

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

FEAST OF ST. BLAISE

Tuesday, February 3



BLESSING OF THROATS

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 Wednesday 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

February 1, 2026 - Fourth Sunday Ordinary Time

READING 1 [Isaiah 58:7-10](#)
RESPONSORIAL PSALM [Psalm 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9](#)
READING 2 [1 Corinthians 2:1-5](#)
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION [John 8:12](#)
GOSPEL [Matthew 5:13-16](#)

LITURGY

February 8

5th Sunday Ordinary

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Jan 31 Saint John Bosco, Priest
 5:15 PM Brian Marineau by Paul & Lynn Guare

Sunday, Feb 1 - 4th Sunday Ordinary Time
 9:15 AM Judith A. (Pillsbury) Hebert
 by SMHS Class of "58"

Monday, Feb 2 The Presentation of the Lord
 8:15 AM Judith A. (Pillsbury) Hebert
 by SMHS Class of "58"

Tuesday, Feb 3 St. Blaise, Bishop, Saint Ansgar, Bishop
 8:15 AM Charles P. Kerin, Sr.
 by Susan and Rene Houle

Wednesday, Feb 4
 12:10 PM Rita Diego

Thursday, Feb 5 Saint Agatha
 NO MASS

Friday, Feb 6 Saint Paul Miki
 8:15 AM Special Intentions of Patrick Cook and
 Family by George & Becky Wisner

Saturday, Feb 7 BVM
 5:15 PM Special Intentions

Sunday, Feb 8 - 5th Sunday Ordinary Time
 9:15 AM Ray Barquin

IMPORTANT DATES

Mon, Feb 2 - Parish Council Meeting 6:00pm St. M parish hall
 Tue, Feb 3 - **Feast of St. Blaise/ Blessing of Throats**
 Wed, Feb 4 - OCIA 6:30pm @ St. A/ Youth Group 6pm @ St. M
 Fri, Feb 6 - St. Augustine Community Lunch 11:30am-1pm
 Sat/Sun, Feb 7/8 - **Souperbowl of Caring**
 for **1st Communion** and **Confirmation** students
 Wed, Feb 11 - OCIA 6:30pm @ St. A/ Youth Group 6pm @ St. M
 Fri, Feb 13 - St. Augustine Community Lunch 11:30am-1pm
 Sat, Feb 14 - **CDA Soup Luncheon**, Meeting, Card Writing 12pm
 Sat, Feb 14 - **Hospitality Committee Potluck** (after 5:15 Mass)

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: February 8

Presentation



of the Lord Feb 2

Support for Jan 18 / Jan 25

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| Online Giving: | \$353.00 | \$328.00 |
| Saint Augustine Offertory: | \$2,002.00 | \$2,114.00 |
| Building & Grounds: | \$90.00 | \$330.00 |
| Cemetery: | \$20.00 | |
| Community Lunch: | \$421.00 | |
| Fuel: | \$16600 | \$130.00 |
| Religious Ed: | | |
| School: | | \$50.00.00 |
| Vigil Candles: | \$65.00 | \$30.00 |
| Non-Off. Misc. Donations: | \$150.00 | \$330.00 |
| Catholic Ed: | \$471.00 | \$1.00 |
| Christmas: | \$25.00 | |

Latin America: \$234.00
 Solemnity of Mary: \$10.00

Thank you for your continued support!

2nd Collection Feb 8- FUEL

What to do If...

After watching the news, a St. Augustine Parishioner asked Fr. Pat what we would do if protestors invaded our church during Mass. As long as no weapons are involved, Fr. Pat would ask that all parishioners sit or kneel in their pews and refuse to engage the protestors. Fr. Pat or Fr. Luan would notify the police, who are very close by, and ask them to clear the church of troublemakers. It's understandable that St. Augustine parishioners might be concerned considering the protests that take place near-by at the capital.

Year of St. Francis

Beginning of January 10, 2026 Pope Leo has announced a special year of reflecting on the ministry of St. Francis of Assisi. 800 years ago, St. Francis died after a remarkable life of service to God and his church. Embracing Poverty, St. Francis challenged those who sought wealth. Founding the Franciscans and the Poor Clairs, giving us the live nativity, and being aware of God's presence in all creation, Fr. Francis has a continuing impact of our church. On Formed you can find material to get to know more about St. Francis. Fr. Pat has ordered a new pascal candle for both St. Augustine and St. Monica that is named in honor of St. Francis.

Fr. Pat Away

Fr. Pat will be on vacation from Feb. 6-13. Unable to get priest coverage, Fr. Luan will be celebrating all 6 Masses next weekend. He will not be able to hear confessions on Saturday afternoon Feb. 7.

Feast of Candlemas

On Monday Feb. 2 at both the 7:00am and 8:15am Masses, the priest will bless any candles that parishioners would like to bring from home. This is the Presentation of the Lord when Jesus, the light of the world, was brought to the temple by Mary and Joseph and dedicated to God. Parishioners are able to bring home the blessed candles for prayer.



Blessing of Throats



On Tuesday, February 3, the church celebrates the feast of St. Blaise. At both the 8:15am and 5:00pm Masses the blessing of throats through the intercession of St. Blaise will be offered.

Meeting for Parents of First Communion Students

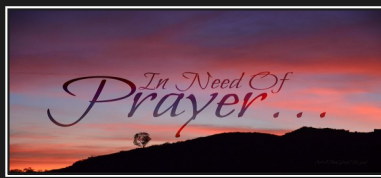
Attention: THIS SUNDAY, February 1, the parents of ALL students preparing for First Communion will need to attend religious education for a special parents' meeting. At least one parent of each student is expected to be in attendance. This applies both students in the Sunday religious education program AND to students at St. Monica-St. Michael School. This meeting had to be postponed due to the weather issues last weekend but will be occurring this weekend.



Souper Bowl of Caring



Souper Bowl of Caring: This coming Super Bowl Sunday, February 8, we are asking that all parishioners help us support our parishes' food ministries by donating to the Souper Bowl of Caring! This is a great way to make sure that we are reaching out to the least of these in our community. Please bring in non-perishable food items and monetary donations on February 7 and 8 during all Masses. Our First Communion and Confirmation students will be at each door after each Mass to collect these donations. Donations will be used to directly feed the needy who come to St. Augustine and St. Monica Parishes.



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
- Denise Dion G.
- Pauline Goodell
- Raylene Hedges
- Greg Ibey
- GBJ
- Matthew Khouri
- Jan Koval
- Olivia Leibold
- Lee Curtis Lilly
- Matthew Percy
- Pat Percy
- Timothy Scandale
- Thomas Vivian

PRAYERS

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

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

Jeannette Quinn



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.

So Save the Dates: Every Wednesday this fall from 6pm-8pm in the St. Monica Parish Hall. Hope to see you there!

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

Marriage Enrichments by Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Got a good marriage? Make it even better! The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience is an enrichment, where husbands and wives or Priests and Religious build skills and learn how to be the best spouse they can be. The Experience consists of presentations followed by private reflection time alone and with your spouse. Your relationship deserves this kind of attention!

Upcoming residential weekend experiences:

March 13-15 South Burlington, VT

April 17-19 Silver Bay, NY (Lake George area)

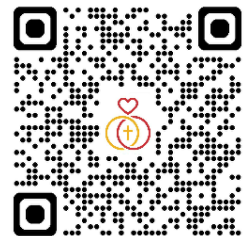
April 24-26 East Sandwich, MA

Aug 28-30 W. Hartford, CT



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

Find us on the web
WWME.ORG or Facebook.com/WWMEVT



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BISHOP'S APPEAL as of 1/06/2025 YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT IS APPRECIATED

GOAL: \$32,676.00 ACTUAL: \$35,560.34 Recurring Estimate: \$2,285.00

ACTUAL (Including Recurring Est): \$37,845.64 % OF GOAL: **116%!**

Pope's Monthly Prayer Intention

February

For children with incurable diseases

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

A Window into Our Stained Glass Windows

Of all the images in the windows, this one in the front right of St. Augustine Church, was the most difficult to figure out. For the first two years after I noticed it, my best guess was that it was a hive of bees.

Dr. Eric Buck from Magdalen College, who helped me with Mary's monogram, again came to the rescue. He figured out that despite its odd shape the symbol is a pomegranate, which is native to the Middle East and is a very important symbol in Jewish tradition. Custom held that a pomegranate contained exactly 613 seeds, the same number of stipulations in the law God gave to Moses. Tiny pomegranates were woven into the hem on the bottom of the high priest's robe. King Solomon is said to have modelled his crown after the pomegranate's crown and decorated the top pillars of the Temple with pomegranates.

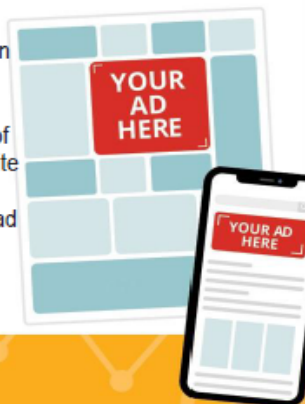
The pomegranate took on new meaning in the early Church, the tightly packed seeds being seen as symbol of harmonious believers. An open pomegranate is an image of the Sacred Heart, seen here in Botticelli's ca. 1487 "The Madonna of the Pomegranate," where Baby Jesus holds an open pomegranate over his heart.



AVAILABLE NOW! PRINT & DIGITAL AD SPACES

Build your business and help us grow a vibrant faith community!

Artie Ciullo from LPi, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church in the coming weeks. As a valuable member of the business community, we invite you to expand your reach and grow your business with a print ad in our parish bulletin and/or a digital ad featured on ParishesOnline.com.



Artie Ciullo
802-213-9914
Aciullo@4pi.com



CDA Next Meeting

Greetings to CDA Court St. Augustine members. Please join us for our next meeting on **Saturday, February 14th at 12 noon** for a Soup Luncheon, followed by a meeting and card-making activity. We will send cards to those that could use a thoughtful, loving message.

Annual dues, \$25.00, are now due and can be paid at the next meeting or mail a check to:

Janet Koval, Financial Secretary
323 State Street
Montpelier, VT 05602

Thinking about living your faith more deeply?
We welcome new members (age 18+) to join us.

Contact: **Rose Pelchuck, Vice Regent**
at **802-454-7377** or email: **brcoal@myfairpoint.net**

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.

It was announced in previous bulletins that Totus Tuus Registration Forms are now available. That announcement was made in error. Registration Forms will not be available until the end of March. We apologize for any confusion or inconvenience.