

## **QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK**

### **December 13 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

#### *Bringing Joy Through Justice*

**The Mission to the Afflicted** - Isaiah 61:1-2a,10-11  
Luke 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54

**Christian Conduct; Blessing** - 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

**John as Witness to the Light** - John 1:6-8,19-28

**Key Passage:** I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation.  
(Isaiah 61:10)

#### **For Reflection:**

**Adult Question:** What work of justice could you do this week to bring someone joy?

**Child Question:** What could you do for someone this week to make them happy?

## **ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL**

The Diocesan Catholic Yearly Appeal provides us with the opportunity to be bearers of Christ's light to others, a light that reflects Christ's kindness, compassion and hope. We hope that when presented with the opportunity to participate in the Annual Appeal, you will answer the call to build God's Kingdom.

St. Augustine parishioners have pledged \$13,900.00 towards their assigned goal of \$38,000.00.

**Please join us and help us to reach our assigned goal. Thank you!**

**BAPTISMS**  
We welcome into our Parish Family and pray God's fullest blessings upon:  
**Amir Logan Daniel and Hendrick Elliott Hersan.**

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

### Saturday, December 12

5:00

**Morris and Josephine Krieger**

### Sunday, December 13

9:30  
12:00 **at St. Augustine**

**Marianne Lehners  
Al Fattorusso**

### Monday, December 14

9:00

### Tuesday, December 15

9:00

### Wednesday, December 16

9:00

### Thursday, December 17

9:00

### Friday, December 18

### Saturday, December 19

9:00  
5:00

**No Mass**

### Sunday, December 20

9:30

### 12:00 **at St. Augustine**

**Adele and John Biolsi  
Mrs. Arthenice Martinez**

**John, Ann, & John S.  
Molony  
Christina Greene**

## **IN OUR PRAYERS**

*May God strengthen and give peace to all of our sick parishioners, relatives and friends, especially for:*

**Robert Schlegel, Daniel Joseph, Matt Speicher, Edna Fialo, Al Campisi, Mary McLoughlin, Aloyse Chong, Lorraine Lozito, Tara Lindis-Corbel and David Harrison.**

*May the hope of the Resurrection dawn on our deceased relatives and friends. We lift them up to our heavenly Father who heals all ills and gives new life.*

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AN EMERGENCY  
CALL 718-638-1880**

## A Prayer to Combat the Coronavirus Pandemic

Most merciful and Triune God, we come to you  
in our weakness.

We come to you in our fear.  
We come to you with trust.  
For you alone are our hope.

We place before you the disease present in our world.  
We turn to you in our time of need.

Bring wisdom to doctors,  
Give understanding to scientists.  
Endow caregivers with compassion and generosity.  
Bring healing to those who are ill.  
Protect those who are most at risk.  
Give comfort to those who have lost a loved one.  
Welcome those who have died into your eternal home.

Stabilize our communities.  
Unite us in our compassion.  
Remove all fear from our hearts.  
Fill us with confidence in your care.  
Jesus, I trust in you.  
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Jesus I trust in you.  
Amen.

## THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL

In today's Gospel John the Baptist says, "I am the voice of one crying in the desert; make straight the way of the Lord." Let us ask for the grace to help others to know the love of the Lord. Christmas is a time of love and gift giving . . . please give to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that those who do not have clothes and food can share in the blessings of Christmas.

## 2021 SASFX MASS BOOK

***"People shouldn't be forgotten, they matter"***

Jesus was aware of this when He offered us the Mass and His Body and Blood so we would remember Him. We know that the memorial of the Mass is a real participation in the ongoing life of our glorified Lord. We also believe that our deceased share that same life with Him. Unlike any other way, the Mass enables us not only to remember our deceased but also, through Christ, to share in their spiritual presence. The offering is \$15 per Mass Intention, which is a way of providing for the needs of the church and a tangible way of offering the gift of remembrance. Other ways to remember your loved ones are also available.

The Mass Intention Book for 2021 is now open for your intentions. Since we currently have fewer Masses and parishioners from both St. Augustine and St. Francis Xavier seeking Mass intentions, we will be accepting up to 2 intentions for each Mass and only one Mass per family per month.

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

In the face of these unsettling times, we are thankful for your continuing generosity.