

SAINT AUGUSTINE PARISH

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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

January 4, 2026 - The Epiphany of the Lord

READING 1
RESPONSORIAL PSALM
READING 2
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
GOSPEL

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7
Psalm 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10
Acts 10:34-38
Cf. Mark 9:7
Matthew 3:13-17

LITURGY

January 11

The Baptism
of the Lord

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Jan 3 The Most Holy Name of Jesus
5:15 PM Mary Jane Cain by Fred & Mary Bashara

Sunday, Jan 4 - Epiphany of the Lord
9:15 AM All Parishioners

Monday, Jan 5 Saint John Neumann, Bishop
8:15 AM Rita Diego

Tuesday, Jan 6 Saint André Bessette
8:15 AM Toby & Joanne Cook
by their Children and Family

Wednesday, Jan 7 Saint Raymond of Penyafort, Priest
12:10 PM Joseph Mureta
by Knights of Columbus Bishop Brady CSL #399

Thursday, Jan 8
NO MASS

Friday, Jan 9
8:15 AM Thérèse Higgins

Saturday, Jan 10
5:15 PM Mary Jane Cain by Fred & Mary Bashara

Sunday, Jan 11 - The Baptism of the Lord
9:15 AM All Parishioners

IMPORTANT DATES

Sun, Jan 4 - Religious Education-Safe Environment Instruction
Wed, Jan 7 - OCIA 6:30pm @ St. A/ Youth Group 6pm @ St. M
Fri, Jan 9 - St. Augustine Community Lunch 11:30am-1pm
Wed, Jan 14 - OCIA 6:30pm @ St. A/ Youth Group 6pm @ St. M
Fri, Jan 16 - St. Augustine Community Lunch 11:30am-1pm
Sat, Jan 17 - Confirmation Retreat at St. Joseph Cathedral
from 10am-5pm for all Confirmation Students

Coffee Hour

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

Please email or call Cynthia Murphy at cynthiam1950@gmail.com or 802.229.0779 if you are able to provide baked goods/fruit/veggies or help out. Or just be spontaneous and bring us a surprise. You need not commit to every month.

Next Coffee Hour: January 11



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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Support for Dec 21

Online Giving:	\$448.00
Saint Augustine Offertory:	\$3,273.00
Building & Grounds:	\$80.00
Cemetery:	\$20.00
Community Lunch:	
Fuel:	\$135.00
Religious Ed:	
School:	\$25.00
Vigil Candles:	\$65.00
Non-Off. Misc. Donations:	\$570.00
Christmas:	\$110.00
Flowers:	\$235.00
Immaculate Conception:	\$60.00
Religious Retirement:	\$275.00

Thank you for your continued support!

2nd Collection Jan 11- FUEL

Coffee Hours

Next weekend, the Baptism of the Lord, is the second Sunday of the month. A coffee hour will be held after the morning masses. Plan to attend to visit with other community members and build bonds as a parish family.

Parish Advisors Dinner

Twice a year Fr. Pat invites the parish and finance councils and the liturgy committee to share a pot-luck meal together. This year's winter meal will be on Monday, January 5 at 6:00pm in the St. Monica Parish Hall. Each of these groups advise Fr. Pat on a particular aspect of parish life. Coming together to break bread and strengthen fellowship helps everyone to share a common vision and better serve our parishioners. We are grateful for those who serve on these committees.

Totus Tuus

Now that most gifts have been exchanged and opened celebrating Jesus' birthday, Fr. Pat is encouraging parents and grandparents and godparents to consider one final Epiphany gift for their children: the gift of a week at Totus Tuus. This Diocesan summer program will be held at St. Monica-St. Michael School from June 21-26. The cost is \$ 70.00 per child (grades 1-8) or \$ 160.00 per family, or \$25.00 per family for high school students. Daily singing, games, Mass, Rosary lessons and some cookie breaks, make Totus Tuus a special time. Families are encouraged to reserve this time in their family calendar now. Registration forms are available from our Religious Education Office, at dlacourrege@vermontcatholic.org or calling 802-476-4020.

Time to Undecorate

As the Christmas Season ends on January 11, the churches will need to be ready for Ordinary Time. St. Augustine will be undecorated after coffee hour and religious ed classes. St. Monica will be undecorated on Monday January 12, after the 7:00am Mass. Thank you to all who can help.



St. Monica Parish *Men of St. Joseph*

Men of St. Joseph was founded in 2002 by Thomas F. Prindiville and Deacon Daniel Pudvah, with the strong support of the Pastor. The MOSJ meets monthly on the third Saturday (except in August) from 8:00am to 10:00am, in the Parish Hall. We have a breakfast, prayer time, discussions about our Faith, and occasionally invite a guest speaker. We assist the Pastor with projects when called upon. We enjoy a picnic the third Sunday in July in the Barre Town Recreation Shelter, and a special steak and eggs breakfast in December in the parish hall.

St. Augustine Parish Men are cordially invited to attend our meetings, meet our members, and enjoy fellowship. You may contact Deacon Dan at 802-479-3253 or Gary at 802-476-6097.

ATTENTION ALL Religious Education Students

On Sunday, January 4, students will be receiving their annual Safe Environment Instruction. As per the norms of our Diocesan Safe Environment Policy, we are required to offer this instruction to all students every school year. We will be using the "Circle of Grace" program with age-appropriate instruction. Parent letters have been sent home via email so that you can review the course content in advance. If you choose to opt out of this program, you should let us know ahead of time so that we can plan accordingly.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

If you have any questions, please reach out to the PCL, Daniel Lacourrege, at dlacourrege@vermontcatholic.org.

ATTENTION ALL CONFIRMATION STUDENTS

All our young people who are preparing for Confirmation this April are expected to attend the Diocese of Burlington Confirmation Pilgrimage on Saturday, January 17, 2026 at the Cathedral of St. Joseph. This is a self-transport event, so parents will need to arrange arrival and departure from the Cathedral at 29 Allen St., Burlington VT. The event goes from 10am through the Cathedral's Vigil Mass, which usually ends at 5pm: please be punctual. The parish will cover the cost of all student participants, but if parents wish to come and stay for the retreat they will need to pay a \$15 cover charge for food and materials.

IMPORTANT: you need to RSVP by email with Daniel Lacourrege, our PCL, indicating any food allergies or special needs. You can also reach out to him with any questions or concerns you may have. He can be reached at dlacourrege@vermontcatholic.org.



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.
Pauline Goodell
Raylene Hedges
Greg Ibey
GBJ
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



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

St. Augustine/St. Monica Youth Group Welcomes All Parish Teens

St. Augustine/St. Monica Youth Group meets every Wednesday night from 6pm until 8pm in the St. Monica Parish Hall. Each meeting will include FREE food, fellowship, a weekly activity and, of course, time for prayer and faith formation.

The activity will rotate from week to week and will include: GAMES, ARTS, CRAFTS, GUEST SPEAKERS, HOLIDAY PARTIES AND MUCH MORE! So, if you are a teen who is part of the parish communities of St. Augustine and St. Monica, we invite you to come check out the new youth group! You are welcome to sign up at the door, but if you would like to register in advance or if you have suggestions for fun activities, please email stmonicalift@gmail.com.

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

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: The Epiphany of the Lord

Psalm: 24:1-2: "Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory." Have you let the Lord enter your life and your relationship with your spouse? Jesus will strengthen you and guide your relationship to be even better.

Learn how, by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on:

January 23-25, 2026 in North Easton, MA

March 13-15, 2026 in South Burlington, VT

Worldwide Marriage Encounter sponsors a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on seven weekdays. Couples explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church.

Registration is limited; there is a \$100 application fee.

For more information or to apply:

Contact **Gary & Lynn Root** at **802-456-8114**, vtroot@together.net or wwwme.org.



BISHOP'S APPEAL as of 12/01/2025 YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT IS APPRECIATED

GOAL: \$32,676.00 ACTUAL: \$31,414.07 Recurring Estimate: \$1,277.07

ACTUAL (Including Recurring Est): \$33,935.07 % OF GOAL: **104%!**

Pope's Monthly Prayer Intention

January

For Prayer with the Word of God.

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

A Window into Our Stained Glass Windows

On this day, the Epiphany of the Lord, the light of Christ shines into the world, what Isaiah prophesied in the first reading:

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem!
Your light has come,
the glory of the Lord shines upon
you.

See, darkness covers the earth,
and thick clouds cover the peoples;
but upon you the LORD shines,
and over you appears his glory.



In the darkness of winter our windows shine outward. This photo of the Four Doctors was taken December 6, 2024, before the Messiah Concert, which was also the eve feast of St. Ambrose. St. John Chrysostom (347-407) describes prayer with imagery that could have been drawn from these photos of St. Augustine Church in winter:

“Practice prayer from the beginning. Paint your house with the colors of modesty and humility. Make it radiant with the light of justice. Decorate it with the finest gold leaf of good deeds. Adorn it with the walls and stones of faith and generosity. Crown it with the pinnacle of prayer. In this way you will make it a perfect dwelling place for the Lord. You will be able to receive him as in a splendid palace, and through his grace you will already possess him, his image enthroned in the temple of your spirit.”

As we start this new year, may we think about how we can further decorate the temple of St. Augustine Church with faith, justice, good deeds and prayer so that the light of Christ shines more brightly in our community.

Discerning God's Will

Calling all 7-12th graders!

The Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry is excited to announce we will be hosting a series of Youth Day Retreats in 2026. These retreats, meant for students in 7th-12th grade, will be opportunities for community building, fun, and spiritual growth! We invite you to register the young person in your life for the most convenient retreat near you. Registration is free!

Here are the retreat locations and dates:

Mount St. Joseph Academy, Rutland: January 3, 2026

Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church, Bennington: April 11, 2026

St. Charles Church, Bellows Falls: May 9, 2026

St. Catherine of Siena Church, Shelburne: May 16, 2026

Father Lively Center, St. Johnsbury: May 30, 2026

To register for these free retreats, please visit the following link:

<https://forms.gle/nnLYw31dv5tCT7GM7>.

If you have any questions, please contact our Youth and Young Adult Minister, Isaac Desranleau (idesranleau@vermontcatholic.org), for more information!