

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 9, 2023

5:00pm + The Dethill Family

Sunday, December 10, 2023 –Second Sunday of Advent

9:30am + John S. & Ann & John Molony

+ The People of Saint Augustine—

Saint Francis Xavier Parish

12:00pm + Joseph Taranto

+ Forgotten Souls

+ The people of Haiti and for St. Andre Parish-
Dufort, Haiti

Monday, December 11, 2023—St. Damasus

9:00am + Vanesa Sanchez

Tuesday, December 12, 2023—Our Mother of Guadalupe

9:00am + Vanesa Sanchez

Wednesday, December 13, 2023—St. Lucy

9:00am + Vanesa Sanchez

Thursday, December 14, 2023—St. John of the Cross

9:00am + Vanesa Sanchez

+ Lois Hanks Leger

Mass Intentions are available by calling the Parish Office.
718.638.1880

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading – [Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11](#): Summary: God promises comfort and forgiveness to Jerusalem, declaring an end to her trials. A path is made for the Lord's glory, as He comes with power and tenderness, like a caring shepherd.

Responsorial Psalm – [Psalm 85](#): I listen for God's words, for He promises peace to His people and salvation to the reverent. In our land, kindness and truth, justice and peace, shall unite under His blessings.

Second Reading – [2 Peter 3:8-14](#): God's time differs from ours; He's patient, desiring all to repent. The Day of the Lord will bring transformation, urging us to live in holiness, awaiting a new righteous world.

Gospel – [Mark 1:1-8](#): Isaiah prophesied a messenger, John the Baptist, who emerged in the wilderness calling for repentance and baptism for sin forgiveness. He foretold of one greater than himself, unworthy even to untie His sandals, who would baptize with the Holy Spirit, not just water.

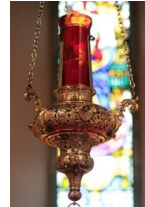
WEEKLY MEMORIALS - December 10-16



The Bread and Wine
Deceased members of
the Taranto & Fiorillo
Families



The Altar Candles
By the Parishioners of
Saint Augustine ~
Saint Francis Xavier



The Sanctuary Lamp
For Peace in
The Middle East and
The World

IN OUR PRAYERS AND REMEMBERED @ MASS

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

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| Sr. Maryann Ambrose, CSJ | Joe Guzman Jenny Hoffman | Edward McCrory Marge Miller |
| Maritza Arroyo | John Hurtado | Luna Victoria Pena |
| Bob Beaumont | Karen Intintoli | Andrew Quinn |
| Dasan Broadnax | Daniel Joseph | Suzanne Ramdial |
| Estella Chan | Flavia Langan | Angel Rosa |
| Aida Cuin | James Leger | Claire Scanlon |
| Pat DeVito | Kenneth Leger | Robert Schlegel |
| Sylvia Garland | Pricilla Masonette | Anne M. Thompson |
| Ann Gucwa | Olga Matinsen | Dominick Votto |
| | Helen McCann | |

and those in Hospitals, Nursing Homes & Rehabilitation facilities and for all those who have entered eternal rest, **May they rest in peace.**

DECEMBER SECOND COLLECTIONS

Each week, our individual sacrifice is gathered during the collection at Mass. The first collection helps with the costs associated with the operation of Saint Augustine-Saint Francis Xavier. Second collections are usually to share our sacrifice with other announced needs extending our generosity.

Maintenance Fund: Can be added to any collection throughout the month.

- ❖ 12/10/2023—Religious Retirement Fund
- ❖ 12/17/2023—Christmas Gift to the Parish
- ❖ 12/25/2023—Catholic Charities

Maintenance Fund November \$1,340

Giving Tuesday/Sacred Music \$1,900

Human Development (Diocesan) \$1,586

Thank you for your generosity and continued support of the parish.

WHEN DONATING BY CHECK

We are grateful for your sacrifice and generosity.

Please remember that until the merger of Parishes is completed checks need to be written to **either** Saint Augustine **OR** Saint Francis Xavier Church.

Weekly Update from the Pastor

Religious Retirement Fund Collection

This weekend we will have a second collection directed by the United States Bishops. The donations from this collection provide funding for religious communities needing assistance to provide retirement for their members who previously served the Church. In addition, a portion of this collection will be distributed locally for the religious communities located within the Diocese of Brooklyn who do not qualify for the retirement fund sponsored by the National Religious Retirement Office.

Thank you for remembering those who faithfully served the Church and each of us in so many ways.

Blessing of the Bambinelli—December 16 & 17

The blessing of the image of the baby Jesus from our nativity scene that is part of our Christmas celebration was first instituted by Saint John Paul II. On the **Third Sunday of Advent** (next weekend), the children of Rome are encouraged to bring their baby Jesuses, Bambinelli, to Saint Peter's Square. This beautiful tradition reminds us that although there are many images of the baby Jesus, we are united as brothers and sisters as he was born into God's creation.

Advent/Christmas Memorials

As we prepare for the birth of Jesus, we offer the opportunity to remember loved ones at Christmas in a variety of ways:

- ❖ **Christmas Flowers**—envelopes will be available to remember those we love with the poinsettias decorating our beautiful Church buildings.
- ❖ **Christmas Mass Remembrance** will include all those who will be prayed for at Masses which are part of a Christmas Remembrance of Masses. Envelopes are available to complete and place in the collection at Mass or returned to the Parish Office.
- ❖ **New this year**, will be the **memorialization of the live wreaths** decorating the inside and outside of our historic buildings. Please see the form available in the church and online for more information. Wreath memorials need to be return **by Sunday, December 17, 2023**

Hymnal Racks

For greater ease of use the *Glory and Praise* hymnals at Saint Francis Xavier Church will now be available as one enters Church each Sunday. Please remember to return your hymnal to the shelves provided as you leave Church.

How we pray ~ Is How we believe ~ Is How we live

Today, as part of our ongoing formation for praying better together in a unity that expresses our connection as brothers and sisters at Mass, I will **briefly** share what the Catholic Church asks of us as we pray at Mass.

Many gestures and customs have been added in recent years, or others from years past have returned; in some cases these detract from a clearer expression of unity. For those interested in reading what the Roman Missal says we should be doing at Mass, please see <https://sasfx.org/about/mass-times/order-of-mass>

With Gratitude and Advent Hope,

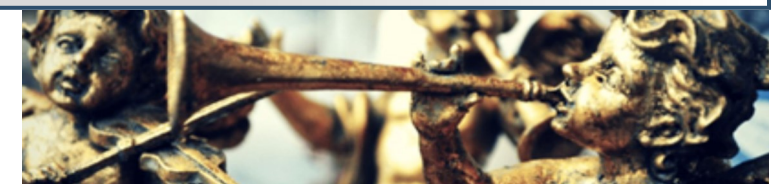
Frank C. Tumino
Pastor



BLESSING OF THE BAMBINELLI

December 16 & 17

We invite you to bring figurines of the Baby Jesus from your Nativity scene at home for a special blessing at all Masses.



Lessons and Carols

Save the Date

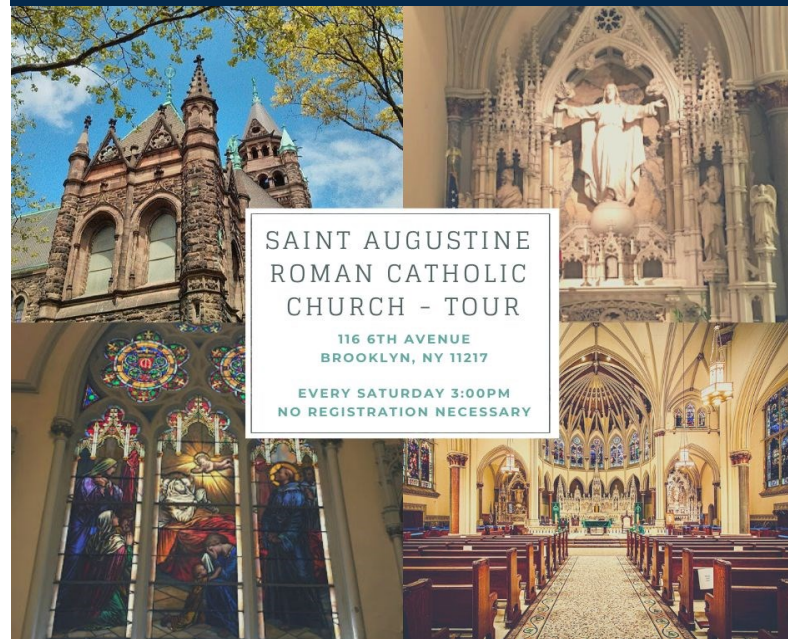
Sunday, December 10th @ 4:00PM

Saint Francis Xavier Church

225 6th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY

The Program includes brief Advent & Christmas readings from Sacred Scripture, music of the season sung by the choir, and communal singing of traditional Christmas Carols.

CHURCH TOUR—SAINT AUGUSTINE



SAINT AUGUSTINE
ROMAN CATHOLIC
CHURCH - TOUR
116 6TH AVENUE
BROOKLYN, NY 11217
EVERY SATURDAY 3:00PM
NO REGISTRATION NECESSARY

*Adore
Jesus in the
Eucharist*

HOLY HOUR
WEDNESDAY,
DECEMBER 13
6:30PM

SAINT FRANCIS
XAVIER
225 6TH AVENUE

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve Vigil, December 24
5:00pm - Saint Augustine

Midnight Mass
11:00pm - Prelude of Sacred Christmas Music
*12:00am - Saint Francis Xavier

Christmas Day - December 25
*9:30am - Saint Francis Xavier
12:00pm - Saint Augustine

*** Livestreamed on FaceBook and sasfx.org

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

All engaged couples seeking the Sacrament of Marriage are reminded that a preparation process is required. Since every situation is slightly different, and various permissions are often needed, it is highly advisable to contact the Parish Office **before looking for a venue** to celebrate after the Church celebration. 718.638.1880. Feel free to visit our website for more information about Marriage preparation. <https://sasfx.org/sacraments/marriage>

SACRAMENT of BAPTISM

We celebrate infant baptisms for children under seven years old. Children ages seven and older are invited to prepare for and celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism through preparation in our [Faith Formation program](#). If you're an unbaptized adult, check out our Christian Initiation program.

SAVE THE DATES

December 10—*Lessons & Carols*

December 10—Please have all Giving Tree gifts turned in by the 10th.

December 13 *Holy Hour/Eucharistic Adoration—SFX*

December 16—*Tree Lighting*

December 16/17—*Blessing of the Bambinelli*

JOIN OUR HOSPITALITY TEAM

Throughout the year we have many needs, such as church greeters, hosts, decorating for holidays and more. If you are interested please contact the Parish Office at 718.638.1880.

FORMED—ADVENT



Register for your free account

1. Go to [FORMED.org/signup](https://formed.org/signup)
2. Enter 11215
3. Enter your name and email

Find us on Formed



Second Sunday of
Advent
December 10, 2023

SAINT AUGUSTINE —
SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

225 6th Avenue • Brooklyn, NY 11215

PASTORAL STAFF

PASTOR

Rev. Frank C. Tumino

**PASTORAL ASSOCIATE/
DIRECTOR OF FAITH FORMATION**

Ms. Natalia Parra

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY

Dr. Michael Kaminski

PARISH SECRETARY

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday–Friday
9:30AM–4:30PM

Parish office temporarily closed to outside visitors due to major construction.

Masses

Saturday—5PM Saint Francis Xavier

Sunday—9:30AM Saint Francis Xavier

Sunday—12PM Saint Augustine

Mon– Thurs—9AM Saint Francis Xavier

*9:30 Sunday Mass and 9:00AM Wednesday

Masses are live-streamed at [SASFX.org](https://sasfx.org)

CONFESSIONS

Wednesdays: 9:30AM

Saturday: 4PM –4:45PM St. Francis

By prior appointment: Please call the parish office.

CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

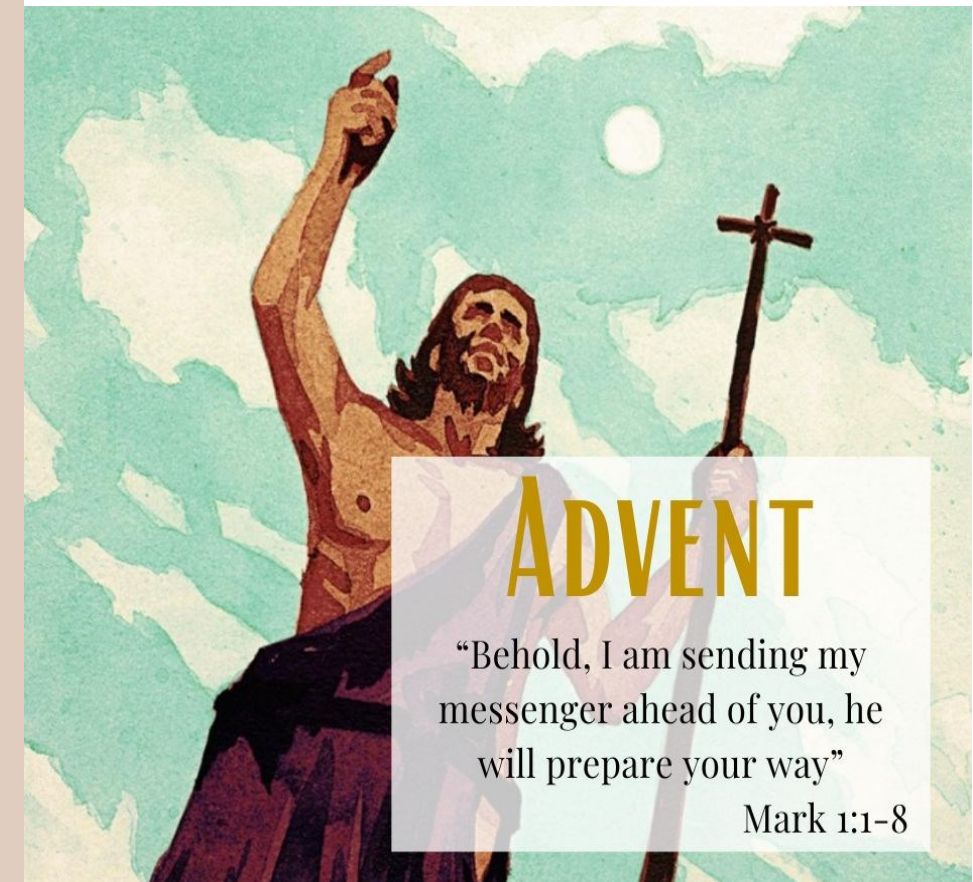
Saint Augustine: 6th Avenue @Sterling Place

Temporarily closed due to construction on 6th Avenue

Saturday tours at 3pm at Saint Augustine!

Saint Francis Xavier: 6th Avenue @ Carroll Street

Monday-Friday from 8:00AM– 12PM.



ADVENT

“Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, he will prepare your way”
Mark 1:1-8

WELCOME!

A warm welcome to our parish family and visitors. We are happy that you are here. Please call the parish office or visit [SASFX.org](https://sasfx.org) to register in the parish.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please contact the Parish Office during business hours for information and to begin the preparation process.

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please call the Parish Office for more information.

Requests must be made at least six months prior to date of Marriage.

PARISH REGISTRATION

All Parishioners must formally register in the Parish by visiting the parish office or online at [SASFX.org](https://sasfx.org)

Letters of recommendation and Sponsor Certificates can only be provided for those known to be registered for at least 3 months, supporting and active parishioners and actively living the Catholic Faith.

FIND US ONLINE



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