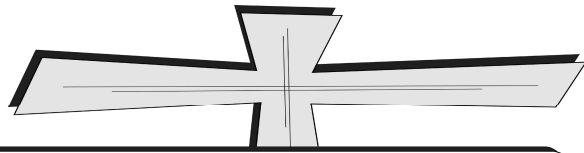


TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - AUGUST 23, 2020



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Vigil - Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM - 3rd Anniversary - Carolyn Levesque

Sunday, August 23- Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 AM - 1st Anniversary - Nicholas Guglielmetti

9:30 AM - 7th Anniversary - Laurie Fischer

11:30 AM - Birthday Memorial - Franco Sordoni

5:30 PM - 3rd Anniversary - Jennie Scotto

Monday, August 24 - Saint Bartholomew, Apostle

7:00 AM - Month's Mind - Vincent Colello

Tuesday, August 25 - Weekday - Saint Louis; Saint Joseph Calasanz

7:00 AM - Memorial - Luigi La Prova & Philip La Vorgno

Wednesday, August 26 - Weekday

7:00 AM - Birthday Memorial - Carl Ruggiero, Susie Scungio & Marie Devine

Thursday, August 27 - Saint Monica

7:00 AM - Intentions of Nicolau & Margarida Amaral

Friday, August 28 - Saint Augustine

7:00 AM - The People of Saint Augustine Parish

Saturday, August 29 - Passion of Saint John the Baptist

8:00 AM - Birthday Memorial - Stella Di Manna

4th Anniversary - Natalie Petrucci

Vigil - Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM - 65th Anniversary - Lucas Adamo

Sunday, August 30- Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 AM - Month's Mind - Edward D. Maccarone, Jr.

9:30 AM - 3rd Anniversary - Robert J. Mann, Jr.

11:30 AM - Memorial - Alvera Gasbarro & Helen Gasbarro

5:30 PM - 12th Anniversary - Kathleen Leddy

ALTAR SERVERS

Mon & Tues @ 7AM Elyse Brassard, Leah Brassard

Wed - Fri @ 7AM - John Benitez, **Volunteer Needed**

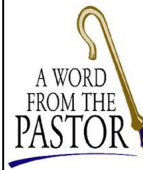
Sat. @ 8 AM - Sofia Benevides, Azure Tabares

August 16, 2020 collections are as follows

Sunday Collection	\$6,718.48
Electronic Giving	\$1,985.00
TOTAL	\$8,703.48
Assumption	\$1,117.00
Poor Box	\$434.00

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Dear Parishioners-

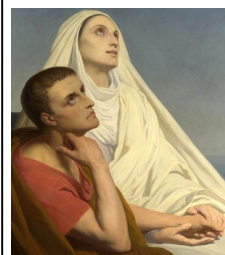
"Trust the past to God's mercy, the present to God's love and the future to God's providence." St. Augustine

This Friday, August 28th is the celebration of the Feast of St. Augustine. It gives me a reason to probe a bit deeper the mind and heart of our parish patron as we honor his robust legacy of faith.

Confessions is arguably St. Augustine's most famous and important work. As Augustine wrote therein, "Nothing is closer to God's ears than a contrite heart and a life of faith" (*Confessions*, Book 2, 3:5, 67). Though an unvoiced longing for Truth led Augustine (354-430) eventually to the Scriptures, he put them aside because of their "unpolished" style and turned instead to the doctrine of Manicheism. This is a dualistic religious system which combines Gnostic Christianity, Buddhism, Zoroastrianism and various other elements. Augustine adhered to this doctrine which maintained that reason alone could free people from darkness and error. This false form of belief expressed a revulsion for the material world and became the rationale for ultra-ascetic practices purported to lead its practitioners to spiritual awareness.

Augustine was involved with the Manichees for nearly 10 years. Their influence on him lingered until the episode that marked his conversion. Unknown to Augustine, St. Ambrose had become Bishop of Milan in 373. While Augustine's life was a cauldron of mental, emotional and spiritual turmoil, Ambrose's was a calming presence though a prism of clarity. Their meeting, arranged by his mother St. Monica, began to dispel the doubts Augustine felt. "And when I opened my heart to receive the eloquence with which he spoke, there likewise entered, although only by degrees, the truths that he spoke" (*Confessions*, Book 5, 4:24, 131).

So inspiring was the personal life and powerful preaching of Ambrose on Augustine that he began to read the Bible, no longer with the intention to argue against it, but with a disposition of humble submission to the wisdom of the word. With each passing day, Augustine became more convinced that he ought to enter the Church as a catechumen, that is as one preparing to receive the Sacraments of Initiation. At the age of 32, Augustine was baptized by Bishop Ambrose in Milan. This pivotal event would mark a new beginning in his spiritual life that continues to inspire and influence others through his writings and powerful witness of faith.



St Augustine and his mother St Monica

Father Forcier



If you have not already registered...

Registrations will be held for Faith Formation (CCD) classes on Sunday, August 29th and Sunday, September 6th after the 9:30 and 11:30 AM Masses.

You can also register at the rectory during the week of August 24 - August 27 from 1 PM - 4 PM.

All public school children grades K - 9 should register.

Grade 10 Confirmation Candidates, both public and catholic school attendees, should also register.

CCD classes are scheduled to begin on September 13th for K-6, September 14th for 7-9 and September 20th for Confirmation Candidates

These dates are subject to change based on CDC guidelines.



Annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the annual Mass at the Cathedral honoring couples who are celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries has been canceled. The Diocese is still eager to recognize couples who are celebrating 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 or more years of marriage. Please call the church office at 831-3503 or email - staugprov@verizon.net with the following - full name of both spouses, date and place of wedding, address and phone number. The Bishop will send you a personal letter and a signed certificate.



DAILY READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday Is 22:19-23; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

Monday Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51

Tuesday 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Mt 23:27-32

Thursday 1 Cor 1:1-9; Mt 24:42-51

Friday 1 Cor 1:17-25; Mt 25:1-13

Saturday 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mk 6:17-29



GREAT NEWS!!!

The Diocese of Providence is welcoming 8 new seminarians this year, the most new seminarians in almost 40 years. Bishop Tobin has asked us to pray for our present seminarians, including our parishioner Robert Caputo and these new students.

PRAYER FOR SEMINARIANS

Lord Jesus Christ, we pray for these men whom You have called to discern priesthood. We beg Your continued blessings on our Diocese and families. Call forth even more men of generous spirit and fervent love whom You desire for this holy work. Amen.



SAINT AUGUSTINE SCHOOL

Summer Office Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

9:00 AM to Noon

Visit our website - www.staugustinesri.com

Accepting registrations for 2020 - 2021 school year

Pre-K through 8; tours are available - 831-1213

Looking to volunteer or work a few hours a week to help out in the school?

- ◆ Are you a registered nurse or certified nursing assistant?
- ◆ Like working with children?

Responsibilities

- ◆ Work with the staff to provide a safe healthy environment
- ◆ Work with students on issues of bumps, bruises, cuts etc.
- ◆ Screen students for the common cold, flu etc.
- ◆ Communicate with families if a student is feeling ill.

Call the school at 831-1213 or

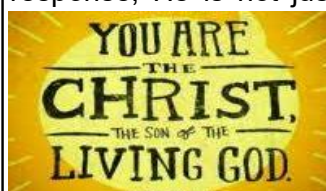
email - principal@staugustinesri.com

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

"Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi and he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' They replied, 'Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter said in reply, 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.' Jesus said to him in reply, 'Blessed are you son of John...'"

We are no different, because we are disciples of the Lord. He asks us the same question, but I wonder if we answer as did Peter, or as the disciples responded.

There are countless ways we use to describe someone. We can speak of size, talent, profession, family. All might be true. But it's more important to know the person, rather than know about the person. Peter's response is quite clear and to the point. Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah, the Son of God. We have accepted His invitation to consider what reply is most fitting for me to describe Jesus. We echo Peter's response, He is not just the Savior of all humankind,



but my personal Savior as well. If that is true for me, Jesus affirms me as He did Peter and entrusts to me my responsibility in the church, missionary discipleship.

POPE FRANCIS' FIVE FINGER PRAYER

