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## Parish Office Hours

Monday - Thursday • 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Closed Friday

## Mass Schedule

**Saturday Vigil Mass** 4:00 p.m.

**Sunday Mass** 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

**Holy Days of Obligation TBD**

## Weekday Mass

**Monday at St. Augustine's ~ 8:30 am**

**Tuesday at St. Mary's ~ 7:45 am**

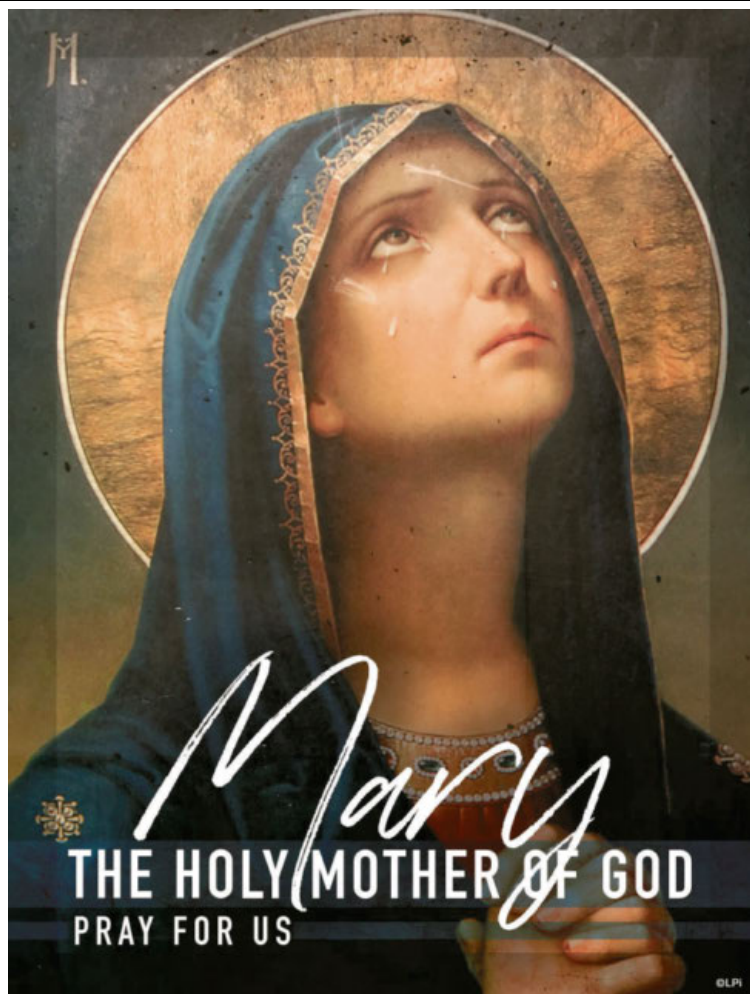
**Wednesday & Friday at St. Augustine's ~ 8:30 am**

**Thursday at St. Augustine's ~ 12:00 pm**

**First Saturday of each month at St. Mary's ~7:45 am**

**St. Mary's open for Private Prayer  
from 7 -11 am (M-F)**

St. Mary's Livestreams 4:00 p.m. Saturday. To view,  
visit [stmaryswaterford.org](http://stmaryswaterford.org) and click on the link  
"Watch St. Mary's Online"



## Sacrament of the Sick

In case of emergency, at any time. Whenever someone  
is seriously ill, in the hospital or homebound, please  
notify the parish office.

## Sacrament of Matrimony

Bride and groom must meet with the pastor at least  
one year before date, be registered  
parishioners and must present a  
recent baptismal certificate.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00-3:30 p.m.

## Sacrament of Baptism

Third Sunday of each month at 1:00 p.m.  
and after preparation with Mrs. Webster.  
Contact Mrs. Webster at 518-237-3131 ext. 23

*"One in Mind and Heart, Intent  
Upon God" ~ St. Augustine*



## MASS INTENTIONS

December 31, 2023 ~ Mary, the Holy Mother of God

### MONDAY, JANUARY 1

10:00 am

Frances Kippen

Family

Jeffrey Cascini

Marlene & Jeffrey Oliver

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 2

7:45 am

Laura & Joseph Izzo

Daughter

Jason Sochia

Mom

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3

7:45 am Communion Service

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

7:45 am Living & Deceased of our Parish

4:00 pm

Sally D. Becker

Joseph Becker

Marilyn Galarneau

Husband & Family

Fr. David Kelley, O.S.A.

Nancy Izzo

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

8:00 am

Peg Gervais

Family

Richard Bonneau

Family

In Thanksgiving for the Augustinians

a parishioner

Claire Neilson

Keene Olmstead

10:30 am

Carol Hervieux-Potts (2 yr. Anniv.)

Family

Bruce C. Rischert

Bruce, Stephanie & Ava  
Rischert

### **Sacrificial Giving**

November 19, 2023 \$ 5246

All Saints Day \$ 865

Immaculate Conception \$ 1077

Thank you for your continued generous offerings.

We are grateful to all members of our parish, those who attend and contribute in person as well as those who continue to support by mail.

Thank You  
FOR  
**GIVING**  
GENEROUSLY



## Calendar of Events

12/31 New Year's Eve Mass St. Augustines @ 7 pm

1/1 **Mary, the Holy Mother of God** (Solemnity)

1/2 Parish Office Reopens

1/3 **The Most Holy Name of Jesus**

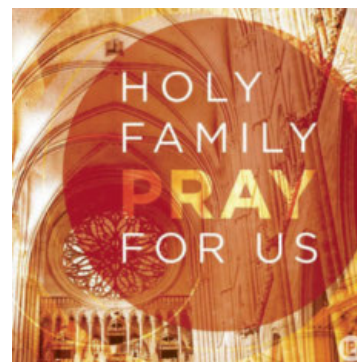
1/4 **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious**

1/7 **The Epiphany of the Lord**

1/8 **The Baptism of the Lord**

1/14 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Once again, the giving tree project was a success. That is because of all of the help received from you. Many people made phone calls, cut out angels, bought and wrapped gifts, sorted packages and more. Thank you for your help with this project. We should all feel good that we helped bring a little Christmas to some that are in need. Merry Christmas from the Altar Society.



When you are considering remembering someone, celebrating an occasion, or offering thanks, please consider a Bread or Wine memorial, a Sanctuary candle, or a contribution to our Restoration Fund. Stop by the parish office or call us!

### **JANUARY WINE**

In Memory of  
**JACK O'BRIEN**

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### **JANUARY MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL**

In honor of  
**Fr. David Kelley, OSA**  
Good health

Given by  
**STAFF**





On December 30, 1973, Fr. David Kelley was ordained into the priesthood as an Augustinian Friar at his home parish of Our Lady of Good Counsel in Staten Island, New York.

For 47 of the past 50 years, Fr. Kelley has lived in Upstate New York and served the parishes of St. Augustine's, St. Mary of the Assumption, St. Joseph's of Greenwich and Assumption-St. Paul of Mechanicville. Regardless of where Father has been pastor, he has worked tirelessly to continue to strengthen the parish and church in his charge. But more importantly, he has carried out his responsibilities with compassion and concern for everyone; brother Augustinians, Parish staff, School faculty, parishioners and members of the community.

Although Father's anniversary celebration has been postponed until 2024, it is with gratitude for all he has done for us that we wish him a very happy anniversary! And we pray that his health will continue to improve in the days to come.

## Happy Golden Jubilee Fr. David Kelley, O.S.A. Celebrating 50 Years of Priestly Ministry!

### GOSPEL MEDITATION for December 31, 2023 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

I remember the first time my older sister asked me if I wanted to hold her newborn son. Terrified, I told her I didn't think it was a good idea. My résumé had nothing to suggest I would be a qualified baby holder. But she warmly told me, "I'll help you hold him." It struck me that she is baby's mother. She is the one who decides who is qualified to hold him. I took him in my arms and soon I began to feel comfortable with that tiny little warm cooing creature in my arms, and soon I no longer feared holding him. Now, twenty-seven nieces and nephews later, holding a newborn child is one of the great joys of my life.

Do we sometimes think that Jesus is given only to the highly qualified, special religious people? In the Gospel of Luke today we hear about the presentation of the Lord in the temple. The newborn son of God is passed around like a baton in a relay race, not guarded like a precious jewel or a breakable china dish. We can see him going from the arms of Mary to Joseph, then to the priest performing the ceremony, then to Simeon the old man, then to Anna the old widow. Each one receiving him and then handing him to the next. A tidal wave of joy and thanksgiving follows wherever he is placed.

Believe me, you are qualified to hold Jesus in your arms. How can I say that with such confidence? Because the mother decides who is qualified. The Blessed Virgin, embodied in the Church, holds him out to you and me. She rejoices to place him in our arms to hold, and to hand him on, too.

— Father John Muir

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**Please pray for all the sick and suffering and for anyone close to death; for those troubled in body, mind, or heart, and for their care givers in a special way:** Carol Travis, Alexa Papperman, Marcia Trombly, Patricia Komoroski, Jack Neumann, Mary Beth Woodard, Irene & Frank Marra, Robert R. White, Judith M Hervieux, Andrew Melville, Christopher Goyette, Brady Sullivan, Michael Clune, Ginny Grigoliet, Randy Morley, Nicholas Muscatiello, Joe Cotrofeld, Cindy Vandiver, Loretta Fredricks, Sr. Maura Rhode, C.S.J., Michelle Weitz, Mary Beth Rockwell, Carla Salmon, Betty Rourke, Joann Guertin, Phyllis Pfitz, Bill Dame, James Flynn, Bernard & Frances Ouimet, Marion Nielsen, John Neilson, Kimberly Berthiaume, Kathleen Walsh and Fr. David J. Kelley, O.S.A. **Please help us keep our list up to date, and call the office (518.237.3131) with any changes.**







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