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SUNDAY MASSES
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.
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MARRIAGE
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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
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EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
Fridays 12 Noon to 5 pm

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Mass Intentions

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
Monday, February 3-Weekday
7:00 AM - 1st Anniversary-Dorothy R. Calise
Tuesday, February 4-Weekday
7:00 AM - For the People of Saint Augustine Parish
Wednesday, February 5-Memorial of Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr
7:00 AM - Month's Mind-Dan Nador
Thursday, February 6-Memorial of Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs
7:00 AM - A Special Intention
Friday, February 7–Weekday
7:00 AM - 27th Anniversary-Americo J. Procaccini
Saturday Vigil-The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 PM - Memorial-Albert and Julia Johnson
Sunday, February 9-The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 AM - 4th Anniversary-Andrew J. Walsh IV
9:30 AM - 1 Yr. Anniversary-Pat and May McCarthy
11:30 AM - Deceased Members of the Saint Augustine Choir

HELP US TO UPDATE OUR PARISH RECORDS
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January 26, 2025 Collection	
Sunday Collection	$.....7,258.38
Electronic Giving	$.....2,503.92
TOTAL	$.....9,762.30
Latin America.....	$.....1,519.00
Poor Box.....	$.....291.00

Dear Parishioners,

The Liturgical Year affords us a unique opportunity to learn more about our Catholic faith as we celebrate the sacred mysteries it announces. We are blessed in our Church to have these wonderful seasons of Advent and Christmas, Lent and Easter, Solemnities, Feasts, Memorials and Ordinary Time. They help to remind us of the many different ways that God enters into our lives and how blessed we are in every season.

The Liturgical calendar is also filled with many surprises. Did you know, for instance, that the Feast we celebrate this weekend—***the Presentation of the Lord***—marks the final culmination of Christmas? *"Christmas?,"* you're thinking, *"I thought that ended weeks ago!"* Yes, the Christmas Season "officially" ended with the Baptism of the Lord, and then we entered into Ordinary Time; yet the introductory address for our Mass this weekend announces:

"Dear brothers and sisters, forty days have passed since we celebrated the joyful feast of the Nativity of the Lord . . ."

This weekend we break out the white vestments and it is as if Christmas comes rushing back one more final time to remind us of the wonder of the incarnation!

The day after the Feast of the Presentation, on February 3, the liturgical calendar gives us the ***Optional Memorial of St. Blase***. This 4th century saint is known especially for the blessing of the throats associated with his intercession:

"Through the intercession of Saint Blase, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and every other illness . . ."

Of course, the blessing of the throats usually reminds us that the liturgical season of Lent is near . . . but not this year! Lent will not arrive for more than another month when we celebrate ***Ash Wednesday*** on ***March 5*** (much later this year than last).

In the meantime, we enjoy these days of ordinary time and open our hearts to all of God's extraordinary grace and mercy in the sacred liturgy and in our everyday lives.

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Mahar

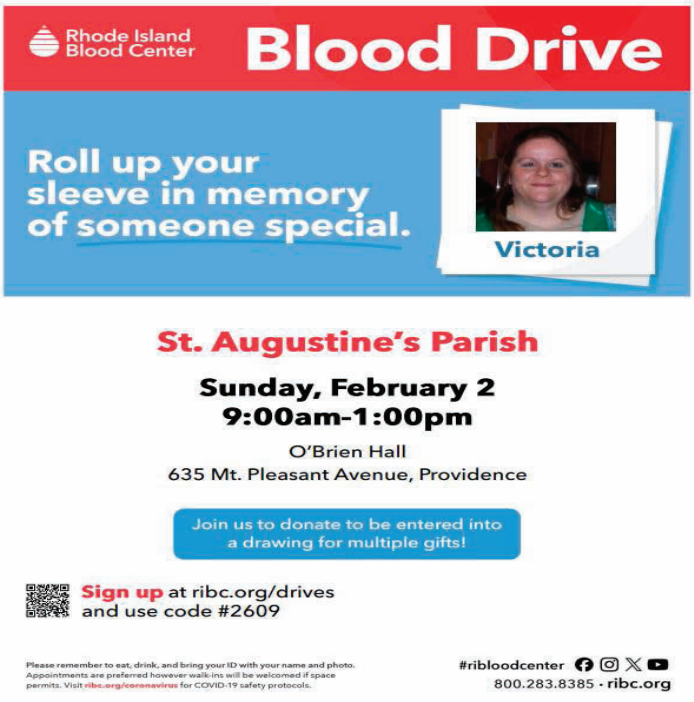
*Following all Masses this weekend there will be an opportunity to receive the **Blessing of the Throats**.*

Religious Education

CCD classes for grades one through six will meet this Sunday, February 2nd from 10:30am to 11:30am in the school cafeteria. The First Communion Parents Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 9th at 10:30am in O'Brien Hall. CCD classes for grades one through six will be cancelled Sunday, February 16th in observance of the Presidents Day holiday.

Bible Readings for the Week

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
Monday
Heb 11: 32-40 Ps 31: 20-24 Mk 5: 1-20
Tuesday
Heb 12: 1-4 Ps 22: 26-28, 30-32 Mk 5: 21-43
Memorial of Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr
Wednesday
Heb 12: 4-7, 11-15 Ps 103: 1-2, 13-14, 17-18 Mk 6: 1-6
Memorial of Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs
Thursday
Heb 12: 18-19,21-24 Ps 48: 2-4, 9-11 Mk 6: 7-13
Friday
Heb 13: 1-8 Ps 27: 1, 3, 5, 8-9 Mk 6: 14-29
Saturday
Heb 13: 15-17, 20-21 Ps 23: 1-6 Mk 6: 30-34
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 6: 1-8 Ps 138: 1-5, 7-8 1Cor 15: 1-11 or 15: 3-8, 11 Lk 5: 1-11



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

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

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, February 5 at 6:30 pm in O'Brien Hall.

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.

Catholic Charity Appeal

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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.

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

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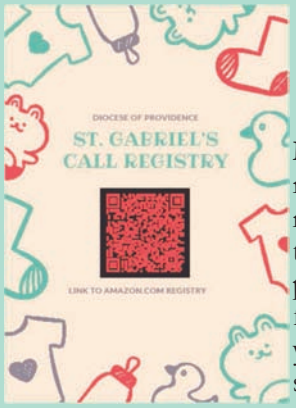
RI Catholic's annual Subscription Drive is underway. Your diocesan newspaper depends on its faithful readers to continue its mission of bringing the good news of the Church directly to you. If you are interested in starting a new subscription or continuing to receive the paper in your mailbox each week, please either drop the specially marked parish budget envelope into the collection basket at Mass, call Circulation Manager Sue Richard at 272-1010 ext. 0, or visit www.thericatholic.com. The cost for one year is only $30. Make checks payable to Rhode Island Catholic.



St. Gabriel's Call

MISSION To respect all life and to reach out to women who are pregnant, desperate, and in need through a confidential intervention program to help make things easier for mothers-to-be during and beyond pregnancy in a local and personalized way.

BECOME A VOLUNTEER St. Gabriel's Call also recruits and trains volunteers at the parish level to work with women and families facing problem pregnancies delivering a message of hope and support.

Visit dioceseofprovidence.org/support-during-pregnancy.

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

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OFFICE OF LIFE AND FAMILY MINISTRY

The St. Matthias Recovery Ministry of the Diocese of Providence is now offering ***Masses for Recovery*** at St. Anthony Church, 2836 East Main Rd., Portsmouth, RI and continues to offer the ***Hope and Cope Recovery Support Group*** at St. Barnabas Church , 1697 East Main Rd., Portsmouth, RI.

The Masses for Recovery provide an opportunity for people impacted by drug and alcohol issues or mental health distress to come together in faith to encounter God's love and grace with special prayer intentions dedicated to recovery. They will be offered at 4pm on Saturdays April 26, July 26, and October 25.

Visit dioceseofprovidence.org/recovery-st-matthias-ministry for more information.

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. The next gathering will be held on Saturday, February 22 at 8:30am 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. The next meeting is Saturday, February 22 at 8:30am in the Sheridan Room.

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 Third Devotion will be on Saturday, March 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 April 5, and May 3.

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Morning of Reflection for Women

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Father Jacob Raju, HGN

Heralds of the Good News

Exploring "Opening the Holy Door" by Joan Watson

"Reflecting on the panels of the Holy Door through their art and scripture" with Renee McInnis

Saturday, February 8

Coffee'An following the 8:00am Mass in the McNamara Building

RSVP: Kathy Arpin @ katie00246@aol.com or 401.949.0632

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