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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
3:00 to 3:45 pm

### BAPTISMS
First Sunday of the month.
Please call the Rectory
to make arrangements.

### 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

### EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
Fridays 12 Noon to 5 pm

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# Mass Intentions

**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

**Monday, January 27-Weekday**
7:00 AM - Birthday Memorial-Bob Levasseur

**Tuesday, January 28-Memorial of St Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church**
7:00 AM - For the People of Saint Augustine Parish

**Wednesday, January 29-Weekday**
7:00 AM - A Special Intention

**Thursday, January 30-Weekday**
7:00 AM - Mass of Healing-Jillian Craig Smith

**Friday, January 31–Memorial of St John Bosco, Priest**
7:00 AM - Birthday Remembrance-Scott Maloney

**Saturday Vigil-The Presentation of the Lord**
4:00 PM - Memorial-Joshua Camara

**Sunday, February 2-The Presentation of the Lord**
7:30 AM - A Special Intention
9:30 AM - 2nd Anniversary-Anna Vittorio
11:30 AM - Memorial-Ralph and Amalia Rossi

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| January 19, 2025 Collection | |
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| Sunday Collection ..... | $.....12,593.38 |
| Electronic Giving ..... | $.....1,739.96 |
| TOTAL | $.....14,333.34 |
| Catholic University..... | $.....1,297.00 |
| Poor Box..... | $.....396.00 |

## *Dear Parishioners,*

This weekend we enter **Catholic Schools Week** once again. We begin this ***Sunday, January 26 with our Open House at St. Augustine School***. The Open House will run ***from 1:00pm to 3:00pm*** and will offer a great opportunity for us to showcase our wonderful school and its essential mission for Catholic education. St. Augustine School is a huge blessing to our community and has been a special source of pride for me as pastor since I first arrived. We have just under 200 students in Pre-K through 8th Grade and they are filled with faith, hope and love. Our school is led by our principal, Mr. Peter Shaughnessy, along with an outstanding staff of teachers and administrators. Please join me in praying for them all—students and faculty—as we enter Catholic Schools Week!

On ***Monday, January 27*** we will celebrate our ***9:00am School Mass***, commencing this momentous time with a particular focus on the Blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist. ***Tuesday, January 28*** is the ***Feast Day of St. Thomas Aquinas***, one of several patrons of Catholic schools. St. Thomas is one of the most brilliant theologians that the Church has ever seen, but he came to us through humble beginnings. As a young man he was very much overweight and also somewhat slow of speech. His classmates, mistakenly seeing only the externals and missing the beauty and giftedness within, called him the "Dumb Ox." Upon hearing this unkindness his instructor, St. Albert the Great, prophetically stated, "We call this man a dumb ox, but his bellowing in doctrine will one day resound throughout the world." How right he was! St. Thomas' teaching and prayers continue to bless and inspire students everywhere.

This year Catholic Schools Week gives us another reason to celebrate: hope. Pope Francis has called for a ***Jubilee Year of Hope in 2025***. In his document initiating this year he stated that young people are to be commended for the energy they demonstrate in helping others in need. *"The future,"* says Pope Francis, *"depends on their enthusiasm."* He says that the Jubilee Year of Hope should inspire the Church to make greater efforts to reach out to young people and that we should make our concern for them a priority. We pray for all our young people in St. Augustine School this week. They are a shining source of hope for the world we live in. We are proud of you all at St. Augustine School, and grateful to God for the gift that you are!

***Sincerely in Christ,***
***Fr. Mahar***

# Religious Education

CCD classes for grades one through six will meet this Sunday, January 26 from 10:30am to 11:30am in the school cafeteria. CCD classes for grades seven and eight will meet this Monday, January 27 from 7:00pm to 8:00pm in O'Brien Hall.
There will be a First Communion Parents meeting on Sunday, February 9 at 10:30am in O'Brien Hall

## Bible Readings for the Week

**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
**Monday**
Heb 9: 15, 24-28 Ps 98: 1-6 Mk 3: 22-30
**Memorial of Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church**
**Tuesday**
Heb 10: 1-10 Ps 40: 2, 4, 7-8, 10-11 Mk 3: 31-35
**Wednesday**
Heb 10: 11-18 Ps 110: 1-4 Mk 4: 1-20
**Thursday**
Heb 10: 19-25 Ps 24: 1-6 Mk 4: 21-25
**Memorial of Saint John Bosco, Priest**
**Friday**
Heb 10: 32-39 Ps 37: 3-6, 23-24, 39-40 Mk 4: 26-34
**Saturday**
Heb 11: 1-2, 8-19 Lk 1: 69-75 Mk 4: 35-41
**Feast of the Presentation of the Lord**
Mal 3: 1-4 Ps 24: 7-10 Heb 2: 14-18 Lk 2: 22-40 or 2: 22-32

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# Blood Drive

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## St. Augustine's Parish

**Sunday, February 2**
**9:00am-1:00pm**

O'Brien Hall
635 Mt. Pleasant Avenue, Providence

Join us to donate to be entered into a drawing for multiple gifts!

**Sign up** at ribc.org/drives and use code #2609

Please remember to eat, drink, and bring your ID with your name and photo. Appointments are preferred however walk-ins will be welcomed if space permits. Visit ribc.org/coronavirus for COVID-19 safety protocols.

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# 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.

# *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 29 at 6:30 pm in O'Brien Hall.

Mother of Life Center
motheroflife.org

## MOTHER OF LIFE CENTER SEEKS PRO-LIFE MEDICAL DIRECTOR

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.

**The Diocese of Providence Annual Mass for Life**

Sunday, January 26 at 5pm at Immaculate Conception Church
237 Garden Hills Drive, Cranston, RI

*The missionary image of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be present for veneration before Mass.*

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

**PRAYER FOR SEMINARIANS**

Lord Jesus Christ, we pray for these men whom You have called to discern priesthood. We beg Your continued blessings on our Diocese and families. Call forth even more men of generous spirit and fervent love whom You desire for this holy work. 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
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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.**

## 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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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.

# 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. For more information email John Olobri at jolobri2@verizon.net or call 401-338-6534.

## Men of St. Joseph

The Saint Augustine chapter of the Men of Saint Joseph would like to invite new members to join us to strengthen our relationship with the Blessed Trinity through the study of the scriptures & fellowship with other Catholic men.

**We always welcome new members.**

**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.**

# St. Augustine School

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

***The Mission of Saint Augustine School is to follow the Way, the Truth, and the Life of Christ while nurturing prayerful, responsible, and compassionate members of society. By challenging our students to strive for excellence, they will become well-rounded individuals with strong character, knowledge, and faith.***

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