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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)

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
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May & October
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Mondays at 7:00 pm

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Mass Intentions

Saturday Vigil-The Seventh Sunday of Easter

4:00 PM - 19th Anniversary-Joseph Lezon, Jr.
2nd Anniversary-Patricia Lezon

Sunday, May 17-The Seventh Sunday of Easter

7:30 AM - Memorial-Edward V. Chavez

9:30 AM - Birthday Memorial-Margaret Martinelli

11:30 AM - 3rd Anniversary-Anthony M. Joseph, Jr.

Monday, May 18-Easter Weekday

7:00 AM - 4th Anniversary-Patricia Carparco

Tuesday, May 19-Easter Weekday

7:00 AM - 19th Anniversary-Isaiais Couto

Wednesday, May 20-Easter Weekday

7:00 AM - The People of Saint Augustine Parish

Thursday, May 21-Easter Weekday

7:00 AM - The Souls in Purgatory

Friday, May 22-Easter Weekday

7:00 AM - The People of Saint Augustine Parish

Saturday Vigil-Pentecost Sunday

4:00 PM - Memorial-Katherine Nagle

Sunday, May 24-Pentecost Sunday

7:30 AM - 2nd Anniversary-Patricia Allard

9:30 AM - 27th Anniversary-Albert Lupo
31st Anniversary-Eva Lupo

11:30 AM - 5th Anniversary-Donald J. Zubiago

Catholic Charity Appeal — One Faith, One Hope.

There will be an In-Pew Collection at all Masses
this weekend of May 16-17
for those wishing to make a contribution to the
2026 Catholic Charity Appeal.
Cash gifts, checks or pledges are gratefully accepted.
Thank you for your generosity.

May 9-10, 2026 Collection

Budget Envelopes	$	5,794.85
Electronic Giving	$	2,576.49
TOTAL	$	8,371.34
Poor Box	$	432.00

Dear Parishioners,

In his outstanding book, ***"The Lamb's Supper: The Mass as Heaven on Earth,"*** the convert to Catholicism, Scott Hahn, tells the story of his first Catholic Mass. At that time he was a Protestant minister who had been studying the early Christian writers to try to understand what they taught and believed about God. Over and over again, he discovered in those writings references to "the liturgy," "the Eucharist," and "the sacrifice." What exactly did that mean? He had been taught many negative things about Catholics growing up, that they believed they were "re-sacrificing" Christ in the Mass, and other troubling things. He decided to attend a Mass one day, and find out for himself. He slipped in to a basement Church in Milwaukee and sat in the back pew. What he then witnessed astounded him.

The first thing that he realized was that Sacred Scripture was everywhere! He heard it in the readings, the psalms and the Gospel. It was in the prayers that the priest and the people recited with devotion and love. For most of the Mass, however, he remained spiritually at a distance. He was there merely to observe what was happening. Then suddenly he heard the priest pray the words of consecration: *"This is my body . . . This is the chalice of my blood . . ."* He then relates how the walls came crashing down:

"Then I felt all my doubt drain away. As I saw the priest raise the host, I felt a prayer surge from my heart in a whisper, *'My Lord and my God. That's really you!'"*

From that point forward, Scott Hahn began attending Mass daily and he eventually converted to the Catholic faith. He is today one of the most popular and prolific Catholic theologians, authors and speakers and is recognized the world over.

The Catholic Mass is something that we can take for granted if we are not careful. What an amazing grace, to worship God and listen to the story of our salvation, and to participate in the sacrifice that makes us whole and redeems us! Do we recognize, like Scott Hahn, that it is really Him, our Lord and our God, there on the altar? ***This weekend our parish celebrates First Holy Communion for our young people in St. Augustine School and our parish's Religious Education program.*** They remind us of the Eucharistic wonder and amazement that we are called to share in receiving so great a gift as Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Please pray for them this weekend, and also ask for the faith and devotion that they certainly have. Whether it is our first time or the ten-thousandth time receiving the Eucharist, may we be filled with wonder and give God the praise that He deserves!

Sincerely in Christ,
Father Mahar

Please keep our First Communicants in your prayers as they receive the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus for the first time this Sunday, May 17 at 1:00pm.

Aurora Arrowsmith	John Longo
Ryan Beaulieu	Paul Mancone
Annabella Behrmann	John McCray
Anastasia Blinkhorn	Capri McHugh
Noah Bourdier	Aliyah Nickerson
Cruz Castro	Mauricio Noriega
Luca Ciolfi	Xavier Nunez
Leo Dalton	Willow Pomplun
Viviana Gomes	Penelope Rodriguez
Elias Gonzalez	Alessia Salvatore
Juliana Iacono	Lila Schmidt
Emma Isabella	Giuliana Simeone
Lorenzo Karouz	Enzo Stabile
Joseph Kovolski	Victoria Tordoya

Marian Devotions in May

Join us in the Church
May 18,
May 25
7:00pm

Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament
Rosary
Benediction

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 Jesus, present in the Blessed Sacrament, speak to your hearts. It is He who is the true answer of life that you seek.

Pope Saint John Paul II

Readings for the Week of May 17

The Seventh Sunday of Easter
Acts 1:12-14 Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8 1 Pet 4:13-16 Jn 17:1-11

Monday-Easter Weekday
Acts 19:1-8 Ps 68:2-7 Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday-Easter Weekday
Acts 20:17-27 Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 Jn 17:1-11

Wednesday-Easter Weekday
Acts 20:28-38 Ps 68:29-30, 33-36 Jn 17:11-19

Thursday-Easter Weekday
Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11 Jn 17:20-26

Friday-Easter Weekday
Acts 25:13-21 Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 Jn 21:15-19

Saturday-Easter Weekday
Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 Ps 11:4-5, 7 Jn 21:20-25

Pentecost Sunday Vigil
Gn 11:1-9 Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-30 Rom 8:22-27 Jn 7:37-39

Pentecost Sunday
Acts 2:1-11 Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13 Jn 20:19-23

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.

Urge Your Rhode Island State Legislators Today

SAY "NO" TO PHYSICIAN ASSISTED SUICIDE

CHOOSE COMPASSIONATE CARE

Violates medical ethics to save lives and do no harm. Physician assisted suicide upturns ethical codes held by medical practitioners for centuries and is opposed by the American Medical Association and American College of Physicians.

No accountability for lethal drugs. Lethal drugs are not monitored or tracked. Many go unused leaving opioids, barbituates, and other harmful drugs open to falling into the hands of teens and drug dealers.

Sends the message that suicide is okay. Suicide prevention efforts are undercut by creating exceptions for life-threatening disabilities. All Rhode Islanders deserve equal protection when expressing suicidal ideation, not encouragement and assistance to commit suicide instead.

Lacks real safeguards. Where it's already legal, proponents use more legislation or lawsuits to expand it further succeeding in shortening waiting periods, eliminating residency requirements, and allowing lesser-qualified medical professionals to prescribe lethal drugs.

Makes vulnerable people feel like a burden. *Half* of those dying by assisted suicide didn't want to "be a burden" to families or caregivers. Pain, or fear of future pain, has never even been one of the top five reasons that patients ask to take their own life in Oregon.

Leaves vulnerable people at risk. Disability groups oppose physician assisted suicide because it says their lives are not worth living. Barely 4% of people choosing death in Washington were first referred for a mental health evaluation.

Take Action

Tell your State Senator and State Representative
to oppose
SB 2051 and HB 7760.

Scan the QR code or go to
https://provd.io/pas
to voice your opposition as soon as possible!

Dated Friday, May 8, 2026:

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Assisted Suicide Senate Hearing Recap

We had an ***amazing turnout*** for the Senate Judiciary Committee hearing yesterday at the Rhode Island State House. Thank you to all who joined us for a long day, staying late into the evening. We had a particularly encouraging turnout of students from PC and Brown and two fantastic doctors.

The bill was *held for further study*, which puts it into play in the Senate through the end of this legislative session, sometime in mid to late June.

DUE TO YESTERDAY'S CHANGES IN HOUSE LEADERSHIP, WE ARE PREPARING FOR POSSIBLE MOVEMENT ON THIS VERY DANGEROUS BILL AS EARLY AS NEXT WEEK IN THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE AND A POSSIBLE FLOOR VOTE IN THE HOUSE THE FOLLOWING WEEK!

RHODE ISLAND CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

From: Rev. Bernard A. Healey, J.C.L., S.T.L., Director of the Rhode Island Catholic Conference

Re: Physician Assisted Suicide

Date: May 11, 2026

The Rhode Island General Assembly is advancing legislation to legalize Physician Assisted Suicide in Rhode Island through Senate Bill 2051 and House Bill 7760. Time is of the essence to urge state legislators to oppose these harmful bills.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
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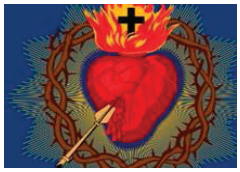
The Saint Augustine Knights of Columbus will host a coffee hour Sunday, **May 24** after the 9:30am Mass in O'Brien Hall. Get to know the people you attend Mass with and enjoy the fellowship!

To find out more about becoming a Knight email Mike Geraghty at mjg1geraghty@hotmail.com



COR CHRISTI

Prayer, Formation, and Fraternity for Catholic 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, May 23** 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.

Men of St. Joseph International

MOSJI

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 and fellowship with other Catholic men. The next gathering will be on **Saturday, May 23** at 8:45am in the Sheridan Room.

We always welcome new members!

The Knights of Columbus serving as the Annual Spring Clean-up Crew at Our Lady of Providence Seminary. Thanks to all!

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