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SUNDAY MASSES
Saturday at 4:00
Sunday at 7:30,
9:30 & 11:30 am

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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

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Fridays 12 Noon to 5 pm

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Mass Intentions

Saturday Vigil-The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM - Memorial-Joseph and Germaine Aguilera

Sunday, February 8-The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM - 5th Anniversary-Andrew J. Walsh IV

9:30 AM - Memorial-Antonio and Ida Barletta

11:30 AM - 28th Anniversary-Americo Procaccini

Monday, February 9-Weekday

7:00 AM - The People of Saint Augustine Parish

Tuesday, February 10-Saint Scholastica, Virgin

7:00 AM - Deceased Members of the Antonizio, Campanelli and Levasseur Families

Wednesday, February 11-Weekday

7:00 AM - 4th Anniversary-Mary Rubiano

Thursday, February 12-Weekday

7:00 AM - Memorial-Pompeo and Florence Polce

Friday, February 13-Weekday

7:00 AM - Memorial-Sophie M. Smith

Saturday Vigil-The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM - 18th Anniversary-Anthony M. Abbate

Sunday, February 15-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM - Memorial-Edward D. Maccarone, Sr. and Edward D. Maccarone, Jr.

9:30 AM - Memorial-Barbara Grazzino

11:30 AM - Memorial-Mary Lou Iamarone

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January 31-February 1, 2026 Collection		
Budget Envelopes	$	13,836.36
Electronic Giving	$	2,413.54
TOTAL	$	16,249.90
Monthly Building and Maintenance	$	3,504.00
Poor Box	$	333.00

Dear Parishioners,

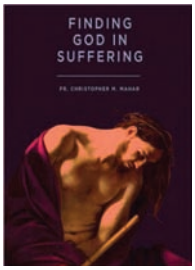
This Tuesday, February 11, we celebrate the Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes. Since the papacy of St. John Paul II the Church has observed an annual *World Day of the Sick* on this feast day, remembering all the sick and suffering throughout the world. On February 11, 1984, St. John Paul II released his Apostolic Letter, ***Salvifici Doloris*** (*On the Christian Meaning of Human Suffering*), as a treasure for the Church's teaching on how Christians navigate the cross and even find meaning in suffering as they answer Christ's call to participate in His work of the redemption. My book, *"Finding God in Suffering,"* was inspired by the pope's Apostolic Letter and was accompanied with the constant request for his prayers while it was being written.

Another person who was instrumental in my book's publication is a nun named ***Sister Margaret Joseph Obrovac*** of the Daughters of St. Paul. I met Sister Margaret on the plane ride back to Rome after a Christmas break in 2022. She also worked for the Vatican and we had a long conversation about books, faith and redemptive suffering. I shared with her that I was struggling to complete a book on suffering and she encouraged me to contact Pauline Books and Media and to consider sending the manuscript to them for a possible publication. That plane ride was very providential, since they were the ones who eventually published the book in 2023.

This past October I was reunited with Sister Margaret when I went to the studio of Pauline Books and Media in Boston to film the upcoming video series *"Finding God in Suffering."* She had completed her service at the Vatican and was now living with her religious community in Boston. We had lunch with a small group of sisters from the Daughters of St. Paul and it was a very enjoyable afternoon. I recently received an email from the team that worked with me on the video series, letting me know of the progress on that project. The end of the email, however, was very sad. They shared with me that Sister Margaret's doctor had just discovered a hidden and aggressive form of cancer and that she was in the final days of her life. I was stunned. On Saturday, January 31, Sister Margaret Joseph Obrovac passed away peacefully in Boston surrounded by her loving sisters.

The precious gift of life that we have been given is often one filled with unexpected encounters, and we never really know the kind of impact even a small conversation can have. I will remain ever grateful for the encounter with Sister Margaret and the blessing she brought into my life. Please join me in praying for the repose of her soul and the consolation of her family and friends. May she rest in God's eternal peace.

Sincerely in Christ,
Father Mahar



CCD classes for grades one through six will meet this Sunday, February 8 from 10:30am to 11:30am in the school cafeteria.

CCD classes for grades one through six will be cancelled Sunday, February 15 in observance of the Presidents Day holiday.

There will be a First Penance/First Communion Parents meeting this Sunday, February 8 at 10:30am in O'Brien Hall.

Children's Liturgy of the Word will be offered alternate Sundays during the 9:30am Mass. This is an opportunity for the Word of God to be addressed to children in grades K through Six as an age-appropriate and personal invitation to participate in the Mass.

The Children's Liturgy of the Word will be celebrated Sunday, February 22.

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, contact Kathy Hollenbeck at the above email for more information.

Readings for the Week of February 8

Sunday
The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 58:7-10 Ps 112:4-9 1 Cor 2:1-5 Mt 5:13-16

Monday
1 Kngs 8:1-7, 9-13 Ps 132:6-10 Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday
Memorial of Saint Scholastica, Virgin
1 Kngs 8:22-23, 27-30 Ps 84:3-5, 10-11 Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday
1 Kngs 10:1-10 Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40 Mk 7:14-23

Thursday
1 Kngs 11:4-13 Ps 106:3-4, 35-37, 40 Mk 7:24-30

Friday
1 Kngs 11:29-32; 12:19 Ps 81:10-15 Mk 7:31-37

Saturday
Memorial of Saints Cyril, Monk and Methodius, Bishop
1 Kngs 12:26-32; 13:33-34 Ps 106:6-7, 19-22 Mk 8:1-10

Sunday
The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sir 15:15-20 Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 1 Cor 2:6-10 Mt 5:17-37

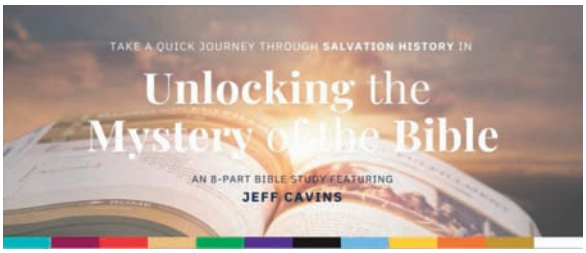
EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Friday
Exposition at 12 Noon

Closing Benediction at 5 PM

You are welcome to stop in anytime to visit with Jesus.

For God alone my soul waits in silence;
from Him comes my salvation.
He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress;
I shall never be shaken...Psalm 62:1-2



Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible

Many people want to read the Bible because they know it is God's Word, but give up because it seems so complicated. ***Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible*** helps you to get the "big picture" of the Bible in 8 weeks.

Starting February 20 through April 24, we will offer an 8-week program of videos and discussion on Friday afternoons from 3:15 to 4:15 pm.

The course itself is free, but there is a $10 Workbook cost. Please make check payable to St. Augustine Church.

To register, please drop off an envelope marked ***Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible*** with your name, contact information, and payment to the rectory office or the collection basket.

Registration closes February 10.
Pre-registration is required
to ensure we have enough workbooks.

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For those who have registered the next session of ***Following Christ*** will meet this Thursday, February 12 at 6:30pm in O'Brien Hall.
Session 5: The Spirit –Empowered Life

Mothers and Friends of Saint Augustine's Women's Retreat

Experience a deepening of your faith and friendships through contemplative prayer.
Join us for an overnight retreat led by Sr. Mary Michael Fox, OP entitled ***"Abide in Me, As I Abide in You,"*** meditations on the Gospel of John.
Bring your Bibles, pen and paper.

Saturday, March 14 at 9:00am through Sunday, March 15 at Noon.

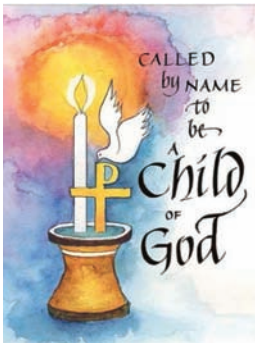
Confession 3:00-3:45pm Mass 4:00pm at Saint Augustine Church.

Retreat seminars and accommodations at Hampton Inn, Smithfield.
Single occupancy $200 pp; Double occupancy $120 pp

Contact Chrissy McNeil at (401) 487-0485 to confirm participation and payment details by Monday, February 16

Welcome Our Newest Parishioners

Diane Murphy
Anthony and Doreen Raulino
Vincent Scotti
Gina Trani
Kyle Williams



Christian Alexander Durango

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7:00 to 8:30PM
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Saturday, May 2, 2026
St. Augustine Church

"Whoever believes in Me will do the works that I do" John 14:12

Most Reverend Bruce Lewandowski, C.Ss.R.
Bishop of Providence
Reverend Christopher M. Mahar
Pastor, Saint Augustine Church
Mr. Dennis Sousa
Director, Office of Family, Youth, and Young Adult Evangelization

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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, February 28** at 8:45am in the Sheridan Room.

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
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The Saint Augustine Knights of Columbus will host a coffee hour this Sunday, **February 8** 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

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