

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 9, 2024

5:00pm + Madeline Hippert
+ John Morlano
+ Dettie DiCupillo

Sunday, March 10, 2024—Fourth Sunday of Lent

9:30am + Matthew Speicher
+ John Messina
+ John D. Riley
+ Tom Condon

12:00pm + The People of Saint Augustine ~
Saint Francis Xavier Parish

Monday, March 11, 2024—St. Casimir

9:00am + John and Marie Lembo

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

9:00am + In Gratitude for Graces Received

Wednesday, March 13, 2024

9:00am + Millie Taranto

Thursday, March 14, 2024

9:00am + Janusz Klighlich

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading - 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23: Judah's betrayal of faith led to their exile as Babylon destroyed Jerusalem and the temple. God's warnings were ignored, resulting in captivity. Fulfilling Jeremiah's prophecy, the exile lasted until Cyrus of Persia decreed the rebuilding of the temple, marking the beginning of the return.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalms 137: In Babylon's captivity, we wept for Zion, unable to sing our sacred songs in a foreign land. Forgetting Jerusalem would be my greatest loss, my joy silenced without its memory.

Second Reading - Ephesians 2:4-10: God, in His mercy, made us alive with Christ, saving us by grace through faith, not by our deeds, to display His grace in Christ. We are created for good works, predestined by God.

Gospel - John 3:14-21: Jesus has a conversation with Nicodemus and references Moses lifting up the serpent in the wilderness as a foreshadowing of his own crucifixion and the salvation that it would bring. Jesus emphasizes the importance of believing in him as the Son of God in order to receive eternal life, and highlights the judgment that will come to those who do not believe.

WEEKLY MEMORIALS



The Bread and Wine
By the Parishioners of
Saint Augustine ~
Saint Francis Xavier



The Altar Candles
Memorial
Available



The Sanctuary Lamp
In Respect of
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

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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



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Weekly Update from the Pastor

If today you hear His voice.....pray with us!

Over the last few months, you may have noticed a visible increase in the numbers of people praying with us at our three weekend Masses. Last weekend, for instance, there were over **500 people—including 82 children**—in attendance, which is such a hopeful sign of our vibrancy. For perspective, just two years ago, weekly Mass attendance post-COVID was only 224 people with an additional 26 children at Mass.

Please remember that we are **all** called to bear witness to the reality of God's presence in our lives. Together, we should all rejoice and commit ourselves to be the faith-filled welcoming presence that we have hopefully been for over 150 years.

In the last few weeks, the Saint Augustine ~ Saint Francis Xavier Choir has begun alternating between the 9:30 AM Mass at Saint Francis Xavier and the noon Mass at Saint Augustine. I am grateful for their willingness to adjust to new situations, which has resulted in beautiful choral music supporting our prayer in our two beautiful Churches. Great things continue to happen as we seek His voice, block the distractions of life, and simply follow where God leads us.

Helping Hands Food Pantry Closure

After two years of prayer and consultation, regrettably the Helping Hands Food Pantry will permanently close on Saturday, March 16, 2024. Ultimately, not being able to comply with the Diocese-wide mandates for providing a safe environment, as well as lack of available funds to sponsor two pantries in one Parish, has necessitated this action.

During the transition, we have provided those who have been served with information regarding food pantries coordinated by Food Bank of NYC (located within blocks of Saint Augustine), as well as the large network of food pantries coordinated by Catholic Charities, which we already support through the Annual Catholic Appeal each year.

I continue to extend my deepest gratitude to the volunteers, donors, and supporters who have contributed to the Helping Hands Food Pantry over the years. I certainly recognize that change is not easy, but failing to change will result in even greater liabilities to Saint Augustine-Saint Francis Xavier.

Confession during Lent

Please consider the need for God's grace extended to us by celebrating the Sacrament of Penance during our Lenten Journey. Confession is available **after** the 9 AM Mass Wednesdays and from 4-4:45 PM on Saturdays at Saint Francis.

With gratitude for all that is being revealed by God in our midst,

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.



WAY OF THE CROSS
(6:30PM)

HOLY HOUR (7:00PM)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER
225 6TH AVENUE

*Adore Jesus
in the
Eucharist*

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

March 10, 2024—Catholic Relief Services

March 10, 2024—Easter Flowers

March 17, 2024—Easter Gift

Maintenance Fund Donations February: \$1,488.00

Thank you for your generous donations.

2024 Diocesan Lenten Pilgrimage

February 14 to March 27
Visit 40 churches throughout Brooklyn and Queens for a celebration of the gift of the Holy Eucharist.



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Whole 40: Making a Spiritual Plan for Lent



Ash Wednesday was 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.



The Three Temptations with Dr. Brant Pitre



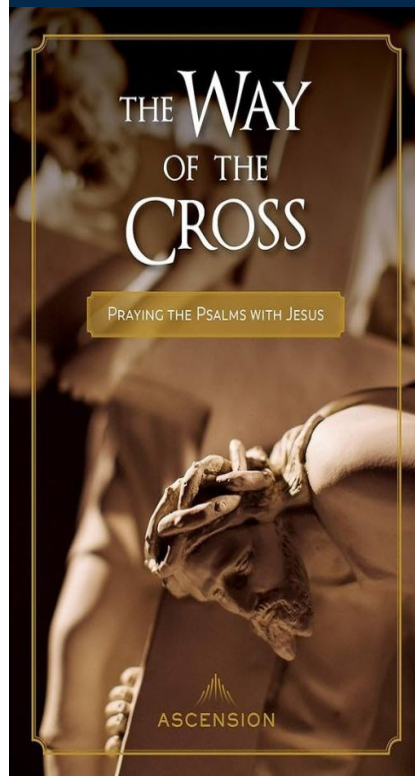
Reflect with Dr. Brant Pitre on the temptations of Jesus in the desert as he gets to the heart of the meaning of Lent.



LENT
MERCY
FORGIVEN
GRACE
ENCOUNTER
HOPE
REST

INSTEAD OF GIVING UP SOMETHING -
ADD PRAYER TO YOUR LENT

WAY OF THE CROSS—WEDNESDAYS—LENT



Experience the way of the cross as you never have before. Rather than meditating about Christ's journey to the cross, pray with him.

Jesus, as an observant Jewish man, would have prayed the Psalms throughout the day, and drawn strength and peace from them.

In *The Way of the Cross: Praying the Psalms with Jesus*, Fr. Toups invites us to step closer to Christ and pray beside him, drawing strength from Scripture during his last moments before the crucifixion.

Each station features:

- +A short reading from Scripture
- +A brief meditation
- +A Psalm to pray with Christ

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)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2/21 at Saint Augustine • 2/28 at Saint Francis Xavier • 3/6 at Saint Augustine 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3/13 at Saint Francis Xavier • 3/20 at Saint Augustine • 3/27 at Saint Francis Xavier
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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](https://www.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)

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 10, 2024

PASTORAL STAFF

PASTOR

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](https://www.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 CATHOLIC CHURCH

225 6th Avenue • Brooklyn, NY 11215



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://www.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://www.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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