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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
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
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Mondays at 7:00 pm

INTERCESSORY PRAYER
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Fridays 12 Noon to 5 pm

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Mass Intentions

Saturday Vigil– The Third Sunday of Lent
4:00 PM - Birthday Memorial-Alice Herchen

Sunday, March 8-The Third Sunday of Lent
7:30 AM - 4th Anniversary-Anne Morrisroe
9:30 AM - 2nd Anniversary-Thomas Boyle
11:30 AM - 15th Anniversary-Rose Mancini

Monday, March 9-Lenten Weekday
7:00 AM - The People of Saint Augustine Parish

Tuesday, March 10-Lenten Weekday
7:00 AM - Memorial-Joseph and Marie Giusti

Wednesday, March 11-Lenten Weekday
7:00 AM - Memorial-Antonetta Maceroni

Thursday, March 12-Lenten Weekday
7:00 AM - 16th Anniversary-Dorothy Sormanti

Friday, March 13-Lenten Weekday
7:00 AM - Memorial-William Wright

Saturday Vigil-The Fourth Sunday of Lent
4:00 PM - Memorial-Deceased Members of the Buck Family

Sunday, March 15-The Fourth Sunday of Lent
7:30 AM - 24th Anniversary-John Smolley
9:30 AM - Memorial-Frank and Frances Sgro
11:30 AM - Memorial-John Belasco

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February 21-February 22, 2026 Collection		
Budget Envelopes	$	5,959.65
Electronic Giving	$	2,356.95
TOTAL	$	8,316.60
Poor Box	$	419.00

February 28-March 1, 2026 Collection		
Budget Envelopes	$	8,062.28
Electronic Giving	$	2,159.28
TOTAL	$	10,221.56
Monthly Building and Maintenance	$	2,375.00
Poor Box	$	236.00

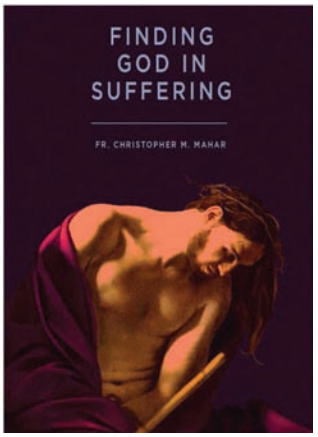
Dear Parishioners,

We have entered into the heart of the Lenten Season on our journey towards Easter. Lent is a time to open our hearts more completely to the Paschal Mystery, which is the suffering, death and resurrection of Christ. The Church invites us, every Lent, to meditate more deeply on the events of our Lord's Passion and His ultimate sacrifice on the cross. Here at St. Augustine's we enter those mysteries most completely in the Mass, in our time before the Blessed Sacrament, and in the Stations of the Cross. I would also like to recommend several other resources that may be helpful in increasing our passion for His Passion.

Several months ago I mentioned that my publisher, Pauline Books and Media, had invited me to tape a ***video series on my book, "Finding God in Suffering."*** That video series is now available here: https://connect.pauline.org/finding-god-in-suffering/.

The link will give you access to the ***6-part video series***, as well as the ***free Study Guide*** that accompanies the videos. We all share the cross of Christ in some way; I pray that this video series and Study Guide will help you to find God in the midst of your own challenges and difficulties, and to know how very much He loves you in Christ.

Additionally, I would like to recommend several books that I have found to be a real blessing for me with regard to the Passion of Jesus. The first one is called, fittingly, ***"The Passion of the Lamb,"*** and it is written by a Benedictine monk and priest named *Thomas Acklin, O.S.B.* Fr. Acklin explores the infinite love of God, who comes out to seek the wounded and the lost by loving us to the end. Another gem is the book ***"Compassionate Blood: Catherine of Siena on the Passion,"*** written by the Dominican priest, Fr. Romanus Cessario, O.P. Born out of a series of Conferences that Fr. Cessario preached on Good Friday back in 2011, the book contains beautiful essays on the triumph of the cross, and allows the reader to be led by St. Catherine of Siena as she teaches us much about the Passion of our Lord. Finally, I would strongly recommend the classic by *Pope Benedict XVI (Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger)*, ***"Jesus of Nazareth-Holy Week: From the Entrance into Jerusalem to the Resurrection."*** This book is an amazing, readable and heartfelt reflection that will allow you to encounter Jesus in an amazing way as we move towards Easter. May God bless our parish abundantly this Lent as we draw ever closer to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!



Sincerely in Christ,
Father Mahar

Faith Formation

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

The Confirmation I and Confirmation II Retreat for all ninth and tenth grade students will be held Saturday, March 14 from 9:30am to 3:30pm in O'Brien Hall.

The First Communion Retreat for all second grade CCD and school students will be held Saturday, March 21 from 12:00 noon to 3:00pm in the Sheridan Room.

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 8.

Please keep the twenty-nine children in our First Communion program in your prayers as they prepare to make their First Penance this Sunday, March 8 at 2:00pm.

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.

"He remains among us until the end of the world."

Saint Maximillian Kolbe

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 8

The Third Sunday of Lent
Ex 17:3-7/ Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/ Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/ Jn 4:5-42

Monday
2 Kngs 5:1-15/ Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4/ Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday
Dan 3:25, 34-43/ Ps 25:4-9/ Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday
Deut 4:1, 5-9/ Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/ Mt 5:17-19

Thursday
Jer 7:23-28/ Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/ Lk 11:14-23

Friday
Hos 14:2-10/ Ps 81:6-11, 14, 17/ Mk 12:28-34

Saturday
Hos 6:1-6/ Ps 51:3-4, 18-21/ Lk 18:9-14

The Fourth Sunday of Lent
1 Sam 16:1, 6-7, 10-13/ Ps 23:1-6/ Eph 5:8-14/ Jn 9:1-41

Monday Lenten Meditations
7:00pm-8:00pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,
30-Minute Meditation , and Benediction

March 9: Fr. Nathan Ricci
March 16: Fr. Joseph Brodeur

PARISH MISSION
at Saint Augustine Church

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

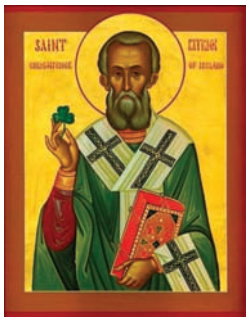
Monday, March 23
Tuesday, March 24
Wednesday, March 25
7:00pm

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.

Saint Joseph ~ Saint Patrick Dinner
Saturday, March 14, 2026



Please join our parish family as we celebrate the feast days of these two saintly men on Saturday, March 14 at 5:30pm in Saint Augustine School cafeteria.
Our menu will include a choice of
Corned Beef and Cabbage with potatoes and vegetables
OR Pasta and Meatballs. Salad, Irish soda bread, and Italian bread will be available for everyone.
For dessert we will once again have a special treat-
Zeppole di San Giuseppe-as well as cookies.

Cost: Adults $20; Children $10; Max per family $60.
(Dinner Choice must be made at time of purchase.)
Tickets will be available at the rear of the church after all Masses and at the Rectory Office until March 9.

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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
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

The Saint Augustine Knights of Columbus will host a coffee hour this Sunday, **March 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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