SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT– DECEMBER 8, 2024

Mass Intentions

Saturday Vigil - The Second Sunday of Advent
4:00 PM - Memorial-Ronald Perillo
John and Dorothy Langton

Sunday, December 8--Second Sunday of Advent
7:30 AM - Birthday Memorial-David Shea
The Deceased Members of the Shea and Kerwick Families
9:30 AM - Memorial-Domenic and Rose Gazzero
11:30 AM - 58th Anniversary-Domenic T. Rianna
17th Anniversary-Iolanda Rianna

Monday, December 9–The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
7:00 AM - The People of Saint Augustine Parish
9:00 AM - The People of Saint Augustine Parish
6:00 PM - The People of Saint Augustine Parish

Tuesday, December 10–Advent Weekday
7:00 AM - The Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, December 11– Advent Weekday
7:00 AM - Memorial-Gary Movsovitz

Thursday, December 12-Our Lady of Guadalupe
7:00 AM - 27th Anniversary-Philip Cedrone

Friday, December 13-Saint Lucy
7:00 AM - Memorial-Louis and Rose Rioles and Richard Hardy, Jr.

Saturday Vigil-Third Sunday of Advent
4:00 PM - Memorial-Cavalloro, Doti and Ung Families

Sunday, December 15-Third Sunday of Advent
7:30 AM - A Special Intention
9:30 AM - 3rd Anniversary-Maureen Maratta
11:30 AM - Memorial-Louis Soares

November 24, 2024 Collection	
Sunday Collection ……..	$…….6440.94
Electronic Giving ……..	$…….2229.33
TOTAL	$…….8670.27
Human Development……..	$…….1699.00
Annual Collection……..	$ …….4153.46

December 1, 2024 Collection	
Sunday Collection ……..	$…….7093.87
Electronic Giving ……..	$…….2142.54
TOTAL	$…….9236.41
Poor Box……..	$……691.00
Annual Collection……..	$ …….2850.00

HELP US TO UPDATE OUR PARISH RECORDS
If you have moved or changed your phone number please call 831-3503 or email staugprov@verizon.net.

A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Advent is a time of waiting, a period that is latent with hope and expectation. We are patiently anticipating the coming of Jesus Christ into our lives. In all the world, no one has ever embodied that hope and expectation more than the Blessed Virgin Mary. She received the message of the angel who told her that she would bear the Messiah, the Son of the Most High. From that very moment her life would be changed forever. She oriented her entire life to the coming of the Son of God, and she has much to teach us about what that means and how we can accomplish it.

This week we celebrate the ***Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception***. December 8 falls on the Second Sunday of Advent this year, so the Feast is moved to Monday, December 9. Nonetheless, we still observe that beautiful celebration as ***a Holy Day of Obligation. Our Masses here will be at 7:00am, 9:00am and 6:00pm***. The very next day, December 10, the Church celebrates the Feast of ***Our Lady of Loreto***. Since the Middle Ages, pilgrims have flocked to the site of the Holy House in Loreto, Italy, which is believed to be the same house transported from Nazareth, the house in which Mary conceived the child Jesus. Like the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, the Holy House stands as a reminder to us of the mystery of the Incarnation, how God became man in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Two days later, on December 12, we celebrate the ***Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe***. In the year 1531 Our Lady appeared to a peasant farmer in Mexico named Juan Diego and revealed herself to him as "Holy Mary of Guadalupe." She wanted a church built in that place. Within seven years of the construction of the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, eight million native people were baptized there. After instruction on the Sacrament of Marriage, it is said that 1,000 couples celebrated that sacrament in a single day. Today over five million people travel to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe each year to renew their faith and respond to God's call to holiness and eternal life.

What will all of these wonderful feasts mean for us this week? How can we learn from the humble Virgin of Nazareth what we need to do to prepare for the coming of Jesus Christ? May we be stirred into a greater fervor and a deeper faith in God in these days with Our Lady, and truly learn how to welcome Jesus Christ our Lord with joy!

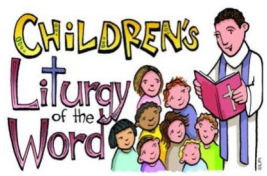
Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Mahar

Religious Education

CCD classes for grades one through six will meet this Sunday, December 8, from 10:30am-11:30am in the school cafeteria.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

The Children's Liturgy of the Word will be celebrated Sunday, December 8 during the 9:30 am Mass. This is an opportunity for the Word of God to be addressed to children in Grades K through Six as an age-appropriate and personal invitation to participate in the Mass.



Bible Readings for the Week

Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday
Bar 5:1-9 Ps 126:1-6 Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 Lk 3:1-6

Monday
The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Gn 3:9-15, 20 Ps 98: 1-4 Eph 1: 3-6, 11-12 Lk 1: 26-38

Tuesday
Is 40: 1-11 Ps 96: 1-3, 10-13 Mt 18: 12-14

Wednesday
Is 40: 25-31 Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10 Mt 11: 28-30

Thursday
Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
Zec 2: 14-17 or Rv 11: 19; 12: 1-6, 10 Judith 13: 18-19 Lk 1: 26-38

Friday
Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr
Is 48: 17-19 Ps 1: 1-4, 6 Mt 11: 16-19

Saturday
Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Sir 48: 1-4, 9-11 Ps 80: 2-3, 15-16, 18-19 Mt 17: 9-13

Third Sunday of Advent
Zep 3: 14-18 Is 12: 2-6 Phil 4: 4-7 Lk 3: 10-18

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Holy Day of Obligation
Mass Schedule
Monday, December 9th
7AM, 9AM and 6PM

Father, Mary had a faith that your Spirit prepared and a love that never knew sin, for you kept her sinless from the first moment of her conception. Trace in our actions the lines of her love, in our hearts, her readiness of faith. USCCB

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Intercessory Prayer

If you have a prayer request
Email - staug4prayer@gmail.com
Your intention will not be published but will be prayed for by the St. Augustine intercessors. If you would like to become an intercessor email Kathy Hollenbeck at the above email for more information.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

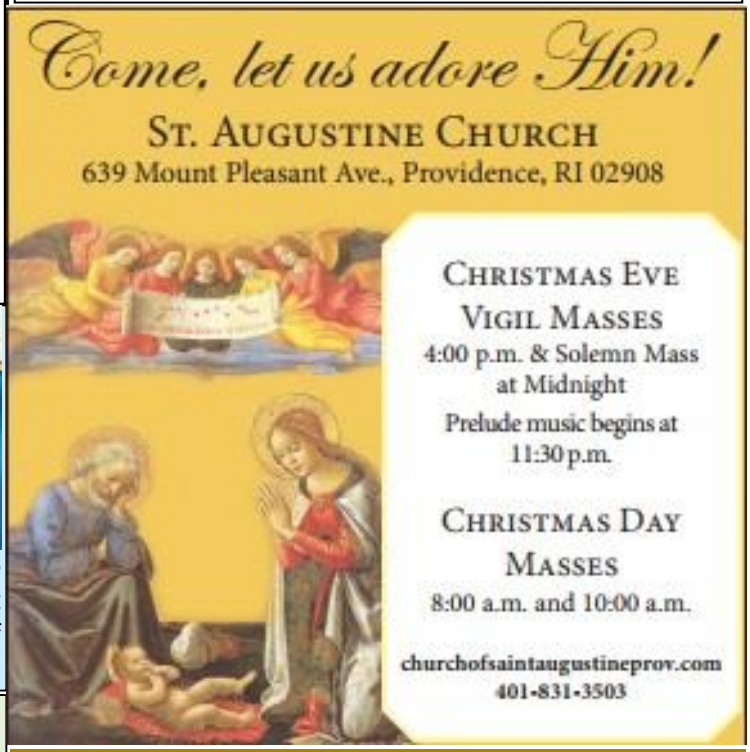
Every Friday
Exposition at 12 Noon
Closing Benediction at 5 PM
You are welcome to stop in anytime to visit with Jesus.

Jesus waits for us in the Sacrament of Love.
Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Him in adoration and in contemplation that is full of faith…
May our adoration never cease.
St. John Paul II

VOLUNTEER PROJECTIONIST NEEDED

WORSHIP VOLUNTEER

The parish is looking for individuals who can volunteer to be a projectionist for one Mass per month. We are in particular need of projectionists for the 7:30 and 11:30 Masses on Sunday. 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.



The next session of ChristLife will meet on Wednesday, December 11 at 6:30 pm in O'Brien Hall

LASALETTE SHRINE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

Lights are lit daily from 5PM-9PM

Creche Museum

Creche scenes from 100 countries and a **Reconstruction of Galilee & Judea** at the time of Jesus

Monday - Sunday 10AM thru 9PM

MASS TIMES - Monday thru Sunday 12:10PM & 4PM

RECONCILIATION DAILY - 1PM thru 4PM

RELIGIOUS ARTICLES STORE

Monday thru Sunday 10AM - 9PM

JOHN POLCE

50th Anniversary Concert

Saturday, December 14

7:00 to 9:00 pm

St Philip Church
622 Putnam Pike
Greenville, RI
Celebrating 50 years of Ministry in Song
Offering at Intermission
Bring a Friend!

ADVENT DONATION

Please support local mothers and babies in need of winter clothing this Christmas season

December 1st- December 24th

Thank you for your generosity!

Please bring your donation to the sacristy after masses

Winter clothing items for newborns and children up to 3 years old will be donated to the Mother of Life Center in Providence.

THE MEANING OF ADVENT CANDLES

Candle of Hope - Purple is the color associated with Advent. It symbolizes penance, preparation, and sacrifice. The first week of Advent, we look forward to Jesus' coming with hope.

Candle of Peace - During the second week of Advent, we reflect on our lives and work on becoming more like Christ in preparation for Jesus' coming.

Candle of Joy - This pink candle symbolizes anticipation and rejoicing. During the third week of Advent we are filled with joy for the near arrival of Jesus on Christmas.

Candle of Love - During this week we rejoice in the endless love that God has for us, which is made apparent in the birth of his Son.

Religious Retirement Collection
This Weekend—December 7-8

Our elderly religious have given a lifetime of service. Many religious communities do not have adequate retirement funding. You can help by supporting this Fund. Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

Visit retiredreligious.org.

Sounds of the Season Concert

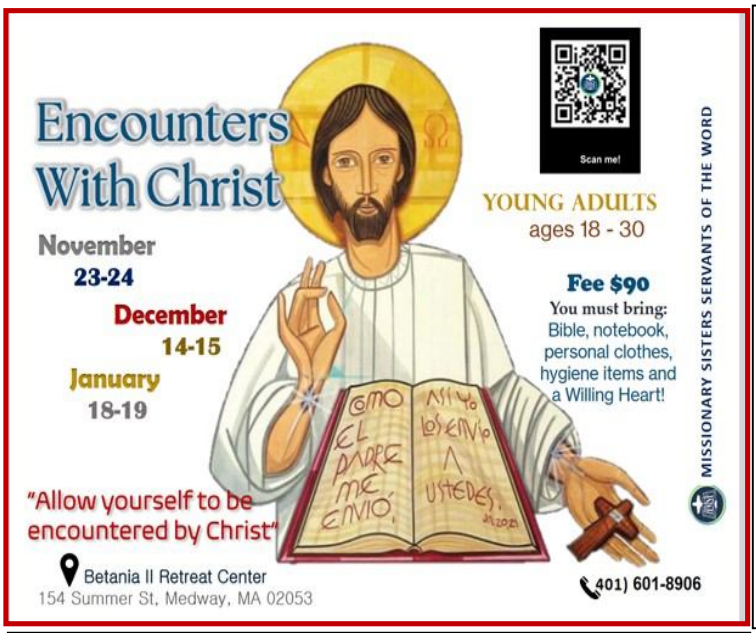
Sunday, December 8 at 3 p.m.

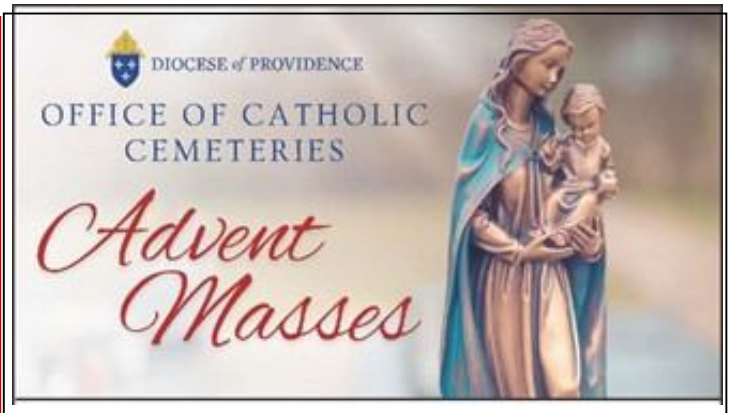
Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul

The Gregorian Concert Choir and Festival Orchestra will present a concert entitled "The Sounds of the Season" at the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul in Providence on Sunday, December 8 at 3 p.m. The concert, featuring the music of Advent and Christmas, will benefit the Diocese of Providence

"Keep the Heat On Challenge "

which assists poor and low income families with utility expenses. Tickets for the concert may be purchased by calling the Cathedral office at 331-2434. Tickets will be available at the door on the day of the concert.





Advent Masses will be celebrated
at all Catholic Cemeteries
December 9 through December 24.
For a schedule of dates and times
call the Catholic Cemetery Office at 944-8383

KEEP THE HEAT ON
www.heatRI.com

This diocesan program helps struggling families who have exhausted all other public and private means to keep their families warm during the Rhode Island winter. If you would like to help families this winter, please send tax-deductible donations to: Keep the Heat On, One Cathedral Square, Providence, RI 02903 or www.heatRI.com to donate online.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Coffee Hour

The Saint Augustine Knights of Columbus will host a coffee hour Sunday, December 15 after the 9:30AM Mass in O'Brien Hall. Get to know the people you attend Mass with! Parents of CCD students - enjoy a cup of coffee while the kids are in class.

"Whoever cares for the poor lends to the Lord, who will pay back the sum in full."
- Proverbs 19:17

REMEMBER OUR VETERANS AT CHRISTMAS

The Knights of Columbus will be collecting personal items: underwear and shirts, toothbrushes and paste, deodorant, shaving cream (no razors) and soap for the veterans at Bristol Veterans Home. Items can be dropped off in the lower parking lot on Saturday, December 14th.

The Knights recently sponsored "The Call to Live a Virtuous Life Essay Contest. From left is Winner **Juliana Gutkoski**, Runner-up **Max Castro**, Knight Bob Chase, Father Mahar, Knight Steven Calise and Runner-up **Lizeth Aquino**. Congratulations!

St. Augustine School

Following the Way, the Truth & Life of Christ Since 1952

Students at St Augustine School attend a special Mass with their Grandparents

And New Coats for Kids at Saint Patrick's!