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

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Please call the Rectory
one year in advance.

DEVOTIONS
Perpetual Novena of Our Lady
of the Miraculous Medal,
Fridays immediately following
the 7:00 am Mass

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Mondays at 7:00 pm

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD– JANUARY 5, 2025

Mass Intentions

Saturday Vigil-The Epiphany of the Lord
4:00 PM - 6th Anniversary-Dale Ryan
Sunday, January 5-The Epiphany of the Lord
7:30 AM - Annual-Collection Donors
9:30 AM - Memorial-Louis Soares
11:30 AM - 2nd Anniversary-Peter Olobri
Monday, January 6-Christmas Weekday
7:00 AM - The People of Saint Augustine Parish
Tuesday, January 7-Christmas Weekday
7:00 AM - Memorial-Rev. Francis J. Giudice
Wednesday, January 8-Christmas Weekday
7:00AM - In Honor of the Guardian Angels and the Holy Family
Thursday, January 9-Christmas Weekday
7:00 AM - Memorial-Rev. Normand W. Valois
Friday, January 10–Christmas Weekday
7:00 AM - 9th Anniversary-Thomas L. Dwyer
Saturday Vigil-The Baptism of the Lord
4:00 PM - 1st Anniversary-Thomas Riley
Sunday, January 12-The Baptism of the Lord
7:30 AM - 21st Anniversary-Dennis J. O'Connor
9:30 AM - 14th Anniversary-John R. Cosentino, Esq.
11:30 AM - Birthday Remembrance-Alfred Feole

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Your intention will not be published but will be prayed for by the St. Augustine intercessors.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.

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.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR PARISH

December 22, 2024 Collection	
Sunday Collection	$.....9235.34
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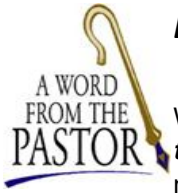


Dear Parishioners,

We celebrate this weekend the ***Solemnity of the Epiphany***. That word, "epiphany," means manifestation, and at the heart of our celebration is the manifestation of Christ to all the nations of the world. Wonderfully, in Bethlehem, He was manifested to the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Joseph on that first Christmas morning; the shepherds came to visit Him and adored the Christ Child in the manger. But they were all waiting for the coming of the Messiah. The Epiphany celebrates the ultimate manifestation of Christ to all the nations, represented by the Magi.

Who are the Magi? They were priests from Persia, which is modern-day Iran; we also know that they were astrologers, studying the stars and science so as to ascertain truth. It was their attention to science and the stars in the sky that awakened a hope in them that something great was about to happen. ***Pope Benedict XVI***, however, writes about how that would not have been enough to motivate them to leave the place where they were and go to Bethlehem. No, something else was at work deep within them. He writes, ***"All kinds of factors could have combined to generate the idea that the language of the star contained a message of hope. But none of this would have prompted people to set off on a journey, unless they were people of inner unrest, people of hope, people on the lookout for the true star of salvation."***

What are the experiences of life that lead us to "inner unrest," those moments when we realize that even all the wonderful things of this world are not enough? So often we are deceived into thinking that our dissatisfaction and disappointment comes from a lack of this world's goods and benefits. What if that feeling is actually because we desire a deeper portion of the life of the world to come? What if what we are really looking for is a deeper experience of God? Where is God calling us to be more and more a "people of hope"? St. Paul tells us that **"hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us"** (Romans 5:5). May we ultimately become, with each passing day in 2025, a "people on the lookout for the true star of salvation."

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Mahar

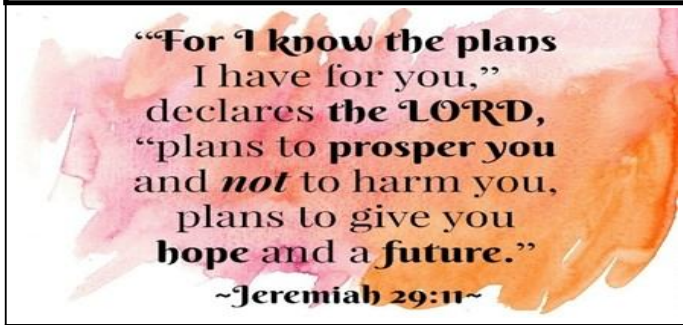
Be sure to tune in to
Father Mahar's weekly sermons at
www.churchofsaintaugustineprov.org on the
Living Sacrifice podcasts
and share with family and friends!

Religious Education

CCD classes for grades one through eight will be cancelled this Sunday, January 5 and Monday January 6 in observance of the New Year holiday. Classes for grades one through six will meet next Sunday, January 12 at 10:30am-11:30am in the school cafeteria. Classes for grades one through six will be cancelled Sunday, January 19 in observance of the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday

Bible Readings for the Week

The Epiphany of the Lord
Sunday
Is 60: 1-6 Ps 72: 1-2, 7-8, 10-13 Eph 3: 2-3, 5-6 Mt 2: 1-12
Monday after Epiphany
Monday
1Jn 3: 22; 4: 6 Ps 2: 7-8, 10-12 Mt 4: 12-17, 23-25
Tuesday after Epiphany
Tuesday
1Jn 4: 7-10 Ps 72: 1-4, 7-8 Mk 6: 34-44
Wednesday after Epiphany
Wednesday
1Jn 4: 11-18; Ps 72: 1-2, 10, 12-13 Mk 6:45-52
Thursday after Epiphany
Thursday
1Jn 4: 19; 5:4 Ps 72: 1-2, 14-15, 17Lk 4: 14-22
Friday after Epiphany
Friday
1Jn 5: 5-13 Ps 147: 12-15, 19-20 Lk 5:12-16
Saturday after Epiphany
Saturday
1Jn 5: 14-21 Ps 149: 1-6, 9 Jn 3: 22-30
The Baptism of the Lord
Sunday
Is 42: 1-4, 6-7 or Is 40: 1-5, 9-11 Ps 29: 1-4, 9-10 or Ps 104: 1-4, 24-25, 27-30 Acts 10: 34-38 or Titus 2: 11-14; 3:4-7 Lk 3: 15-16, 21-22



ChristLife

The next segment of the ChristLife series**"Sharing Christ"** will help prepare us to share Jesus Christ with others and invite them to become part of the Church. We will meet on Wednesday, January 8 at 6:30 pm in O'Brien Hall.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

If, in the presence of this mystery, reason experiences its limits, the heart, enlightened by the grace of the Holy Spirit, clearly sees the response that is demanded, and bows low in adoration and unbounded love.
Pope St. John Paul II

VOLUNTEER PROJECTIONIST NEEDED

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.

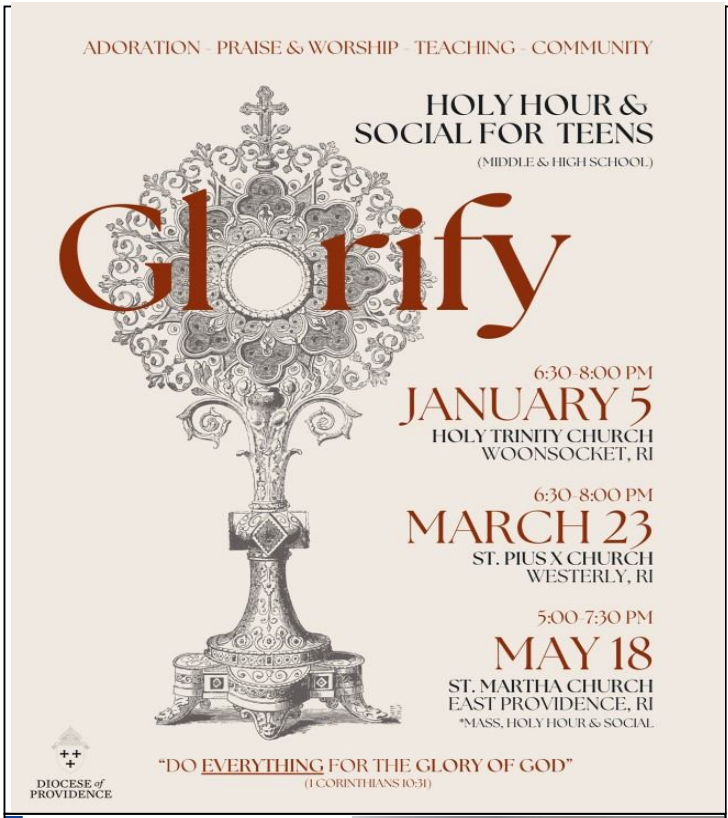
JUBILEE 2025 PRAYER

Father in heaven,
may the *faith* you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of *charity* enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed *hope*
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within
both humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.
Amen

Pope Francis



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Roman Catholic Counselors Needed

A growing number of Catholics are asking for counseling that reflects Catholic values and spirituality in addressing their needs and concerns. The Diocese of Providence is hoping to add to our referral list of Catholic-oriented counselors. Those interested should be a practicing Catholic, embrace the teachings of the Catholic Church and have a valid license to practice counseling.
For further information, please contact Peter Magnotta at 401-278-2517 or pmagnotta@dpvd.org.

The Visitation of the Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Friday, January 10 through Friday, January 31, 2025

The Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be visiting our diocese in various parishes throughout Rhode Island from Friday, January 10 through Friday, January 31, 2025. The image is an exact replica of the original image of Our Lady which She left on the Tilma of Saint Juan Diego in December 1531. The image is among four blessed at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico by the Rector of the Basilica, Msgr. Monroy, to bring conversions, reverence for life, sanctity of the family and solidarity of the Church in America. The Missionary Images are known to have been associated with many miracles and healings.

The schedule and locations are available at the beginning of January by contacting the Diocesan Office of Life and Family Ministry at (401) 278-2518/ LCooey@dpdv.org and by visiting the Diocesan website www.dioceseofprovidence.org/OLG .

God has a plan for each of us!

The **Come & See Discernment Retreat** is for high school seniors, college-aged and post-college age men interested in or curious about the priesthood. It will be held Friday- Saturday, January 10-11
at the Seminary of Our Lady of Providence.

To recommend a man for this retreat, or if you are interested yourself, please contact Rev. Ryan J. Simas, Director of Vocations, at fathersimas@gmail.com
or Rev. Ryan W. Connors, Director of Pre-Ordination Formation, at rconnors@dpvd.org
To sign up please visit catholicpriest.com to complete registration form.

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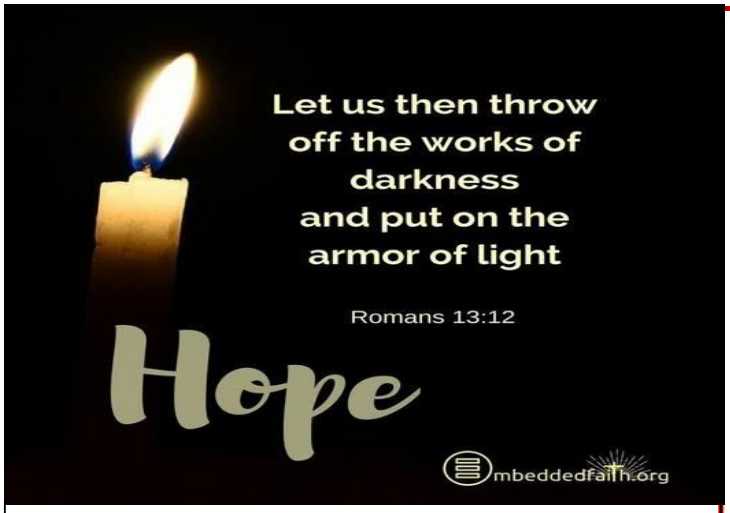
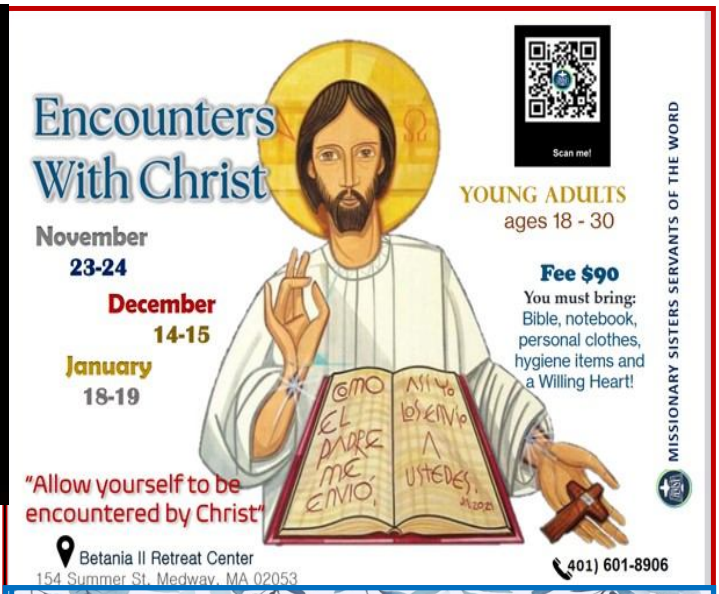
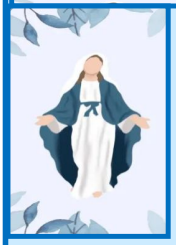
Heavenly Father, look with favor upon this the Church of Providence and grant her a bishop who will govern, sanctify, and teach with the heart of a good shepherd. Grant to this chosen man an increase in the gifts of your Spirit, especially wisdom, fortitude, understanding, and the virtues of faith, hope, and love. Unite this local Church under the guidance of your Spirit, so that your servant might find a people who praise you unceasingly and give glory to the Majesty which is yours alone. Shower your grace upon us, O Lord, that we may soon rejoice in your gift of a holy shepherd who seeks out the lost sheep and carries them home to Heaven, where your faithful shall glorify you without end. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.





Right to Life
hode Island State Right to Life Committee

Rhode Island Right to Life Pro-Life Team is seeking Prayer Warriors to pray the Rosary on Tuesday and Friday mornings 8:30-11:00 am on site of the Ultrasound Van parked near Planned Parenthood 175 Broad Street Providence. Nursing services are provided and nursing volunteers are always welcomed to assist.



As we begin the New Year, we place ourselves under the protection of the Mother of God, who is also our mother. May she help us to keep and ponder all things, unafraid of trials, in the joyful certainty that the Lord is faithful and knows how to change crosses into resurrections. *Pope Francis*

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.

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
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The Saint Augustine Knights of Columbus will host a coffee hour this Sunday, January 5 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.

To find out more about becoming a Knight email Mike Geraghty at mjg1geraghty@hotmail.com

COR CHRISTI

The Knights of Columbus Council No. 10557 in conjunction with the Men of St. Joseph are excited to share the implementation of ***Cor***, a new formation and fraternal opportunity for the men of St. Augustine parish. ***Cor*** exists to form and strengthen Catholic men in faith and virtue as missionary disciples by drawing them into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ through prayer, formation and fraternity. Gatherings will be held on the fourth Saturday of each month in the Sheridan room. Next meeting is **January 25th** at 8:30 am. For more information email John Olobri at jolobri2@verizon.net or call 401-338-6534.

Please join the St. Augustine Council of the Knights of Columbus, Men of St. Joseph, and our friends at Relevant Radio for the

Five First Saturday Devotions

On the first Saturday of each month from January – May

The First Devotion will be on Saturday, January 4, 2025

Beginning with Confessions at 3:00 PM – (continuing until 3:45), the Rosary in music & song at 3:00 PM,
15 Minutes of Private Meditation on the Mysteries of the Rosary at 3:30 PM, and
Holy Mass with reception of the Holy Eucharist at 4:00 PM.
This is an opportunity to fulfill the requests of Our Lady of the Rosary at Fatima and obtain all the benefits promised to those who do.

The remaining First Saturday Devotions will be on February 1, March 1, April 5, and May 3.

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