MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 20, 2024 5:00pm + Mrs. Joan Konkel Goldis + Morris & Josephine Krieger + Aloyse Schmit Sunday, January 21, 2024—The Third Sunday in **Ordinary Time** 9:30am + The People of Saint Augustine ~ Saint Francis Xavier Parish + Sr. Dolores Crepeau, CSI 12:00pm + Tillie Krieger + The people of Haiti and for St. Andre Parish, Dufort, Haiti Monday, January 22, 2024 9:00am + Charlie Taranto Tuesday, January 23, 2024-St. Vincent and St. Marianne Cope 9:00am + Frank Alongi Wednesday, January 24, 2024 – St. Frances De Sales 9:00am + In Thanksgiving to St. Anthony Thursday, January 25, 2024-St. Paul 9:00am + For Persecuted Christians

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading – Jonah 3:1-5, 10: Jonah, obeying God, warned Nineveh of impending destruction. The city's inhabitants, from all ranks, sincerely repented, leading God to spare Nineveh from the foretold disaster.

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 25: I seek the Lord's guidance in His truths and paths. Remembering His mercy and love, I ask for His teaching, as He leads the humble in justice and righteousness.

Second Reading – 1 Corinthians 7:29-31: Live with the awareness that our earthly experiences, whether in marriage, sorrow, joy, or material dealings, are fleeting. The world's present form is passing, emphasizing a transient existence. Gospel – Mark 1:14-20: After John's arrest, Jesus went to Galilee, preaching God's imminent kingdom and urging repentance and belief in His message. By the Sea of Galilee, He called Simon and Andrew, fishermen, to follow Him and become 'fishers of men.' They promptly did. Next, Jesus summoned James and John, who also instantly left their father and work to follow Him, illustrating the compelling nature of Jesus' call and message.

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	Joe Guzman	Edward McCrory
Ambrose, CSJ	Jenny Hoffman	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 Sylvia Garland	James Leger	Claire Scanlon
Ann Gucwa	Kenneth Leger Pricilla Masonette	Robert Schlegel Anne M. Thompson
Denise Keys	Olga Matinsen	Dominick Votto
David Harrison	Helen McCann	Mary Owens

Elscena M. Rickman Neil Napolitan

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

May they rest in peace

REMEMBER A LOVED ONE

The **2024 Mass book** for Saint Augustine – Saint Francis Xavier is open for Mass Intentions and Memorials.

- Mass Intentions: \$20.00
- Bread and Wine: \$20.00
- Altar Candle: \$20.00
- Sanctuary Lamp: \$20.00

Due to construction the office is closed to outside visitors, therefore you can either place the payment and a list of desired mass intentions or memorials in an envelope. Put Attn: Mona on the envelope, drop off at office and put it in the mail slot, place envelope in collections on the weekend. Email info@sasfx.org Subject line "Mass Intentions or Memorials" and pay online. Once I confirm the dates I will send you the link to pay online if you have not included payment. Mass cards for your intentions are available by calling the office and setting a time to come and pick them up. 718-638-1880

WEEKLY MEMORIALS



The Bread and Wine The Parishioners & **Benefactors of** Saint Augustine ~ Saint Francis Xavier

Memorial Available

The Altar Candles

The Sanctuary Lamp

For a Greater Respect for All Human Life

Weekly Update from the Pastor **Holy Communion**

Those who pray with us at Mass weekly know that occasionally, I remind the congregation that only Catholics who are knowingly without serious sin should come forward for Holy Communion. I do this as a matter of responsibility as your pastor. Even among the faithful present at Mass, some do not know or believe that the Eucharist is Jesus' body, truly, and substantially present for us. We also see many visitors at Mass, some from other faith traditions. Because of differences in belief, we do not share inter-communion with other Christian Churches. We must recognize the sad divisions so they can be healed rather than demonstrate a false unity. While some may consider it unwelcoming to inform those at Mass that non-Catholics, while able to join us in prayer, cannot receive Holy Communion, it is our responsibility to safeguard the dignity of the Sacrament that is most beloved to us. I act out of love for the Eucharist and God's people, whom He has placed under my care.

Disturbingly, I have to report that consecrated hosts have been found in the pews at Saint Augustine and Saint Francis Xavier Church over the last few weekends after Mass. I attribute this to a lack of understanding and formation in the Catholic Faith. Because of this, the Roman Missal notes that **only the faithful who are properly disposed should** participate in the procession for Holy Communion.

To address this concern, I implore your cooperation in upholding the sanctity of the Eucharist:

- before returning to their seats.
- 2)
- 3) to me or the Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion.

Let us be united in our shared responsibility to ensure that Jesus, present in our midst, is revered and safeguarded. We can be **both** welcoming and clear about the importance of the Eucharist, demonstrating love for this Sacrament that defines our identity.

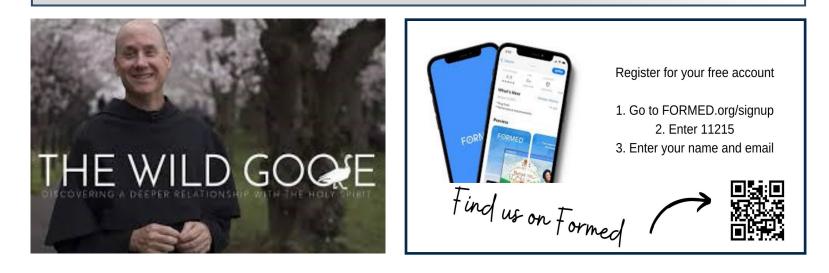
Ongoing FORMation in 2024

Please also consider using the account that we have established with FORMED which provides excellent opportunities to continue to deepen our understanding of the Eucharist as Jesus' presence among us. For a beautiful presentation on what the Eucharist is for us, I recommend you watch **PRESENCE: the Mystery of the Eucharist.**

Those looking to serve....

In recent weeks, the Sunday scriptures have echoed the theme of God's call. I invite all to consider how God may be calling you to participate more fully in the life of the Church. Many opportunities to serve at weekend Masses are available. As always, to ensure a safe environment for all, all those serving Saint Augustine ~ Saint Francis Xavier must participate in the programs mandated by the Diocese of Brooklyn for the Safety of Children and vulnerable adults before serving in the various roles available. Please consider how you may be able to say YES!

Frank C. Tumino Pastor



I kindly ask those prepared to receive Holy Communion to be deliberate in consuming the consecrated host

I invite you to share my concern by gently approaching anyone you observe holding the Eucharist at their seat, encouraging them to consume it respectfully.

If you should find a host in Church, please respectfully safeguard the Eucharist by bringing the Body of Christ

WANT TO BECOME CATHOLIC?



IANUARY SECOND COLLECTIONS

January 28, 2024—Churches in Need

Thank you for your generous donations:

Catholic Charities: \$2,907

Maintenance Fund December 2023—\$4,552

DONOR STATEMENTS

Donor statements are available by request by calling the Parish Office 718.638.1880.

- We invite you to log into your secure GiveCentral profile to view your record of electronic contributions to our parish.
- You can download a PDF report for your records at any time-now and in the years to come.

Thank you for your generous sacrifices and support

2024 CALENDARS

Thank you to Raymond and Philip Leone of Leone Funeral Home for donating beautiful calendars to Saint Augustine—Saint Francis Xavier Church Parish.

Calendars are available at the doors of Church.



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, please check out our Christian Initiation program.

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.

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL



Our pantry is low again. With the reduction of Federal Funding to those in need, our count has increased. We assisted over 30 families last Wednesday. Refugees and asylum seekers are now a frequent part of those we assist. That is why we need YOU! Non- perishable food donations can be left at the altar at Saint Francis Xavier Church. They can also be dropped off at the parish office

Any non perishables are appreciated. Examples: Canned vegetables, canned tuna, mac & cheese, cereal. Thank you so much for your help. 回然淡回



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Third Sunday in **Ordinary Time** January 21, 2023

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

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side 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

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.



SAINT AUGUSTINE -SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER

ROMAN CATHOIC CHURCH

225 6th Avenue • Brooklyn, NY 11215

"Come after me and I will make you fishers of men." Mark 1:14-20

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 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

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.

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