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SUNDAY MASSES
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
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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
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EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
Fridays 12 Noon to 5 pm

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Mass Intentions

Saturday Vigil– The Fourth Sunday of Lent
4:00 PM - 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 Balasco

Monday, March 16-Lenten Weekday
7:00 AM - Memorial-Gene A. and Beverly G. Rossi, Sr

Tuesday, March 17-Lenten Weekday
7:00 AM - Deceased Members of the Regan Family

Wednesday, March 18-Lenten Weekday
7:00 AM - The People of Saint Augustine Parish

Thursday, March 19-Lenten Weekday
7:00 AM - Deceased Members of the Mariani Family

Friday, March 20-Lenten Weekday
7:00 AM - A Special Intention

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

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Cathedral Letter Concepts has experienced a major equipment failure in printing and mailing our **budget envelopes**. Every effort is being made to rectify the situation as soon as possible.
Meanwhile, please place your offerings for
March 15 and **Easter Flowers**
in an envelope marked with your name and address.
Your parish account will be credited.
We apologize for the inconvenience.

March 7-8, 2026 Collection		
Budget Envelopes	$	6,322.37
Electronic Giving	$	3,059.49
TOTAL	$	9,381.86
Poor Box	$	467.00

Dear Parishioners,

This Fourth Week of Lent brings us over the halfway point of the Lenten Season and ever closer to Easter Sunday! The Church celebrates ***Laetare Sunday*** this weekend, rejoicing in anticipation of all that the Lord has in store for us. This week also brings us two wonderful saints: St. Patrick and St. Joseph!

St. Patrick was born in Britain in the 5th Century, and at age 16 was kidnapped by marauders who brought him back captive to Ireland. Patrick was forced to take up the responsibility of shepherding the flock, and it was there that he found himself alone and surrounded each day by wondrous beauty. The faith that he had been taught as a child, but never really embraced, suddenly came alive within him and he became immersed in prayer. He spent long hours talking with God on the Emerald Isle, and even though God opened the way for him to return to Britain, he eventually went back to Ireland willingly and became a bishop and Ireland's patron saint!

St. Joseph is the spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary and foster father to Jesus. He is described in Sacred Scripture as a carpenter, and a "just man." Nonetheless, he never utters a single word in the entire Bible! While no human being is ever recorded as speaking to him in Sacred Scripture, four times he converses with an angel. The first time is when he hears that Mary is pregnant. The angel says to him, **"Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit"** (*Matthew 1:20-21*). The second time happens after the birth of Jesus, when he learns that Herod is seeking to destroy Jesus. The angel says, **"Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt"** (*Matthew 2:13*). Two years later, the angel communicates, **"Rise, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead"** (*Matthew 2:19-20*). Finally, the angel directs him to withdraw to the district of Galilee (Matthew 2:22).

This week we seek to imitate St. Patrick in attentiveness to the voice of God and docility to prayer. May we also follow the example of St. Joseph in attending to the will of God and sensitive to the way that our guardian angels are helping us to grow in virtue and to be "just" men and women. St. Patrick, Patron Saint of Ireland, and St. Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church, pray for us!

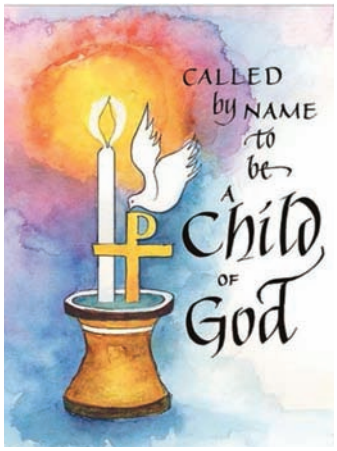
Sincerely in Christ,
Father Mahar

CCD classes for grades one through six will meet this Sunday, March 15 from 10:30am to 11:30am in the school cafeteria.

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 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, March 22.



Welcome to our Parish Family!

Xavier Nunez
Baptized February 1, 2026

Evie May Albanese
Baptized March 1, 2026

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.

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

Be sure to tune in to Father Mahar's weekly sermons at www.churchofsaintaugustineprov.org on the **Living Sacrifice** podcasts and share with families and friends!

Readings for the Week of March 15

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
Is 65:17-21/ Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13/ Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday
Ez 47:1-9, 12/ Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/ Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday
Is 49:8-15/ Ps 145:8-9, 13-14, 17-18/ Jn 5:17-30

Thursday
Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
2 Sam 7:4-5, 12-14, 16/ Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29/ Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/ Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24

Friday
Wis 2:1, 12-22/ Ps 34:17-21, 23/ Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday
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 Meditation
7:00pm-8:00pm

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

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 7:00pm
Tuesday, March 24 7:00pm
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.

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Scam Alert: Fake Emails Targeting Parishioners

We have been made aware of **fraudulent emails** circulating that appear to come from our pastors.
These messages typically ask parishioners to purchase **gift cards** or request urgent financial assistance using language such as "I need this right away" or "Are you available?"

Our pastors and parish staff will **never request gift cards** or financial help through email.

Do not reply to suspicious emails or click on any links.

Scammers frequently target faith communities because they rely on trust and goodwill.
Please stay vigilant and help us protect one another.

If you have any questions or concerns,
contact your church office directly at 831-3503.

Robert A. Creamer
Co-Director, Office of Compliance
Diocese of Providence

26th Annual
Saint Patrick's Day Celebration

Tuesday, March 17, 2026
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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

"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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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.

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