

**Saint Augustine of Canterbury
Roman Catholic Church
45 Henderson Road, Kendall Park, New Jersey, 08824
“Churchweek”**

December 1st, 2024



***ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
THE “HOPE” CANDLE IS LIT***



RECONCILIATION ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE ANNOUNCED

Prepare the Way of the Lord
and give yourself a Christmas Gift by
celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation!

Mark your calendars!

We are pleased to announce on
Thursday, December 19th, from 7PM to 8PM,
we will be blessed with
20 priests
throughout the school to hear confessions.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will also be held in the Church.

**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.

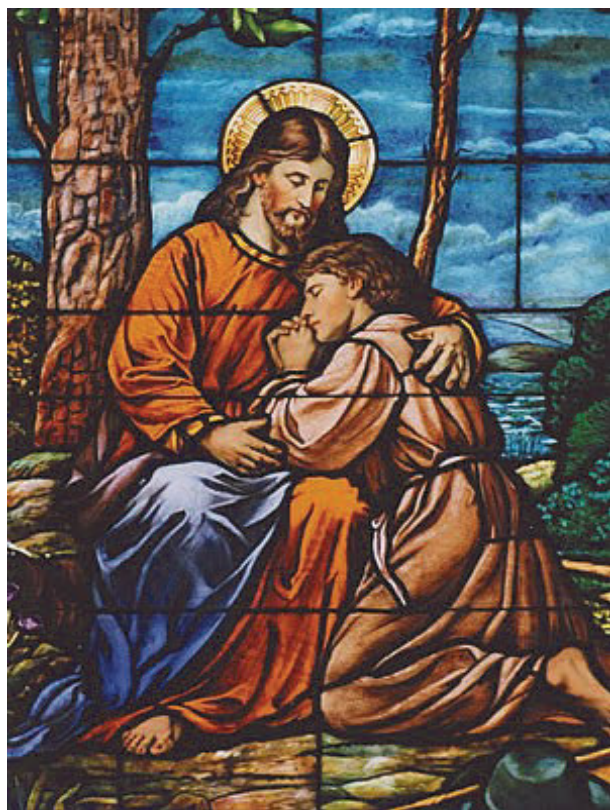
You shall confess your sins at least once a year.

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:

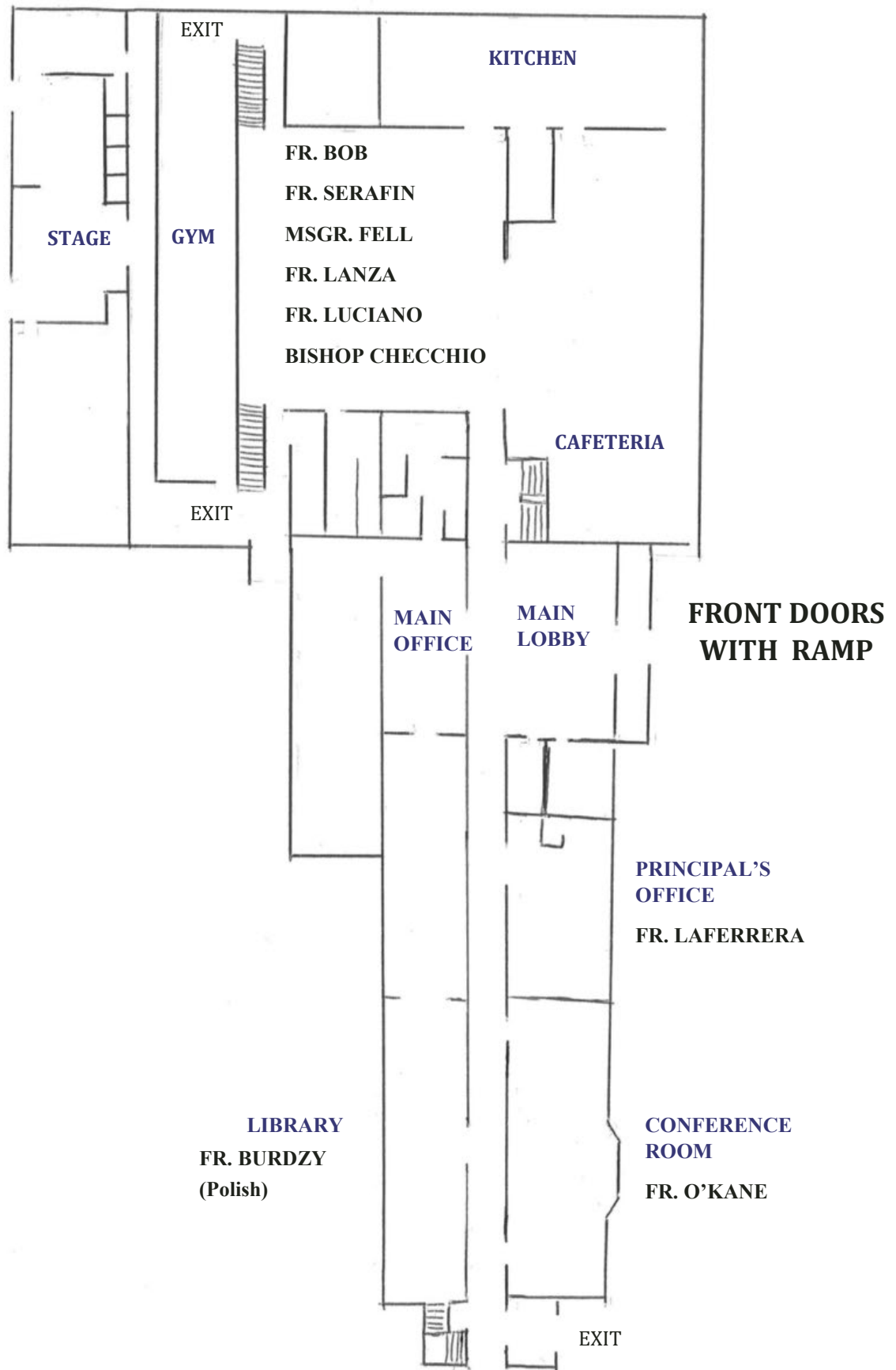
Amen.

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.

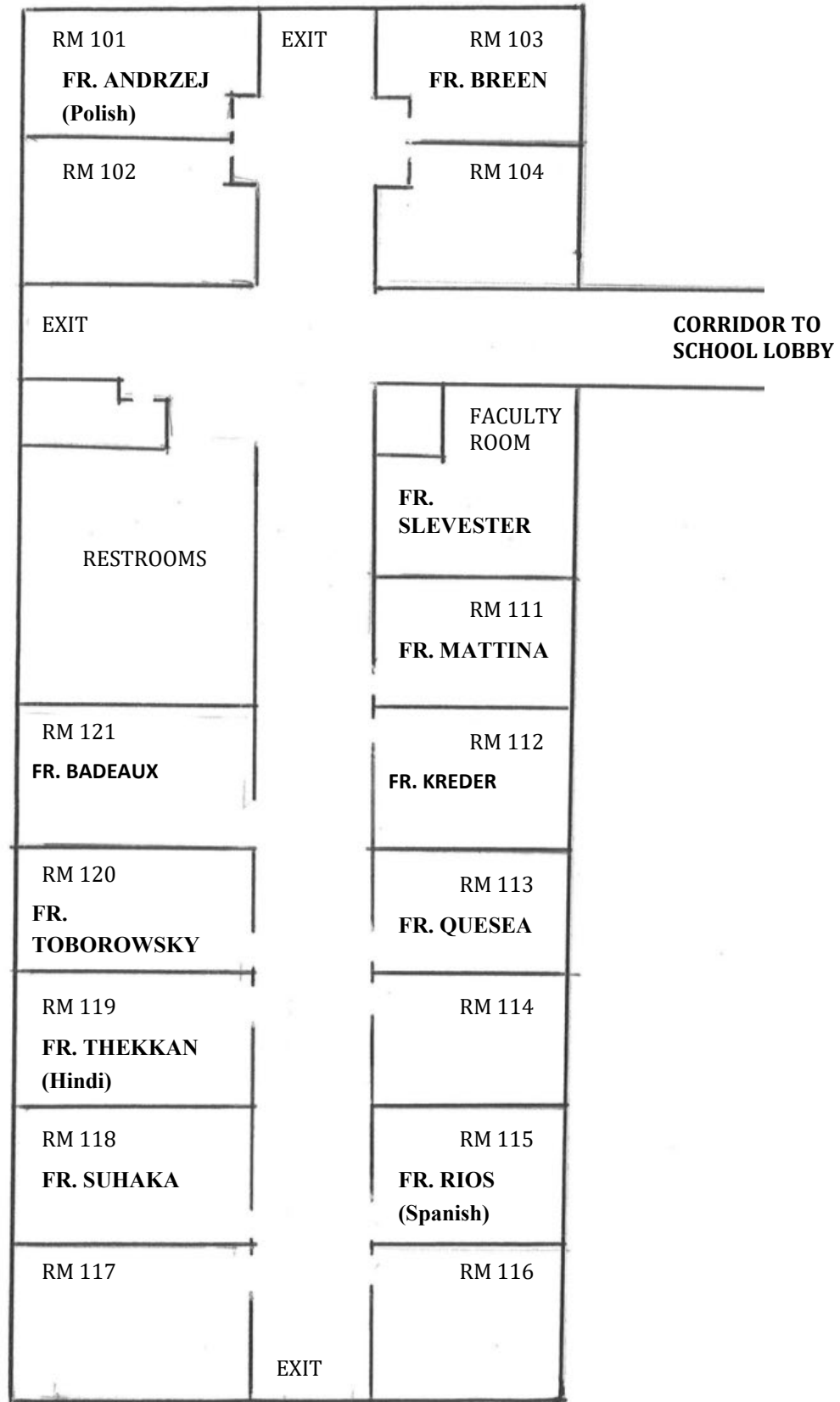
(After your Confession, enjoy the peacefulness of the Church!)

***The Lord has freed you from sin.
May He bring you safely to His kingdom in heaven.
Glory to Him Forever!***

2024 Parish Advent Confessions Priest's Location Guide
Thursday, December 19th, 2024, 7:00 PM-8:00 PM



ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY SCHOOL, FIRST FLOOR



SATURDAY, November 30

5:00 PM Nicholas Ungano req.: The Ungano Family

SUNDAY, December 1

8:00 AM Greg Golias req.: Henry & Helen Weachock

10:00 AM David Almeida req.: Sunil & Vanessa Lobo

12 Noon Joseph DeLuca req.: The Family

5:00 PM Philip Barood req.: Marie Barood

MONDAY, December 2

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

7:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration

**TUESDAY, December 3—Saint Francis Xavier
(relic of Saint Francis Xavier may be
venerated after Mass)**

9:00 AM Berth & Florvill Rosey req.: Gilberte Garrin

WEDNESDAY, December 4

9:00 AM Joseph J. Lesko req.: Henry & Helen Weachock

THURSDAY, December 5

9:00 AM Julie Bogacz req.: George & Maria Hlywa

FRIDAY, December 6

9:00 AM Purgatorial Society

SATURDAY, December 7

No 9AM Mass

5:00 PM Intentions of St. Augustine's Parishioner's

SUNDAY, December 8

8:00 AM Margaret & Julius Weber req.: Elsie Ragany & Family

10:00 AM Richard Quaranta req.: Meng & Michael James

12 Noon Astrea Corcelles req.: Bernardo & Astrid Roig

5:00 PM Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Augustine's

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

December 2—December 15

Monday: Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26;
Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

OUR LADY OF FATIMA STATUE



This week the Fatima statue will be hosted in the home of Claire & Gary Schuller. Please return the statue of Our Lady to the Church by Saturday, December 7, 2024.

If you wish to host the statue, please call the Parish Office for one of the available dates. We thank each family for taking Our Lady on a journey through our parish.

**SPIRITUAL REMEMBRANCE
FOR WEEK OF
December 1st, 2024**



TABERNACLE CANDLES

In Memory Of
Aaliyah Briscoe
Donated by Roseanne & Nick DeBari
& Family



TABERNACLE FLOWERS

In Memory Of
Aaliyah Briscoe
Donated by The Family

*Feast of the
Immaculate Conception of the
Blessed Virgin Mary*

Please Note: The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary has been transferred to Monday, December 9, 2024 by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. *It is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year as the date falls on a Sunday.*

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Monday, December 2nd

7:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration

8:00 PM A.A. Meeting

Tuesday, December 3rd

4:00 PM Children's Choir Rehearsal

7:00 PM Altar Server's Meeting

7:30 PM K of C Meeting

Wednesday, December 4th

6:00 PM Religious Education

6:30 PM Adult Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:45 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 5th

7:00 PM Columbiettes

Saturday, December 7th

11:30 AM Confessions

Sunday, December 8th

Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM RCIA

8:00 AM Giving Tree



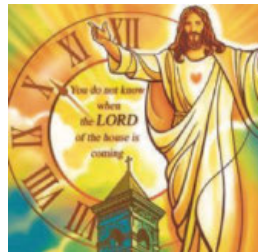
INTENTIONS OF OUR HOLY FATHER FOR DECEMBER

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

For Pilgrims of Hope

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

MEDITATION FOR December 1, 2024



Prepare for the coming of the Lord.

As we begin Advent, our readings today offer wisdom in discerning what it means to prepare our hearts for the Lord.

They are beckoning us to wake up and be attentive to what is around us, for God's time is at hand. We have the blessing of this season to prepare for the coming of the Lord, and to allow our hearts to be transformed.

In the first reading, Jeremiah prophesies that the days of fulfillment are coming. A shoot will come from the line of David, and it will be a time of security and justice. In the second reading, Paul prays for the Thessalonians and exhorts them to conduct themselves as pleasing to God. In the Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples what it will be like at the coming of the Son of Man, and that they are to be vigilant in anticipation of that day.



Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

**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 Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) 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.

Deacon Denis



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 on Wednesdays at 7:15PM in the Cafeteria.

There is no binding commitment. 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! ***Please come and join us!***



Stewardship
a way of life

"But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." (Luke 21:28)

We celebrate Advent each year in preparation for the birth of Jesus, His first coming, as we await His second coming. What will you do differently this Advent season to grow in friendship and love with Jesus? How will you inspire others to do the same? Start by sharing your God story with others, especially those that are closest to you. Invite and accompany them on their faith journey this Advent.

The Collection for November 24th will be announced next weekend.

Thank you for your continued generosity!



Letter From Your Spiritually Adopted Child

Hello to my special Angel,

At the end of November, I will have been growing in my Mommy's tummy for about 8 months (32 weeks). I weigh about four pounds and measure about eighteen inches long. It is getting awfully tight in here! Can

you believe that within my first 8 weeks I was fully formed and have just been growing and allowing my systems to grow in maturity? I am so looking forward to the day when I can finally meet my family and start discovering the world. Thank you for all your prayers which have sheltered me from harm. I am looking forward to our special Mass next month to celebrate my birth. May God bless you always for your prayerful kindness to "little ones" like me.

With lots of love,

Grace, Erica, Philip, Ezekiel & Stephanie, Feliza & Anita, Miguel & Susanna, Theresa, Mary Ann, Michael, Erin, Naomi & Luke, Antoinette, Malachi, Mary Ann, Dennis, Ruthann & Benjamin, Leo, Michael, Samuel, Evan, Darcy, Janet & Sami and Michael

"The best gift we can give to any child is to make that child feel wanted, loved, and cared for because that child is the greatest gift of God." -St. Mother Theresa

The Little Blue Book

Advent and Christmas Seasons 2024-2025

Six-minute reflections on the First Readings for daily Mass during the Advent/Christmas season

This weekend, copies of the Little Blue Book will be available in the Gathering Area after all the Masses. We have cut down on our order, but they go fast! These wonderful little books will be a cherished companion throughout the Advent and Christmas seasons. We have used these books for years and everyone LOVES them.

A \$1.00 donation is required for each book to defray the cost.



"Keep Christ in Christmas" Greeting Cards & Vehicle Magnets

are back for the 2024 holiday season!

Your
Knights of Columbus
Council #6345

will be selling the magnets and cards

after weekend Masses on:

November 30-December 1

Box of 12 Cards (4 styles offered): \$10

Magnets: \$5 (each)

All proceeds will be used to help fund our charitable work!



Music in the Liturgy

as presented by Mr. William Berg
Music Director



Today we begin a new Liturgical Year for today we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent. Advent has a dual spirituality: The beginning focuses on the coming of the King of Glory at the end times.

We begin to hear from a new evangelist. Last year was the Gospel of Mark. This year we hear the Gospel of St. Luke. Today St. Luke tells us: "We will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to happen stand erect and raise your heads for your redemption is at hand." This is reflected in our hymn "Wake Awake and Keep Watch".

The end of Advent will focus on preparing for the birth of Jesus at Christmas. As we begin a new liturgical year and new liturgical season, we change the sung Mass setting. We had been singing "A Community Mass" by composer Richard Proulx. We now move into the "Missa Emmanuel" which is based on the chant "O Come O Come Emmanuel". The next season will be the Christmas Season, where we will change Mass settings again, then back into Ordinary Time where the Heritage Mass will return. After that we move into Lent and we will sing the chant Mass based on the "Adoro Te Devote" chant. Easter follows bringing another Mass setting and then we return to Ordinary Time and back to the Community Mass.

Pope St. Pius X was famous for telling us to "sing the Mass" not just sing at Mass or hymns, but to sing the Mass Parts. Thus the effort was undertaken to first identify the individual parts of the Mass and then to recognize each of the most important parts to be sung. From the General Instruction on the Roman Missal we hear the Council Fathers state "The Sanctus (Holy Holy) we join with the angels singing this acclamation which forms an intrinsic part of the Eucharist Prayer." So let us all join with the angels in heaven as we sing the Holy Holy and other Mass parts - this season with the "Missa Emmanuel".

For additional information on the parts of the Mass and the meaning of each part, take time to visit <https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/the-mass/order-of-mass>

Reminder: Our choirs return to our regular schedules with the Children's Choir on Tuesdays at 4PM, and our Adult Bell Choir and Choir on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 and 7:45 respectively..



A Special THANK YOU!

Thank you to all the parishioners! Columbiettes, Knights of Columbus, VFW Post 9111, St Augustine's Girl Scout troop #81785 and 82649, and St Augustine's students and their families who donated turkeys and all the fixings. In November, we delivered food to 22 different families consisting of 40 adults and 17 children.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS NEEDED:

There are items that the food pantry could still use! These are:

- Parmalat
- Juice (64oz)
- Snacks (chips, pretzels, cookies)

Please remember: No expired food! Thank you for all your continued help with this effort!

A Call for Candidacy to Sainthood for Daniel Mark Anderl

To His Excellency Bishop James Checchio,

We, the undersigned, would like to add our names to the Petition for the Candidacy of Daniel mark Anderl for Sainthood as we prepare to remember the Fifth Anniversary of his death on July 19, 2020.

In accordance with Church law, we recognize it is up to you as the bishop of Metuchen to petition the Congregation for the Cause of Saints to look into the investigation for his cause for Beatification and Canonization with the emphasis on giving of one's life recently proclaimed by Pope Francis as another criteria to become a saint.

We have received many graces and intentions since Daniel's death of his intercession for many parishioners and others.

Signature

Name of Signatory

Home Address

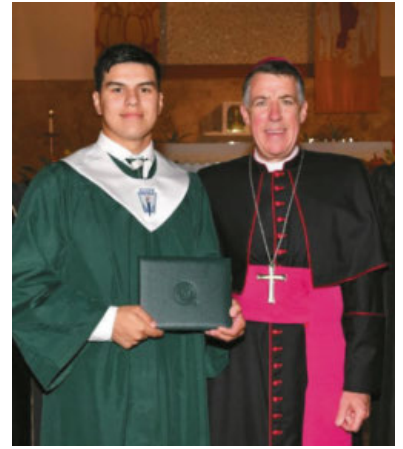
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A Parishioner of St. Augustine's

Please place this completed letter in the Collection Basket of hand in at the Parish Office. Thank you/





*St. Augustine of Canterbury
Roman Catholic Community
Celebrates*



*Sharing the Christmas Message of His Love!
The Giving Tree will be in our Gathering Area starting Wednesday,
November 27 and the weekends of
November 30 & December 1,
December 7 & 8,
December 14 & 15*

*All Gifts are to be returned
unwrapped
no later than Sunday, December 15*

*Donations of wrapping paper, scotch tape and tissue will be gladly accepted!
Special "Foil Star Stickers on the Ornaments" designate higher priced items
over \$25 or more*

*Please place the Christmas Ornament on your gift
to make certain it is delivered to the proper recipient.
Unfortunately, gifts returned after December 15 cannot be sent.
Please make sure you return the gift on time!*

Thank you!

*You will be helping the clients of our own Outreach Ministry,
South Brunswick Social Services, Center 4 Great Expectations,
Life Choices, Immaculate Conception School,
Catholic Charities in the Bronx, NY, Passaic Neighborhood Center for Women,
PACT Program of East Brunswick*



St. Augustine School Odyssey of the Mind

Clothing

Drive

SUNDAY

DECEMBER 15

8:30-2:30



**Please note
the change
in date!**

Donate clean clothing, paired shoes,
towels, linens, blankets, curtains, hand
bags, backpacks, stuffed animals & small
plastic toys (no legos or puzzles).

Drop Off
St. A's School
Side Ramp
45 Henderson
Road,
Kendall Park

**DROP OFF BY SCHOOL SIDE
RAMP AFTER SAT & SUN
MASSES UNTIL
DECEMBER 15.**



November 19, 2024

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we prepare to enter this holiday season it is important to recognize the small things in life that we are thankful for. There is no better time to do this as we approach the beautiful celebration of Thanksgiving. As a people of faith, the Thanksgiving holiday is a reminder of the Feast of Thanksgiving that we celebrate each week during the liturgy and our partaking in the Eucharist, which is the Greek word for "thanksgiving."

In the next coming days, we have something to be extremely thankful for - the OPENING OF HENDERSON ROAD! Finally, the construction project is coming to an end and while the construction crews will still be working for another month, traffic on Henderson Road is projected to be open by Wednesday, November 27 in the evening.

However, with every gift there is sacrifice. Due to the paving of Henderson Road and our main school entrance, we will need to change the traffic pattern for morning drop-off and pickup on Tuesday, November 26. We will have volunteers posted to help the flow of traffic for the morning. ***Here are the following steps that will need to be taken upon arrival to school next Tuesday.***

1. Enter the parking lot through the Church lot entrance (by the Rectory and the Convent)
2. Proceed along the curb and drive IN FRONT of the church (the chains will be down)
3. Proceed along the curb and follow the blue and white traffic markers
4. Proceed as you normally would to drop off your child in the morning

To Exit:

1. Make the right turn in the parking lot directly in front of the school building
2. Make the slight right turn to pass behind the church
3. Make the first right in the parking lot (closest to the Convent)
4. Make the left by the curb and exit right out of the Church lot (same way you entered)

Thank you for your cooperation and adherence to the change in traffic policy for next Tuesday. It may help to arrive at school a little earlier than usual that morning to help relieve any back-ups that may occur.

I am grateful for your continued dedication and commitment to St. Augustine School. I pray that all of our families have a wonderful, joy-filled Thanksgiving. Let us raise in prayer all those in our community who find themselves in hardship this Thanksgiving. Please know that your generous donations to the St. Augustine Food Pantry will give those in need and happy Thanksgiving.

OVER

STAFFED BY THE
RELIGIOUS SISTERS FILIPPINI



“ For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’ “Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’ “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’

Matthew 25:35-40

Happy Thanksgiving,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Edward Modzelewski".

Mr. Modzelewski, Principal

A photograph of three elderly individuals, two men and one woman, all smiling. They are dressed in religious attire. The man on the left is bald with a white beard, wearing a dark brown habit. The woman in the center has short white hair, wears a red top under a black jacket, and has her hands clasped. The woman on the right is wearing a grey habit with a black veil and a large silver cross necklace. They are standing in front of a large, colorful stained glass window with various religious scenes. The text "Retirement Fund for Religious" is overlaid in a large, white, serif font.

Retirement Fund for Religious


**Please give to those
who have given a life-
time. Your donation
during the week of
December 8 will be
appreciated.**



The Immaculate Conception Mosaic at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC. A gift of Popes Benedict XV and Pius XI, the Immaculate Conception mosaic was fabricated by the Vatican Mosaic Studio and is comprised of 250,000 pieces of naturally colored stones.

Immaculate Conception Envelope...

Please place your Immaculate Conception envelope in the Collection Basket on Sunday, December 8.
Thank you.

Immaculate Conception	
	Amount \$ _____ DEC 08 2024

My dear St. A's Family,

I am writing this letter to Father Bob and to each of you with a 'heavy heart'. It has been my great privilege and source of joy to have ministered with you over the last 12+ years. You really have become a family to me---a family I have grown to love deeply.

Unfortunately, I have developed some health concerns which are starting to affect my safety in driving. Chronic fatigue makes me want to sleep a lot. Since I live in North Jersey, it takes me about an hour to drive here each day. I am fearful that I might fall asleep at the wheel and cause an accident. This situation is complicated by a second issue as well.

My religious superior and I have discussed the above and we both agree that it is time for me to stay in North Jersey. I let Father Bob know that I will not be returning to St. A's after December 31.

I do want to thank Father Bob for all of his support and encouragement over these years.

Please know that I will continue to pray for all of you and I carry you in my heart. I will miss you soooo much!!

God bless you.

Lovingly,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Sister Ruthann". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sister Ruthann McGoldrick, SCC



Please Join Us
to say



Farewell to Sister Ruthann

on

~ Sunday, December 15, 2024 ~

12:00pm mass

Luncheon after 12:00pm mass

Come by, Wish her well &

Thank her for her many dedicated years



**** RSVP required for the lunch by December 9**

Return in the collection basket or to the Parish Center

Name: _____

Cell#: _____

of Adults: _____

of Children: _____



School Chess Club Excels

Thanks to Mr. Tony De Bari, our resident Chess expert. Our Chess Club is back and our Knights are playing better than ever!

Playing chess is great for a child's brain development, as it develops Logic, Critical Thinking, Creativity, and Problem Solving Skills. That's a "CHECK MATE" for learning!!



Are you thinking about enrolling you child(ren) in St. Augustine's? Would you like to learn more about the benefits and opportunities a Catholic School education provides? Please visit our School website at <http://school.staugustinenj.org>



Father's House Retreat

October began with the Father's House Retreat, which is a retreat put on by FOCUS for students on our campuses to have contemplative prayer encounters with the Father's love. The retreat hinges on the story of the Prodigal Son in Luke's Gospel.

We were blessed to bring five men on this retreat who had wonderful encounters with our Lord. My fellow missionaries and I also had the privilege of serving mass with Bishop Kulick of the Diocese of Greensburg, PA- where our retreat was located.

SEEK Recruitment

My team and I devoted a lot of time this October to inviting students to SEEK, FOCUS' annual conference for campus ministries all over the country, which takes place January 2nd - 5th in Washington, DC.

SEEK is potentially a once in a lifetime encounter with Jesus, the wisdom of the Church, and young Catholic community on a massive scale.

Many students experience profound transformations with our Lord at this conference. Thankfully, we passed our goal for recruitment and will have 43 students coming with us this year!

Thank you for your prayers for our campus.



Sharing The Gospel

For our team outreach efforts this October we've focused on simply sharing a synopsis of the Gospel with students individually as they walk by busy corners on campus. These conversations have been rewarding even though most students who accept the Gospel truth are unwilling to act on it. It is a blessing to be able to proclaim Jesus and have the willingness to share Him with complete strangers.

Please pray for these efforts, and the conversions of Blake, Colin, and Matt.

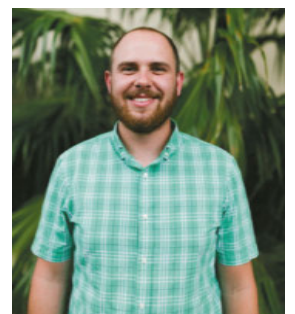
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