

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, February 17, 2024**

5:00pm + Vincent Ruggiero  
+ Tillie Krieger

**Sunday, February 18, 2024—First Sunday of Lent**

9:30am + Matthew Speicher

12:00pm + Kathleen McDonnell

+ Mrs. Patricia Brennan

+ The People of Saint Augustine ~

Saint Francis Xavier Parish

+ The People of Haiti & St. Andre Parish,  
Dufort, Haiti

**Monday, February 19, 2024**

9:00am + Patricia Brennan

**Tuesday, February 20, 2024**

9:00am + John Messina

**Wednesday, February 21, 2024 –St Peter Damian**

9:00am + Intention of Jim Konkell

**Thursday, February 22, 2024—**

**The Chair of Peter the Apostle**

9:00am + Samuel Piazzolla

## SUNDAY READINGS

**First Reading:** Genesis 9:8-15: God establishes a covenant with Noah, his descendants, and every living creature, promising no future floods will destroy all life. The rainbow, set in the clouds, symbolizes this perpetual covenant, a reminder to God and humanity of this promise.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 25: I ask the Lord to teach me His ways, trusting in His salvation. Remembering His mercy and love, He guides the humble, showing the paths of righteousness to those who follow His covenant.

**Second Reading:** 1 Peter 3:18-22: Christ suffered for our sins to reconcile us with God, resurrected in spirit. He preached to spirits from Noah's time, paralleling baptism that saves us—not by physical cleansing but as a commitment to God, empowered by Christ's resurrection and heavenly reign.

**Gospel:** Mark 1:12-15: After a period of forty days in the wilderness, facing Satan's temptations among wild beasts and aided by angels, Jesus commenced his public ministry in Galilee. He proclaimed the nearness of God's kingdom, urging repentance and acceptance of the gospel, especially following John's arrest, marking a pivotal moment in his mission.

## WEEKLY MEMORIALS



**The Bread and Wine**

**In Memory of  
Angela Gilchrist**



**The Altar Candles  
For the Parishioners of  
Saint Augustine-  
Saint Francis Xavier**



**The Sanctuary Lamp  
In Memory of  
Ralph & Josephine  
Tedeschi**

## 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

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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**

Please contact the parish office to arrange an intention for mass or a memorial at 718-638-1880

## OFFICE CLOSED—PRESIDENT'S DAY

In honor of President's day the Saint Augustine—Saint Francis Xavier Parish Office will be closed Monday, February 19, 2024.

## THANK YOU—FOOD CO-OP

Thank you to Jacqueline with the **Food Co-Op** in Park Slope for the donation of 8 boxes of food to St. Vincent DePaul. We appreciate you!

## Weekly Update from the Pastor

### REPENT... and Believe in the Gospel

As we received blessed ashes this past Wednesday, much more than just an outward sign, we were challenged to change, and believe more completely in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

As many know, change is never easy. Many of us grow complacent with what we know, or what we've experienced, without ever working toward a deeper awareness of how God calls us to be imitators of Jesus in word and deed...to listen and act so as to be His presence in the world.

Throughout the season of Lent, we are given the opportunity to focus more directly on our relationship with God and with our brothers and sisters. The age-old dispositions of prayer, fasting and works of charity are meant to assist us in this important work.

### Prayer, Fasting and Works of Charity

Please join me in doing something for Lent. There are many opportunities available to help us in praying more deeply, fasting from what is not good for us, and doing works of charity as we prepare for the celebration of Easter. Although we pray, Lent is an opportunity to consider other ways of building our relationship with God.

As in the past, those wishing to join groups to share with others the Sunday scriptures will be meeting. Numerous opportunities are available through FORMED at no cost for parishioners of Saint Augustine-Saint Francis Xavier. Consider joining in daily Mass, in praying each Wednesday as we pray the Stations of the Cross, and in the Holy Hour that follows.

Please allow the ever-growing conversation with our God to help us fast from things that are not good and use the time we have more productively to help others.

### Plan on being with us for the Triduum

While still early, consider praying with us for each day in Holy Week. The Church gives us Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday as one three-day opportunity for celebrating the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

Although we all have many different realities, the one that unites us is the love of God that calls us to be renewed this Lent — to truly be transformed by God's love—and in so doing believe more deeply in God and God's love.

Frank C. Tumino  
Pastor



pray



fast



give

## Lenten Regulations

The penitential and grace-filled Lenten Season is a hope-filled renewal as the Church journeys towards Easter. In order to assist us, Bishop Brennan wishes to draw attention to the following:

- Abstinence: All the faithful who have reached 14 years of age are required to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent as a sacrifice.
- Fasting: All the faithful between 18 & 59 inclusive are bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday. Fasting means limiting oneself to one full meal and avoiding food between meals. Light sustenance may be taken on two other occasions during the day. Coffee, tea and juice are permitted at any time.
- Easter Duty: After being fully initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, all the faithful are bound to receive Holy Communion once a year. This precept must be fulfilled in the Easter Season unless, for good reason it is fulfilled at another time.



*Adore  
Jesus in the  
Eucharist*

**WAY OF THE  
CROSS**  
(6:30PM)

**HOLY HOUR**  
(7:00PM)

**WEDNESDAY,  
FEBRUARY 21**

**SAINT AUGUSTINE**  
116 6TH AVENUE

## UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

February 11, 2024—Maintenance Fund

February 14, 2024—Ash Wednesday

**Maintenance Fund**—Thank you for your generous donations of \$1,447, to the January collection directed to maintenance of parish buildings and grounds.

## 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.

## FORMED—FREE



Register for your free account

- Go to FORMED.org/signup
- Enter 11215
- Enter your name and email

Find us on Formed



## HELP US FEED THE HUNGRY



**FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY**

If you CAN... CAN you please? 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.

Monetary donations can be made by scanning the QR code, going to our website. <https://sasfx.org/ministries/st-vincent-de-paul> or mailing a check to Saint Augustine - Saint Francis Xavier - 225 6th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11215



"I WAS HUNGRY, I WAS THIRSTY, I WAS A STRANGER, I WAS NAKED, I WAS SICK - AND YOU CARED."



## LENT—FAITH SHARING GROUPS

SAINT AUGUSTINE - SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER

# LENTEN FAITH SHARING GROUPS



**SIGN UP NOW!**



Lent begins

**FEB | 14<sup>th</sup> | 2024**

Come and join our Faith Sharing Small Group, reflecting on Sunday Scriptures.



### REFLECTION

Wednesdays during Lent  
Stations of the Cross (6:30PM)  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (7:00 pm)

- 2/21 at Saint Augustine
- 2/28 at Saint Francis Xavier
- 3/6 at Saint Augustine
- 3/13 at Saint Francis Xavier
- 3/20 at Saint Augustine
- 3/27 at Saint Francis Xavier

### Scripture Sharing

- Small Faith Sharing groups, reflecting on the Sunday Scriptures.
- Groups will be available on Zoom at the following times: Saturdays at 10 am, Sundays at 2 pm, Wednesday and Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm.
- For more information email hacred@aol.com or call 718.857.2903

### RENEWAL

- Weekday Mass (Monday -Thursday) at 9am Saint Francis Xavier
- Weekend Masses:
- Saturday 5pm Saint Francis Xavier
- Sundays 9:30am Saint Francis Xavier
- Sundays 12pm Saint Augustine

### PREPARATION

- Confessions/Reconciliations
- Wednesdays after 9am Mass
  - Saturdays at 4pm or by appointment
  - Examination of Conscience can be found in Church.

SASFX.org

- Stations of the Cross: Wednesdays at 6:30pm (see schedule above)
- Sign up for Formed for Lent [formed.org](https://formed.org)
- Enter 11215
- Enter your name and email

Saint Francis Xavier is open for private prayer Monday through Friday 8am to 12pm

Saint Augustine, 116 6th Avenue (6th Ave. and Sterling)  
Saint Francis Xavier, 225 6th Avenue (6th Ave. and Carroll)

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**  
February 18, 2024

**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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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.

“THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS AT HAND. REPENT AND BELIEVE IN THE GOSPEL.”



## 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.

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