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Saturday at 4:00
Sunday at 7:30,
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CONFESSIONS
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Mass Intentions

Saturday Vigil-The Fourth Sunday of Lent
4:00 PM - Mary Ricottilli-4th Anniversary

Sunday, March 30-The Fourth Sunday of Lent
7:30 AM - David Grassini-Memorial
9:30 AM - Robert and Jessica Barrett-Birthday Memorial
11:30 AM - Gia Noviello-1st Anniversary

Monday, March 31-Lenten Weekday
7:00 AM - The People of Saint Augustine Parish

Tuesday, April 1-Lenten Weekday
7:00 AM - Gia Noviello-1st Anniversary

Wednesday, April 2-Lenten Weekday
7:00 AM - Joseph Allaire-8th Anniversary

Thursday, April 3-Lenten Weekday
7:00 AM - Living and Deceased Members of the Primeau and Vernile Families

Friday, April 4–Lenten Weekday
7:00 AM - Michael Tavone-18th Anniversary

Saturday Vigil-The Fifth Sunday of Lent
4:00 PM - The Yepes Family-Memorial

Sunday, April 6-The Fifth Sunday of Lent
7:30 AM - Vincent Catauro, Sr.-27th Anniversary
Mary E. Catauro-26th Anniversary
9:30 AM - Louis Soares-Memorial
11:30 AM - Rhonda Connors-Memorial

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If you have moved or changed your phone number please call 831-3503 or email staugprov@verizon.net.

March 22-23, 2025 Collection	
Sunday Collection	$.....9,376.87
Electronic Giving	$.....2,340.61
TOTAL	$.....11,717.48
Poor Box.....	$.....363.00

A Letter From Our Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we celebrate "Laetare Sunday." The word "Laetare" is Latin for "Rejoice," and we take it from the *Entrance Antiphon* of this Sunday's Mass: **"Rejoice, Jerusalem! Be glad because of her, all you who love her"** or ***"Laetare, Ierusalem, et conventum facite, omnes qui diligitis eam"*** (see Isaiah 66:10). We rejoice because we have rounded the corner and we are now more than half-way through the Lenten Season. We rejoice because God draws near to encourage us and give us strength. We rejoice because we are the children of God and we are loved!

When I was a recently ordained priest, just beginning my service in the Church, I had an enlightening "Laetare Sunday" experience. A small group of very devout volunteers had taken a good deal of time to decorate the sanctuary of the Church. True to the Lenten season, they had neatly stacked up two piles of dry, old tree branches on either side of the tabernacle to signify our journey through the desert. That weekend, however, the temperatures began to soar and it was really sunny outside; those branches began to blossom and bloom right there in the sanctuary! Even nature was rejoicing on that Laetare Sunday.

What are the signs this Laetare Sunday that remind us of our need to rejoice and thank God? It could be the joy we receive in being forgiven and loved by God, and being members of His Body, the Church. It could be the gift of your family and friends who are close to you this Lent or those that you are looking forward to seeing this Easter. God is so generous with us that there are always reasons to rejoice.

I would invite you to gather and rejoice with the Church this Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 7:00pm for our annual **Parish Mission**! This year ***Fr. Nathan Ricci*** joins us for a mission on ***"Seeking Virtue with Saint Joseph Our Guide."*** Fr. Ricci is Vice Chancellor of the Diocese, and also serves as the Director of the Office of Divine Worship. He lives up the street at Our Lady of Providence Seminary, where he helps form the future priests of the Church. Fr. Ricci is a great friend and a wonderful priest, and his mission will be an outstanding way for us to rejoice in the Lord and prepare our hearts in this Lenten Season.

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Mahar

Faith Formation

CCD Classes for grades one through six will meet this Sunday, March 30 from 10:30am to 11:30am in the school cafeteria.
CCD classes for grades one through six will be cancelled Sunday, April 13 in observance of spring recess.
CCD classes for grades one through six will be cancelled Sunday , April 20 in observance of the Resurrection of the Lord.
The final CCD class for grades one through six and grades seven through nine will be Sunday, April 27 and Monday, April 28.

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 Saturday Vigil at 4:00pm and 11:30am Mass 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.

Please pray for our fifteen Confirmation candidates who will be confirmed by Bishop Evans at the Cathedral of SS Peter and Paul on Sunday, April 6.

Readings for the Week of March 30

The Fourth Sunday of Lent
Joshua 5: 9-12 Ps 34: 2-7 2Cor 5: 17-21 Lk 15: 1-3, 11-32
Monday of the Fourth Week of Lent
Is 65: 17-21 Ps 30: 2, 4-6, 11-13 Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday of the Fourth Week of Lent
Ez 47: 1-9, 12 Ps 46: 2-3, 5-6, 8-9 Jn 5: 1-16
Wednesday of the Fourth Week of Lent
Is 49: 8-15 Ps 145: 8-9, 13-14, 17-18 Jn 5: 17-30
Thursday of the Fourth Week of Lent
Ez 32: 7-14 Ps 106: 19-23 Jn 5: 31-47
Friday of the Fourth Week of Lent
Wis 2: 1, 12-22 Ps 34: 17-21, 23 Jn 7: 1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday of the Fourth Week of Lent
Jer 11: 18-20 Ps 7: 2-3, 9-12 Jn 7: 40-53
The Fifth Sunday of Lent
Ez 37: 12-14 Ps 130: 1-8 Rom 8: 8-11 Jn 11: 1-45

Monday Lenten Meditations

7:00 pm - 8:00pm
Saint Augustine Church

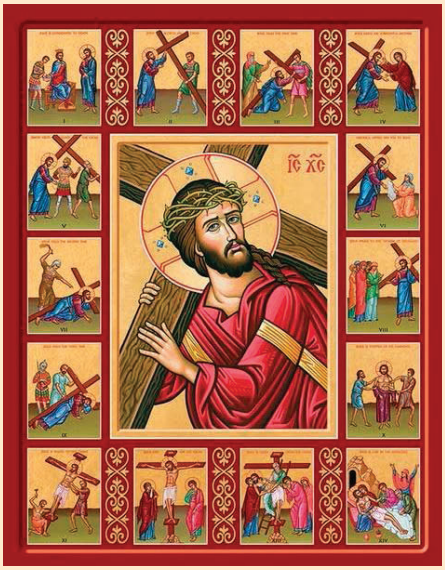
Parish Mission with Fr. Nathan Ricci

"Seeking Virtue with Saint Joseph our Guide"

March 31: "Joseph, the Saint of Fortitude"
April 1: "Joseph, the Saint of Humility"
April 2: "Joseph, the Saint of Chastity"

April 7: Fr Yacob Raju Garikimukkula

Stations of the Cross



Fridays of Lent 7:00 PM

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On April 26, 2025, the Men of St Joseph International will hold its Annual Men's Conference at Saint Philip's Parish Center, Greenville, RI.

The keynote speaker will be **Dave Nodar**, Founder and Director of **ChristLife Ministries**. Rev. Michael Najim, the Men of St Joseph chaplain, will also speak.

For more information and to register online or by mail, visit http://www.mosji.org/events.php or email mosji72@gmail.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 on Saturday, April 26 at 8:45am in the Sheridan Room.

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

The Fourth Devotion will be on Saturday, April 5, 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 Devotion is May 3

Saint Augustine Knights of Columbus Free Throw Basketball Challenge!

CONGRATULATIONS!!!
3rd Grade Winner Luciano W. Marsocci
and
8th Grade Winner Patrick Wingate!

The Free Throw Challenge was "wildly successful"! It's interesting how a ball can instill in a child the virtues of working hard, persistence, determination, team work...parents were very impressed and at times moved to tears. This was their child's opportunity to shine on the court and in life.

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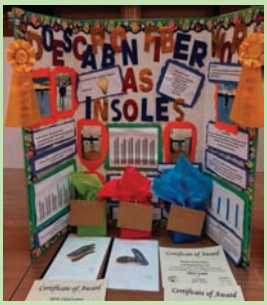

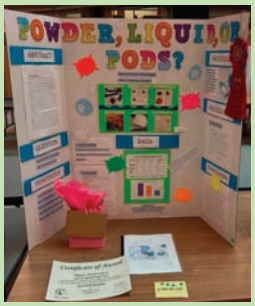

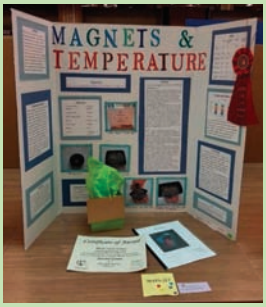

Ahhh.....Tradition! Grade Eight vs. Faculty Basketball!

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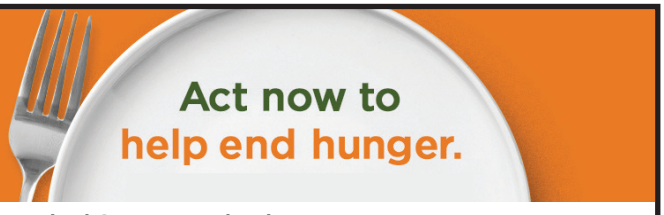

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