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Sunday at 7:30,
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First Sunday of the month.
Please call the Rectory
three months prior to
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one year in advance.

DEVOTIONS
Perpetual Novena of Our Lady
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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT– DECEMBER 22, 2024

Mass Intentions

Saturday Vigil-The Fourth Sunday of Advent
4:00 PM - Memorial-Marilyn DePardo
Sunday, December 22--Fourth Sunday of Advent
7:30 AM - The People of Saint Augustine Parish
9:30 AM - 3rd Anniversary-Ralph T. Salvatore
11:30 AM - 3rd Anniversary-Albert A. Menna
Monday, December 23-Advent Weekday
7:00 AM - The People of Saint Augustine Parish
Tuesday, December 24-Advent Weekday
7:00 AM- Gia Noviello
Vigil -The Nativity of the Lord
4:00 PM - no intentions
Wednesday, December 25-The Nativity of the Lord
Midnight - no intentions
8:00AM - no intentions
10:00AM - Intentions of Our Christmas Flowers Fund Donors
Thursday, December 26-Feast of Saint Stephen, First Martyr
7:00 AM - Rev. David A. Piacentini
Friday, December 27-Feast of Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist
7:00 AM - Christmas Memorial-Americo and Anna Procaccini
Saturday Vigil-Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
4:00 PM - 5th Anniversary-Joseph DiLucia
Sunday, December 29-Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
7:30 AM - Memorial-Beverly and Gene A. Rossi, Sr.
9:30 AM - 10th Anniversary-Stella DiManna
Birthday Memorial-Natalie Petrucci
11:30 AM - Birthday Memorial-David Costantino and Edward Ricci

Our elderly religious who have given a lifetime of service, thank you for your generous donations to the Religious Retirement Fund. You may still help by visiting: Retirereligious.org.

December 15, 2024 Collection

Sunday Collection	$.....8320.66
Electronic Giving	$.....2299.88
TOTAL	$.....10,620.54
Poor Box.....	$.....4377.00
Annual Collection.....	$ 5897.82

Dear Parishioners,

This week we enter once again into the wonderful ***Christmas Season*** as we celebrate the Incarnation and the God who dwells among us. Christmas has a peculiar way of awakening the child in each of us and rekindling cherished memories of family, friends and loved ones. Some of my favorite memories as a child are centered around Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Each year, when I was a child, I would go to Mass with my family on Christmas Eve and then we would spend the evening at our cousins' home nearby. More recently, during my time serving as rector of the Seminary of Our Lady of Providence, I was invited to join some dear friends from St. Augustine Parish for their annual celebration of ***La Vigilia***! For a decade now I have celebrated each Christmas Eve with them, a traditional Italian feast that includes the seven fishes and a whole lot of Christmas joy. I never would have guessed, back when I started to attend this beautiful celebration, that I would eventually be assigned here to St. Augustine Church as the pastor.

What are the traditions that you celebrate each year at Christmas? This weekend we celebrate "***Bambinelli Sunday***," a tradition taken from Rome where the Pope blesses the figure of the Christ Child that will later be placed in the Christmas creche. We will bless all the "Bambini" this weekend in anticipation of the Nativity that is set up in your own home. Of course, the greatest tradition that we could ever celebrate is found here each day at St. Augustine's Church. I am grateful to God that the heart of your celebration is around the altar of the Lord and ***the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass***. The God who was born in Bethlehem comes to dwell among us every time that we celebrate the Sacred Liturgy.

This Christmas, please know that Fr. Jacob and I will be offering the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for you and your family as we celebrate the Incarnation. May the blessings you receive from the Eucharist overflow into everything you bring to each of your celebrations with family and friends this year. ***Merry Christmas!***

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 a friend!*

Christmas Flowers

Thank you to all who have so very generously donated to beautify our sacred church space during this holy season. As an expression of gratitude, Christmas Day Mass at 10:00am will be offered for the intentions of our donors.

Religious Education

CCD classes for grades one through six will meet this Sunday, December 22, from 10:30am-11:30am in the school cafeteria. CCD classes for all grades will be cancelled Sunday, December 29 and Monday, December 30 in observance of the Nativity of our Lord. Classes for all grades will be cancelled Sunday, January 5 and Monday, January 6 in observance of the New Year holiday.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

The Children's Liturgy of the Word will be celebrated Sunday, December 22 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

Fourth Sunday of Advent
Sunday
Mi 5: 1-4 Ps 80: 2-3, 15-16, 18-19 Heb 10: 5-10 Lk 1: 39-45
Monday
Mal 3: 1-4, 23-24 Ps 25: 4-5, 8-10, 14 Lk 1: 57-66
Tuesday
2Sm 7: 1-5, 8-12, 14, 16 Ps 89: 2-5,27, 29 Lk 1: 67-79
The Nativity of the Lord Vigil
Is 62: 1-5 Ps 89: 4-5, 16-17, 27,29 Acts 13: 16-17, 22-25 Mt 1:1-25
The Nativity of the Lord Midnight
Is 9: 1-6 Ps 96: 1-3, 11-13 Ti 2: 11-14 Lk 2: 1-14
The Nativity of the Lord
Is 52: 7-10, Ps 98: 1-6 Heb 1: 1-6 Jn 1: 1-18
Thursday
Feast of Saint Stephen, First Martyr
Acts 6: 8-10; 7: 54-59 Ps 31: 3-4, 8, 16-17 Mt 10: 17-22
Friday
Feast of Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist
1Jn 1: 1-4 Ps 97: 1-2, 5-6, 11-12 Jn 20: 1-2, 8
Saturday
Feast of the Holy Innocents
1Jn 1: 5; 2:2 Ps 124: 2-5,7-8 Mt 2: 13-18
Sunday
Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Sir 3: 2-6, 12-14 or 1Sm 1: 20-22, 24-28 Ps 128: 1-5 or Ps 84: 2-3, 5-6, 9-10 Col 3: 12-21 or 3: 12-17 or 1Jn 3: 1-2, 21-24 Lk 2: 41-52

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.

Annual Collection Update

Thank you to all those who have contributed so generously to the Annual Collection. This is the major fund raiser that helps us keep our parish physical plant running. The donations collected to date is $ 77,032.22. There is still time to contribute. Kindly mail in your donation or place it in the collection basket. Just remember to mark your envelope—Annual Collection.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

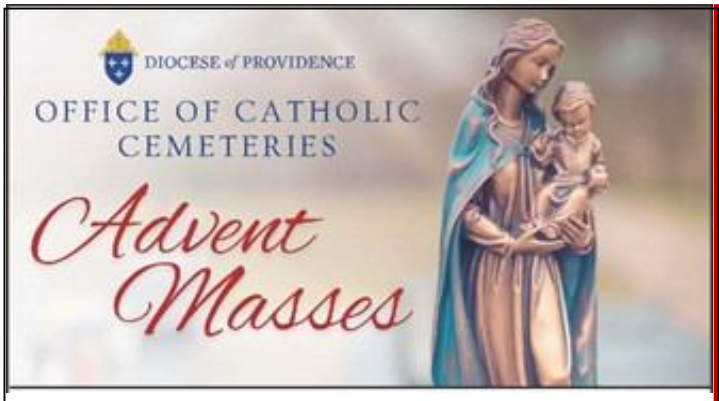
Every Friday
Exposition at 12 Noon
Closing Benediction at 5 PM
You are welcome to stop in anytime to visit with Jesus.

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

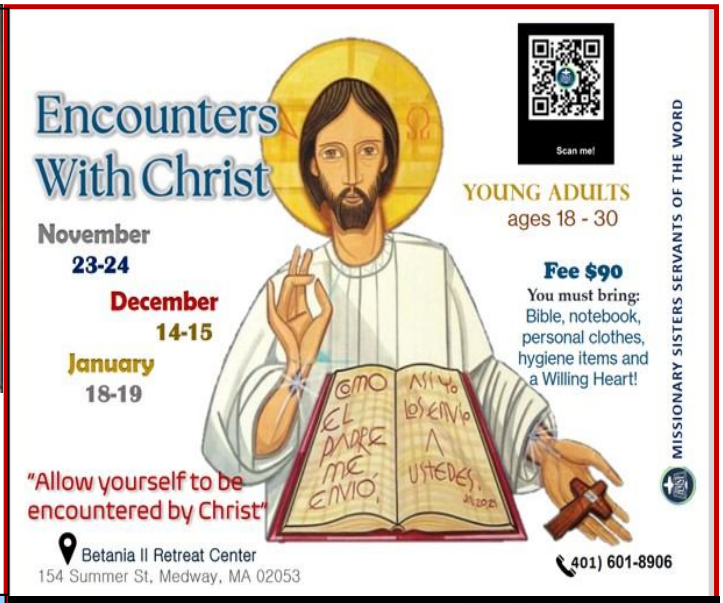
VOLUNTEER PROJECTIONIST NEEDED

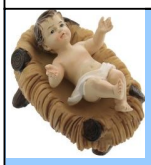
WORSHIP VOLUNTEER

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.



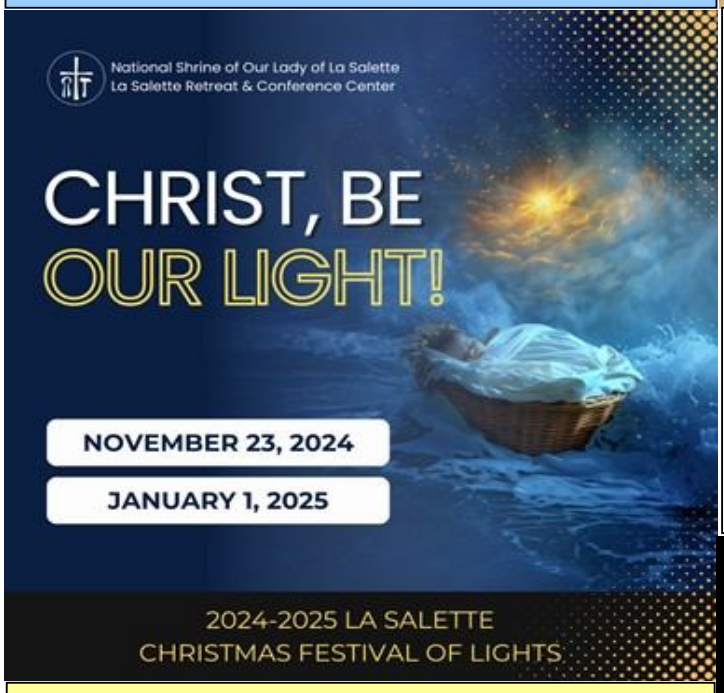
Advent Masses will be celebrated
at all Catholic Cemeteries
December 9 through December 24.
For a schedule of dates and times
call the Catholic Cemetery Office at 944-8383





BAMBINELLI SUNDAY

Each year children gather with their families in St. Peter's Square in Rome for "Bambinelli Sunday." The families bring with them the figure of the Christ Child from their family crèche (Nativity scene) at home, and the figurines are blessed by the Pope. Following this tradition, we'll be celebrating our own "Bambinelli Sunday" here on the **Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 21-22.** You are invited to bring to Mass your figure of the Christ Child from your home crèche. We'll offer a blessing of these figurines at ALL the Masses.



Lights are lit daily from 5PM-9PM
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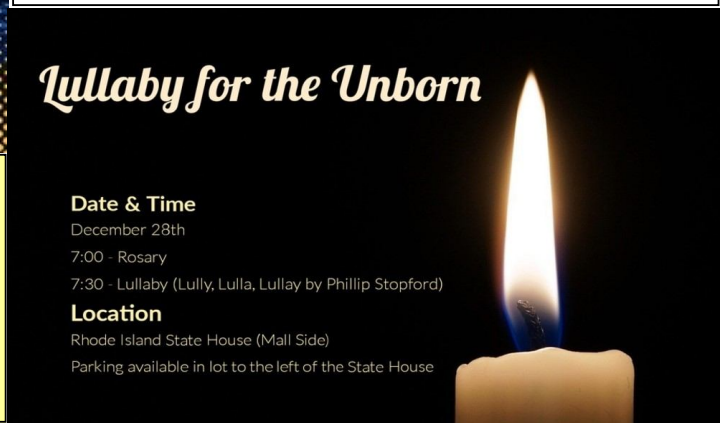

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"Whoever cares for the poor lends to the Lord, who will pay back the sum in full."
- Proverbs 19:17

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 December 28 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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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

The Saint Augustine Knights of Columbus will host a coffee hour Sunday, December 29 after the 9:30 AM 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

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The Elves have been busy at Santa's Workshop...and having lots of fun!

REMEMBER OUR VETERANS AT CHRISTMAS

The Knights of Columbus collected personal items for the veterans at Bristol Veterans Home. Pictured below left are Knights Mike Geraghty and Steven Calise.

I used to pray that God would feed the hungry, or do this or that. But now I pray He will guide me to do whatever I'm supposed to do, what I can do. I used to pray for answers, but now I pray for strength. I used to believe that prayer changes things, but now I know that prayer changes us and we change things.

Mother Teresa

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