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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.
Please call the Rectory
to make arrangements.

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
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Mondays at 7:00 pm

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EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
Fridays 12 Noon to 5 pm

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Mass Intentions

Saturday Vigil-The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 PM - Memorial-Albert and Julie 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 - Memorial-Ralph and Amalia Rossi

Monday, February 10-Memorial of Saint Scholastica, Virgin
7:00 AM - The People of Saint Augustine Parish

Tuesday, February 11-Our Lady of Lourdes
7:00 AM - Archbishop George H. Pearce, SMDD

Wednesday, February 12-Weekday
7:00 AM - A Special Intention for Healing

Thursday, February 13-Weekday
7:00 AM - Memorial-Vincent J. and Shirley C. Dyndur

Friday, February 14–Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop
7:00 AM - Memorial-Gia Noviello

Saturday Vigil-The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 PM - Memorial-Robert and Josephine Capuano

Sunday, February 16-The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 AM - 41st Anniversary-Edward D. Maccarone
9:30 AM - Memorial-Domenic and Marie Ranallo
11:30 AM - Memorial-Linda Reid

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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.

February 2, 2025 Collection

Sunday Collection	$.....7,519.37
Electronic Giving	$.....2,492.26
TOTAL	$.....10,011.51
Monthly Building and Maintenance	$.....2,410.00
Poor Box.....	$.....847.00

Dear Parishioners,

A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

This Tuesday, on 11 February, we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. While it is not a major feast day in the Church (it is an optional memorial), it has a major impact through its connection with the Church's annual observance of the ***World Day of the Sick***. In 1992, St. John Paul II instituted the World Day of the Sick and arranged for it to be observed on the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. He had in mind the six million pilgrims who travel to the Marian shrine at Lourdes each year seeking healing and consolation from their sickness. The Vatican publishes an annual message for this important day. The celebration of the World Day of the Sick was one of the activities that I was occupied with during my time working for the Vatican from 2018-2023. In 2019, I was able to travel with our team to Calcutta, India and celebrate the World Day of the Sick with many local cardinals, bishops, priests, religious and gifted lay people; it remains one of my most memorable moments working for the Holy See.

Pope Francis, in his ***33rd Message for the World Day of the Sick*** this Tuesday, has focused on three things that are significant for those who bear the cross of sickness in our time. ***Firstly, he notes how sickness opens us up to the profound and transformative encounter with God***. *"God does not abandon us,"* he writes, *"and often amazes us by granting us a strength that we never expected, and would never have found on our own."* ***Secondly, he notes how God draws near to us as a gift***, helping us to recognize His presence and the power of hope. ***Finally, the Pope highlights how an amazing capacity for sharing*** exists in the relationship between the suffering person and those who care for him or her. He says that, *"we need to learn how to cherish the gentle smile of a nurse, the gratitude and trust of a patient, the caring face of a doctor or volunteer, or the anxious and expectant look of a spouse, a child, a grandchild or a dear friend."* All of these, he says, become a ray of light and a spark of hope on the journey that ultimately leads us closer to God.

This World Day of the Sick I would like to ask you to pray in a particular way for all of the suffering and sick persons of St. Augustine Parish who are currently bearing the burden of illness. Together we can do so much to remind them, by our prayers and solidarity, that they are not alone and that we love them. Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Lourdes and Help of the Sick, pray for us.

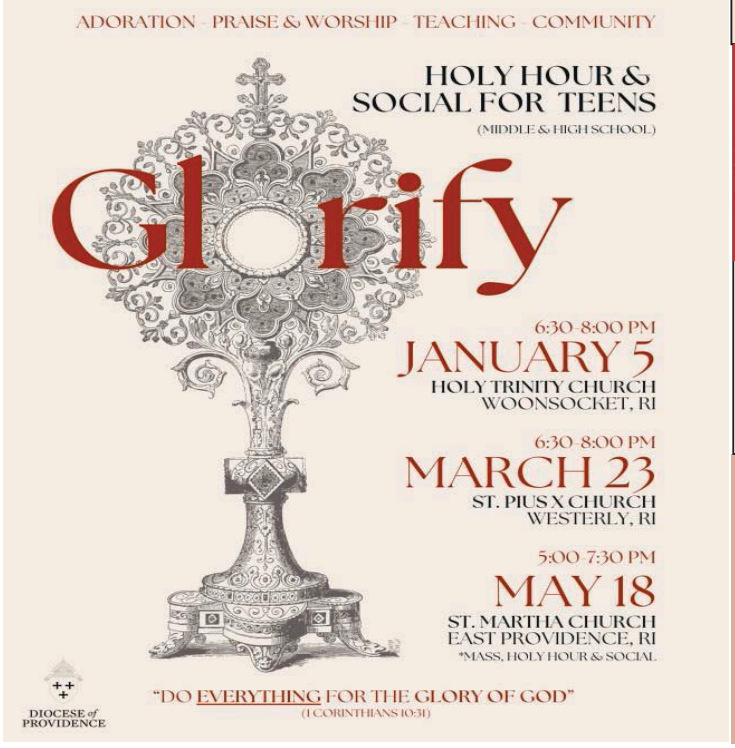
Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Mahar

Religious Education

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

Bible Readings for the Week

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 6: 1-8 Ps 138: 1-5, 7-8 1Cor 15: 1-11 Lk 5: 1-11
Memorial of Saint Scholastica, Virgin
Monday
Gn 1: 1-19 Ps 104: 1-2,5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35 Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday
Gn 1: 20; 2: 4 Ps 8: 4-9 Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday
Gn 2: 4-9, 15-17 Ps 104: 1-2, 27-30 Mk 7: 14-23
Thursday
Gn 2: 18-25 Ps 128: 1-5 Mk 7: 24-30
Memorial of Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop
Friday
Gn 3: 1-8 Ps 32: 1-2, 5-7 Mk 7: 31-37
Saturday
Gn 3: 9-24 Ps 90: 2-6, 12-13 Mk 8: 1-10
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jer 17: 5-8 Ps 1: 1-4, 6 1Cor 15: 12, 16-20 Lk 6: 17, 20-26



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.

Rhode Island Blood Center

*Thank you from the Rhode Island Blood Center. Your generous donation of **22 PINTS** of blood will benefit **66 people!***

And to our parishioners who so generously gave their time and effort to make the event a success...Thank you and may God bless you!

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 12 at 6:30 pm in O'Brien Hall.

Rhode Island Catholic

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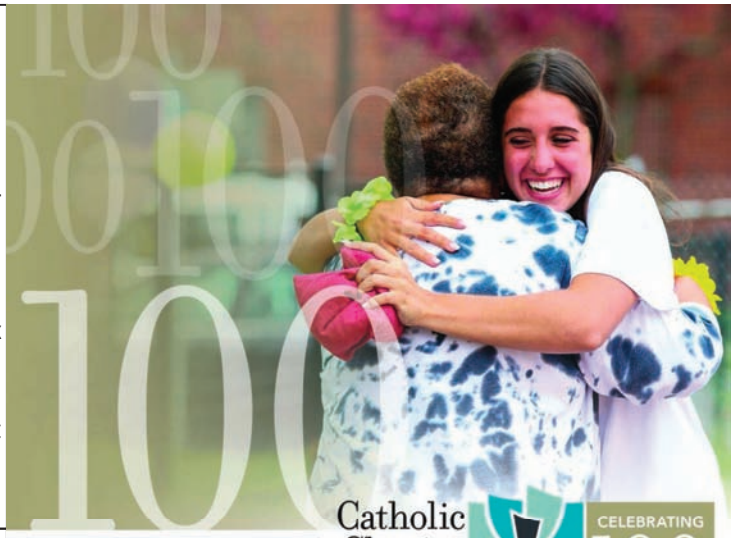


Right to Life

hode Island State Right to Life Committee

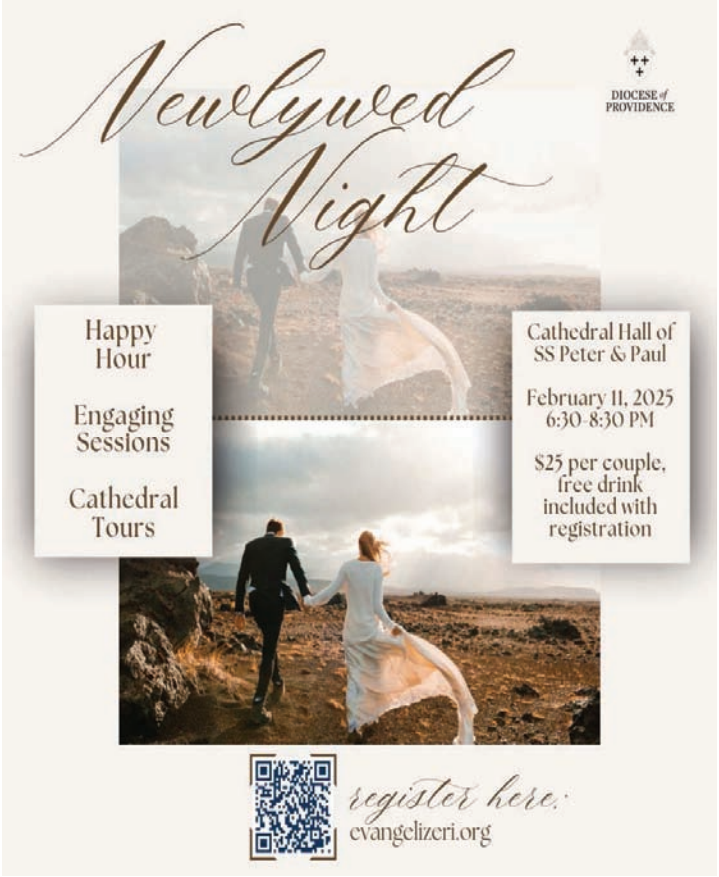
Rhode Island Right to Life Pro-Life Team is seeking Prayer Warriors to pray the Rosary on Tuesday and Friday mornings 8:30-11:00 am on site of the Ultrasound Van parked near Planned Parenthood 175 Broad Street Providence.

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.

Young Adult Lenten Retreat
Saturday, March 1, 2025
8:00am—2:00pm
Cathedral of SS Peter and Paul

Join us for our Lenten Retreat Day with inspiring talks given by experienced, faithful disciples; opportunities for Mass, prayer, and spiritual direction, engaging discussions, and lively **young adult community**. We will spend our day reflecting upon Suffering and How to Suffer with Humility and Grace. Register at evangelize.org/events/young-adult-lenten-retreat-1.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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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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