

# THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE

*A Samaritan Church with a Missionary Heart*

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**Sunday, October 8, 2023**  
**Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## Parish Office Hours:

Monday thru Friday: 9 AM to 4 PM  
Saturday: 9 AM to 4 PM  
Sunday: 9 AM to 2 PM

## Community Cupboard and Closet:

Saturdays: 11 AM to 3 PM

## Mass Schedule:

Monday thru Friday: 5:30 PM  
(Civic holidays at 10 AM)

Saturday: 4:15 PM\*

Sunday: 8:30 AM\* and 11 AM\*

\*Interpreted for the Deaf

**Confession:** Saturdays 3:30 PM – 4 PM or by appointment



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**Parish Registration** – Welcome new members! Please register by calling the parish office. Parishioners who are moving are asked to contact the office to update their information

**Baptism** – Baptisms may be scheduled at any time. Please call the parish office to make baptismal arrangements.

**Funerals** – Please call the parish office to schedule funerals prior to publishing any information.

**Matrimony** – Call the parish office to meet with a priest. Diocesan regulations require a minimum of 6 months preparation time.

**Care of the Sick** – Notify the parish office of those who are hospitalized or homebound. Arrangements can be made for pastoral visits, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. We can also bring Holy Communion to the homebound.



## Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Like the last few Sundays, the readings today speak of a vineyard. It is an excellent time of year to contemplate a vineyard, vines heavy with grapes waiting to be harvested. But when Jesus speaks in parables, each element stands for something else. The vineyard we are invited to contemplate today is not just a large field planted with vines, but our very home in the Lord. The fruit it produces is not just grapes or wine, but the kingdom of God made manifest in our world. Let us resolve to be productive servants in the Lord's vineyard.



### Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, October 7 <sup>th</sup> - 4:15 PM Fr. Ben Jimenez, SJ	† Robert Thaxton
Sunday, October 8 <sup>th</sup> - 8:30 AM Fr. Ben Jimenez, SJ	† Frank Kordel Sr.
Sunday, October 8 <sup>th</sup> - 11 AM Fr. Bill O'Donnell, C.P.P.S	† Gladys Revelt-Fleck
Monday, October 9 <sup>th</sup> - 5:30 PM <i>St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs</i> <i>St. John Leonardi, Priest</i>	† Barbara Ryba
Tuesday, October 10 <sup>th</sup> - 5:30 PM	† Mary Lou Beers
Wednesday, October 11 <sup>h</sup> - 5:30 PM <i>St. John XXIII, Pope</i>	† Winifred Duncan
Thursday, October 12 <sup>th</sup> - 5:30 PM	† Steve Dulik
Friday, October 13 <sup>th</sup> - 5:30 PM	† Rosemary O'Connor
Saturday, October 14 <sup>th</sup> - 4:15 PM Fr. Bill O'Donnell, C.P.P.S	† Frank Kordel, Jr.
Sunday, October 15 <sup>th</sup> - 8:30 AM Fr. Bill O'Donnell, C.P.P.S	† Lorgia Rodriguez
Sunday, October 15 <sup>th</sup> - 11 AM Fr. Ben Jimenez, SJ	† Jack McMarlin

### The Pope's Intention for October: For the Synod

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Sunday:</b> Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43
<b>Monday:</b> Jon 1:1 — 2:2, 11; Jon 2:3-5, 8; Lk 10:25-37
<b>Tuesday:</b> Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130:1b-4ab, 7-8; Lk 10:38-42
<b>Wednesday:</b> Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86:3-6, 9-10; Lk 11:1-4
<b>Thursday:</b> Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:5-13
<b>Friday:</b> Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Ps 9:2-3, 6, 16, 8-9; Lk 11:15-26
<b>Saturday:</b> Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Lk 11:27-28
<b>Sunday:</b> Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14 [1-10]

### Welcome!

No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church, no matter your personal history, age, income, background, gender, disability, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity or spirituality, or marital situation. No matter your own self-image of holiness or virtue. You are invited, accepted, and respected here at St. Augustine Parish.

*Loving God,  
For all who feel on the margins,  
but who are at the center of your heart,  
we ask you to open our hearts.  
Help us to become a church and a nation where:  
All lives have dignity,  
All people are loved  
And all are welcome.*

*Amen*

## Love Without Measure...

The Church is united in its conviction and teaching that abortion is objectively immoral. But it is a complex issue for a responsible Catholic officeholder who recognizes the law of the land and must survive within the dynamics of a political party, believing what the church teaches, but unclear as to how that should relate to the law. That would be true for someone who supports access to legal abortion, or supports capital punishment or supports the cruel exclusion of refugees and desperate migrants.

I join many leaders in the church in the view that the Eucharist should not be weaponized in a political battle, nor should it be received carelessly or as though it has no connection to one's public stances. The Church calls our bishops to be in an ongoing dialogue with its members who are politicians and to listen to them before presuming their reasons for supporting policies that the Church considers immoral.

There is an organized, well-funded movement of Catholics in the United States opposed to Pope Francis and his pastoral objectives. The pope has even acknowledged this. It seems to me that the Bishops of the United States need to collectively accept and integrate the magisterium of Pope Francis and defend his role as the universal shepherd from those who publicly work against him. Some of his opponents act out of a failure to understand the gospel as his motivation or preference for their political agenda about the teachings of Christ. Others want the Church to have the kind of authority and obedience of a previous era with unquestioning allegiance. The pope has often said that he learns from his critics and he welcomes other viewpoints in the proper environment, but not in social media where comments are often without context and socially inappropriate. If the Pope is commissioned to promote the unity of the Church, those who resist his teachings and insult his person are sowing division.

The first responsibility for Catholics, including the bishops, is to read what the pope actually says rather than someone's characterization of it. Secondly, we should trust the pope is right intentioned and not involved in some sinister plot to undermine the Church, but takes his mandate to preach the gospel in its fullness seriously. Bishops are called on to correct the distortions about papal teaching and his pastoral priorities and to try and explain how the universal perspective of the pope will not always be in sync with the priorities of the United States.

Please pray for the World Synod that is now taking place in Rome. I believe that it is truly in the mind and spirit of the Second Vatican Council. Its call to a universal and ongoing dialogue among all God's people's the best way forward as we seek to discern where the Spirit of God is calling us as we seek to learn from one another, grow in faith and be of service to a world that hungers for our participation in spreading the word and letting our service to those in need by our living testimony to our love of God and neighbor.

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Rosary. May the rosary be our prayer in these challenging times. And pray for the Pope as well.

*Fr. Bill*

## Update on Fr. Joe McNulty Former Pastor of St. Augustine Church

After a recent hospitalization Fr. Joe was transferred to St. Augustine Manor for additional care. Anyone wishing to send him a Get-Well Card or a note of thoughts and prayers may do so by sending them to him at:

Rev. Joe McNulty  
St. Augustine Manor  
7801 Detroit Avenue  
Cleveland, Ohio 44102

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## St. Vincent de Paul Annual Blanket Sunday October 14-15, 2023

The 37th Annual Blanket Sunday appeal kicks off the weekend of October 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Last year, funds from the appeal were used to purchase 5,400+ new winter blankets that were provided to people experiencing homelessness and 138 beds /mattresses for low-income individuals and families throughout Northeast Ohio. The need is great. Donations can be made securely online: [donate.svdpcle.org/blanket-Sunday-donations](https://donate.svdpcle.org/blanket-Sunday-donations) Checks may also be mailed to: St. Vincent de Paul Society Blanket Sunday 1404 East 9th Street, 3rd Floor Cleveland, OH 44114

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## Parish Breakfast Next Sunday

Whether you are a long-time parishioner, a new member of our parish family, or just visiting, you are invited to a complimentary parish breakfast next Sunday (October 15<sup>th</sup>) from 9 AM until 1 PM in Walsh Hall (basement of school building). We hope that you will be able to join us for food and fellowship. Volunteers are always welcome to help set-up, serve, and clear tables.

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## Join us at the annual St. Augustine Benefit

### Thursday October 19<sup>th</sup>



The annual St. Augustine Benefit hosted by our sister parish, St. Noel, will take place on Thursday, October 19th at the St. Noel Banquet Center in Willoughby Hills. Doors will open at 5:30 PM with dinner being served at 6 PM. The format of this year's

benefit has changed so please be sure to read the insert in today's bulletin for more information.

The cost per ticket is \$20 per person. Reservations can be made by contacting the parish office at (216) 781-5530. Please contact the parish office or a member of the staff if you would like to attend but are unable to purchase a ticket.

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## Pray the Rosary



We invite you to join us **every Monday through Friday at 6 PM** in Church as we pray the rosary. If you are unable to join us in person, we encourage you to join us on livestream.

## PSR Families and Catechists



- ◆ PSR Classes are held on Sundays from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM for students in Pre-K thru 8<sup>th</sup> Grade.
- ◆ Parents are asked to bring their children to their classroom in the school building.
- ◆ Students will be dismissed from the classroom.

If you are new to St. Augustine or the area and would like more information on our program, please contact Jessica at (216) 781-5530 or [JNeuhart@StAugustineCleveland.org](mailto:JNeuhart@StAugustineCleveland.org)

## Pray for those who are sick...

If you or a family member are sick, please call the Parish Office or email [ministry@StAugustineCleveland.org](mailto:ministry@StAugustineCleveland.org) to add the name to this list. Names will be listed in the bulletin for 6 weeks. Please let us know if this time period needs to be extended. We want to know how you are doing and want to offer you the support of our prayers.

Jean Anderson	Dorothy Barr	Patti Cook.
JoAnn Fisher	Mike Furey	Susan Grieken
Irene Kingery	Ella McGowan	Fr. Joe McNulty
Nora Orozco	Bridget Patton	Sheila Rock
Mary Solderitsch		

And for all those who are ill, homebound, elderly, in nursing care, living with a chronic illness, or living on the margins, we pray.

## Capital Improvements: School Building

**Tuckpointing:** Coon Restoration has begun the much-needed tuckpointing of our school building. Work on all four sides is needed and a completion date has not been set. **Please use caution when in the area.**

Thank you for your continued support and understanding as we continue to make much needed repairs and renovations to our parish buildings. If you would like to contribute financially to the building maintenance fund, please contact Fr. Bill or Bob Duda at (216) 781-5530.

## Liturgy Committee

Our newly formed Liturgy Committee will be meeting this coming Monday evening, October 9th, at 7pm in the Conference Room of the Parish Center.

We had a good first meeting, and are excited to welcome new members as we evaluate and debate about numerous aspects of worship. See Bill Shaffer after mass if you would like to attend. Thank you.

## Family Perspectives

Every family is visited by difficult times which can unite or divide. These hardships, which we would quickly reject, hold the potential to be the unifying “cornerstone” where we drop our pettiness and defenses and pull together, linked by a common bond and love for one another.



The Handbell Choir is returning to St. Augustine! Led by Bill Shaffer, come learn a little about music and teamwork. If you like to have some fun and meet some new people, this is for you! Anyone from ages 8-80 are welcome to join. No experience necessary, and no music reading ability necessary either. The choir is open to both hearing and deaf individuals.

Practice will continue on Thursday at 6:30 pm in the church (we will be done by 7:30 pm). Don't panic: this is not a year-long commitment! I'd love to have you check it out for a couple weeks and see for yourself if it is the right ministry for you.

For comments or questions, please email Bill at [BSshaffer@StAugustineCleveland.org](mailto:BSshaffer@StAugustineCleveland.org)



Cursillistas will resume their monthly gatherings for Ultreya on Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM. Cursillistas are invited to gather, pray, and share personal stories about living a life in God's Grace on the second Saturday of every month.

## World/African Drumming Class

St. Augustine Church has partnered with Broadway School of Music and the Arts to offer a nine-week Inclusive Music Program for Adults with Disabilities. For more information or to register please contact Emily at (216) 641-0640 or by email, [emily@broadwayschool.org](mailto:emily@broadwayschool.org) or Bob Duda at (216) 781-5530 or [BDuda@StAugustineCleveland.org](mailto:BDuda@StAugustineCleveland.org).



Is God calling you to invite someone you know who is searching for a deeper faith in God to explore becoming Catholic? The Church prepares adults for Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist through a process called Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). The RCIA is designed to form the mind and heart in Christian discipleship through study of the basics of the Catholic faith, prayer and fellowship. If any of these are true for you or someone you know, then you are invited to contact the parish office to learn more and to register to join our RCIA group.

## St. Augustine Signing Choir

The St. Augustine Signing Choir is preparing for the Christmas season.

Anyone interested in joining the choir, with or without signing experience, is invited to join. Practice is held on Thursdays. at 6:30 PM in Walsh Hall. For more information, please contact the parish office.

## Jesus Calls Us to Good Stewardship

William White once told of visiting his 98-year-old mother-in-law in a nursing home. He remembers her quietly saying, "Think of the lilies and how they grow." Long ago this frail, blind woman made the discovery that all of life is a blessing from God. She spent much of her time repeating Scripture verses that she had learned throughout her life. The Scriptures gave her both strength and comfort during many lonely hours. She was an active woman right up until she entered the nursing home, walking a mile a day, though her eyesight was gradually worsening. She loved people and was always helping them. Even in the nursing home she used a walker to spread her joyful faith. "Facing each day is not easy for her," White reflected, "but she keeps her spirits up." How? She felt that even at ninety-eight she had a mission. There in the nursing home she was able to touch the lives of other residents as well as some employees. In fact some former employees who changed jobs still returned to the nursing home to spend time with this remarkable woman. William White was inspired when his mother-in-law told him how thankful she was to have memorized so many Scriptures before she lost her eyesight. Those Scriptures filled her heart with the Lord.

*This dear 98-year-old lady did not have much left in this world but she had the only thing we ever really own, her Faith in God. Everything else that we have is on loan. Someday it will be passed on to someone else. Don't you see? No matter how rich we are, if we are not rich toward God, we don't have anything! The vineyard belongs to Him. Happiness is found in recognizing our place as His tenants His stewards. But there is one thing more to be said. Jesus Calls Us to Good Stewardship.*

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### Say It in Sign

Sign language classes for beginners will continue this Thursday, at 2:30 PM. For more information on the fall class, please contact Robin McMarlin at (216)781-5530 ext. 29 or at [RMcMarlin@StAugustineCleveland.org](mailto:RMcMarlin@StAugustineCleveland.org)

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### Sunday Thought

The imagery of the vine and the vineyard are found throughout the Old and New Testament alike. They are used to describe God's relationship with us, His people. God is always kind and loving. He provides us with every opportunity to produce "the fruit" of a good life. At times, God might need to "prune" us back a bit. He does it with only one desire in mind and that is so that we bear even more fruit. The visible signs of God's love for us are found in such things as our families and friends who care for us: they are found in a homily that touches us deeply; we encounter Him especially in the Holy Eucharist. Through all these precious gifts, God empowers us to bear much fruit and show the world that we do have a gracious and good Father.

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### St. Augustine Buckeye Deaf Seniors

St. Augustine Buckeye Deaf Seniors will gather in the Deaf Center on Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM for their regular meeting. New members are always welcome.

## Parenting Tune-Up



The tenants in the gospel today were ungrateful. As a parent, have you experienced ingratitude from your children for what they perceive as unfair? For your choice of a perfunctory birthday card for your son, for imposing spending limits on your teenage daughter and other such ludicrous accusations? Know that your children will realize your goodness later.

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### Traveling International Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition

St. Columbkille Parish in Parma extends a welcome to all ages to explore modern and historical miracles of the Eucharist. Wander through the catalog of miracles compiled by modern-day teen saint, gamer, and programmer, Blessed Carlo Acutis. Experience the Eucharist in ways never imagined. This free exhibition is not to be missed and will run from October 8<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> from 9am to 8pm in the St. Columbkille Parish Center. Email Scott Effertz for more information, [seffertz@stcolumbkilleparish.org](mailto:seffertz@stcolumbkilleparish.org)

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### The Power of Prayer

The St. Augustine Prayer Chain is an email request line for prayers. Many parishioners are already a part of this chain. If you would like to be on the Prayer Chain, please email Bob at [BDuda@StAugustineCleveland.org](mailto:BDuda@StAugustineCleveland.org) to be added to the Prayer Chain. You will then get emails from others requesting prayers, and you will be able to ask others for prayers for your needs. Your email address will not be shared with those asking for prayers.

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### Why Do People Ignore Warnings!

Recently the New York Times Magazine showed a series of photographs of a rock formation in Yosemite National Park near Bridal Veil Falls. A prominent sign in yellow plastic was attached to the rocks, which clearly said: "Danger. Climbing or scrambling on rocks and cliffs is extremely dangerous. They are slippery when dry or wet. Many injuries and even fatalities have occurred." One picture showed a woman walking on the rocks in a tight dress and high heels. Another showed a couple walking on the rocks. The man was carrying his dog apparently because he thought it was too slippery for the dog. Another showed a man carrying a month-old baby in his arms while walking on the rocks. ("Slippery Slope in Yosemite" New York Times Magazine, September 9, 1994, p. 14.)

*What causes us to ignore clear warnings? Why do folks rip the plastic cover off a pack of cigarettes when all of us know the surgeon general's warning by heart? Why do people remove the safety shield from power saws? Why do people ignore their doctor's warnings about being overweight and under exercised? Why do entire civilizations ignore warnings about pollution or the revolutionary pressures that economic and political injustice creates? Today's Gospel tells us how the Jewish religious leadership ignored the even the final warning given by Jesus after Palm Sunday.*

## How Can I Become More Involved?

There are many ways for Catholics to get more involved in their faith and in the ministry of the Church. Those include liturgical ministries (choir member, lector, altar server, usher, or Eucharistic Minister), various parish ministries, as well as volunteer roles as collection counters, church decorators, gardeners, etc. Please contact Bob at [BDuda@StAugustineCleveland.org](mailto:BDuda@StAugustineCleveland.org) or (216) 781-5530 ext. 31 to discern your gifts, your time, and your opportunities to serve.

### Relationship Tune-Up



When was the last time you thanked your working spouse for working? It might sound funny in the beginning, but it is as simple as, "Thanks for getting up every day and working so hard for us so I can stay home/work from home/work part time. I love being able to be here for the kids."

### St. Augustine Seniors (50 and over)

The St. Augustine Seniors will gather on October 12<sup>th</sup> for their annual Amish Trip. The bus will leave from St. Augustine at 8 AM and will return at approximately. Reservations are required.

New members are always welcome.

For more information on joining the Seniors please contact the parish office at (216) 781-5530.

### 😊 On the Lighter Side 😊

A lady answered the door to find a man standing there. He had a sad expression on his face. "I'm sorry to disturb you" he said, "I'm collecting money for an unfortunate family in the neighborhood. The husband is out of work, the kids are hungry, and their utilities will soon be cut off. Worse yet, they're going to be kicked out of their apartment if they don't pay the rent by this afternoon." "I'll be happy to help," said the woman. Then she asked, "But who are you?" He replied, "I'm the landlord!"

### Stewardship of Treasure

We are deeply grateful for your generosity in your weekly contribution to St. Augustine Parish. Your kindness and support enable us to provide for the needs of our parish and community. The collection for the weekend of October 1, 2023 was \$2,324.33.

Please consider our Parish's E-giving option through PayPal. It is easy and secure. Visit our parish website, [www.StAugustineCleveland.org](http://www.StAugustineCleveland.org) and click donate. Thank you for your financial support.



Counter Team C is scheduled for Tuesday.

## Welcome to the Vineyard

*"When vintage time drew near, [the landowner] sent his servants to the tenants to obtain his produce. But the tenants seized the servants and one they beat, another they killed, and a third they stoned . . ." Matthew 21: 33-43*

Imagine that just before a soul begins his or her earthly journey, God takes the soul by the hand and points out a certain place on earth. God then explains to the about-to-be-conceived: "This is going to be your piece of the vineyard. It will be yours to make of it whatever you can. All I ask is that you work it as best you can and get the most out of the soil and the shoots I give you. If you produce grapes that become the choice wine of reconciliation and justice, great; if you only have enough water and nutrients to produce a few grapes that make a small amount of the sherry of humility and kindness, good. If you only have enough time to plant a few seeds or start a few vines that others can bring to a full harvest, you'll have done well."

However, God cautions: "Just don't make the mistake that too many of my tenants make. They get too caught up in the number of grapes that they can coax from the vines. My vineyard is about harvesting good grapes, not amassing profits. "Remember, too, that you are responsible for the part of the vineyard I give you. Don't exhaust the grapes you harvest for yourself alone and then leave nothing behind but a dried, hollow tangle of dead vines for the next grower. I will demand a price for what you produce — and what you squander. "Keep in mind," God the vineyard owner continues, "that everyone has his or her own piece of the vineyard. But there are no dividing lines, no fences, no property markers. Your part of the vineyard is joined to your neighbor's — so you can do neither good nor evil in your vineyard without affecting the folks next to you and the vines around you."

Finally, God says: "One more thing. And I don't mean to harp on this, but it is my vineyard. Not yours. I'm giving you a piece of it because that's what being God is all about. An occasional thank you would be nice. However, the moment you think this vineyard is yours or that you deserve more and better, your vineyard will become a very unhappy and unproductive place. "So, go to it." Then God breathes that soul into a human embryo, and another adventure begins. [Inspired and adapted from The Dialogue of St. Catherine of Siena.]

*Today's parable of the wicked tenants is played out in our own time and place whenever an unjust business practice, a socially irresponsible decision or a morally indefensible act is called out. Too often we view this "vineyard" God has given us as ours alone, and we will manipulate it, abuse it, and exhaust it to satisfy our own needs and pleasure, and like the tenants in the today's parable, we find some way to cut down whoever challenges us or calls us accountable. Christ the "vineyard owner's son" comes with a new vision for the vineyard we only "lease" from his Father: a vision of love rather than desire, of peace rather than hostility, of forgiveness rather than vengeance*

## Thank You!

A sincere thank you to all who made the St. Augustine and Our Lady of Mercy Elementary Schools Mass and Reunion a pleasant experience for the alumni and guests. Next year's reunion will take place on Sunday, October 6, 2024.



### "A Closer Walk with Thee"

The Catholic Cemeteries Association monthly grief support e-newsletter, provides helpful grief support that can be enjoyed from the comfort of your home. This e-newsletter is emailed the first Tuesday of each month to anyone who has expressed an interest in our bereavement programs. To subscribe to this grief support resource, go to the signup form at <https://bit.ly/ccabereavementbulletin> or contact Rhonda at (216) 930-4866 or you can email her at: [rabrams@clecem.org](mailto:rabrams@clecem.org)



The St. Augustine Community Cupboard and Closet is open on Saturdays from 11 AM - 3 PM



**We are currently in need of clothing for men, women, and children. Thank you for your continued support.**

Please continue to support our cupboard ministry by donating food, household cleaning, and personal hygiene items.

Your financial support is always appreciated as well.

### Community Closet and Cupboard Highlights by the Numbers

- ◆ Served 1,213 families in the month of July, 1,281 families in the month of August and 1,212 in the month of September.
- ◆ In the month of July we helped 262 new families and in the month of August we helped 286 new families, and in the month of September 231 new customers came to us in need.
- ◆ It takes at least 12-14 volunteers just to open the doors.

**As you can see the need is great and volunteers are greatly needed while we are open and during our closed hours to help sort and stock and help shoppers on Saturdays.**

We have also created an Amazon Wish List which can be found on our parish website, [www.StAugustineCleveland.org](http://www.StAugustineCleveland.org). For more information or to volunteer please contact the Parish Office at (216) 781-5530 or email, [outreach@staugustinecleveland.org](mailto:outreach@staugustinecleveland.org).

## October is Respect Life Month



The Death Penalty - "No sin or crime is greater than God's mercy. The sacrifice of the Cross reveals that Christ's greatest desire is to forgive those with a repentant heart." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities.

Join people of faith across Ohio this week, to stand in solidarity for the abolition of the death penalty. Recognizing the injustices in our criminal justice system, we are called to defeat the cruel and inhumane practice of sentencing our fellow neighbors to death. We join together across religious traditions calling in one voice for the abolition of the death penalty.

Our faith is bolstered in the belief in the inherent dignity of human beings and the importance of forgiveness, not vengeance. The human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society and stands at the heart of our faith's understanding of justice. Capital punishment contradicts this ethic. What reflection is shown in our society when we choose to execute our own Citizens? As people of faith, we are called to this issue and hold a very important voice in this cause.

The death penalty system is riddled in geographic and racial disparities, which has led to Ohio sentencing innocent people to die. For every five executions that Ohio has had, one person has been exonerated.

There has been growing support for death penalty abolition on both sides of the aisle as we move towards abolition. We recently passed legislation banning the executions of those who suffer from severe mental illnesses. There is broad bipartisan support to end this cruel and unusual punishment.

This week is Ohio Faith Communities for Death Penalty Abolition Week. We invite you to learn more at: [nodeathpenaltyoh.com](http://nodeathpenaltyoh.com)

### Total Ingratitude and Cold Indifference!

Andrew Carnegie, a multimillionaire, left one million dollars to one of his relatives, who in return cursed Carnegie bitterly because he had left \$365 million to public charities and had cut the relatives off with one million each. Samuel Leibowitz, criminal lawyer and judge, saved 78 men from the electric chair. Not one of them ever bothered to thank him. Many years ago, as the story is told, a devout king was disturbed by the ingratitude of his royal court. He prepared a large banquet for them. When the king and his royal guests were seated, a beggar shuffled into the hall, sat down at the king's table, and gorged himself with food. Without saying a word, the beggar then left the room. The guests were furious and asked permission to seize the tramp and tear him limb from limb for his ingratitude. The king replied, "That beggar has done only once to an earthly king what each of you does three times each day to God. You sit there at the table and eat until you are satisfied. Then you walk away without recognizing God, or expressing one word of thanks to Him."

*The parable in today's Gospel is about the gross ingratitude of God's chosen people who persecuted and killed all the prophets sent to them by God to correct them and finally crucified their long-awaited Messiah*

## St. John XXIII

Feast Day: October 11th

Saint John XXIII was born Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli on November 25, 1881, in a small village in Italy. He was ordained in 1904 and later earned a doctorate in canon law. During World War I he served as a stretcher-bearer and chaplain for the Italian army. Beginning in 1925 he served as a Vatican diplomat, first in Bulgaria, then in Greece and Turkey. From 1935 through the Second World War he helped save thousands of Jewish people. In 1944 he was named papal nuncio to France. He was named cardinal and appointed patriarch of Venice in 1953. A quiet pastoral life passing into retirement, however, was not in God's plan for the saint.

Angelo Giuseppe Ronalli was elected Pope in 1958 and took the name John. His papacy was short, but full of action. He transformed the Vatican, calling for openness, a spirit of ecumenism, the setting aside of politics. He called the Second Vatican Council in the fall of 1962, the first meeting of its kind in almost a century, setting the agenda to work for the spiritual regeneration of the Church. His efforts changed the face of the Catholic Church. At the same time worked diligently and publicly to ease tensions during the Cuban missel crisis, pleading with leaders for the end of the Cold War.

St. John XXIII's kindness, sense of pastoral care, and works of reconciliation and peacemaking made him beloved not only to Catholic's bit to people around the world. He died on June 3, 1963. He was beatified in 2000 by St. John Paul II, and canonized by Pope Francis in 2014.

## This Week's Events of the Parish

- Monday:** Mass: 5:30 PM (Church)  
 Rosary: 6 PM (Church)  
 Liturgy Committee: 7 PM (Conference Room)  
 Lincoln Heights Block Club Meeting: 6 PM  
 AA Meeting: 7:30 PM (Mylott Hall)
- Tuesday:** AA Meeting: 9:30 AM (Walsh)  
 St. Augustine Buckeye Deaf Seniors: 10 AM  
 Mass: 5:30 PM (Church)  
 Rosary: 6 PM  
 AA Meeting: 7:30 PM (Mylott Hall)
- Wednesday:** Links: 3 PM (Walsh)  
 Mass: 5:30 PM (Church)  
 Rosary: 6 PM (Church)  
 AA Meeting: 6 PM (Mylott Hall)  
 Signing Hands: 6:30 PM (Walsh)
- Thursday:** St. Augustine Seniors Amish Trip: 8 AM  
 Sign Class: 2:30 PM (Parish Offices Conference Room)  
 Mass: 5:30 PM (Church)  
 Rosary: 6 PM (Church)  
 Signing Choir: 6:30 (Walsh)  
 Hand Bell Choir: 6:30 PM (Church)  
 Boy Scouts: 6:30 PM (Second Floor)  
 AA Meeting: 7 PM (Mylott Hall)
- Friday:** Links: 3 PM (Walsh)  
 Mass: 5:30 PM (Church)  
 Rosary: 6 PM (Church)  
 AA Meeting: 7:30 PM (Mylott Hall)
- Saturday:** Utreya: 10 AM (Parish Offices Conference Room)  
 Community Cupboard and Closet: 11 AM – 3 PM  
 Mass: 4:15 PM (Church)
- Sunday:** Mass: 8:30 AM (Church)  
 Parish Breakfast: 9 AM to 1 PM (Walsh)  
 PSR: 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM (School Building)  
 Mass: 11 AM (Church)

<b>October 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup></b>			
	<b>Saturday 4:15 PM</b>	<b>Sunday 8:30 AM</b>	<b>Sunday 11 AM</b>
<b>Priest Deacon</b>	Fr. Ben Jimenez, SJ (H)	Fr. Ben Jimenez, SJ (H)	Fr. Bill O'Donnell, C.PP.S (H)
<b>Lectors</b>	Dave Dilyn	Fran DiDonato	Kate Slosar Sr. Regina Fierman, CSA
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of the Blessed Sacrament</b>	Theresa Fallon Patti Gabb Lin Janson	Pat Abraham Marissa Davilla Debbie Sollars	Molly Cassidy Alana Ortiz Jeannie Rawlings
<b>October 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup></b>			
	<b>Saturday 4:15 PM</b>	<b>Sunday 8:30 AM</b>	<b>Sunday 11 AM</b>
<b>Priest Deacon</b>	Fr. Bill O'Donnell, C.PP.S (H) Deacon Chris DePenti	Fr. Bill O'Donnell, C.PP.S (H)	Fr. Ben Jimenez, SJ (H)
<b>Lectors</b>	Michelle Rivera	Peggy Gerovac	Karen Halupnik Christina Howard
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of the Blessed Sacrament</b>	Robin McMarlin Theresa Ortiz	Bob Duda Eddie Reyes Maria Rivera	John Kowalchik Nora Kowalchik Jean Mendis