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(Monday - Friday)

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3:00 to 3:45 pm

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Mass Intentions

Saturday Vigil-The Second Sunday of Lent
4:00 PM - Rose Mancini-13th Anniversary

Sunday, March 23-The Third Sunday of Lent
7:30 AM - The People of Saint Augustine Parish
9:30 AM - John S. Palazzo-10th Anniversary
11:30 AM - Kathleen Magro-1st Anniversary

Monday, March 24-Lenten Weekday
7:00 AM - The People of Saint Augustine Parish

Tuesday, March 25-Lenten Weekday
7:00 AM - Sandra Actis-4th Anniversary

Wednesday, March 26-Lenten Weekday
7:00 AM - John Primeau-Living

Thursday, March 27-Lenten Weekday
7:00 AM - Alice Herchen-Memorial

Friday, March 28–Lenten Weekday
7:00 AM - Rachel Blackmar-Memorial

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-Month's Mind
9:30 AM - Robert and Jessica Barrett-Birthday Memorial
11:30 AM - Gia Noviello-1st Anniversary

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March 15-16, 2025 Collection	
Sunday Collection	$.....7,893.89
Electronic Giving	$.....2,233.64
TOTAL	$.....10,127.53
Poor Box.....	$.....354.00

A Letter From Our Pastor

Dear Parishioners,
How is your preparation for Christmas going? I know, you are probably thinking, *"Huh? You mean Easter, not Christmas!"* We are in Lent, after all, and not Advent! But this week we catch a little glimpse of the birth of Christ in the **Solemnity of the Annunciation** on Tuesday, March 25 (*not* a Holy Day of Obligation). The Church always observes this day, exactly nine months before Christmas, to remember the Blessed Virgin Mary and her "Fiat," or "Yes" to God. The Angel Gabriel was sent to her from God to announce, **"Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus"** (*Luke 1:31*).
We will hear this same Gospel passage several times in the Advent Season and on many of the major feasts of the Blessed Virgin Mary. But what lessons can we learn from the Annunciation in the *Lenten* Season?

Firstly, we learn that God takes the initiative and comes to us in our deepest need. The world needed a savior, and God sent Gabriel to announce to the Blessed Virgin Mary that one was on the way! In the Lenten Season we are reminded of our need for a deeper relationship with Christ and the longing to be spiritually prepared to celebrate the Resurrection. God comes to us first, and begins to prepare our souls by His divine grace so that we will enter Lent with hearts ready to love Him and those around us.

Secondly, the Annunciation reminds us that our cooperation with God makes a world of difference for our own spiritual journey and for those around us. Mary said, "Yes," and brought us all the gift of God's own Son. When we say "Yes" to God this Lent, not only do we grow in our spiritual lives, but we also allow the light of faith to shine in the hearts of those around us.

Finally, the Blessed Virgin Mary teaches us that every vocation and life lived for God involves a participation in the Lord's cross. Mary gave birth to the Child in Bethlehem, but she was also there at the foot of the cross when He died. Days later she gathered with the Church in prayer and sang the praises of God. Our sharing in the cross this Lent will be a challenge, but bearing the cross of Christ also means we will share more fully in His resurrection! May this week's Solemnity of the Annunciation be a blessing for you and your family as we continue our journey toward Easter.

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Mahar

Faith Formation

CCD Classes for grades one through six will meet this Sunday, March 23 from 10:30am to 11:30am in the school cafeteria.

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.

Readings for the Week of March 23

The Third Sunday of Lent
Ex 3: 1-8, 13-15 Ps 103: 1-4, 6-8, 11 1Cor 10: 1-6, 10-12 Lk 13: 1-9
Monday of the Third Week of Lent
2Kgs 5: 1-15 Ps 42: 2-3; 43: 3-4 Lk 4: 24-30
Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord Tuesday
Is 7: 10-14; 8: 10 Ps 40: 7-11 Heb 10: 4-10 Lk 1: 26-38
Wednesday of the Third Week of Lent
Dt 4: 1, 5-9 Ps 147: 12-13, 15-16, 19-20 Mt 5: 17-19
Thursday of the Third Week of Lent
Jer 7: 23-28 Ps 95: 1-2, 6-9 Lk 11: 14-23
Friday of the Third Week of Lent
Hos 14: 2-10 Ps 81: 6-11, 14, 17 Mk 12: 28-34
Saturday of the Third Week of Lent
Hos 6: 1-6 Ps 51: 3-4, 18-21 Lk 18: 9-14
The Fourth Sunday of Lent
Joshua 5: 9-12 Ps 34: 2-7 2Cor 5: 17-21 Lk 15: 1-3, 11-32

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Faith Sharing

Wednesdays 6:30-7:30pm
April 16, May 21 and June 18
O'Brien Hall
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Stations of the Cross

Fridays of Lent 7:00 PM

"We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You. Because by Your Holy Cross You have redeemed the world"

Dive into this ancient and powerful meditation on the sacrifice of Jesus and it will change your life.

Thanks to all who made our Saint Joseph Saint Patrick Dinner such a great success. Good food and good fellowship enjoyed by all!

Be sure to tune in to Father Mahar's weekly sermons at www.churchofsaintaugustineprov.org on the ***Living Sacrifice podcasts***

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.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
30 Minute Meditation
Benediction

March 24: Fr. Patrick Ryan
"The Necessary Virtue of Hope"

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

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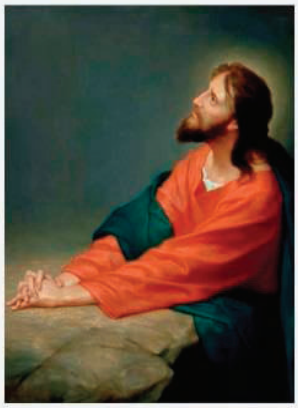

REFLECTIONS ON THE PASSION OF JESUS, PREPARING FOR HOLY WEEK

FROM 10:45 A.M., CONCLUDING WITH 5 P.M. MASS:
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MONSIGNOR ANTHONY MANCINI
Rector, Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul
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Saturday, March 29, 2025
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30 Fenner St., Providence, RI

FOR MORE INFORMATION,
CALL THE CATHEDRAL OFFICE: 401-331-2434

Adoration and Faith Sharing
Fridays beginning March 21
3:30 - 4:15pm in O'Brien Hall

33 Days to Eucharistic Glory by Matthew Kelly is an invitation to participate in a sacred journey -a spiritual pilgrimage - the first Eucharistic Consecration. And what pilgrimage is complete without companions? Share this life-changing experience with others and together you will form a very special bond. There's no better way to encourage and challenge one another to walk toward Eucharistic Glory –toward Heaven.

Join us every Friday beginning March 21

No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion

Filmed on location in the Holy Land, ***No Greater Love*** is a biblical pilgrimage that reveals Christ's amazing love for us. D. Edward Sri guides us through the last hours of Jesus' life, from the Garden of Gethsemane to Mount Calvary. Every step of the way, Old Testament prophecies, messianic expectations, biblical symbolism, and historical context shed light on the mystery of Christ's suffering and death.

O'Brien Hall
Tuesdays 6:30-8:00pm
March 25, April 8 and April 15

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
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The Saint Augustine Knights of Columbus will host a coffee hour Sunday, March 23 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 on Saturday, March 29 at 8:45am in the Sheridan Room.

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

MOSJI

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, March 29 at 8:45am in the Sheridan Room.

We always welcome new members.

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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 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

...Kindergarten Science Class on Clouds... The Heavens declare the Glory of God!

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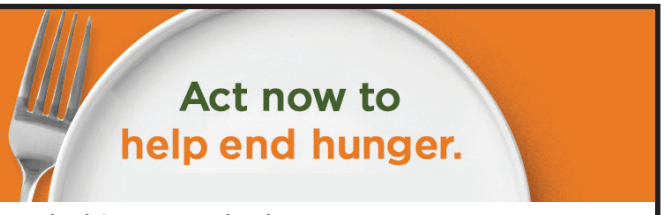

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