

SAINT AUGUSTINE PARISH

18 Barre Street • Montpelier, Vermont 05602



CONTACT INFORMATION

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:15 pm

Sunday: 9:15 am

Mon, Tues, Fri: 8:15 am

Wednesday: 12:10 pm

Thursday: No Mass

Please see inside bulletin for exceptions/changes

Holy Days and Holidays

Please see Mass schedule inside bulletin.

Confession

Friday: 8:45–9:30 am

Saturday: 4:00–4:45 pm
(or by appointment)

Office Hours (@ St. Monica in Barre)

Monday - Thursday: 8:00am - 4:00pm

Friday: 8:00am - 12:00pm

Saturday-Sunday

RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades K-6: Sunday 10:30-11:30am

O.C.I.A.

A program for those interested in becoming Catholic and Catholics who would like to learn more about their faith.

Wednesdays 6:30pm-8:00pm † September - April
in St. Augustine Parish Hall

EMMAUS JOURNEY

Exploring the Christian Faith Vision
Adult Continuing Education

With Dcn Regis Cummings and Joseph Gainza

Thursdays 6:30-8PM on Zoom † September-April
Join Any Time

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Fr. Patrick J. Forman

Parochial Vicar: Rev. Fr. Luan Van Tran

Deacons: Rev. Mr. Regis Cummings (S.S.)
Rev. Mr. Gesualdo Schneider

Religious Education Director: Daniel Lacourrege

Parish Secretary/Office Manager: Liz Kilmurry

Custodian/Cemetery Director: Michael Bottiggi

Parish Council Chair:

Conor Cook, conor.p.cook@outlook.com

Finance Committee Chair:

Open at this time

Catholic Daughters of America Regent:

Denise Parry, parrya@myfairpoint.net

Knights of Columbus:

Grand Knight: William Toborg, wlt1@caa.columbia.edu

Deputy Grand Knight: Conor Cook, conor.p.cook@outlook.com



SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Weddings: Contact the Pastor before setting a date; a minimum of six months notice is required.

Baptisms: By appointment; please call the rectory.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Please notify us of people who are ill and/or hospitalized.
We will respond as soon as possible.

VISITATION OF THE SICK

Anyone who cannot celebrate Mass with us in church, who wishes to receive the Sacraments (Confession, Communion, Anointing of the Sick), please call the Rectory: 223.5285

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions may be requested Tuesday through Friday, in person at the rectory, or by phone,

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS & GUESTS

We are delighted that you have joined our parish family. As we worship together, we hope you will feel at home here. We invite you to participate in the many parish ministries that provide opportunities for prayer, service and outreach.

By registering as a parish member, we can get to know and serve you better.

Being inspired by the Gospel to live with faith, hope and love, we aspire to build God's Kingdom.

Please register by calling the rectory at **802-223-5285**, or email: staugustine@vermontcatholic.org

November 30, 2025 - First Sunday of Advent

READING 1 [Isaiah 11:1-10](#)
RESPONSORIAL PSALM [Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17](#)
READING 2 [Romans 15:4-9](#)
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION [Luke 3:4, 6](#)
GOSPEL [Matthew 3:1-12](#)

LITURGY
 December 7
 2nd Sunday
 of
 Advent

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Nov 29 BVM

5:15 PM Angelo R. Trongone

Sunday, Nov 30 - 1st Sunday of Advent

9:15am Souls in Purgatory

Monday, Dec 1 Advent Weekday

8:15 AM Relief of Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, Dec 2 Advent Weekday

8:15 AM Arthur, Betty & Skipper Kerin
by Pat Weldner

Wednesday, Dec 3 Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

12:10 PM All Parishioners of St. Augustine

Thursday, Dec 4 Saint John Damascene, Priest **NO MASS**

Friday, Dec 5 Advent Weekday

8:15 AM Special Intentions of Jeremy Schneider
for his Birthday by Dcn Ges & Loretta

Saturday, Dec 6 Saint Nicholas, Bishop

5:15 PM Peter DeCrenza, Jr.
Madlyn Morrissey by Annie Noonan

Sunday, Dec 7 - 2nd Sunday of Advent

9:15 AM Deceased Members of the Bliss Family
by Rachael Bliss

IMPORTANT DATES

Sun, Nov 30 - NO RELIGIOUS ED (Thanksgiving Break)
Wed, Dec 3 - OCIA 6:30pm @ St. A/ Youth Group 6pm @ St. M
Fri, Dec 5 - St. Augustine Community Lunch 11:30am-1pm
 7:30pm - **Messiah Concert** (Vermont Philharmonic Orchestra)
Sat, Dec 6 - 1st Reconciliation @ St. M, /Light Refreshments after
Tue, Dec 9 - **CDA Advent Program** 6pm, Gift Exchange
Wed, Dec 10 - OCIA 6:30pm @ St. A/ Youth Group 6pm @ St. M
Fri, Dec 12 - St. Augustine Community Lunch 11:30am-1pm
Sun, Dec 14 - Christmas Pageant Practice 10:30am @ St. A
 for all Religious Ed students from both St. A & St. M

Coffee Hour

(Second Sunday of the Month after 9:15am Mass)

Yippee! A 2nd Coffee Hour in November

Due to popular interest (and Faith Formation break) we are able to have an additional coffee hour: **November 30th after the 9:15 mass**
Being an extra coffee hour, Hospitality appreciates any extra help bringing treats to share.

Reminder of Office Address Change

Since our office is now in Barre, all correspondence should be sent there. Please address all mail to:



St. Augustine Parish
79 Summer St.
Barre, VT 05641

THANK YOU!

Bishop's Appeal

On Giving Tuesday please prayerfully consider joining the more than 5,000 families and individuals who have already made a donation to the 2025 Bishop's Annual Appeal. These sacrificial gifts are a beautiful expression of faith in action. Your support helps the Diocese of Burlington continue building a vibrant Church in Vermont through programs, ministries, and services. To learn more or to make a gift, visit: bishopsappealvt.org.

Support for Nov 16

Online Giving:	\$373.00
Saint Augustine Offertory:	\$1,835.00
Building & Grounds:	\$60.00
Cemetery:	
Community Lunch:	\$288.00
Fuel:	\$991.00
Religious Ed:	
School:	\$5.00
Vigil Candles:	\$70.00
Non-Off. Misc. Donations:	\$60.00
Military Services:	\$11.00
Priests' Benefit Fund:	\$5.00
World Mission Sunday:	\$20.00

Thank you for your continued support!

2nd Collection Dec 7 - School

December 8 - Immaculate Conception

Fr. Pat on Retreat

As part of Advent preparations, Fr. Pat will be away on retreat this week. Fr. Luan will be available for emergency needs. Please pray for Fr. Pat as he spends time preparing for Jesus' coming.

First Reconciliation

On Saturday morning, December 6, a number of our school and parish children will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. Please keep them in prayer. This special moment is a reminder for all Catholics to make Reconciliation part of their Advent Season.



Advent 2025



Get out your Advent wreaths and calendars! Bring Advent into your homes! It can be a struggle to resist going full-blown Christmas during the month of December. There are decorations, parties and music everywhere. The Catholic Church invites Christians to celebrate Advent first, to take time to prepare ourselves for Jesus' return in glory one day and to prepare to celebrate the effects His birth have in our lives and in the world. One of the beautiful signs of Advent is the expectant Mother Mary, waiting patiently for the birth of Jesus. Advent can be a time of prayerful preparation for all Christians waiting to celebrate the birth of Jesus.



CDA ADVENT PROGRAM & GIFT EXCHANGE

Catholic Daughters of St. Augustine is having their December meeting on December 9th at 6: pm. This will be an Advent event, a wreath lighting with Rosary, light refreshments and a gift exchange (under \$10).

We hope many members will attend.



Prayer for Vocations

Bishop McDermott has asked that at the end of the prayers of the faithful at all masses, a prayer for vocations be prayed. There are copies in the pew. Please leave these laminated cards in the pews for the next mass.



Our Lady Undoer of Knots Radio

CATHOLIC RADIO in VERMONT ~ dig out your radios!

OUR LADY UNDOER OF KNOTS RADIO, INC. is now operational on **104.1 FM.**
Live Streaming of EWTN broadcasts from St. John the Evangelist in Northfield. ➔



BLOOD DRIVE SURVEY

The Beth Jacob Synagogue in Montpelier is looking to host a Blood Drive on December 23, 2025. The Red Cross has asked them to send out an Interest Survey to gauge preparedness of food, materials, PPE, etc. If interested in giving blood, please click on the link provided and fill out the five question survey. **SURVEY:** <https://forms.office.com/r/qaFSwgLJ4r>

Thank you for considering us and this amazing cause that saves so many!
Kol Tuv (all good things!)



Knights of Columbus



The Knights of Columbus will be raffling chances to win a \$200 Visa card to benefit the Knights' charitable and fraternal programs. Chances are \$10. Sales will continue on November 29/30 and December 6/7. with a drawing at the Knights of Columbus meeting on December 9, 2025. Members of the Knights of Columbus will be available after Masses on November 29/30 and December 6/7 to sell raffle tickets.



Vermont Philharmonic Presents Handel's Messiah

At St. Augustine on Friday, Dec 5, 2025 at 7:30

Tickets: \$25/\$20 Seniors/\$5 Students

Tickets will be available at the door or online at www.vermontphilharmonic.com





LET US PRAY FOR... *our church, our parishes in Vermont and all over the world, our Catholic Schools, our communities, our families, those who are sick and infirm, those who are lonely, those who suffer from mental illness and addiction. Let us pray.*
HOLY FAMILY PRAYER CIRCLE: If you would like to have prayers said for a loved one, friend, or neighbor, please call Cathy Asbell (802.279.7957).

PLEASE PRAY... For all the men and women from our Parish, State, and Country who serve in the military, and for the sick of our Parish,



Especially for:

- Kathy Callaghan
- G.
- GBJ
- Raylene Hedges
- Greg Ibey
- Matthew Khouri
- Jan Koval
- Olivia Leibold
- Lee Curtis Lilly
- Matthew Percy
- Pat Percy
- Jeannette Quinn
- Timothy Scandale
- Thomas Vivian

PRAYERS

Call 223-5285 (Rectory)
 To add someone to this list

Please Pray for the Repose of the Soul
of those who have died in our Parish
Especially:

- Carleen Pembroke Van Siclen
- Ronald Dion
- Gertrude "Trudy" McArdle
- Joseph Mureta



Jubilee Pilgrimage Passport

The Diocese of Burlington has created a simple passport that is available to any parishioner who may wish to keep track of their pilgrimage to the 4 Jubilee Churches in our diocese. The passport has 6 visits,



This project can be accomplished anytime throughout the Jubilee Year, as your schedule allows.

Information on the Jubilee Churches and the Indulgence can be found here:
www.vermontcatholic.org/about/jubilee-year-2025/

St. Joseph's Level III Residential Care Home, Burlington, VT

Rooms and Suites available: St. Joseph's Residential Care Home, operated by Vermont Catholic Charities, is a small home-like community that provides personal care, medication management, home cooked meals, nursing overview, and a wide array of activities. Our dedicated staff supports the needs of the whole person - physical, emotional, social and spiritual.

For more information or to schedule a tour, please call 802.864.0264

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Following the teachings of Dom John Main OSB, founder of the Benedictine Priory, Montreal, Quebec

For details please Contact: Dcn Regis Cummings - 802.223.6043

Last Call: An Invitation for Married Couples

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is offering a new seven-hour experience designed to deepen the spiritual connection between married couples called, "God Chose You For Me. It will take place **Saturday, December 6, 2025** from 8:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. at **St. Elizabeth Parish Pastoral Center, 181 Hubbard St., Ludlow, MA 01056**. The experience will be led by Fr. Larry Brault of the Worcester Diocese, a married couple, and a surviving marital spouse. The experience is an exploration of matrimonial spirituality, rooted in the love shared between husband and wife - a reflection of God's presence. Couples will be guided in creating a personal couple prayer developed progressively through the day. This prayer will then serve as a daily spiritual practice.

The \$100 cost includes materials, lunch, and refreshments.
 Couples may register online no later than November 30, 2025 at <http://www.mectw.org/enrichment.php>



For more information contact Bob & Marie Lussier: (413) 224-1145 or R-M-Lussier@charter.net

BISHOP'S APPEAL as of 11/12/2025 WE'VE REACHED OUR GOAL!

GOAL: \$32,676.00 ACTUAL: \$30,181.62 Recurring Estimate: \$2,653.00
 ACTUAL (Including Recurring Est): \$32,834.62 % OF GOAL: **100%!**

Pope's Monthly Prayer Intention

November

For the prevention of suicide

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

A Window into Our Stained Glass Windows

Happy New Year! Today is the first day of Advent and the beginning of the new liturgical year. There's no better time to experience Handel's *Messiah*, which will be coming to St. Augustine Church Friday 12/5 at 7:30 PM.

Handel's *Messiah* is one of the most remarkable pieces of Christian music ever composed, both for its incredible beauty (listen to "The Messiah Overture" on YouTube for a sample) and that it covers the entire story of Salvation History. It's made up of three parts: 1. Prophecies of Christ and His Birth, 2. His Death and Resurrection, 3. His Conquest of Death and the New Heaven and Earth. This is a perfect catechetical resource to help us recognize and address a common flaw in our vision of Christ, particularly during the coziness of the Christmas season. We often aren't centered in the entire drama of Salvation History, and *The Messiah* absorbs us into the centuries of Israel's suffering and prophecy, the suffering and triumphant return of Christ, and the future extension of this transformation to all of creation, starting in us now through our participation in the sacramental life of the Church.

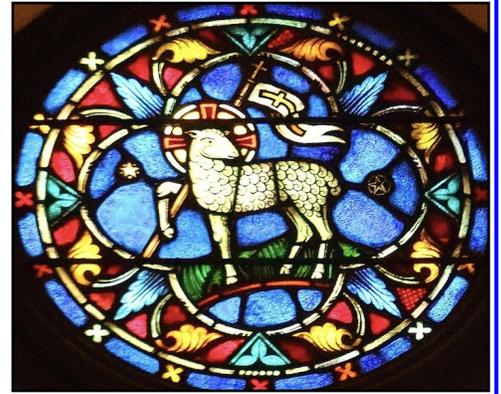
Handel tells' this story through his music and 81 Bible verses. Many *Messiah* performances around Christmas, including that of the Vermont Philharmonic at St. Augustine Church, focus on Part I and include only a couple verses from Part II and III. Yet we shouldn't miss the power of these sections. The most famous song, the Hallelujah Chorus, ends part II and is about the Resurrection and Christ reigning over every earthly kind and power.



A couple images from St. Augustine Church are the focus of Part III. The first is the trumpet from third Station of the Cross, which is found in both song 47 and 48. The lyrics to 47 are "Behold, I tell you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet;" (I Cor 15: 51-52).

The second is the lamb above the altar. From the final song of Handel's *Messiah*, number 53. "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain, and hath redeemed us to God by his blood..." (Rev 5: 12-14) "Amen."

So if you are looking for a burst of spiritual energy to start Advent, see you at *The Messiah* Concert on Friday.



Caroling at the Quirky Pet 🐦🐦

Cindra, the owner the Quirky Pet on State Street, is looking for carolers to sing in front of the store during the "Downtown Montpelier Cocoa Crawl" on Saturday, December 13th to raise money for the emergency heating fund. They intend to have a collection barrel out front with various carolers taking half hour shifts and challenging their friends to stop by and join them.

They have electricity in the vestibule, so in theory someone could bring an electric piano/keyboard if they wish. The Caroling slots are first come/first booked. They will run from noon until 4:30 when it starts to get dark. All ages are welcome.

Contact Richard Sheir at rsheir@gmail.com



🎄 Sing with Joy at St. Augustine's Annual Christmas Carol Sing-Along! 🎵

Date & Time: Friday, December 12th at 5:30 PM

Location: St. Augustine's Church

Come lift your voice in song and celebrate the joy of the season with friends, parishioners, and community.

After the sing-along, enjoy a simple, cozy supper of soup & bread in the church hall.

We look forward to sharing this special evening with you!

