

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 24, 2024

5:00pm + Aloyse Schmit

Sunday, February 25, 2024—Second Sunday of Lent

9:30am + Theresa Hyman

+ Amelia DeCicco

+ Helene V. Malloy

12:00pm + The People of Saint Augustine ~

Saint Francis Xavier Parish

Monday, February 26, 2024

9:00am + Mario Lopez

Tuesday, February 27, 2024— St. Gregory of Narek

9:00am + Fr. Joshua Page

Wednesday, February 28, 2024

9:00am + For the Sick

Thursday, February 29, 2024

9:00am + Helen Gaetano

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading - Genesis 22:1-2, 9A, 10-13, 15-18: God tested Abraham's faith by asking him to sacrifice Isaac, his beloved son. At the moment of sacrifice, an angel stopped him, providing a ram instead. Abraham's obedience led to God's promise of countless descendants and blessings for all nations.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalms 116: Despite despair, I recognize the Lord values His faithful. Freed from my burdens, I offer thanks and fulfill my vows publicly, choosing to dwell in God's presence throughout my life on earth.

Second Reading - Romans 8:31B-34: If God is for us, no one can oppose us. He gave His Son for us and will freely give us all things. God declares us righteous, and Christ intercedes for us, ensuring no condemnation.

Gospel - Mark 9:2-10: Jesus, accompanied by Peter, James, and John, underwent a miraculous transformation on a secluded mountain, where his appearance became dazzlingly white. There, Elijah and Moses appeared and conversed with Him. Overcome by the moment, Peter suggested building shelters for each. A divine voice affirmed Jesus as the beloved Son, urging them to heed His words. Following this profound experience, Jesus cautioned them to keep the event confidential until His resurrection, leaving them contemplative about its significance.

WEEKLY MEMORIALS



The Bread and Wine
In Memory of
Armondo Nool



The Altar Candles
In Memory of
Armondo Nool



The Sanctuary Lamp
In Memory of
Armondo Nool

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

HELP US FEED THE HUNGRY



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Weekly Update from the Pastor

Prayer, Fasting and Works of Charity

As I noted last weekend, 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.

Please allow the ever-growing conversation with our God in prayer to help us fast from things that are not good and use the time we have more productively to help others. In the same way, consider celebrating the sacrament of penance during Lent as an opportunity to receive God's grace. As a reminder, Catholics should seek confession whenever we have serious sin. As a guide, if we are seeking to live examined lives, those without serious sin should consider celebrating reconciliation every 3-5 months.

Helping Hands Food Pantry Closure

After two years of prayer, reflection and consultation with the Pastor's Advisory Committee, the members of the Board of the Helping Hands Food Pantry, the Safe Environment Office, and the Office of the Diocesan Bishop, it has been determined that the Helping Hands Food Pantry (HHFP) at Saint Augustine Church will cease operations as of March 16, 2024.

While this valuable work aligns with the Gospel mandate, the decision to close is necessitated by the challenges of maintaining two pantries simultaneously due to limited resources. Additionally, the HHFP faced significant difficulties in achieving compliance with the safe environment mandates of the Diocese of Brooklyn, established in 2007 to ensure the safety of children and vulnerable adults.

The closure of the HHFP is indeed regrettable; however, we are committed to ensuring that those it has served will continue to receive assistance. They will be directed to one of the 5 local Food Bank for New York City and the network of Catholic Charities pantries within Brooklyn and Queens. Our top priority remains to ensure that individuals and families in need have access to the support they require during these challenging times.

It is my sincere hope that by collaborating with the Food Bank of NYC, the HHFP may find a new location to continue its service safely. I extend my deepest gratitude to the volunteers, donors and supporters who have contributed over the years. Your unwavering dedication and commitment have made a significant impact on the lives of many.

Thanking you in advance for your understanding,

Fr. Frank Tumino

Pastor

Parish Goal:
\$69,821



The 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal supports the mission of our parish and the daily work of the Church in Brooklyn and Queens in ways no one parish can accomplish alone by supporting the following ministries:

Catholic Youth Ministry Initiative, Catholic Charities; Hospital, College and Prison Chaplains; Diocesan Vocations Office; Catholic Migration Services; Office of Faith Formation; Bishop Mugavero Residence for infirmed clergy; Futures in Education Scholarship Foundation

All donations made to the ACA above our parish goal are returned directly back to our parish for operations and improvements.



UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

- March 3, 2024—Maintenance Fund
 - March 10, 2024—Catholic Relief Services
 - March 10, 2024—Easter Flowers
 - March 17, 2024—Easter Gift
- Thank you for your generous donations.

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

Whole 40: Making a Spiritual Plan for Lent



Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent and a great day to make a plan for this holy and grace-filled season. Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Dr. Elizabeth Klein, Professor at the Augustine Institute Graduate School, to discuss the purpose of the season of Lent, how to prepare for it, and why it is such a fruitful season in our life of faith.



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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.

LENT

A SEASON OF REFLECTION, RENEWAL, AND PREPARATION

Saint Augustine-Saint Francis Xavier

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 hacreded@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](https://sasfx.org)

- Stations of the Cross: Wednesdays at 6:30pm (see schedule above)
- Sign up for ForMed for Lent 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)

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT February 25, 2024

SAINT AUGUSTINE – SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

PASTORAL STAFF

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Rev. Frank C. Tumino
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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

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.

225 6th Avenue • Brooklyn, NY 11215

"THIS IS
MY
BELOVED
SON.
LISTEN
TO HIM."



MARK 9



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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