, 9/15, at 6:45 pm in the Church.

REGISTRATION for 2025-2026 Religious Education Classes is underway for students entering 1st grade in September. Classes are held on Monday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 PM in the School.

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.



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.



The Golden Eagles meet every Wednesday from 9:30 to 11am in the parish hall. All parishioners welcome. This Wednesday, September 10th, we will have our annual Remembrance Mass at 9:30 am in the church. After Mass, we will gather for coffee and bagels in the parish hall. The Ossining Public Library Director, Karen LaRocca Fels, will speak to us about the important Library Bond Vote to be held September 16. After our meeting, the Book Club will meet at 11:15 am. We can be reached at golden.eagles@staugny.org.

Be Informed ~ September 7th: 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.** Monday is the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and Friday the Memorial of The Most Holy Name of Mary. Study: The Bible and the Virgin Mary, Lesson 9: *Full of Grace*. Watch *Mary of Nazareth*, *What is the Immaculate Conception?*, or *Was the Immaculate Conception Necessary?* Listen also to: *The Virgin Mary Revealed Through Scripture* or *The Eternal Woman*. Watch Symbolon: Knowing the Faith, Session 9: *Mary and the Saints*; *Footprints of God: Mary: Mother of God*; or *The Woman*.



September 7, 2025
Month of Our Lady of Sorrows
CRISIS IN GAZA

Dear friends in the Lord:

The Most Reverend Timothy Broglio, Archbishop for the Military Services, USA and president of the United States Catholic Conference has written to the bishops of the country asking for prayers and financial support to alleviate the ongoing tragedy in Gaza. Our Church mourns the terrible suffering of Christians and other innocent victims of violence there and surrounding areas who are struggling to survive, protect their children, and live with dignity in dire conditions.

The Holy Father continues to call for a cease fire and for aid to enter the territory, noting with great sorrow that **"Gaza is starving"**.

Given the extraordinary nature of this crisis, I write today announcing a second collection next Sunday, September 14th, the solemnity of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Funds from this collection will be sent by the archdiocese to Catholic Near East Welfare Association and Catholic Relief Services to provide humanitarian relief and pastoral support for our affected brothers and sisters. The situation cries out for the assistance of the Catholic community in the United States.

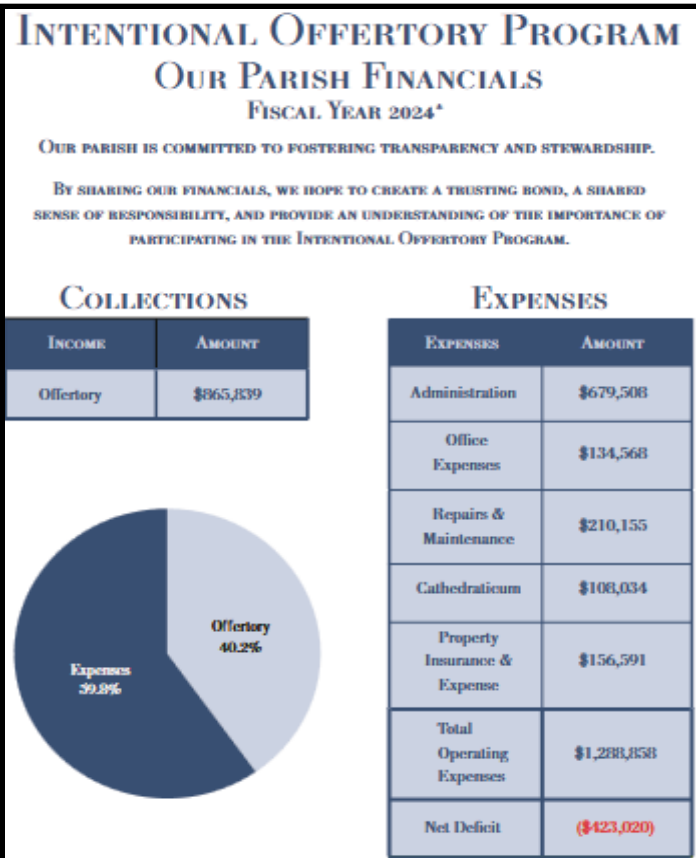
As we often see in these situations, our parishioners instinctively want to be involved in the long-term recovery. I know well of the generosity of our people and their deep care for those in distress.

I am grateful, as always, for your participation.

With prayerful best wishes to you and your families, I am,

Faithfully in Christ,

+Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan
Archbishop of New York



WITH GRATITUDE!

Once again our parish has risen to the occasion in our support for the Missions! We collected nearly \$8,000 in our second collection for the Propagation of the Faith. Many were touched by the young Missionary of the Incarnate Word ~ Fr. Augustin Ibeñez, and asked for the address of his Mission, The Mercy Home of Saint Martin of Tours:

Hogar San Martin de Tours
Cubillos 3305,
Rama Caída,
San Rafael, Mendoza, CP 5600
Argentina

Website: hogarsanmartin.org
Email : sanmartindetours@ive.org



This Monday, September 8th, we celebrate the birthday of Our Lady, Our Blessed Mother. What a beautiful gift and a way to honor Her is to pray the rosary on her birthday. The Legion of Mary has a sign-up sheet on the table in the vestibule. Please sign up to pray the Rosary, which can be prayed anytime, anywhere ~ sign-up slots begin at 12 AM on Monday, September 8th, and go to 12 AM on Tuesday, September 9th.



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Our warmest welcome to all who celebrate with us...Whether long-time residents or newly arrived in this parish, we thank God for you!

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.

Name: _____

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