



**PARISH
INFORMATION**

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturdays: Msgr. Ryan Hall - 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.
Also by appointment

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

The Church provides certain times and preparation for weddings. Please contact the Rectory at least six months in advance to begin the process.

REGISTRATION

Every family and person within the parish is encouraged to register with the Parish.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Celebrated on the 2nd Sunday of the month at 2:00 p.m. A required Baptism preparation meeting for parents meets on the first Monday of the month at 8:00 p.m. Godparents are welcome. Please register in advance for the class and Baptism. Godparent Pre-Requisites: Godparents must be practicing Catholics in good standing, 16 years of age or older, Baptized and Confirmed Catholic.

ON BECOMING A CATHOLIC

Those seeking information about the Catholic Faith are invited to contact Fr. Valentine at the Rectory at (516) 621-2222.

CARE OF THE SICK


Please notify the Rectory and Human Concerns Ministries if there is anyone seriously ill so that we can provide spiritual care.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Kathleen Capuano
Rebekah Cole
Kevin Cronin
Paul Cronin
Joseph V. Danbusky
John Damiano
Jessica Dawson
Linda De Stio
John Paul DiNonno
Kieran Doran
James Dougherty
Eric DuBois
Members of Ferreira
Family
Michael Friend
Noel Glen
Stephen Grabher
Roberta Greco

Christine Kenney
Frank Krukowski
John LaPreziosa
Janet Levchuck
Richard Malon
Marilyn Manning
Stuey Manzione
Justin Paradine
Diana Pearce
Karen Petrik
Marion Prendergast
Gregory Racaniello
Jaxon Rivera
Clotida Vecchione
Ronald Webb
Anne Wright
Mary Wybaillie



**MASS INTENTIONS
FOR THE WEEK**

Sunday, August 27: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:30 a.m. People of the Parish
- 9:00 a.m. Thomas Cannon
by Kaufman Family
- 11:00 a.m. Angelina & Henry Cerrito
by Peter & Eleanor Cerrito
Esterina Fazzolari
by Benny Diasparra
Linda Herbert
by Phyllis & Andrew Concilio

Monday, August 28: St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

- 9:00 a.m. Joan Grau
by Phyllis Concilio

Tuesday, August 29: The Passion of Saint John the Baptist

- 9:00 a.m. Henry Krukowski
by Wife, Anne

Wednesday, August 30: Weekday

- 9:00 a.m. Dolores O'Hara
by Richard O'Hara

Thursday, August 31: Weekday

- 9:00 a.m. For the intentions of and in thanksgiving for Joy Worthington & Family
by Dr. Esmeralda Magpantay

First Friday, September 1: Weekday

- 9:00 a.m. Anthony Vecchiano
by The Perlman Family

First Saturday, September 2: Weekday

- 9:00 a.m. For all the Intentions in Our Lady of Fatima Petition Book

- 5:00 p.m. Joseph & Martha Biasi
by Derek Skuzenski & Family
Augurio Collantes
by Family
Michael Ferrucci
by His wife, Rosemary
Joseph C. Reilly
by Daughter, Rosemary Ferrucci

Sunday, September 3: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:30 a.m. People of the Parish
- 9:00 a.m. Anthony Bastardi
by His Family
- 11:00 a.m. Dolares O'Hara
by Richard O'Hara
Anna Muehlfeld
by Peter & Eleanor Cerrito
Ted, Pauline & Gloria Staray
by Peter & Eleanor Cerrito

READINGS FOR SUNDAY
August 27, 2023
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 22:19-23
 Second Reading: Romans 11:33-36
 Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

FOCUS: Rely on God for wisdom.

Simon Peter didn't "figure out" Jesus' identity on his own. Rather, God himself revealed to Peter that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Rather than relying only on our own intellect, we must be open to what the Lord is trying to tell us – or else we may miss something crucial.

LITURGY OF THE WORD: In the first reading, Eliakim is given the tokens of the master of the palace and the Lord gives him authority over the palace to be a father to all Jerusalem. Saint Paul writes to the Romans that God's knowledge and wisdom are unfathomable. In the Gospel, when Jesus asks who the crowds say he is, the disciples give varied answers. Peter answers correctly and Jesus gives him the keys of the kingdom.

Readings for next week, Sunday September 3, 2023

- 1) Jeremiah 20:7-9 2) Romans 12:1-2
 3) Matthew 16:21-27

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✠ Celebrants for the Weekend of ✠
September 2/3, 2023

	Celebrants*	Lector
Saturday 5:00 p.m.	Fr. Valentine	Phyllisann Kalenka - L
Sunday 7:30 a.m.	Fr. Valentine	Phil Kirk - L
9:00 a.m.	Fr. Lauder	Rita Botensten - L
11:00 a.m.	Fr. Valentine	Virginia Eyerman - L

* Subject to last minute changes.

FOSTERING STEWARDSHIP
AS A WAY OF LIFE

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING

This week, be at service to someone in need. Check in on your elderly friends and family to make sure everything is ok.

Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary

Sunday Offering ~ August 20	\$6,116.00*
Same Week Last Year	\$5,985.00*

Mass Attendance for ~ August 20	409
Same Week Last Year	360

**Does not include Faith Direct*

**PARISH REGISTRATION
 REQUEST**

I/we would like to register in the parish of St. Mary's.

Please send me a Parish Census to complete so I can become a parishioner of St. Mary's. Please send my Census to:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

*Please return to the Rectory Office
 or place in the collection basket.*



Just a reminder all St. Mary's
 Masses are on Youtube link

<https://tinyurl.com/St-Marys-Roslyn>

The Pastor's Page

Dear Friends:

My habit as a young priest was to go on communion calls; one memorable visit was to a beautiful, Tudor-style home with immaculate landscaping. The resident, an 84-year-old retired banker, had an only child, a religious sister, who was given permission to care for her widowed father in his old age. He was in good health, and regularly attended social functions for seniors. Our friends at Sun Harbor were amused when I related that the man engaged in a constant stream of complaints: “Oh, I don’t feel well...” “Oh, the nation is going to hell in a hand basket...” “Oh, the high cost of taxes and medicine...” The old folks chuckled when I told them my uninspiring rejoinder: “I know...” “I know...” “I know...” This good, albeit sad man came to mind when I read a piece by the legendary Catholic thinker, Etienne Gilson, called “Christian Optimism.” He states the fundamental conviction that the world came into being out of nothing, as a gracious act of God, and is therefore good by definition. This is in contrast to other ancient religions that took it for granted that matter is evil and opposed to the spirit. The great proponent of the Christian notion is St. Augustine, who explains that evil is not so much a “thing,” but rather a privation of or injury to an otherwise good thing. For instance, the wildfires in Maui are an example of physical evil. Both the fire and the land are good in themselves, but the relation between them is destructive, which is bad. Moreover, Mr. Burns of the “Simpsons,” is an example of a moral evil. His mind is good, in fact brilliant, but it is “twisted” to perform bad deeds.

It might be surprising that, for Gilson, St. Augustine, whom the Church honors this week, is the figure who best embodies the spirit of Christian

Optimism. There is much evidence that argues to the contrary. When he was writing and carrying out his duties as Bishop of Hippo in North Africa, the world was going to hell in a hand basket. He lived in the final years of the Roman Empire. While on the other side of civilization St. Patrick was humanizing the less-than-genteel Celtic tribes, Augustine was devastated by the sack of Rome in 410. The blame for the empire’s demise, of course, fell to the strange cult—Christianity—that did away with the worship of the gods, thus bringing calamity. Augustine, however, responded to the accusation with the brilliant City of God. He declares that Christians, who keep their eyes fixed on the Kingdom of Heaven, make the best of citizens precisely because they do not covet this world for its own sake.



In what sense, then, is Augustine an expression of Christian Optimism? For one thing, Christianity does not believe that evil is part of the fabric of the material world; rather, all beings are good,

but there are levels of good. Creatures, which vary in their perfection over time, can therefore be brought to greater levels of it. Likewise with moral evil. Augustine was convinced that few people choose evil because it is evil. Instead they prioritize a lesser good (say, wealth) over a greater good (the welfare of the community). Yet in all this, God, who must exist, continues to hold us in being, which makes our perfection—with his grace, of course—possible. I’d like to think that, somehow, my retired banker benefitted from the communion calls. As Augustine tells us, his restless heart would find rest in God, for whom he longed.

Faithfully,

Fr. Valentine

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Human Concerns HELP

**The Food Pantry is in great demand
for food and is running low on staples.**

The following items are needed:

Paper Goods	Coffee	Crackers
Peanut Butter	Tea	Rice
Jelly	Pasta Sauce	Snacks
Spaghetti	Tuna Fish	Juice
Cereal	Cookies	

**Food vouchers from Stop & Shop or
other food stores for \$10 or \$20**

**We are also requesting
School Supplies**

Please bring your donations to the back of the church or Msgr.
Ryan Hall at 440 Round Hill Road, Roslyn Heights

*Those in need of food or other supplies may call
Elsie Calderone at (516) 626-1097 or
send her an e-mail at
outreachstmary7@gmail.com*

REMEMBERING THOSE WHO SERVE



Lord, hold these men and women in your loving hands and protect them as they protect us and bless them for their self-forgetting acts. We pray for peace in our world and an end to war. Amen.

1LT Doug Alessi
CAPT Peter Clarke
CAPT Brendan Echausse
COL Daniel Friend
SGT Joseph M. Friend
CDR Christian R. Foschi
CAPT Daniel Grabher
PFC Steven Hyyti
CAPT David Jacobs
SK1 John D. Klick
PFC Michael P. Lanciki
MAJOR Eric W. Lipp
LCpl Caitlin Lyons
LT Dennis Mackin
Cpl Tommy Mozer
SGT Julio Ortiz II
LCpl Jonathan Peres
GSGT Jonathan Porto
LT James Raphael
PVT Michael Starczewski
SGT Luke Whitting
RCT Jordan J. Williams

Short Prayers ~ Silent Prayer

“God, there is nothing as sure as silence, stillness, and solitude, to help me understand the secrets of myself. I come to You in silent prayer. Reveal Yourself and I will be revealed. Amen.”

ST. MARY'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CATECHISTS NEEDED

Join us! We are seeking volunteers to be Catechists in our program starting September 12th.

**Tuesdays: Afternoons 4:30 – 5:30 PM
Evenings 7:00 – 8:00 PM**

Please email director.stmarysreled440@gmail.com
with any inquiries or suggestions!

Who Was St. Augustine (Feast Day August 28)



He was born in 354 in north Africa, and at 17 went to Carthage to study rhetoric. He excelled at school out of vanity and ambition, but was consumed by the pleasures of the world. He entered into a relationship with a woman there, who bore him a son.

His mother, Monica prayed without ceasing for his conversion and reform. He began to find disillusionment in his studies and worldview and sought teaching positions elsewhere, ending up in Milan. There he came to know the bishop Ambrose, and attended his sermons out of pure curiosity, but the preaching began to leave a mark on his heart and mind.

At the same time that he began to see truth in Christianity, he was intimidated by the difficulty of living a Christian life and did not have the will to convert from the pleasures of his loose living. His famous conversion experience happened when he was filled with shame after talking with friends about the heroism of saints. He had a sudden urge to seek guidance from the Bible. Reading Paul's encouragement to put aside drunkenness and to put on Christ, Augustine was surrounded by peace and his anxiety and hesitation disappeared. He told his mother immediately, who rejoiced and praised God; he was baptized soon after.

Augustine grew in his faith and was eventually named bishop. His contributions to religious life and the advancement of spirituality and theology cannot be overstated. His works still form the bedrock of much of theological study. He died on this date in 430 amid the political and social turmoil of the fall of the Roman empire.

Augustine finally mastered his own will after years of letting it run free among the world's pleasures. May we find the same order in our lives and receive the same grace, that we might also love the ultimate and lasting good, God, with all of our hearts.

St. Augustine is named a doctor of the Church, a title given to 36 saints who are known for elucidating the faith by their words or example.

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel



Italy, Apulia. Mural of Archangel Michael in the crypt of the Cathedral of San Nicola Pellegrino in Trani. Middle Ages. (1159-1197).

St. Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle.
Be our protector against the
wickedness and snares of the devil.
May God rebuke him,
we humbly pray;
And do Thou,
O Prince of the Heavenly Host,
by the power of God,
cast into hell Satan,
and all the evil spirits
who prowl about the world
seeking the ruin of souls.

Amen
(Prayer by Pope Leo XIII)

Religious Education at St Mary's - 8/27/2023

Volunteers Wanted!

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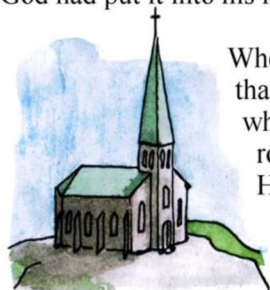
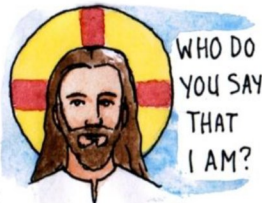
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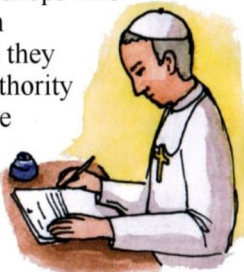
"You Are Peter."

Today in the Gospel reading, Jesus asked His disciples who people thought that He was. Everybody seemed to think He was someone special, but none of them knew who He really was. When Jesus asked the disciples themselves who they thought He was, Simon said that He was "the Christ, the Son of the living God!" Simon only knew this because God had put it into his mind.



When Simon had said this, Jesus said that his name would now be Peter, which means rock, and that on this rock He would build His Church. He made Simon Peter the first pope. He also said that the gates of Hell would not prevail against the Church. Jesus was assuring us that He would always protect the Church from error.

Now whenever the pope, or the bishops who are agreeing with the pope, proclaim something about God, we know that they are right. Jesus gave the teaching authority to Peter, and he passed it down to the bishops through all the centuries until now. Isn't that pretty amazing?



Answers to Crossword: ACROSS: 5. Netherworld 7. on 9. be 10. give 11. rock 13. head 14. in 17. flesh 19. Jesus 21. set (or put) 22. name 23. have 24. son DOWN: 1. Peter 2. Church 3. are 4. prevail 6. do 8. not 10. God 12. keys 15. never 16. we 17. Father 18. Heaven 19. Jonah 20. Simon 23. he

Important Dates:

Backpack Blessings at Mass:
 Sunday, Sept 10th

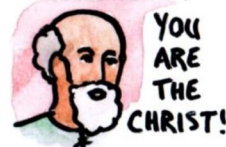
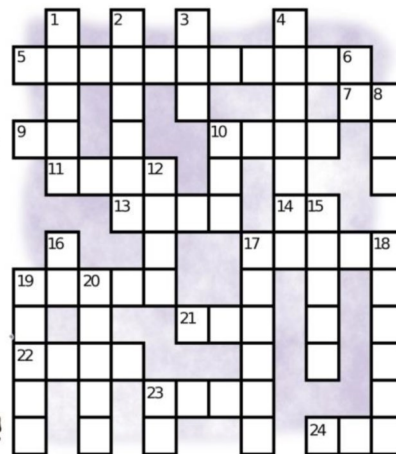
Book Pick-up & Meet the Teachers

Tuesday, Sept 12th
 (all must attend)

First Day of Classes:
 Tuesday, Sept 19th

"Who do you say that I am?" CROSSWORD

See how well you know what happened in today's Gospel story!



- ACROSS
5. "...the gates of the _____ will not prevail..."
 7. "...this rock I will build my Church..."
 9. "Whatever you bind on earth shall _____ bound in Heaven."
 10. "I will _____ you the keys of the kingdom..."
 11. "On this _____ I will build my Church."
 13. Jesus made Peter the _____ of the Church on earth.
 14. "Whatever you loose on earth will be loosed _____ Heaven."
 17. "_____ and blood have not revealed this to you..."
 19. _____ asked them, "Who do you say that I am?"
 21. God _____ Peter in charge of His Church on earth.
 22. Jesus changed Simon's _____ to Peter.
 23. "Flesh and blood _____ not revealed this to you..."
 24. "...You are the Christ, the _____ of the living God!"
- DOWN
1. _____ said, "You are the Christ..."
 2. "On this rock I will build my _____."
 3. "Blessed _____ you, Simon..."
 4. "...the gates of the netherworld shall not _____..."
 6. "Who _____ people say that the Son of Man is?"
 8. "Flesh and blood have _____ revealed this..."
 10. "You are the Christ, the Son of the living _____!"
 12. "I will give you the _____ to the kingdom of Heaven."
 15. When will the gates of the netherworld prevail against the Church?
 16. _____ belong to the Church that Jesus started.
 17. The Heavenly _____ revealed to Simon who Jesus was.
 18. "...the keys to the kingdom of _____..."
 19. "Blessed are you, Simon, son of _____..."
 20. Peter's name before Jesus changed it.
 23. Jesus ordered the disciples to tell no one that _____ was the Christ.

Entrance The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA



1. The Chur-ch's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
2. E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth,
3. 'Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, And tu - mult of her war,
4. Yet she on earth hath un - ion With God, the Three-in - One,



1. She is his new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the word:
2. Her char - ter of sal - va - tion, "One Lord, one faith, one birth!"
3. She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more,
4. And with the saints, com - mun - ion With those whose rest is won.



1. From heav'n he came and sought her To be his ho - ly bride;
2. One ho - ly Name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,
3. Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest,
4. O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we



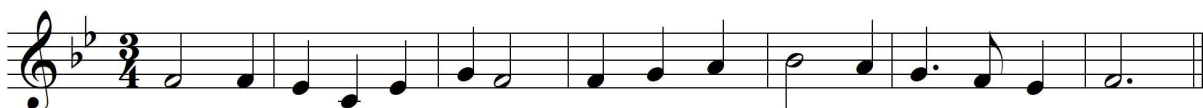
1. With his own blood he bought her, And for her life he died.
2. And to one hope she press - es With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
3. And the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.
4. Like them, the meek and low - ly, On high may dwell with thee.

Text: 76 76 D; Samuel J. Stone, 1839-1900. Music: Samuel S. Wesley, 1810-1876.

Gloria
Mass

Heritage

Responsorial Psalm



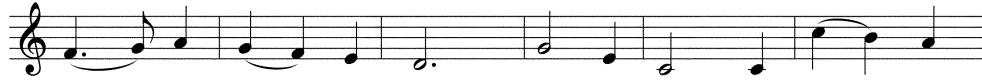
Lord, your love is e - ternal; do not for - sake the work of your hands.

Offertory

God is Here As We His People



1. God is here! As we his peo - ple, Meet to
 2. Here are sym - bols to re - mind us Of our
 3. Here our chil - dren find a wel - come In the
 4. Lord of all, of church and king - dom, In an



of - fer praise and prayer, May we find in ful - ler
 life - long need of grace; Here are ta - ble, font and
 Shep - herd's flock and fold; Here, as bread and wine are
 age of change and doubt, Keep us faith - ful to the



meas - ure What it is in Christ we share:
 pul - pit, Here the cross has cen - tral place:
 tak - en, Christ sus - tains us as of old:
 gos - pel, Help us work your pur - pose out:



Here, as in the world a - round us, All our
 Here in hon - es - ty of preach - ing, Here in
 Here the ser - vants of the Ser - vant Seek in
 Here, in this day's ded - i - ca - tion, All we



var - ied skills and arts Wait the com - ing
 si - lence as in speech, Here in new - ness
 wor - ship to ex - plore What it means in
 have to give, re - ceive; We who can - not



of his Spir - it In - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 and re - new - al God the Spir - it comes to each.
 dai - ly liv - ing To be - lieve and to a - dore.
 live with - out you, We a - dore you! We be - lieve!

Holy, Holy, Holy
 Acclamation
 Great Amen
 Agnus Dei

Save Us Savior of the World

F. Schubert

F. Schubert
 Chant

Communion

Priestly People, Kingly People

REFRAIN

Cantor/All

Priest - ly peo - ple, King - ly peo - ple, Ho - ly peo - ple,
 God's cho - sen peo - ple, Sing praise to the Lord.

VERSES

Cantor

1. We sing to you, O Christ, be - lov - ed Son
 2. We sing to you, O Son, born of Ma -
 3. We sing to you, O Light, bring - ing us
 4. We sing to you, The way to the Fa -
 5. We sing to you, The Shep - herd who leads
 6. We sing to you, O fount - o - ver - flow -
 7. We sing to you, True Vine, plant - ed by
 8. We sing to you, O Man - na, which God
 9. We sing to you, The Im - age of the Fa -

1. of the Fa - ther. We give you praise, O
 2. ry the Vir - gin. We give you praise, Our
 3. out of dark - ness. We give you praise, O
 4. ther in heav - en. We give you praise, The
 5. to the king - dom. We give you praise, Who
 6. ing with mer - cy. We give you praise, Who
 7. God our Fa - ther. We give you praise, O
 8. gives his peo - ple. We give you praise, O
 9. ther e - ter - nal. We give you praise, O

To Refrain

1. Wis - dom ev - er - last - ing, and Word of God.
 2. broth - er, born to heal us, our sav - ing Lord.
 3. guid - ing Light, who shows us the way to heav'n.
 4. way of truth, and way of all grace and light.
 5. gath - er all your sheep in the one true fold.
 6. give us liv - ing wa - ters to quench our thirst.
 7. bless - ed Vine, whose branch - es bear fruit in love.
 8. liv - ing Bread, which comes down to us from heav'n.
 9. King of Jus - tice, Lord, and the King of peace.

Recessional

Father, We Thank Thee



1. Fa - ther, we thank thee, who hast plant - ed
2. Watch o'er thy Church, O Lord, in mer - cy,



Thy ho - ly Name with - in our hearts.
Save it from e - vil, guard it still,



Knowl - edge and faith and life im - mor - tal
Per - fect it in thy love, u - nite it,



Je - sus, thy Son, to us im - parts.
Cleansed and con - formed un - to thy will.



Thou, Lord, didst make all for thy plea - sure,
As grain, once scat - ter'd on the hill - sides,



Didst give us food for all our days,
Was in this bro - ken bread made one,



Giv - ing in Christ the Bread e - ter - nal;
So from all lands thy Church be gath - er'd



Thine is the power, be thine the praise.
In - to thy king - dom by thy Son.

Text: From the *Didache*, c.110; tr. by F. Bland Tucker, 1895-1984, alt., © 1940, The Church Pension Fund
Tune: RENDEZ À DIEU, 9 8 9 8 D; *Genevan Psalter*, 1551; attr. to Louis Bourgeois, c.1510-1561