

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Monday	March 25	Morning Mass	9:00 AM
Tuesday	March 26	Morning Mass	9:00 AM
		Chrism Mass, St. Francis Cathedral	4:00 PM
Wednesday	March 27	Morning Mass	9:00 AM
Holy Thursday	March 28	Mass of the Lord's Supper (will include the Ritual Washing of the Feet)	7:30 PM
Good Friday	March 29	Church will be open all day Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion Visitation of the Tomb of the Lord and Veneration of the Relic of the True Cross (All day, in the Church)	3:00 PM
		- CHURCH CLOSES	6:00 PM
		- NO STATIONS OF THE CROSS	
Holy Saturday	March 30	NO 9:00 AM MASS Blessing of Food Great Easter Vigil - Fulfills Sunday Obligation	12:00 Noon 7:30 PM
Easter Sunday	March 31	Masses at 8:00, 10:00 & 12 Noon NO Mass at 5 pm	

There will be **NO** overflow Masses for the 10:00 & 12 Noon Masses.

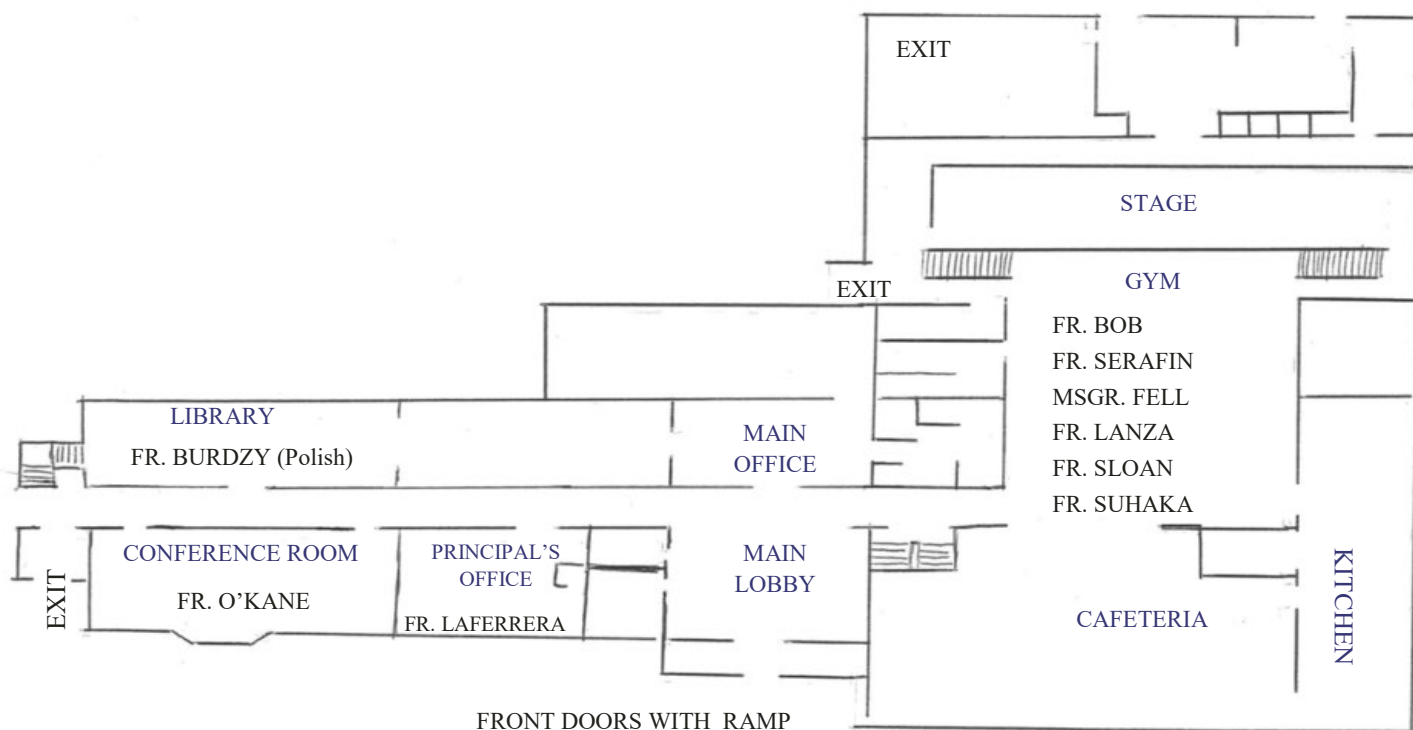
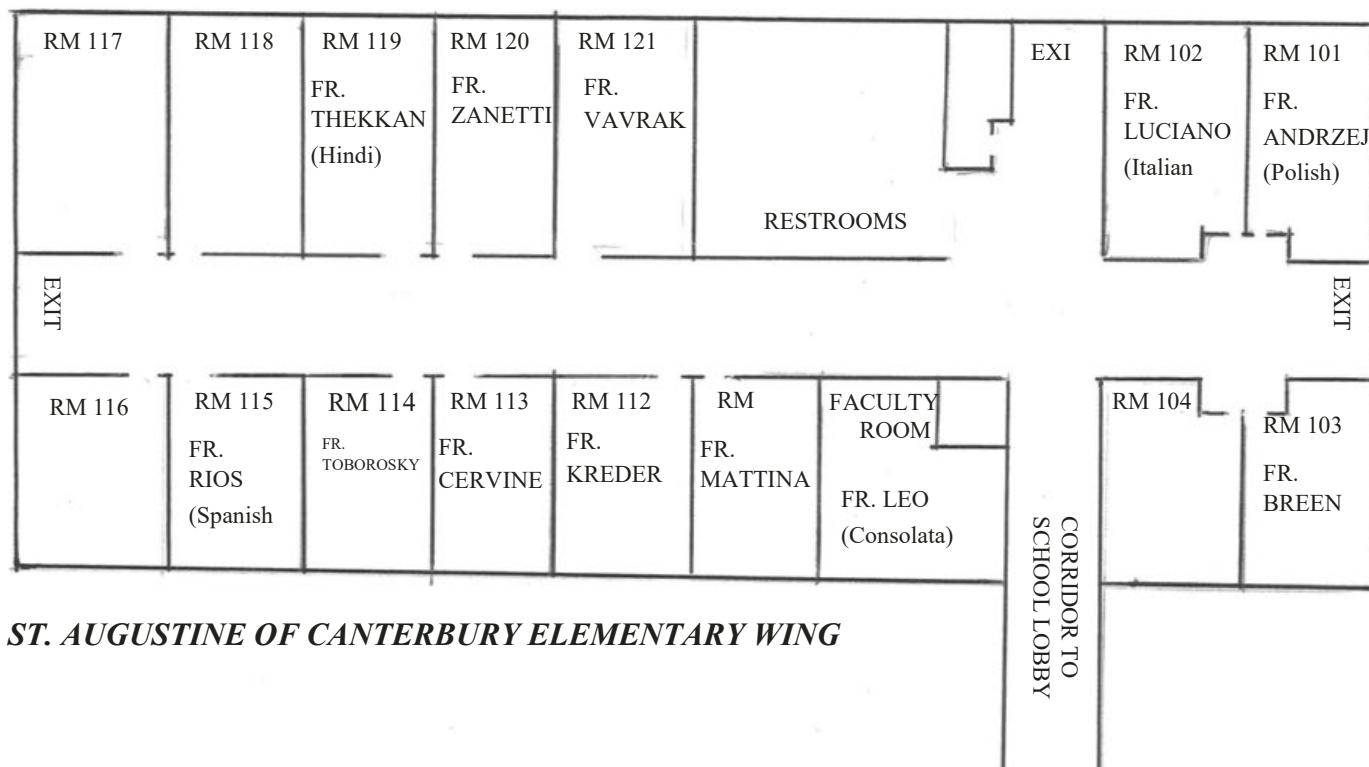
No Confessions Will Be Heard at St. Augustine During The Triduum
(Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday)

2024 Parish Lenten Confessions Priest's Location Guide

Thursday, March 21, 2024

7:00 PM-8:00 PM

throughout the first floor of our School and the Elementary Wing



***An Examination of Conscience
to help you prepare to celebrate the
Sacrament of Reconciliation***

Why should we confess? Confession is a sacrament instituted by Jesus Christ in His love and mercy to offer sinners forgiveness for offenses committed against God. At the same time, sinners reconcile with the Church, because it is also wounded by our sins. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a sacrament of healing and a sacrament of conversion, returning us to the Father after our sin.

We use an examination of conscience to help call to mind our sins and failings during a period of quiet reflection before approaching the priest in Confession. It's important for an examination of conscience to be thorough. This will help you learn about things that you may not be aware of. It's also a chance to develop your conscience.

To make an examination of conscience:

- set aside some quiet time for reflection
- start by praying to the Holy Spirit, asking for help in make a good examination to prepare for Confession
- read through the terms on this list and honestly reflect on your behavior for each item
- this examination of conscience is based on the Ten Commandments

First Commandment

I am the Lord your God. You shall worship the Lord your God and Him only shall you serve.

Have I doubted in matters of faith? Murmured against God because of adversity? Despaired of His mercy? Have I believed in or consulted with fortune-tellers? Neglected my morning or evening prayers? Omitted my religious obligations because of human respect? Presumed upon God's mercy in committing sin? Loved someone or something more than God (money, power, sex, ambition, etc.)? Been involved in the occult? Formally left the Catholic Church? Hidden a serious sin or told a lie in confession?

Second Commandment

You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.

Have I used the name of God or the saints with irreverence? Have I sworn (which means calling upon God to witness the truth of what I say) without a good reason, or falsely? Have I cursed (the calling

down of some evil on a person, place, or thing)? Blasphemed (using insulting language to express contempt for God), the saints, or holy things?

Third Commandment

Remember to keep holy the Lord's day.

Did I miss Mass on Sunday or a Holy Day of Obligation? Have I done unnecessary servile work or been responsible for others doing it on these days? Set time aside each day for personal prayer to God? Habitually come late to and/or leave early from Mass without a good reason? Not attending to taking my children to Mass? Did I fast and abstain on the prescribed days?

Fourth Commandment

Honor your father and your mother.

Have I been obedient to my parents and lawful superiors? Have I shown disrespect toward them? Have I deceived them? Have I been a good citizen by voting? Have I shown respect toward aged parents or in their time of need? Provided for the religious education and formation of my children for as long as they are under my care? Ensured that my children still under my care regularly frequent the sacraments of Penance and Holy Communion? Been to my children a good example of how to live the Catholic Faith?

Fifth Commandment

You shall not kill.

Have I been the occasion of another's sin through my bad example in word or deed? Have I been guilty of fighting, anger, hatred, revenge, or drunkenness? Did I refuse to speak to others? To forgive them? Did I use provoking language? Been involved in an abortion, directly or indirectly (through advice, etc.)? Seriously considered or attempted suicide? Unjustly inflicted bodily harm on another person? Verbally or emotionally abused another person? Been prejudiced, or unjustly discriminated against others because of their race, color, nationality, sex, or religion? Did I take illicit drugs?

Sixth and Ninth Commandments

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.

Did I take pleasure in impure thoughts or desires? Say impure things? Listen to impure conversations? Did I touch others or let other touch me in an impure

manner? Commit an impure act alone or with others? Purchased, viewed, or made use of pornography? Committed adultery? Committed incest? Committed fornication (sexual relations with someone of the opposite sex when neither of us is married) Engaged in homosexual activity? Made uninvited or unwelcome sexual advances toward another?

Seventh and Tenth Commandments

You shall not steal.

You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.

Have I stolen anything? If so, of what value, and did I return the stolen goods? Have I been unjust in buying or selling? Have I damaged the property of others? Accepted or kept stolen goods? Paid my just debts as soon as possible? Has my daily work merited its paycheck? Have I desired to steal anything or to damage my neighbor's property? Practiced works of mercy? Squandered money in compulsive gambling? Make a false claim to an insurance company?

Eighth Commandment

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Did I tell lies? Have I been guilty of rash judgment (believing something harmful to another's character without sufficient reason?) detraction (without a good reason, making known the hidden faults of another)? Betrayed another's confidence through speech? Slander or calumny (by lying, injuring the good name of another)? Perjured myself under oath? Gossiped?

PRECEPTS OF THE CHURCH

Have I followed them?

You shall attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.

You shall confess your sins at least once a year.

You shall humbly receive Jesus in Holy Communion at least during the Easter Season.

You shall observe the days of fasting and abstinence.

You shall contribute to the support of the Church.

You shall observe the laws of the Church concerning marriage.

RITE OF CONFESSION

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Upon kneeling or taking your seat in the room with the priest, bless yourself with the sign of the cross (+) and say:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Bless me Father for I have sinned.

At this point, the priest will encourage the penitent to have confidence in God with these or other words:

May the Lord be in your heart and help you to confess your sins with true sorrow.

If the penitent is unknown to the priest, it is proper to indicate to the priest your state of life, i.e. single, married, divorced, etc., the time of your last confession, difficulties in leading the Christian life, and anything else which may help the priest to exercise his ministry.

The penitent will accuse him or herself of his or her sins and ask for forgiveness.

After you completed your Confession, the priest will counsel or provide opportune advice, impart a **Penance and may ask you to pray the **Act of Contrition**, either before him or privately afterwards in the Church.**

ACT OF CONTRITION

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended You, and I detest all my sins because of Your just punishment, but most of all because they offend You, my God, Who art all good, and deserving of all my love.

I firmly resolve, with the help of Your grace, to sin no more, and to avoid the near occasions of sin.

Amen.

The priest will then impart **Absolution:**

God, the Father of mercies, through the death and resurrection of his Son has reconciled the world to himself and sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins; through the ministry of the Church, may God give you pardon and peace, and I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The penitent answers:

Amen.

The priest dismisses the penitent with a final blessing. The penitent makes the sign of the cross and leaves the Confessional. He or she is expected to fulfill the penance imposed.

(After your Confession, enjoy the peacefulness of the Church!)

The Lord has freed you from sin.

May He bring you safely to His kingdom in heaven.

Glory to Him Forever!

Mass Intentions For The Week



March 17th, 2024
Fifth Sunday of Lent

SATURDAY, March 16

5:00 PM Living & Deceased Family and Friends
of the Galaro Family

SUNDAY, March 17— Saint Patrick

8:00 AM Salvatore Aucello req.: Steven &
Carmen Aucello
10:00 AM Maria & Nicolas Raagas req.: Jocelyn
Verdad
12:00 PM Theresa Collins req.: Christine
Costantino
5:00 PM Paul Dosciter req.: The Family

MONDAY, March 18

9:00 AM Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Ng req.: Shirley
Fung
7:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration

TUESDAY, March 19—Saint Joseph, Spouse of the BVM

9:00 AM Marcsanna Klimkiewicz req.: Iqqy &
Anna Klimkiewicz

WEDNESDAY, March 20

9:00 AM Len Riccardi req.: John Schulte

THURSDAY, March 21

9:00 AM Living & Deceased Parishioners of St.
Augustine's

FRIDAY, March 22

9:00 AM Dignity of Every Human Life

SATURDAY, March 23

No 9AM Mass

5:00 PM Theresa Saffiotti req.: Pat & Bob Mate

SUNDAY, March 24—Palm Sunday

8:00 AM Frank J. Ragany, Sr. req.: Elsie
Ragany & Family
10:00 AM Lucy Donnantuono req.: Donna &
Frank Morelli & Family
12:00 PM Dolores Beaton req.: Barbara Corio
5:00 PM Francis Ignatius Kenney req.: His
Sisters



*Welcome to Our "Little Ones"
who were Baptized into Christ on
March 10th, 2023
Cal Joseph Spilatore
God Bless all our new Parishioners!*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

March 18—March 24

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62;
Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13,
16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59
Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56
Sunday: Mk 11:1-10; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11;
Mk 14:1—15:47

SPIRITUAL REMEMBRANCE FOR WEEK OF March 17th, 2024



TABERNACLE CANDLES

In Memory Of:
Frank R., Son &
Mary Beslanovitz, Mother
Donated by: Her Family

OUR LADY OF FATIMA STATUE



This week the Fatima statue will be in
the home of Florence & Joe Shwerb.
Please return the statue of Our Lady
to the Church, by Saturday, March
23, 2024. Thank you for taking Our
Lady on a journey through our parish.



Pray
for
the
Deceased

REST IN PEACE

Please remember the following
parishioner who has died in your
prayers, and for the families who
mourn their loss.

Guadalupe Limjuco

Sister of Corazon Limjuco
43 Edgemere Dr.
Kendall Park, NJ 08824-8441

Barbara Labelle

Wife of Paul
117 Kendall Rd.
Kendall Park, NJ 08824-1247

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Monday, March 18th

7:00 PM Lenten Holy Hour

8:00 PM A.A. Meeting

Tuesday, March 19th

10:15 AM School Mass

2:00 PM Senior Club

4:00 PM Children's Choir Rehearsal

7:30 PM K of C Meeting

Wednesday, March 20th

6:00 PM Religious Education Classes

6:30 PM Adult Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:15 PM Breaking Open The Word

7:45 PM Adult Parish Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 21st

11:15 AM Chime Choir Rehearsal

7:00 PM Lenten Penance Service

Friday, March 22nd

5:00 PM Men's Cornerstone XV

7:00 PM Way of the Cross

Saturday, March 23rd

NO Confessions

10:00 AM Bereavement Group

Sunday, March 24th

7:45 AM RCIA

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



This Friday, March 22, is the final time Stations of the Cross will be held for this Lenten Season.



Children in our School and Religious Education program who have not attended need to do so. Families who have children in different



grades may attend together.

The children are to sit with their families.

Please note: Good Friday is commemorated on Friday, March 29. The "Liturgy of the Lord's Passion" will take place at 3:00pm. There will be no Stations of the Cross on Good Friday.



INTENTIONS OF OUR HOLY FATHER THIS MONTH

We are invited to unite with our Holy Father, Pope Francis, for this universal intention during the month of March.

For the new martyrs: We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.



MEDITATION FOR March 17, 2024

Choose the path of surrender in service to the Lord.

We want to serve and follow the Lord, but we also want to enjoy our lives and ensure that our children and grandchildren have a good life.

In today's Gospel, Jesus challenges us to choose the Lord first, and the Father will honor whoever serves him. Choosing the path of surrender in service to him glorifies God and allows us to produce much fruit, including care for our own families.

Jeremiah prophesies the Lord will one day establish a new covenant with his people whereby he will write his law upon their hearts. The author of Hebrews says that Jesus' prayers and supplications were heard because of his reverence. In the Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples that the time for him to fulfill his purpose is upon him.



"I will be their God and they shall be my people." - Jeremiah 31:33

What does it mean to be God's people? It means we recognize that everything we have and everything we are belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given us. It means we are willing to use our gifts and our lives to care for our family, our neighbors and for people we don't know, just as God cares for each of us.

March 10

\$ 15,690.00*

*** Daylight Savings Time**

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Lent 2024

Music In The Church



Today we continue our Lenten journey, celebrating the Fifth Sunday in Lent. Today you will notice the statues are covered in purple. This day was traditionally Passion Sunday, when the Passion was proclaimed at Mass. Then Palm Sunday the celebration of the Entrance of Christ in Jerusalem was proclaimed. Vatican II put the two together and then added the third Scrutiny for the RCIA Elect to the Fifth Sunday. For all those at Masses besides the 10:00 we hear from Year "B" In year B's gospel we again hear from John (remember Mark's Gospel is the shortest, so John is inserted to "fill the gaps") we hear Jesus tell His disciples, "The Son of Man is to be glorified. Unless a grain of wheat falls to the earth and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat, but if it dies, it produces much fruit." Thus the reason we are singing "Gift of Finest Wheat".

For the RCIA (10:00 a.m. Mass), we hear about the raising of Lazarus from John's Gospel. This Gospel is so rich in symbolism. There is so much to feast upon. Shall we speak of the faith of Martha? Who in all her pain, proclaims "Yes Lord, I have come to believe that You are the Christ." Or shall we speak about Jesus' power over death by raising Lazarus? Jesus says loud and clear "I am the resurrection and the life, whoever believes in Me, even if he dies will live." Thus the reason why we are singing "I am the Bread of Life", verse four is a direct quote from today's Gospel.

At the 10:00 a.m. Mass we celebrate the Third Scrutiny (meaning searching). The RCIA Elect will be born again in Baptism much like Lazarus was born again at Christ's calling "Lazarus come out!" Keep them in your prayers in these final days of preparation before the great Easter Vigil. Take time to listen to the call of our Lord this week and never forget: "They who sing, pray twice."



*... is meeting in the
School Cafeteria
beginning at 7:15 PM on
Wednesdays.*

The readings we hear at Mass each week are not just stories of long ago. The Word of God is alive and speaks to us today, giving wisdom and guidance for our daily lives and relationships. Come and spend an hour with the Scriptures and let God speak to you in a personal way.

We meet each week, but there is no binding commitment. You come when you are able. No previous knowledge of the Bible is necessary. We will provide materials for you. Those who attend consider it the highlight of their week!

Outreach Ministry Delivers Warmth!

Because of the generosity of the parishioners of St. Augustine's, the Outreach Ministry was able to purchase 50 sleeping bags, hats, gloves, thermal socks and boots for the homeless of New Brunswick this winter. As Sacred Scripture tells us: "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of My brothers, you did for Me." Thank you for all you do for those less fortunate!



From the Pastor's Desk

Mission Co-op Appeal

On the subsequent page is a letter we have received from the Apostolic Nuncio of the Central African Republic, Archbishop Giuseppe Laterza. The Mission Co-op Appeal will take place during the weekend of August 10-11, 2024. However, if you wish to contribute now in support of Archbishop Laterza's cause for the Church in Africa, as described in his letter, please use a regular, blank envelope and mark "Mission Co-Op" with your envelope number so we may provide you credit for your donation. I'll place the donations received during this time of Lent in a reserve account. Your donations will be sent after the Mission Co-Op collection in August. Especially in this Lenten time, you may be moved to make an added donation to this cause.

Holy Week Schedule

Please be certain to review the Holy Week Schedule found on the front cover of this week's bulletin. Take a moment and post it in your home for your family's information also!

Votive Candles

To prepare for Easter, votive candles throughout the church will be removed Monday, March 18th.

Saturday Confession Calendar for March

Due to my health procedure—and the unavailability of brother priests—I have made the difficult decision to suspend the hearing of Confessions for weekends of March (2, 9, 16, 23, and 30). However, please be aware the Lenten Penance Service will be held on Thursday, March 21st at 7PM in the Gym and School. Information about the Service is found in this bulletin. Confessions will resume after Easter. Thank you for your understanding.

Confession Times at Surrounding Parishes

Saint Cecilia, Monmouth Junction:

Saturdays, 3:45PM to 4:30PM

Saint Mathias, Somerset:

Saturdays, 3:30PM to 4:30PM

Our Lady of Peace, North Brunswick:

Saturdays, 3:30PM to 4:30PM

From the Vatican

The Secretary of States Office has confirmed approval of a private tour of the Apostolic Palace on May 13 during my trip on May 6 to the 14th with my friend Bobby—whom I have known for over 30 some years—and his son—who is my godson—Anthony, 16. This is personally significant for me as May 13, 1984, is the anniversary of my first Mass. Perhaps my mother, Dorothy, was involved with this because that was Mother's Day in 1984! And it is the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima!

Condition of Parking Lot

A few parishioners have spoken to me about the condition of parking lot. In 2011, the parish paid \$250,000 to have the parking lot completely repaved. This was paid from reserved funds for the school.

Please understand that the entire property beneath the parish is shale. Because of the shale, there is no way for any of the water to seep into the ground. This causes the macadam to heave and crack.

I will be in dialogue with pastoral board to discuss taking out a loan to have the parking lot repaved. Please know I'm aware of the situation of the parking lot and will address it in God's Providence.

Snow Removal Bills

As the snow may be melting, the bills pile up. Over the months of January and February, we have received a total of \$14,589.00 in invoices for snow removal as follows:

Date received	Amount
January 7	\$2,000*
January 16	\$3,649
January 17	\$1,572
January 19	\$3,201
January 20	\$1,400
February 15	\$4,767
Total	\$14,589

* Paid by the generosity of a parishioner



NONCIATURE APOSTOLIQUE
EN RÉPUBLIQUE CENTRAFRICAINE

Bangui, February 24, 2024

At the Parish of Saint Augutin
Diocese of Metuchen

Dear Father Bob and dear faithful parishioners,

I'm the Apostolic Nuncio to Bangui, capital of the Central African Republic, one of the poorest countries in the heart of Africa, marked by much suffering and poverty after years of war and exploitation.

Infant mortality is very high, reaching 40%, due to the absence of hospitals and medicines; 70% of the population is illiterate due to the lack of schools; the armed groups, rebels against the Government, control a large part of the national territory.

Dear brothers in Christ, in these conditions you can imagine the state of poverty in which people live. Furthermore, each family has an average of 7 children: children, in fact, are the only wealth, given that the average lifespan is 38 years.

To try to help the local population, starting with those closest to the Nunciature, we thought of organizing a project to build small houses. In fact, many people live in very precarious situations, under rudimentary roofs and with walls made of bricks built with rubbish. Each small house we would like to build (bedroom, living room with outdoor kitchen and bathroom) costs US\$ 3,500.

I appeal to your sensitivity and generosity, knowing your goodness of heart!

I ask you, above all, to pray for me and for these poor people. The Lord bless you




✠ Giuseppe Laterza
Apostolic Nuncio

Women's Retreat a Success!

The annual women's retreat held at the Sacred Heart Spirituality Center, run by the Salesian sisters in Newton, NJ was held on February 16, 17 & 18, 2024. Father Tim Christie, rector at St. Francis Cathedral and former Vicar General, was the retreat master. Thank you Father Christie for sharing the gift of your priesthood.

Just a few of the many comments from attendees this year:

"My first retreat, a wonderful experience!"

"A very memorable retreat!"

"A wonderful, blessed retreat!"

"Basking in Our Lord's love for the entire weekend!"

"Looking forward to participating next year and for years to come!"

"Blessings received!"



Lenten Eucharistic Adoration Mondays 7 PM

**This Monday, March 18, we conclude our
Lenten Eucharistic Adoration as we warmly
welcome**

**Sr. Mary Louise Shulas, MPF,
Director of Curriculum, Diocese of Metuchen,
and
Past Principal, St. Augustine of Canterbury
School**

as she reflects on

***"Remain with me..."
- Jn 15:4***

*Consider spending one hour in prayer
before the Son of God.*

"Just give me an hour and

I will give you a whole new life!"

Jesus to Peter from the movie, "Son of God"



CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2024-2025 TUITION ASSISTANCE ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS NOW OPEN

Families interested in
applying for tuition
assistance to attend an eligible Diocese of Metuchen
elementary or high school may apply online now
through FACTS Gant & Aid Assessment at

<https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>

Online applications must for completed (including
all required documentation) no later than **March 31,
2024**. Application are available in English and
Spanish.

Families that need assistance in completing the
online application or need access to a computer to
apply should contact their school.

RCIA



Are you interested in becoming Catholic? ... OR

... perhaps you are a baptized Catholic, but have not completed the Sacraments of Initiation (Confirmation and Eucharist).

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is just for you! Gather with others who desire to know the Lord Jesus Christ in the truth of the Catholic Faith, as we undergo catechesis, reflect on the scriptures, and contemplate our call to faith in Christ in preparation for Baptism and/or reception and completion of the Sacraments of Initiation.

Meetings are held on Sundays at 8:15 am in Father McGivney Hall (followed by 10AM Mass).

If you are interested in getting connected, please call the Parish Center at 732-297-3000. We look forward to the opportunity in guiding you to this fulfillment.

Deacon Denis



NEEDED: FIRST COMMUNION DRESSES & SUITS

There are many young children whose families are unable to afford a

First Communion outfit. Perhaps this Lent you choose to donate a beautiful Communion Dress or Suit instead of giving up chocolate for a week?

Needed:

Boys Suits, Jackets, Dress Shirts, Dress Pants – sizes 12, 14, 16 & Ties

Communion Dresses- sizes 12, 14 & 16 only, Communion Veils

Don't know where to buy them?

You may order these items online at: Amazon, Kohl's, Walmart.com, JC Penney.com & David's Bridal

If you are unable to afford a complete outfit, consider buying a dress shirt or pants or even a veil. All outfits are due in the Parish Office no later than April 22, 2024. Any questions call the office: 732-297-3000.

May God Bless you for all you do for these children.



As Catholics, we are called to bring Christ to others. Take a moment to consider...

Do you know of a family member who is homebound?

Is there a fellow parishioner you know is unable to attend Mass, but wishes to receive the Holy Eucharist?

Are you or a family member in the hospital?

Let us know!

Call the Parish Center at (732) 297-3000 and provide the name, address, and phone number of the person. Sr. Ruthann will schedule a time.



Are you a Eucharistic Minister who would you like to volunteer to visit with homebound members of our parish?

Let us know!

To aid in this ministry, please call the Parish Center to provide us your name and phone number for more information.

We look forward to hearing from you!

St. A's Bereavement Meetings



We are pleased to announce our Parish Bereavement Workshop for this Spring have begun! Meetings will take place every Saturday, though March 23rd, from 10AM to 12:30PM We will meet in the Parish Center in the Augustine Room. All are welcome!

God bless you and bring you inner peace in every way.

If you wish to receive extra support during this time of grief, please call the Parish Office at (732) 297-3000.

CHRISM MASS

On Tuesday, March 26, 2024, at 4PM, Bishop James F. Checchio will celebrate the Chrism Mass with the priests of the Diocese. At this Mass, the Bishop will bless the Holy Oils which each parish receives for the rites of anointing.

Saint Ambrose (340-397) began this custom—which we now call the Chrism Mass—in the Cathedral in Milan. These Holy Oils, which are used to sanctify the Faithful, have been channels of holiness for centuries!

The *Oil of Catechumens* is used to anoint infants and adults before their Baptism.

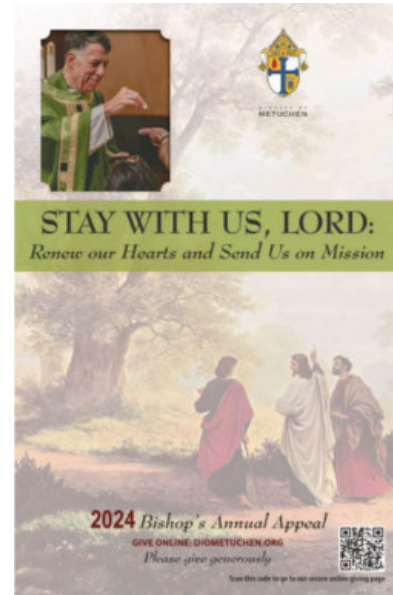
The *Oil of the Sick* is used on the forehead and hands of the infirm in the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

The *Sacred Chrism* is used to anoint the head of the newly baptized, the foreheads of the confirmed, the hands of a priest at his ordination, a bishop at his ordination, and the altar and walls of new churches.

At the Mass, all priests make a *Renewal of Commitment to Priestly Service*, recommitting themselves to their Bishop and to their ministry to God and His People; the Bishop and all Priests then ask the people for a pledge of their prayerful support.

You are cordially invited to attend the the ancient, grace-filled Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen in person or via the Livestream link available at

<https://diometuchen.org/chrism-mass> .



2024 Bishop's Annual Appeal

As of March 8th, the Development Office has received pledges and donations totaling \$69,315.00 from 206 parishioners. This represents 46.5% of our \$149,000.00 goal.

For more information about this year's appeal, please visit: <https://diometuchen.org/baa>



Diocesan Historical Records Commission Plans Catholic Morristown History Pilgrimage on April 20

The Diocese of Metuchen Historical Records Commission is sponsoring a trip to "Catholic Morristown" on Saturday, April 20th from 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

The tour includes presentations at St. Joseph's Shrine in Stirling, St. Mary's Abbey in Morristown and the Shrine of Blessed Miriam Theresa Demjanovich at St. Elizabeth's University in Convent Station. Bus transportation to and from the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center in Piscataway (with an additional pick up/drop off at St. James Church in Basking Ridge), family style Italian lunch at Portofino in Morristown and honorariums at our stops. The cost is \$85 per person.

To register or for more information, contact Fr. Michael Krull, Commission Chairman, at pastor@olopnb.org.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



✠ Our Elect-**Shannon Montulet** ✠
Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Eucharist
Sponsored by **Renee Smith**



✠ Our Candidate- **Melissa Forgione** ✠
Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Eucharist
Sponsored by **Sal Forgione**



**Pray For
Our Elect
And
Our Candidate
During Lent**
as they prepare to receive
their
Sacraments of Initiation
at
The Easter Vigil



✠ Our Elect-**Alexis Montulet** ✠
Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Eucharist
Sponsored by **Kayla Smith**



✠ Our Elect-**Melody McCarron** ✠
Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Eucharist
Sponsored by **Koke Portnoy**



THE EASTER MYSTERY

From His Wounded Side We Were Born

This is the time of year when we begin to look forward to warmer weather and spring vacations. It is also the time of year when we pause to see where we've been and where we should be going. It is the time to recommit ourselves to the Lord through Almsgiving.

Throughout the Lenten season, you will notice a basket with decorated index cards by the cross of St. Lucy in our gathering area. Listed on each card is a suggestion of a necessary item to be purchased for an organization that helps those in need.

Please remember this is the last weekend to provide these items!

All donations need to be in by this Sunday, March 17th 2024.

Any items received after that date will be given to our Food Pantry.

This is our way as a parish to reach out to others through "Almsgiving", one of the spiritual blessings of our Lenten journey.

As St. Theresa of Avila said:

"We should not attach much value to what we have given God, since we shall receive for the little we have bestowed upon Him much more in this life and in the next."

***We Adore You O Christ and We Praise You,
Because By Your Holy Cross You Have Redeemed the World***

EASTER FLOWER DONATION COLLECTION OF MARCH 24, 2024



A second envelope for March 24th is available in your envelope packet. This will allow you to make a donation towards the purchase of Easter Flowers for our Sanctuary and Church. Contrasting the darkness of Lent, on Easter Sunday you will walk into our Church and sense, feel, and "smell" the



joy of the Resurrection of Our Lord!

On the back of the envelope, please feel free to include the names of your loved ones for which you wish the donation memorialized. For those who donate towards our Easter Flowers, your special intentions and your loved ones will be remembered in all the Easter Masses, as well as the Masses celebrated during the Octave of Easter.

Those whose envelopes are received will be acknowledged in our Church bulletin during the Easter Season.

Special envelopes for Easter Flowers will also available in the Gathering Area of the Church.



ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Parishioners, 18 years and older, who have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation and would like to do so, please fill in the form below and return it to the **Parish Center by March 21, 2024**. The form may also be placed in the collection basket. Classes are to begin on **Thursday, April 4, 2024, from 7:30-8:30PM** in the Augustine Room of the Parish Center.

Confirmation will be administered on **Pentecost Sunday, May 19, 2024**. If the candidate for Confirmation is married, the marriage must be recognized by the Roman Catholic Church. If you need assistance in validating your marriage, please contact the Parish Center. The Center may be reached at (732) 297-3000.

For additional information, please call Sr. Barbara at (732) 297-3011 or email at srbarbarat@staugustinenj.org

Once the form below is returned, you will receive a registration packet in the mail that will need to be filled out and returned on the night of the first session.

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Cornerstone 2024 Registration Form

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Marital Status: _____

What name would you prefer on your name badge?

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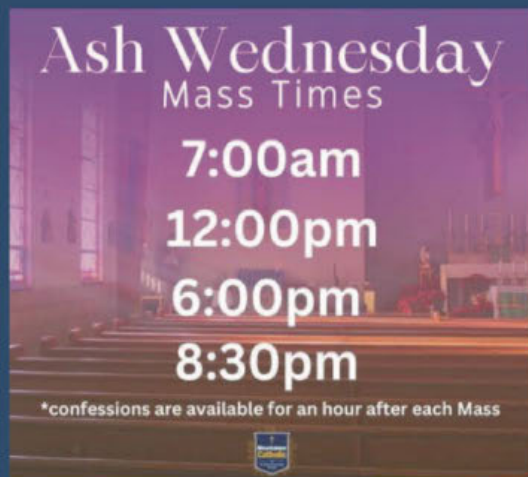
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45 Henderson Road, Kendall Park, NJ 08824

February Mission Update



St. John's held a number of Ash Wednesday Masses and confessions so students could begin Lent on a solid foundation of repentance. Each mass was packed with students, many of whom hadn't been to mass or confession in a long time.

After mass I was fortunate enough to meet a freshman named Austin who is looking into becoming Catholic. Since then he has been coming to my Bible study and attending mass regularly. Please pray for his further conversion.

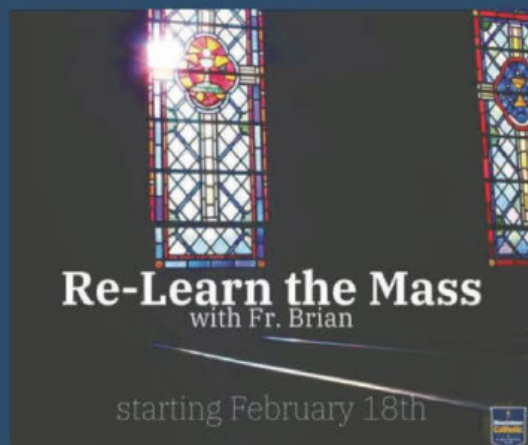
This month I was asked to be a confirmation sponsor by one of my students in discipleship named Ian. Ian was baptized in the Church, but had never received his other Sacraments of initiation.

The Holy Spirit inspired him to come back to his faith last semester. Since then he has been attending mass regularly, coming to Bible study consistently, and pretty much reading any spiritual book he gets his hands on. I am excited to accompany him as he fully enters the Church this Easter.



Our chaplain Fr. Brian has also been doing weekly talks on the significance of the mass and the meaning its components. I myself know this is something that is very easy to forget as a Catholic who is accustomed to going to mass daily.

I am grateful for the reminder that the celebration of the Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith, and learn the sacred tradition that so frequently becomes lost in modernity and our secular culture.



Saint Augustine of Canterbury Roman Catholic Church

45 Henderson Road, Kendall Park,
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"Churchweek"

March 17, 2024

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Weekdays:

Monday through Friday: 9:00 AM

Holy Day: See Schedule in Bulletin

COMMUNION TO THE SICK is taken by Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist on a regular basis to those confined to their homes. Please call the Parish Center.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM is celebrated on most Sundays at 1:30 PM (not during Lent). A family must be registered in the parish, attend the baptismal preparation class, and cooperate with the regulations established by the parish. Our baptismal class is temporarily on hold. Please call the Parish Center to register any time during your pregnancy.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION is celebrated on Saturday between 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM in the Chapel or by appointment.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION is celebrated once a year, here at St. Augustine. A candidate must successfully complete our Religious Education program. Adult Confirmation is held on Pentecost Sunday and any interested adults should contact the Parish Center.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK is administered at home to any Catholic who is seriously ill. Please call the Parish Center. **Any parishioner admitted to a local hospital should contact the Catholic Hospital Chaplain through the hospital.** A family member should contact the parish when someone is admitted to the hospital. We will gladly pray for any members who are sick, whether at home or in the hospital, at our Sunday Masses; however, it is necessary for the family to "request" it.

THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY is celebrated by the Pastor or one of our deacons. Weddings may be scheduled on Friday evening, Saturday, or Sunday afternoon. Only a ceremony is permitted on Sunday. The pastor will confirm the date so couples should contact the Parish Center at least ONE YEAR in advance. All the necessary information will be sent to you. One must be a registered member of the parish.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS and RELIGIOUS LIFE: If you are considering serving God as a priest, deacon, or religious, you may contact your parish priest, deacon, or religious; or phone the Diocesan Office of Vocations at (732) 562-1990.

THE DEVOTIONAL LIFE OF THE PARISH:

The Liturgy of the Hours is prayed Monday through Friday at 8:45 AM prior to Mass.

Eucharistic Adoration/Devotion is held Monday at 7:00 PM (not on national holidays or during the summer)

Devotion in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is prayed on the First Friday of the month following the 9:00 AM Mass.

St. Elizabeth's Guild Prays the Rosary after daily Mass.

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