

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, December 30, 2023**

5:00pm + Carmela Buonanno  
+ Frank Sarullo

**Sunday, December 31, 2023 –The Holy Family of Jesus,  
Mary & Joseph**

9:30am + Margaret Zsiga

+ The People of Saint Augustine ~

Saint Francis Xavier Parish,

12:00pm + The people of Haiti and for St. Andre Parish,  
Dufort, Haiti

**Monday, January 1, 2024—Solemnity of Mary, The Holy  
Mother of God**

9:30am + Monsignor John F. Casey

**Tuesday, January 2, 2024—St. Basil the Great & Gregory  
Nazianzen**

9:00am + Mary Regis McLoughlin &  
Sister Jean McLoughlin SSND

**Wednesday, January 3, 2024—The Most Holy Name of Jesus**

9:00am + Frank and Marie Candullo

**Thursday, January 4, 2024—St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**

9:00am + Mary McGovern

## SUNDAY READINGS

**First Reading** – [Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14](#): God honors the authority of parents. Respecting one's father and mother brings blessings, atonement for sins, and longevity. Caring for aging parents is a lasting act of kindness.

**Alternate First Reading** - [Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3](#): God promises Abram a great reward, assuring him his own descendants will be numerous as stars. Abram's faith is counted as righteousness, and Sarah bears him a son, Isaac, as promised.

**Responsorial Psalm** – [Psalm 128](#): Those who revere the Lord and follow His ways are blessed. They will prosper in their work, have a fruitful family, and witness Jerusalem's prosperity throughout their lives.

**Alternate Responsorial Psalm** - [Psalm 105](#): Thank the Lord and declare His deeds. Rejoice in seeking Him, remembering He is our God, whose just rule extends worldwide. He forever upholds His covenant with Abraham and Isaac.

**Second Reading** – [Colossians 3:12-21](#): As God's chosen, embrace compassion, kindness, humility, and patience. Forgive as the Lord forgave you and let Christ's peace rule your heart. In all things, act with thankfulness to God.

## WEEKLY MEMORIALS - December 31—January 6



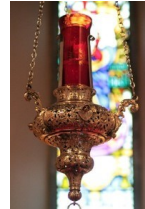
### **The Bread and Wine**

**By the Parishioners &  
Benefactors of  
Saint Augustine ~  
Saint Francis Xavier**



### **The Altar Candles**

**In Memory  
of  
R. Lynn Hare**



### **The Sanctuary Lamp**

**For a greater  
Respect for all  
Human Life**

## IN OUR PRAYERS AND REMEMBERED @ MASS

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

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

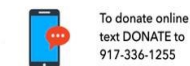
and those in Hospitals, Nursing Homes & Rehabilitation facilities and for all those who have entered eternal rest, especially Pat DeVito

**May they rest in peace.**

## ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2023



### WAYS TO MAKE A GIFT



To donate online text DONATE to 917-336-1255



Scan QR code with your smartphone



Respond to Christmas Gift Letter or fill out pledge card at the entrance of the Church



## Thank You!

We want to express our sincere gratitude to every family who has generously contributed to this year's Annual Catholic Appeal. Your commitment to supporting our community and the broader mission of the Church in Brooklyn and Queens is heartwarming.

For those who have already fulfilled their pledges, thank you for your prompt and generous response. We encourage those who have not yet fulfilled their pledge to consider doing so since December 31st will conclude this year's Appeal.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to make your pledge, we encourage you to consider joining us in this shared commitment. In these coming weeks, you will receive an ACA Christmas gift request letter.

Please consider making a gift! Your support is crucial to ensuring the continued success of our faith community and its outreach efforts. No contribution is too small, and every gift, regardless of size, contributes to the greater good of many individuals and families in need throughout Brooklyn and Queens.

Merry Christmas

## Weekly Update from the Pastor

### Merry Christmas

As we continue the celebration of the birth of Jesus our Christ, (actually we celebrate to January 7 when we celebrate the Epiphany of our Lord) I write to express my gratitude for all who helped us to ensure that the light of Jesus' birth burns brightly amidst the darkness we experience in our world, in our cities and sometimes in our homes and lives.

How encouraging it is to see those who joined us as we celebrated the Nativity of Our Lord. While the morning Masses for the last Sunday of Advent had lesser numbers any time for communal prayer at Mass is a time for grace.

Please know my gratitude for all those whose generosity in these days helped us and those served through Catholic Charities to know Jesus in a more visible way. I am grateful for those who volunteered as Ushers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors and as members of the Choir. I am equally grateful to all those who provided a welcoming spirit to those who prayed with us these days.

The potential expressed by God's people these days is only waiting to be further developed. Please consider utilizing the Formed subscription our parish maintains through generous grants to help continue our formation in the Catholic faith. Information on how to access this valuable resource is available on the next page.

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

Over the weeks of Advent, together we considered how our prayer at Mass is meant to be an expression of the unity that Jesus' birth came to bring to our world. Brochures are available at the entrances of Church which seek to invite us to pray with renewed fidelity to how the Roman Missal calls Catholic Christians to pray together at Mass.

Once again, those interested in reading what the Roman Missal encourages us to do at Mass, please see <https://sasfx.org/about/mass-times/order-of-mass>

### The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Although **Monday, January 1st** is the **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**, the obligation to attend Mass has been lifted by the Bishops of the United States. Although not an obligation, praying together at Mass as we honor Mary, the Mother of Jesus and therefore our God, affords us the opportunity to begin the New Year expressing our gratitude to God as we seek his abundant grace and mercy in the year ahead. **Join us at 9:30 AM at Saint Francis Xavier!**

### Wishes for a Happy and Healthy New Year

Over the last year, we have faced many challenges individually and collectively. As a Parish, we are growing together so that we are no longer two communities, but one that is stronger and more vibrant for the future

Please pray and prayerfully consider how you may become more active in Saint Augustine ~ Saint Francis Xavier. Although many have quite busy schedules, we can all seek to find ways to serve God and his Church.

Wishing you, and those you love a happy, healthy AND Holy New Year!

Frank C. Tumino  
Pastor

As the 2023 tax year draws to a close, we encourage those who are able to consider the advantages of year-end tax giving. Some important guidelines to remember: To take advantage of tax-savings benefits for the 2023 calendar year, please note the following: Please make your GiveCentral online gift before December 31, 2023.



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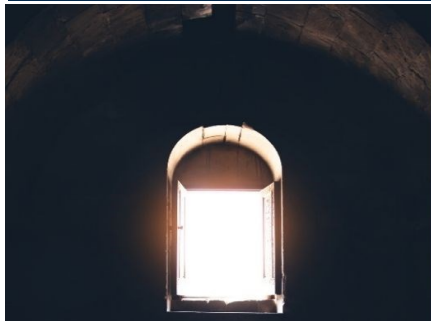


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## WANT TO BECOME CATHOLIC?



Knock

and the door will be open unto you

Adult Baptism - First Communion -  
Confirmation or  
Coming back to Church



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[sasfx.org/faith-formation](https://sasfx.org/faith-formation)



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## REGISTER WITH THE PARISH

BEING CATHOLIC

MAKE A COMMITMENT

# ARE YOU REGISTERED?

- Parish Registration is Important. It demonstrates commitment to a particular community of faith. Those baptizing children, forming them in Faith Formation or seeking an extraordinary life of faith should formally register.
- Parish Registration is required in preparing letters of reference and for the completion of Sponsor Forms for those seeking to serve as Godparents for Baptism or Confirmation.
- Registration and weekly support through online giving or weekly envelopes is helpful to us in budgeting for the year.
- Registered parishioners who are donors are provided yearly statements of donations for tax purposes.

## OFFICE CLOSED—MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 2024

The Saint Augustine—Saint Francis Church Parish office will be closed Monday, January 1, 2024 as we celebrate New Years day with our families. We will resume office hours on Tuesday, January 2, 2024.

Happy New Years!

## 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.

## 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.

## CONGRATULATIONS—BAPTISM

**Congratulations on being made new in Christ  
through your baptism  
at Saint Augustine**

❖ **Constance Tilford**  
Child of Criag and Jamie-Lee

*In asking that your child be baptized, the Church takes this as a pledge that parents or guardians are committed to see to it that this Baptism bears fruit for the Kingdom of God. May we all be witnesses to your testimony.*

## SPONSOR LETTERS

**Letters of recommendation and Sponsor Certificates** can only be provided for those known to be registered supporting parishioners, actively living the Catholic Faith. If you are not registered, not active and not living the Catholic Faith in our parish we cannot provide these forms for you. Most forms ask if you are registered and an active member of your church parish. If you attend another church in a different parish we advise you to contact the parish where you attend mass on a weekly basis.

The Holy Family Of Jesus,  
Mary & Joseph  
December 31, 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**

Mrs. Mona Tramonte

### PARISH OFFICE

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**Fax:** 332-334-4642

**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.

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## 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)

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