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Saturday at 4:00
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7:00 am
(Monday - Friday)

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BAPTISMS
First Sunday of the month.
Please call the Rectory
three months prior to
the birth of your child.

MARRIAGE
Please call the Rectory
one year in advance.

DEVOTIONS
Perpetual Novena of Our Lady
of the Miraculous Medal,
Fridays immediately following
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May & October
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TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

Mass Intentions

Saturday Vigil - Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 PM - 6th Anniversary - Karen Geisser
Sunday, September 8 - Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 AM - Birthday Memorial - Margaret Lavallee
9:30 AM - 3rd Anniversary - Emily A. Haronian
11:30 AM - 6th Anniversary - Michael Cimini
Monday, September 9 - Saint Peter Claver
7:00 AM The People of Saint Augustine Parish
Tuesday, September 10 - Weekday
7:00 AM - The Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday, September 11 - Weekday
7:00 AM - Birthday Memorial - Joseph H. Allaire
Thursday, September 12 - The Most Holy Name of Mary
7:00 AM - 50th Anniversary - Henry Capasso
Friday, September 13 - Saint John Chrysostom
7:00 AM – Birthday Memorial - Concetta Tavone
Saturday Vigil - Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 PM - 30th Anniversary - Teresa Maceroni
Sunday, September 15 - Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 AM - 2nd Anniversary - James Gambardella
9:30 AM - Memorial - Deceased Members of the McGinn Family
11:30 AM - Memorial - Luigi & Marguerite Giorgi

September 1, 2024 Collection	
Sunday Collection	$.....6,543.57
Electronic Giving	$.....2,309.00
TOTAL	$.....8,852.57
Building and Maintenance	$ 2,471.00

SEPTEMBER - OUR LADY OF SEVEN SORROWS

A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

There is a wonderful story about Saint Thomas Aquinas in which God appeared to him when he was at prayer. The Lord said to him, ***"You have written well of me, Thomas. What reward would you like from me for your labor?"*** Aquinas replied, ***"Lord, nothing except you."*** Saint Thomas reminds us that the fruit of all our labors and the culmination of the intellectual life can lead us to nothing greater than the experience and love of God Himself.

We have begun ***a new academic year at St. Augustine School*** and things are off to a great start. On Friday, August 30 we celebrated the opening of the school year with the Mass of the Holy Spirit. I reminded the students, and myself, that we are so very blessed here at St. Augustine's not only to study and learn about important subjects, but to be able to come to know and love God. What a blessing Catholic education is to our parish and to our community! It is such a joy to share in this journey of faith with our students and their families, and the faculty and staff at St. Augustine School.

Speaking of the knowledge and love of God, our parish just began ***the ChristLife Series*** this past Wednesday. There were over 75 people in attendance as we began this wonderful experience of faith that is helping us to grow in our relationship with Jesus Christ and the Church.

What are some of the ways that we can continue to grow in our faith here at St. Augustine Parish? I am constantly encouraging the people I come into contact with to engage in good spiritual reading, particularly the lives of the saints. Imagine if you could sit down with a saint over a good cup of coffee and ask him or her questions about God and the spiritual life! Well, that is exactly what happens when we read the spiritual classics and seek to grow in our faith. Even better, to take a few minutes each day reading Sacred Scripture, and allow God Himself to speak to our hearts! What might He share with us in the silence of the morning or in the cool of the day? If God were to ask us what reward would suffice for our efforts to know Him, might we also say,

"Lord, nothing except you."

In Christ,
Fr. Mahar

Parish Giving

Parish Giving is an opportunity to make budget contributions from your bank account or credit/debit card directly to Saint Augustine Church. Go to www.parishgiving.org - click on new member sign up tab and follow the easy instructions. Or use the Giving tab on our new website.

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Religious Education

All CCD classes for grades one through nine will begin Sunday, September 15th and Monday, September 16th. Registration for CCD classes will be held after all Masses this weekend September 7th - 8th.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process through which those adults seeking to enter fully into the Catholic Church may do so. If you have not been baptized or have been baptized into a non-Catholic faith and have yet to receive the sacraments of Holy Communion or Confirmation, then RCIA is the path to continue this journey into the Catholic faith. Classes begin in October. For info email Mr. McGinn at timmcginn66@gmail.com or call 831-3503.

The Religious Education Office is in need of a teacher who is willing to share their love of the faith with our 4th and 6th grade school children. Please prayerfully consider if the Lord is calling you to this crucial ministry.

For more information call Mr. McGinn at 831-3503 or email timmcginn66@gmail.com.

The parish is looking for individuals who would like to be a projectionist for one Mass per month. This is a great way to be involved in the celebration of the Mass and to serve your parish community. Training is available. For more information, please contact Mr. McGinn at timmcginn66@gmail.com or call 831-3503.

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2025 MASS INTENTIONS MAY BE SCHEDULED
GUIDELINES FOR SCHEDULING MASSES

A Mass may be scheduled for a person who is living or deceased or a special intention appropriate to the celebration of the Eucharist. There are only a limited number of Masses available each year so each household may request a maximum of 8 Masses – 3 weekend Masses and 5 weekday Masses. (Mass Cards are also available at the parish office. While the intention being made is not announced, the Sacrifice of the Mass is still being offered for your intention.)

Most Rev. Richard Henning, Archbishop-elect of Boston, cordially invites the legal profession to the Red Mass on Thursday, September 26th at 5 PM at Saint Dominic Chapel, Providence College. Bishop Henning is Principal Celebrant and Rev. Justin Brophy, O.P. Professor of Political Science, Providence College, is Homilist. A light reception will follow in the Center for Catholic and Dominican Studies (Aquinas Hall), adjacent to the chapel. Please respond by September 19th. https//prov.ly/red-mass-24

At the Red Mass, the Church invokes the Holy Spirit and prays for wisdom, prudence, and justice at the opening of the judicial year. The custom received its name from the scarlet robes worn by justices in European courts since the thirteenth century. Today, the Red Mass gathers judges, lawyers, public officials, law faculty, students and graduates from across the state of Rhode Island to join in thanksgiving to Almighty God, prayer for a successful year, and fellowship with the legal community.

RETIRED PRIESTS COLLECTION

At all the Masses on September 14-15, our parish will join others throughout the Diocese in a special second collection in support of the Senior Priest Retirement Fund. The collection is our way of saying "thank you" for their service. Please consider a generous donation in support of our senior priests. To learn how this fund benefits our senior priests visit www.srpriestri.com. Thank you for your support.

Saturday, October 5th
9am to 12:30pm
Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul

Holy Mass and Award presentation with Celebrant and Homilist, Bishop Emeritus Thomas J. Tobin, followed by brunch and Catholic speakers in the lower Cathedral. Fr. Christopher Mahar will be presenting on his book '*Finding God in Suffering*' and Monica and Victor Bergeron on NaPro (Natural Procreative Technology)

The cost is $30 per person.

Registration is required by September 27 - visit Provd.io/HLG24 or call Lisa Cooley at 278-2518.

For those who have registered the second ChristLife gathering will be this Wednesday, September 11th at 6:30pm in O'Brien Hall.

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