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Saturday at 4:00
Sunday at 7:30,
9:30 & 11:30 am

DAILY MASSES
7:00 am
(Monday - Friday)

CONFESSIONS
Saturday from
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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
the 7:00 am Mass

May & October
Rosary & Latin Benediction
Mondays at 7:00 pm

INTERCESSORY PRAYER
staug4prayer@gmail.com

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Fridays 12 Noon to 5 pm

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Mass Intentions

Saturday Vigil-The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 PM - 2nd Anniversary-Ellie O. Aloia

Sunday, January 19-The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 AM - 29th Anniversary-Theresa Catoni
9:30 AM - Memorial-Edwin R. Durango
11:30 AM - Memorial-Attilio and Adele Gizzarelli

Monday, January 20-Weekday
7:00 AM - The People of Saint Augustine Parish

Tuesday, January 21-Weekday
7:00 AM - Memorial-Saverio Maceroni

Wednesday, January 22-Weekday
7:00AM - Memorial-Alex DeLeon

Thursday, January 23-Weekday
7:00 AM - Memorial-Mary Lou Norato

Friday, January 24–Weekday
7:00 AM - Memorial-Msgr. Edward F. Egan

Saturday Vigil-The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 PM - 3rd Anniversary-Philip Viscione

Sunday, January 26-The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 AM - 3rd Anniversary-Joan DiPetrillo
9:30 AM - 1st Anniversary-John M. Mansolillo
11:30 AM - 40th Anniversary-Leo Fusco
29th Anniversary-Gladys Fusco

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THE CHURCH OFFICE
WILL BE CLOSED
MONDAY, JANUARY 20
In observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday

January 12, 2025 Collection	
Sunday Collection	$.....8,157.20
Electronic Giving	$.....2,257.34
TOTAL	$.....10,414.54
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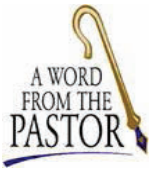


Dear Parishioners,

This ***Wednesday, January 22***, marks the anniversary of the **Supreme Court decision, *Roe Vs. Wade* (1973).** The Church asks all the dioceses in the United States to observe *"a day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion."* If you search the internet for statistics on abortion, the results are varied. Some organizations report that over 630,000 abortions occur in the U.S. each year, while other sources cite over 1 million. From a Catholic perspective, if there were only one child lost each year to abortion it would be an unacceptable tragedy. The overwhelming numbers should move all of us to answer the Church's call to pray.

Does prayer for the unborn really make a difference? I would reply with a resounding, "YES!" Several times in my life I have been in front of abortion clinics in prayer when people have made the sudden decision to walk away and no longer go through with their decision to take the life of their unborn child. On other occasions I have had the privilege of working closely with organizations like the ***Mother of Life Center*** and ***Rhode Island Right to Life*** and to see the difference they are making for persons who have made the choice to keep their child and are seeking support. Just this past Advent and Christmas, so many of the parishioners here at St. Augustine Church contributed to the clothing drive for the Mother of Life Center, and it was a tremendous success! Additionally, groups like ***Project Rachel*** and many others can tell you about countless women who deeply regret their past decisions to have abortions and have now found forgiveness and a new beginning in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Our prayers matter, and they change the world every day.

On this Wednesday, and every day, we continue to offer up our prayers and sacrifices to God, **"who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abndantly far more than all we can ask or imagine"** *(Ephesians 3:20)*.

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Mahar

Religious Education

CCD classes for grades one through six will be cancelled this Sunday, January 19 in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. All CCD classes will resume their normal schedule next Sunday, January 26.

Bible Readings for the Week

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 62: 1-5 Ps 96: 1-3, 7-10 1Cor 12: 4-11 Jn 2: 1-11
Monday
Heb 5: 1-10 Ps 110: 1-4 Mk 2: 18-22
Memorial of Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr
Tuesday
Heb 6: 10-20 Ps 111: 1-2, 4-5, 9-10 Mk 2: 23-28
Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
Wednesday
Heb 7: 1-3, 15-17 Ps 110:1-4 Mk 3: 1-6
Thursday
Heb 7: 25-8: 6 Ps 40: 7-10, 17 Mk 3:7-12
Memorial of Saint Francis de Sales
Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Friday
Heb 8:6-13 Ps 85: 8, 10-14 Mk 3:13-19
Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul
Saturday
Acts 22: 3-16 or Acts 9: 1-22 Ps 117: 1-2 Mk 16:15-18
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Neh 8: 2-6, 8-10 Ps 19: 8-10, 15 1Cor 12:12-30 or 1Cor 12: 12-14, 27 Lk 1:1-4; 4: 14-21

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!

BLOOD DRIVE

St. Augustine Parish

Sunday, February 2, 2025

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

O'Brien Hall

635 Mt. Pleasant Ave, Providence

In Memory of Victoria Rashid

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.

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.

MOTHER OF LIFE CENTER SEEKS PRO-LIFE MEDICAL DIRECTOR

Mother of Life Center
motheroflife.org

The Mother of Life Center in Providence urgently needs a Pro-Life Medical Director to review and sign off on early obstetrical ultrasound scans. While remote review is possible, we would greatly value the presence of a local, active, or retired MD. To join us in our vital mission, contact Executive Director Lise Doyle at (401) 421-0821 or lise@motheroflife.org.

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 22 at 6:30 pm in

"The world needs Christ more than ever, His Salvation, His Merciful Love"
Pope Francis

Right to Life
Rhode 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.

For more information, please contact Mr. Barth Bracy, Executive Director at (401) 521-1860.

DIOCESE of PROVIDENCE

Roman Catholic Counselors Needed

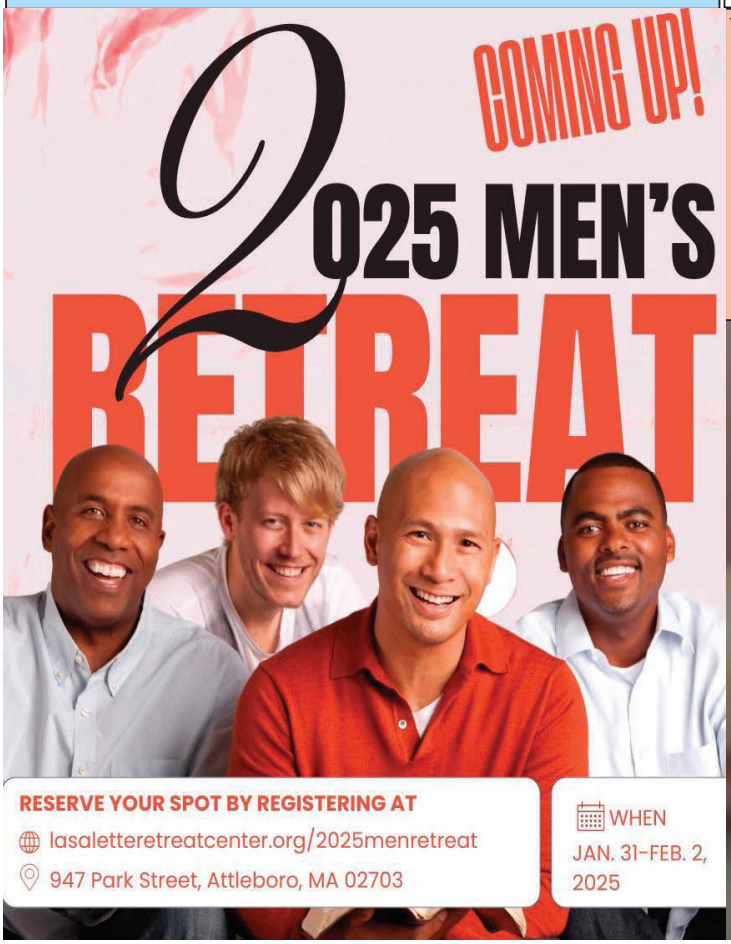
A growing number of Catholics are asking for counseling that reflects Catholic values and spirituality in addressing their needs and concerns. The Diocese of Providence is hoping to add to our referral list of Catholic-oriented counselors. Those interested should be a practicing Catholic, embrace the 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/ LCooley@dpdv.org and by visiting the Diocesan website www.dioceseofprovidence.org/



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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, February 9 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 gathering is **January 25th** at 8:30 am. For more information email John Olobri at jolobri2@verizon.net or call 401-338-6534.

Men of St. Joseph

MOSJI

The Saint Augustine chapter of the Men of Saint Joseph will meet Saturday, January 25th at 8:30 am in the Sheridan Room. Join us to strengthen your relationship with the Blessed Trinity through the study of the scriptures & fellowship with other Catholic men.

We always welcome new members.

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Thank you, Father Mahar!

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 Second Devotion will be on Saturday, February 1, 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 March 1, April 5, and May 3.

~Knights in Action~

With gratitude for all your hard work throughout the year!

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