

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD —FEBRUARY 2, 2020



Vigil - The Presentation of the Lord

5:00 PM - Memorial - Ann Menna

Sunday, February 2 - The Presentation of the Lord

7:00 AM -

9:30 AM - Birthday Memorial - Beverly Cyr

11:30 AM - 12th Anniversary - Anthony Abbate

5:30 PM -

Monday, February 3 - Weekday

7:00 AM - Memorial - Rick Champagne

5:30 PM - 9th Anniversary - Barry Mollo, Jr.

Tuesday, February 4 - Weekday

7:00 AM - Memorial - Rick Champagne

Wednesday, February 5 - Saint Agatha

7:00 AM - In Thanksgiving to St. Joseph

5:30 PM - Month's Mind - Victor Lusignan

Thursday, February 6 - Saint Paul Miki and Companions

7:00 AM - Special Intention for Better Communication

Friday, February 7 - Weekday

7:00 AM -

5:30 PM - 22nd Anniversary - Americo J. Procaccini

Saturday, February 8 - Weekday

8:00 AM -

Vigil - The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM - 20th Anniversary - Sebastian & Yolanda Florio

Sunday, February 9 - The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 AM -

9:30 AM - 15th Anniversary - Myles O'Donnell

5th Anniversary - Mary O'Donnell

11:30 AM - 1st Anniversary - Ann Claire Fischer

5:30 PM - Memorial - Antonio & Filomena Procaccini

ALTAR SERVERS

Mon & Tues @ 7AM - J. Benitez, A. Manion

Wed - Fri @ 7AM - A. Mendes, O. Reall

Mon. @ 5:30 PM - S. Buco, A. Groves

Wed & Fri @ 5:30 PM - A. DiDonato, Volunteer Needed

Saturday @ 8 AM - A. Manion, A. Manion

January 26, 2020 collection is as follows

Sunday Collection	\$9,379.77
Electronic Giving	\$1,369.00
TOTAL	\$10,748.00
Poor Box 1/19 & 1/26	\$866.00
Church in Latin America.....	\$1,918.00

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

Please remember St. Augustine Church in your Will & Estate



Dear Parishioners

WHAT IS DYNAMIC PARISH?

I am excited to tell you about a very special opportunity that has been presented to our parish. St. Augustine's has been chosen to be one among 60 parishes in our country (and only 5 in the diocese) to partner with Matthew Kelly's organization Dynamic Catholic, to roll-out a new evangelization initiative called **Dynamic Parish**. Our parish will benefit from the expertise and resources of Dynamic Catholic which are intended to revitalize the Catholic faith and parish life. It builds upon the programs that we are already utilizing, including those in our First Communion and Confirmation sacrament preparation programs. **Dynamic Parish** is a 5-year experience which will provide varied resources and events for all of us to grow together in faith. To learn more about this special partnership that we will have with Dynamic Parish, visit: www.DynamicParishInvite.us. Please pray for the success of this important endeavor for our parish. May God bless each of us with a renewed vigor and zeal to live our faith in an intentional and dynamic way so that more people will be drawn to a more joy-filled and meaningful life in Christ within the Church.

ACTION ALERT: TWO-WAY BIKE LANE PROPOSAL

At the time of the writing of this column, the public information meeting on Tuesday, January 28th, which I urged you to attend in an announcement at last weekend's Masses, has not yet taken place. I encourage all of you to continue to be vigilant in opposing this proposal which would adversely affect church parking for Masses (daily, weekend and funerals), increase traffic "cutting through" the adjoining side streets and jeopardize the public safety of our community, including the children who attend our parish school, sporting and social events and religious education. It is an ill-conceived concept which has already been shown to be a foolishly implemented public safety nightmare on neighboring Eaton Street which, after public outcry and tremendous expense, was eventually dismantled. Like that attempt, the two-way bike lane does not fit with the use and needs of Mount Pleasant Avenue. If you are opposed to the two-way bike lane treatment, sign an online petition: <http://bit.ly/MPAWEWARD5> or call Councilwoman Jo-Ann Ryan's office at 521-7477. Make your voice heard!

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

I extend a great BIG thanks to all who participated in making this annual celebration of Catholic Schools such a success. Special note of thanks to Mrs. Rufful, Principal, and our St. Augustine School faculty and staff who attended the 9:30 AM Mass and Open House which followed. It was a proud moment for me to see so many of our students and their families at Mass. We also welcomed some potential news students to our community at the Open House. Let us continue to give thanks to God for the great gift of Catholic education here at St. Augustine's and the difference it makes in the lives of our students and graduates. Have a great week and God Bless!

Father Forcier



SAINT AUGUSTINE SCHOOL

My name is Lily Scampoli and I am a member of St. Augustine School Class of 2020 and Vice President of Student Council. My family has a long-standing history with both the Church and the school. I am the youngest of four children who have all attended St. Augustine for over the course of twenty-six consecutive years! We also received all our sacraments here. In addition, both my grandparents and parents were married right here in this Church!

St. Augustine School has been a second home since Pre-K. I have logged almost as many hours in the classrooms, church, and gym as I have in my own house, but I don't mind. I truly think it's the Catholic school difference. The faith is strong, the Spirit is High, and the Love is deep. Every day I enter school, I leave more empowered and closer to God. The community is made up of people who care. Our dedication to faith and service is unmatched. As students, we all have the many opportunities to do good works such as collecting food and toiletries for Mary House, coat drives, and Dress Downs, allocating all the proceeds to various causes throughout the year. Every month we have the privilege to attend Mass and every morning before school we have the opportunity to pray together as a community. That's something you would not be able to do at a public school.

Our principal, Mrs. Ruffal, is amazing! She knows each and every student's name and is always involved and interested in what we do both in our activities and academics while making sure our environment is safe and welcoming. Our teachers are role models and extremely inspirational. No student is ever overlooked, left behind, or dismissed. The curriculum is challenging; however, we have small class sizes, allowing teachers to assist students on an individual level. I know my teachers and peers in a way that makes it feel more like a family rather than classmates. We are well-prepared for high school and ready for the challenge! For that, I am grateful!

Along with a well-rounded, academic, moral program, we sometimes do have fun! These activities include after school sports and clubs, fieldtrips, and dances, just to name a few. Last week we kicked off Catholic Schools Week, which also included Spirit Week. We enjoyed themed dress down days, trivia games, and other special activities.

St. Augustine School is a great place to Learn, Serve, Lead, and Succeed. I know I have made life-long friends. I feel privileged to be a student here and I know that I have become a better person. I will never forget my experience here.

From the Office of the Vicar General of the Diocese of Providence:

On January 16, 2020, the Diocese of Fall River notified the Diocese of Providence that it was revoking the faculties of Fr. Edward Byington, a retired priest of the Fall River Diocese, for an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor alleged to have occurred decades ago. Fr. Byington has previously assisted at Masses in the Diocese of Providence, including St. Augustine, where he was in residence until 2015. Upon learning the information from the Diocese of Fall River, the Diocese of Providence immediately removed him from any further participation or duties within the diocese. Fr. Byington is no longer serving in any capacity.

The Diocese urges anyone who has been the victim of sexual abuse, or with credible knowledge of such abuse, by any member of the church, to report the information to RI State Police Major Crimes Unit at 401-444-1000 or the diocesan Office of Compliance at 401-941-0760.



ALL Religious Ed Classes K-10 will be held as scheduled.
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"SCOUT SUNDAY"

Honor and service to God are major principles of the Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts and the Boy Scouts of America. The Boy Scouts of Troop 76, the Girl Scouts of Troop 15 and 89, and the Cub Scouts of Pack 76 are celebrating their service to God at the 9:30 am Mass on February 3rd. The Boy Scout Law says that a "Scout is Reverent," and all Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts promise to do their "Duty to God." These values help strengthen youth character in the areas of family, community, morality, and faith.

This weekend we are proud to recognize the following scouts who have earned a religious award after completing a variety of age-appropriate requirements designed to bring them closer to God.



Daisy Girl Scouts – Love of God Award

Violet Scott, Jocelyn-Rose Slezak

Angelina Reynolds, Delaney Robidoux

Brownie Girl Scouts - Family of God Award

Lyla Schaumberg Lyla Schaumberg

Junior Girl Scouts – Holy Family Award

Virginia Donovan



FIRST FRIDAY

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Friday, February 7th, 1 PM to 5 PM,
when Benediction is celebrated.

What are some benefits of Eucharistic Adoration?

Spending time in adoration of Jesus in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist develops a personal relationship with Jesus, and grows in love and holiness. Quiet time with the Lord in adoration enables people to listen and recognize His voice as He speaks to their hearts. Many of the faithful who attend adoration report various answered prayers and healings. Parish communities experience increased Mass attendance, service of others, unity, conversions, the return of fallen away Catholics, as well as vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

GROWING IN PRAYER - ANNUAL MEN'S CONFERENCE

Saturday, February 29, 2020

Saint Philip Church, Greenville, RI

Keynote speaker is Jesse Romero a full-time Catholic lay Evangelist who is nationally acclaimed for his dynamic, upbeat, Christ centered preaching. The day will include Holy Mass, presentations by Jesse and Rev. Francis Santilli. Praise, worship and time for reflection. Cost is \$40. By mail make checks out to MOSJI and send to MOSJI, 218 Paris Irons Rd., Glocester, RI 02814 or online at <https://men-of-st-joseph-international.ticketleap.com/mosji-annual-mens-conference/>

**HAPPINESS
IS SINGING
IN THE CHOIR!**

The parish choir will begin rehearsals for Lent/Easter/Spring on Wednesday, February 5 from 7:00-8:30pm in the choir room. We are blessed to have 25 voices but the choir loft can hold many more and it's a big church to fill with sound!

Do you like to sing? Can you carry a tune? Can you commit to weekly rehearsals and masses as scheduled?

We especially need male voices – tenors & basses.

See Stephen in the choir loft after mass.