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

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7:00 am
(Monday - Friday)

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Saturday from
3:00 to 3:45 pm

BAPTISMS
First Sunday of the month.
Please call the Rectory
to make arrangements.

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one year in advance.

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

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 of Lent
4:00 PM - Memorial-Domenic and Maria Ranallo

Sunday, March 22-The Fifth Sunday of Lent
7:30 AM - Memorial-Rachael Blackmar and Bill O'Brien
9:30 AM - Deceased and Living Members of the Consiglio Family
11:30 AM - Memorial-Walter Mazur and Steven Mazur

Monday, March 23-Lenten Weekday
7:00 AM - The People of Saint Augustine Parish

Tuesday, March 24-Lenten Weekday
7:00 AM - Memorial-Kathleen A. Magro

Wednesday, March 25-The Annunciation of the Lord
7:00 AM - Memorial-Emmett Wright

Thursday, March 26-Lenten Weekday
7:00 AM - Living and Deceased Members of the Kennedy, Murphy, and Sullivan Families

Friday, March 27-Lenten Weekday
7:00 AM - 19th Anniversary-Dando DiManna

Saturday Vigil-Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
4:00 PM - 5th Anniversary-Manuel Victorino

Sunday, March 29-Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
7:30 AM - Memorial-Edward V. Chavez
9:30 AM - 2nd Anniversary-Gia Noviello
11:30 AM - Memorial-Sabatino and Pearl Vacca and Family

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March 14-15, 2026 Collection

Budget Envelopes	$	9,462.18
Electronic Giving	$	2,398.57
TOTAL	$	11,860.75
Poor Box	$	535.00

Dear Parishioners,

I am excited to introduce you to the **Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist**, who will lead our **Parish Mission** this ***Monday, March 23, Tuesday, March 24 and Wednesday, March 25, at 7:00pm***. The theme of this year's mission will be, ***"Lent through a Eucharistic Lens."*** Each night of the mission will begin with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, a few moments of silent time for prayer, a thirty-minute meditation by one of the Franciscan Sisters, and then a final Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament. Confession will be available during the meditation.

One of the many blessings that God has brought into my life as a priest has been the spiritual friendship I have enjoyed with the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist (FSE's) for over twenty years. I first met the FSE's when I was completing my seminarian studies in Rome in the year 2004. I was a deacon then, and was asked by a priest friend if I was available to assist at a Mass for "some sisters near the Vatican." I agreed, and thus began a new and beautiful chapter in my life as I prepared to become a priest! After my ordination in 2004, I went down to Meriden, Connecticut, to the Motherhouse of the FSE's, and met many more of the sisters. After that day, I traveled down to visit with the sisters *every six weeks* during my first two priestly assignments, and now I go back there as often as I am able! I have had the privilege of accompanying the FSE's on pilgrimage to the Holy land three separate times, and joining them for many significant moments in the life of their community. When I was serving at the Vatican, I would celebrate Mass for the FSE's in Rome every week (and every day during the COVID-19 pandemic). It is a joy to welcome them here to St. Augustine's this week!

On ***Monday, March 23, Sister Fiat Marie Fusco, FSE*** will lead our reflections. She is a native Rhode Islander, so you will immediately resonate with her accent and her joyful witness! ***Mother Barbara Johnson, FSE, will be with us on Tuesday, March 24***; she is the Vicar General of the FSE's and the former Executive Director of the Franciscan Life Center, and will share with us her great love for our Eucharistic Lord. Our mission concludes on ***Wednesday, March 25, with Sister Sophia Peters, FSE***. She is the Executive Director of the Franciscan Life Center, a fruitful and remarkable counseling facility that provides health and wellness to people from all over New England. Please join me in offering a warm welcome to the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist!

Sincerely in Christ,
Father Mahar

Faith Formation

CCD classes for grades one through six will meet this Sunday, March 22 from 10:30am to 11:30am in the school cafeteria.
CCD classes for grades eight and nine will meet Monday, March 30 from 7:00pm to 8:00pm in O'Brien Hall.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

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 this Sunday, March 22.

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

Readings for the Week of March 22

The Fifth Sunday of Lent
Ez 37:12-14/ Ps 130:1-8/ Rom 8:8-11/ Jn 11:1-45

Monday
Dan 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62/ Ps 23:1-6/ Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday
Num 21:4-9/ Ps 102:2-3, 16-21/ Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday
Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord
Is 7:10-14;8:10/ Ps 40:7-11/ Heb 10:4-10/ Lk 1:26-38

Thursday
Gn 17:3-9/ Ps 105:4-9/ Jn 8:51-59

Friday
Jer 20:10-13/ Ps 18:2-7/ Jn 10:31-42

Saturday
Ez 37:21-28/ Jer 31:10-13/ Jn 11:45-56

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
Mt 21:1-11/ Is 50:4-7/ Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24/ Phil 2:6-11/ Mt 26:14-27:66

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Friday
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at Noon

Closing Benediction at 5 PM

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

"Let us never forget: the Mass is the Memorial that heals memory, the memory of the heart… and Eucharistic Adoration, which continues the work of the Mass within us. This will do us much good, for it heals us within. Especially now, when our need is so great."
Pope Francis

Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord
Mass on Wednesday, March 25 at 7:00am
(not a Holy Day of Obligation)

"…The angel awaits an answer…
tearful Adam with his sorrowing family begs this of you,
O Loving Virgin, in their exile from Paradise.
Abraham begs it, David begs it.
All the holy patriarchs, your ancestors, ask it of you…
This is what the whole earth waits for…"

Saint Bernard of Clairvaux

"Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word."

Stations of the Cross
Fridays of Lent
7:00pm

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

Join us in this ancient meditation on
the suffering and sacrifice of Jesus.

Diocese of Providence
Office of Catholic Cemeteries

Masses for Holy Week

GATE OF HEAVEN CEMETERY
550 Wampanoag Trail, East Providence
Mass at the Cemetery Chapel
Tuesday, March 31 · 12:00 noon
Father Joseph A. Escobar

MOUNT SAINT MARY CEMETERY
1098 Pawtucket Ave., East Providence
Mass at St. Margaret Church
Monday, March 30 · 8:00 a.m.
Father Jeremy J. Rodrigues

RESURRECTION CEMETERY
3357 Mendon Road, Cumberland
Mass at St. Joan of Arc Church
Easter Sunday, April 5 · 11:30 a.m.
Father Michael J. McMahon

SAINT ANN CEMETERY
72 Church Street, Cranston
Mass at SS. Peter and Paul Mausoleum
Monday, March 30 · 12:00 noon
Very Rev. Father William J. Ledoux

SAINT COLUMBA CEMETERY
909 West Main Road, Middletown
Mass at St. Lucy Church
Wednesday, April 1 · 9:00 a.m.
Father John C. Codega

SAINT FRANCIS CEMETERY
69 Quincy Ave., Pawtucket
Mass at St. John the Baptist
Wednesday, April 1 · 8:00 a.m.
Father Mauricio Romero Viquez

SAINT JOSEPH CEMETERY
130 Legris Avenue, West Warwick
Mass at Christ the King Church
Tuesday, March 31 · 7:30 a.m.
Father Brian J. Morris

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16)

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PARISH MISSION
at Saint Augustine Church

"Lent through a Eucharistic Lens"
with the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist

Monday, March 23 7:00pm
Tuesday, March 24 7:00pm
Wednesday, March 25 7:00pm

Open Doors Open Hearts

Our Parish Family at Saint Augustine Church
looks forward to a special celebration
of the Lord's Resurrection this Easter.

You may have received Father Mahar's postcard
invitation to gather at the table of the Lord
at the Easter Masses on April 4 and 5.
Please pray for all those who will respond to this call
to return home and be filled with God's blessings.

The Easter Vigil Mass is Saturday, April 4 at 7:30pm.
Easter Sunday Masses are on Sunday, April 5
at 7:30am, 9:30am, and 11:30am.

Dear Friends of St. Augustine Parish and Mother of Life Center,

You are warmly invited to join Fr. Mahar and me for a beautiful day of contemplation, recollection, and prayer at the **National Shrine of The Divine Mercy, Stockbridge, MA,** on Thursday, April 16, 2026.

This special pilgrimage is a wonderful opportunity to step away from the busyness of daily life and spend time together in prayer, reflection, and trust in the Lord's Divine Mercy. We hope you will consider joining us for this peaceful and grace-filled day.

Departure & Return Information

We will depart from **St. Augustine Church**, 635 Mt. Pleasant Ave., Providence

Boarding: 7:15 - 7:30 a.m.

Arrival at the Shrine: 9:45 a.m.

Departure from the Shrine: 4:30 p.m.

Estimated arrival back at St. Augustine: 7:00 p.m.

Schedule for the Day

9:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Self-guided tour of the grounds and prayer time. **Click here to download the prayer guide.**
1:00 – 2:00 p.m.
Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
2:00 p.m.—Mass
3:00 p.m.—Chaplet of The Divine Mercy & Benediction

Food

Memorial Hall in the basement of the Shrine will be available for our group. You are welcome to bring a bag lunch or arrange to have lunch delivered.

Know Before You Go

- The Shrine Church and Gift Shop are fully accessible
- Some outdoor areas may not be handicap accessible
- Photography and videography are not permitted in the Church during Mass, Adoration, or prayer time

Warmly in Christ,
Lise Desmarais, Executive Director, Mother of Life Center

Thursday, April 16, 2026 Cost: $55pp
To register visit: Motheroflife.org/get-involved/events/divine-mercy-bus-trip

Registration Now Open

Saturday, May 2, 2026
St. Augustine Church

Catholic Men's Conference

8:00 AM to 3:00 PM

"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, St. Augustine Church
Mr. Dennis Sousa
Director, Office of Family, Youth, & Young Adult Evangelization

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Register online at https://mosji.org/events.php

COR CHRISTI

Prayer, Formation, and Fraternity for Men

The **Knights of Columbus Council No. 10557** in conjunction with the **Men of St. Joseph** are excited to share the implementation of ***Cor***, a formation and fraternal opportunity for all 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 at 8:45 AM on **Saturday, March 28** in the Sheridan Room.
Come join your brother parishioners for coffee, prayer, and fraternity.
For more information, please 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, **March 22** 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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