

*Your Excellency,
Most Reverend Bishop James Checchio,*

*The community of Saint Augustine of Canterbury is presenting to you the enclosed prayer requests to Daniel Mark Anderl, who gave his life on July 19, 2020. These prayer requests were brought to his grave at the Holy Spirit Mausoleum, Piscataway. They were prayed over at Daniel's grave, as well as the many petitions enclosed supporting the desire for the Cause of **Daniel Mark Anderl** to be opened, and God willing present the findings to the Congregation for the Cause of Saints in Rome.*

We recently celebrated a Mass of Remembrance at the Church of Saint Augustine of Canterbury marking the fifth anniversary of his death/murder. Daniel's murder took place on July 19, 2020 at his home in North Brunswick, who gave his life for his mother, the Honorable Judge Esther Salas, and his father, Mark Anderl. Daniel offered his life for them!

Saint Augustine of Canterbury was Daniel's home parish where he was baptized, attended our Catholic School, received his first Holy Communion, and the Sacrament of Confirmation. Daniel's funeral Mass took place in September 26, 2020. Bishop Checchio, you were the main celebrant at Daniel's funeral Mass, and in attendance was His Eminence Timothy Cardinal Dolan. Reverend Canon Robert G. Lynam, Daniel's pastor was the homilist.

Bishop Checchio, it lies with you as the Bishop of Metuchen, whether to open Daniel's Cause for Beatification and Canonization. Our prayers are with you as you discern Daniel's Cause.

***The faithful of the Parish of Saint Augustine of Canterbury
and supporters for his cause throughout the United States***

"There is no greater love than this, to lay down one's life for a friend!"

August 6, 2025 : Feast of the Transfiguration



Mission Cooperative Plan 2025



Last weekend, St. Augustine of Canterbury Parish was blessed to receive Archbishop Max Leroy Mésidor, Archbishop of Port-au-Prince, Haiti, (seen on the right) as our honored Presider at our 5PM Mass on Saturday, August 9th and the Morning Masses on Sunday, August 10th. Fr. Edmund Luciano, Pastor of the Church of the Sacred Heart, South Plainfield, graciously assisted at the Saturday Mass and Fr. Peter Suhaka at the Sunday Masses.

Additionally, our mission appeal speaker, the Very Reverend Dieuseul Adain, spoke at each Mass, sharing firsthand, how prayers and financial donations help the good people in Haiti who struggle to obtain even the basic necessities of life.

In particular, the Archdiocese of Port-au-Prince provides healthcare, education to the most vulnerable children.

As a Parish, we provided \$14,187 in support of the Archdiocese!

Archbishop Mésidor expressed his thanks and gratitude for your generosity!





Deacon Denis, Max Leroy Mésidor, Archbishop of Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Msgr. Dieuseul Adain, Deacon Harry DeFreitas

Mass Intentions For The Week



August 17, 2025
20TH Sunday in
Ordinary Time

SATURDAY, August 16

5:00 PM Estanislao Bembo req.: Shirley Bembo

SUNDAY, August 17

8:00 AM Elizabeth Meszaros req.: Her Children

10:00 AM Dorothy Januska req.: Laurie Davis

12 Noon Msgr. William R. Capano on the 30th
Anniversary of his Death

5:00 PM All Deceased Members of the
Lacsamana Families req.: The Delapaz
Family

MONDAY, August 18

9:00 AM Living & Deceased Parishioners of St.
Augustine's

TUESDAY, August 19

9:00 AM Living & Deceased Members of the
Abarientos Family

WEDNESDAY, August 20

9:00 AM Henry Weachock req.: John Schulte

THURSDAY, August 21—Feast of Saint Pius X (relic of Saint Pius X may be venerated after Mass)

9:00 AM Matthew Miele req.: The Miele Family

FRIDAY, August 22

9:00 AM Dignity of Every Human Life

SATURDAY, August 23

5:00 PM Tean Jose Cua req.: Cherry Cua

SUNDAY, August 24

8:00 AM Bernice Koscelnick req.: The Murawski
Family

10:00 AM Ana Karina Hontanosas req.: The
Hontanosas Family

12 Noon Living & Deceased Parishioners of St.
Augustine's

5:00 PM Jeanine Marie Sarno req.: Domingo
Torres, Jr., and Michael Pinizzotto



INTENTIONS OF OUR HOLY FATHER FOR AUGUST

We are invited to unite with our Holy
Father, Pope Leo XIV, for this universal
intention during the month of August.

For mutual coexistence

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems
more difficult might not succumb to the temptation
of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or
ideological reasons.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

August 18—August 17

Monday: Judg 2:11-19; Matt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Judg 6:11-24a; Matt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Judg 9:6-15; Matt 20:1-16

Thursday: Judg 11:29-39a; Matt 22:1-14

Friday: Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22;
Matt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ruth 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17;
Matt 23:1-12

Sunday: Is 66:18-21; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13;
Luke 13:22-30

SPIRITUAL REMEMBRANCE FOR WEEK OF AUGUST 17th, 2025



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Intentions of Anne Villanova
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TABERNACLE FLOWERS

In Memoriam of Matthew Miele
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OUR LADY OF FATIMA STATUE

This week the Fatima statue will reside
in the home of Ruban & Sahayarani
Soundrapandyan . Thank you to each
family for taking Our Lady on a
journey through our parish.

From the Desk of

Father Bob

I thank you for your prayers since I've had my face peel on August 6th. I am still going through the healing process for the new skin to grow. Prior to the procedure my dermatologist noticed an area on my forehead, which is cancerous. A biopsy was taken to conclude definitely that it is cancer. Once I finish the healing process, and after some major celebrations of the parish, i.e. the hosting of the Diocesan school Mass of all the teachers (500) of our Catholic schools on August 27th, the celebration on September 7 in honor of the canonization of Saint Carlo Acutis, a couple of weddings in September and early October, I will undergo a Mohs surgery to remove the cancer cells from that area on my forehead. I look forward to coming back to celebrate public Mass with you.

The cover of this week's bulletin is the letter that was attached to the intentions and positions, to and for Daniel Mark Anderl. Many graces have been received through his intercession and let us continue to lift the life of Daniel in our prayers!

Once again, thank you for your continued prayers and your support.

I will be leaving for Krakow, Poland October 17 to 25, in honor of the feast of Saint John Paul II and to be with my brother Canons of Saint Florian Basilica in Krakow to visit with Cardinal Stanislaus. You will be remembered in my prayers and Masses while on pilgrimage in Krakow.

In the peace and love of Jesus Christ,

Father Bob



Diocesan School Teachers' Mass

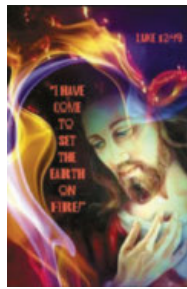
The Mass for Diocesan Teachers opening the 2025-2026 School Year will be celebrated here at St. Augustine of Canterbury Church on Wednesday, August 27, 2025 at 10AM with Bishop James F. Checchio as the principal celebrant.

The Mass will be a celebration of more than 500 teachers who educate more than 7,000 elementary and high school students at the 26 schools—including our own—throughout the Diocese.

Please note: this celebration of the start of the new School Year will necessitate the cancelation of 9AM Mass on August 27th. ***All are welcome to attend the 10AM Mass.*** We appreciate your understanding.

Following Mass will be a *Teachers-Only Breakfast* held in our Cafeteria. We ask our parishioners to refrain from attending. Thank you!

MEDITATION FOR AUGUST 17, 2025



As Christians, we do not always fall in line with the ways of the world.

In the Gospel, Jesus warns us that following him will not always bring peace into our lives. In fact, if we follow his ways, we might encounter division, even within our own families. Jesus taught his followers a new way of living which is contrary to the "ways of the world." With his grace, we can be faithful to this call to witness to the ways of God.

In the first reading, Jeremiah is thrown into a muddy cistern and left to die because of his prophecy. A court official pleads with the king for mercy for Jeremiah and he is saved from the cistern. The author of Hebrews writes of Jesus who *endured the cross ... for the sake of the joy that lay before him.* In the Gospel, Jesus longs to *set the earth on fire* through the baptism of his suffering and death. He announces that he has not come to bring peace on earth, but division.



"Do you think I have come to give you peace on Earth? No, I tell you, but rather division." - Luke 12:51

Many of us like to play it safe, not cause waves with our family and friends, especially when it comes to politics and religion. We don't want to cause any turmoil. However, many times this is at the expense of the truth. The truth being Jesus Christ. Too many people are misguided because they rely on their own limited human ability to reason and are not allowing faith in God to guide them. Form your conscience; take a stance for life, marriage, and religious liberty.

August 10

\$15,428.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!

2025 Bishop's Annual Appeal

As of August 12th, the Diocesan Development Office has received pledges and donations totaling \$140,645 from 337 parishioners. This is 94% of our \$149,000.00 goal.

For more information about this year's appeal, please visit: <https://diometuchen.org/baa>

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION *at St. Augustine's*

Attention Catechists!

In preparation for the 2025-26 Religious Education Year, the Office of Religious Education at St. Augustine's will hold a Catechist's Dinner on Wednesday, September 10th from 5-8PM in the School Cafeteria.

The evening will include a "meet-and-greet" for all Catechists to both reconnect and meet all who will be involved in the education of our children. After dinner we will hold an orientation session for all Catechists to take part in and learn about the program of study for each grade level.

Please take a moment to RSVP to the Office of Religious Education either by phone at (732) 329-3011 or email Denise Federico, Secretary of the Office, at dfederico@staugustinenj.org. You can also email Deacon Harry at deaconharry@staugustinenj.org.

Growing in Faith



GROWING IN FAITH JOURNALS REMINDER

**ATTN: Parents' &
Students of BOTH
St. Augustine School and
Religious Education.**

We still have 9 Journals in our possession at the Parish Center. If you have not picked up your Journal, you need to do so this week.

We also have not received Journals from five candidates. You need to submit them *this week* for review or you will not be able to proceed in the Program for Confirmation.

SPRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM



Our August update for the "parents" of our 63 babies
"I Can Look Around!"

You are in the home stretch with your spiritually adopted baby!

I am now nearly 14 inches long and weighs between 2 and 4 pounds. I can hear and I'll respond to sound, pain and light. By this time, all four of my senses are developed so I can see, hear, taste, and touch. I can cough, yawn and hiccup.

It is amazing that I now recognize my Mom's voice! An ultrasound reveals that like to open his eyes and look around my mother's womb.

To help in my continued growth, my Mom is sharing antibodies. These help to build my immune system, protecting me from a wide variety of diseases.

Your prayers are working! Thank you!

Adriana, Amanda, Angela, Angelica Gabriel, Angelina, Ann, Bridget, Caitlin, Caroline, Cecelia, Clara, Clark, Diego, Domenica, Elizabeth, Ella Grace, Estelle, Feliza, George, Gloria Mae, Grace, Helen, Innocence, Isaac, Isabel, Jeethra, Jessica, Jillian, Jonathan, Joseph, Josephine, Joshua, Joy, Kenneth James, Kristina Cassandra, Lawrence, Lenny, Leo, Lola, Luke, Lupe, Marie, Mark, Mary, Mary Ann, Mary Elizabeth, Mary Joelle, Michael, Miguel, Patricia, Patrick, Patrick Joseph, Penelope, Peter, Sara, Sharon, Sophia, Stephen, Teresa, Theresa Grace, Thomas, Veronica.



FOOD
PANTRY



***It is the Summer and we need
to prepare for the Fall and Winter months!***

We are desperately in need of several specific food items for our pantry! Your help in filling the pantry would be greatly appreciated now. We are currently in *desperate* need of the following items:

- Tomato Sauce
- Parmalat (boxed milk)
- Juice (64oz)
- Gravy
- Canned soup
- Cereal
- Ramen / Cup of Noodles
- Oatmeal
- Boxed potatoes
- Snacks (cookies, chips, pretzels, crackers)
- Boxed pasta
- Canned meals
- Diced tomatoes
- Paper towels
- Diapers (size 6)
- Pull ups (size 4T-5T)



Would you prefer to make a donation of a gift card? We also accept gift cards for Stop & Shop, ShopRite, and Aldi. These gift cards are used by the Food Pantry Volunteers to purchase the groceries needed to serve the nutritional needs of our clients.

As we always ask, please do not donate any expired food.
On behalf of our clients, thank your for your continued support.

FROM THE DESK OF
Facility Management

August 10, 2025

St. Augustine of Canterbury Parish,

I wanted to give you all an update on just some of the projects and improvements we are working on.

CHURCH

Church kneelers. We have received a proposal from Sauder Company to repair and replace all the foam on the church kneelers. **The cost is approximately \$26,000. Currently \$6,500 has been collected.**

SCHOOL

Playground. We have begun fundraising for our new playground, still just shy of \$11,000 being put aside for this much needed upgrade. The total cost will be roughly **\$35-40,000.**



Lettering for Canterbury Corner: Due to age/damage the lettering for Canterbury Corner will need to be replace in the amount of \$3,700.

Fr Bob remains committed to reinvesting in our Parish home of St Augustine of Canterbury. In his 30+ year stewardship and only the third Pastor St. Augustine has known, he believes in this community and our Parish *AND* School to be a beacon for the Diocese of Metuchen.

By God's Hand,

Bobby Beaton, FMP



The St Augustine Columbiettes, Auxiliary #6345 invite you to gather with your family and friends for a great meal - from appetizers to desserts!

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