

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF

# St. Augustine

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**May 12, 2024**

## **Ascension of the Lord**

*“Go into the whole world and  
proclaim the gospel  
to every creature.”*

*Mark 16:15b*

### **SUNDAY WORSHIP**

Saturday Vigil: 4:15 pm

Sunday: 8:30 am and 11:00 am

*All Masses are Interpreted for the Deaf*

### **DAILY MASS**

Monday - Friday: 5:30 pm

*Check Bulletin for Civic Holidays*

### **RECONCILIATION**

Saturday: 3:30 pm - 4:00 pm  
or by appointment

### **PARISH OFFICE**

Monday – Saturday: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

### **SACRAMENTS**

Call the parish office to prepare for sacraments such as baptisms, weddings, first communion and confirmation.

# Welcome!

**We are "A Samaritan Church with a Missionary Heart"**



## Welcome to St. Augustine!

No matter what your present status is 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 or holiness or virtue. You are invited, accepted, and respected here at St. Augustine Parish.

### Our Clergy

#### **Administrator/Chaplain to the Blind Community**

Rev. William O'Donnell, C.P.P.S | WilliamODonnell49@gmail.com

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### Our Staff

#### **Pastoral Associate**

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#### **Deaf Ministry**

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#### **Mental Health Ministry**

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#### **Outreach Ministry**

Outreach@StAugustineCleveland.org

### Stay Connected

**Email:** Info@StAugustineCleveland.org

**Facebook:** @StAugustineRomanCatholicChurchCleveland

**YouTube:** @staugustinechurch9835

*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*



### Scripture Readings for the Week

#### **Sunday | Ascension of the Lord**

Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13; Mk 16:15-20

#### **Monday | Our Lady of Fatima**

Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 67ab; Jn 16:29-33

#### **Tuesday | St. Matthias, Apostle**

Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a

#### **Wednesday | St. Isidore**

Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19

#### **Thursday**

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 78, 9-10, 11; Jn 17:20-26

#### **Friday**

Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19

#### **Saturday | St. John I, Pope and Martyr**

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25

#### **Sunday | Pentecost**

Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5;  
Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27, 28, 29, 30; Rom 8:22-27;  
Jn 7:37-39

Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34;  
1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13

# Prayers and Offertory

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.

Pat Abraham	Dorothy Barr	Patti Cook	Ilona Cykman	JoAnn Fisher
Mike Furey	John Garneau	Susan Grieken	Michael Hogan	Debbi Kasper
Ella McGowan	Fr. Joe McNulty	Nora Orozco	Bridget Patton	Andrea Slosar
Richard Slosar	Sharon Rivera	Sheila Rock	Mary Smith	Mary Solderitsch
Nora Thomas	Norma Turner	Nancy Van Gieson	Millie Vargas	Carl Zelinski, Sr.
Tammy Zubek				

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

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, May 11

4:15 pm † Arturo Torres, Jr.

### Sunday, May 12

8:30 am † Mary Schepis

11:00 am † Annabelle King

### Monday, May 13

5:30 PM † Baba Pawar

### Tuesday, May 14

5:30 pm † Jeanne Dunnell

### Wednesday, May 15

5:30 pm † Larry Moran

### Thursday, May 16

5:30 pm † Tony Pallotta

### Friday, May 17

5:30 pm † Robin Zarembski

### Saturday, May 18

4:15 pm † Jack McMarlin

### Sunday, May 19

8:30 am NO MASS DUE TO MARATHON

11:00 am † Phil Ferguson

† Deceased

## Pope Francis'

### May Prayer Intention

#### For the Formation of Religious and Seminarians

**We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.**



"Jesus knows we are sinners; he knows we make many mistakes, but he does not give up on joining his life to ours. He knows that we need the Eucharist, because the Eucharist is not the reward of saints, but the bread of

sinners. This is why exhorting us:

"Do not be afraid! Take and eat."

~Pope Francis

## Donate online

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.

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.

### Offertory— May 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>

Regular Collection \$1,328.00

E-Giving \$350.00

**Total Collection \$1,678.00**

*Counter Team B is scheduled for Monday*





## Love Without Measure...

When today's first reading from the Book of Acts describes Jesus' Ascension, it says that Jesus was lifted up and a cloud removed him from the disciples' sight. It also says that the disciples kept intently looking at the place in the sky where Jesus had ascended. Then, it tells us that two angels appeared and said to the disciples, "Men of Galilee why do you stand there looking up at the sky?" Now the answer to the angels' question is obvious. The disciples stood looking at the sky because that was the space from which Jesus had left them. Although they always knew that Jesus would be present to them spiritually, they understood that from this point forward they would not be able to see him as they did during his ministry after his Resurrection. Things had changed. Jesus would no longer be physically present to them. So, they stood looking into the sky, looking after what they had lost.

As long as live, our lives will change, and in those changes, we will lose things that are valuable to us. It might be the loss of a particularly fulfilling job. It might be the loss of our health. It might be the loss of a person that we love through death. But when something that is dear to us is taken away from us, then we like the disciples are inclined to look up, fixating on what we once had, but is no longer ours. It is for this reason that the next words of the angels are important, not only for the disciples but for us. The angels say, "This Jesus who has been taken up to heaven will return again in the same way that you saw him go." The disciples did not dispute the fact that Jesus had left. His visible appearance is a thing of the past. But they promise the disciples that he will come to them again in a new way.

The angels' message to us is this: When one good thing is taken away, another good thing will be given. This is why we cannot stand looking at we have lost. We need to see the next good things, the next blessing that is possible in our lives. When things change in our jobs, in our families, community, in our country, it does us no good to think over and over. , "I wish things were the way they use to be." Instead we are invited to look for those places where new possibilities emerge. When our health fails, when we lose energy and perhaps mobility, when someone we love,, a spouse or a friend, dies, the way forward is not to think over and over again we used to be able to do and who was there to do it with us. The way forward is to believe that there are new ways to live, new paths to joy, and new relationships to support us. When one good thing is taken away, another good thing will be given. The scriptures today challenge us to believe this message of the angels. They remind us not to stand looking up into the sky, looking at what we have lost. If our eyes are always in the sky, we will not be able to see the good things that God is bestowing on us here below. .

*Fr. Bill*

### Welcome to the Table of the Lord

Two young members of our parish, Easton and Juliana, recently received their First Holy Communion with their school classmates. Welcome Easton and Juliana to the Table of the Lord!





# Faith and Opportunities



## Vacation Bible Schools

As we close out the year for PSR, we are looking forward to Vacation Bible School this summer! We will be hosting Vacation Bible School the week of June 10-14, 2024, and are looking for volunteers to help facilitate!

Please scan the QR code below to register your child(ren) for VBS.

Please contact Jessica Neuhart at [JNeuhart@staugustinecleveland.org](mailto:JNeuhart@staugustinecleveland.org) for more information.



## Bible Study

Our weekly group Bible Study will continue this Wednesday in Walsh Hall from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm led by Pat Takacs and Andrea Whinnery Erman.

This will be a ten week session focusing on the source and summit of our Catholic faith, The Eucharist, using course materials from the Augustine Institute. It is a time to come together and connect while being intentional about deepening our understanding of the richness of our tradition and growing in faith together.

Please feel free to come to any of the Wednesday sessions you can make. We will give you the web site to view the previous videos already covered. We find the sharing with each other about our perspective provides a sense of togetherness and joy.

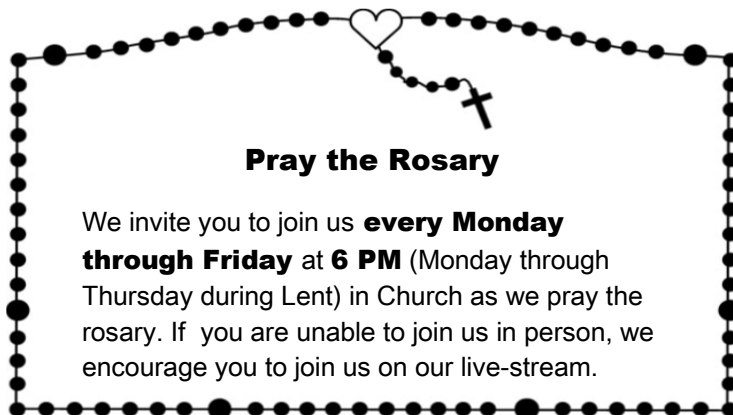
Sign language Interpreter will be present and videos have closed captions. Pizza and refreshments will be provided.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

To register please contact the parish office at (216) 781-5530 or register online at [www.StAugustineCleveland.org](http://www.StAugustineCleveland.org).



Cursillistas gather for Ultraya on Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 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.



## Pray the Rosary

We invite you to join us **every Monday through Friday at 6 PM** (Monday through Thursday during Lent) in Church as we pray the rosary. If you are unable to join us in person, we encourage you to join us on our live-stream.

## THEOLOGY ON THE ROCKS WEST

### For Adults 40 & Over



Join us **Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup>** at **Westside Irish American Club**  
8559 Jennings Rd., Olmsted Twp

**Join the Party! Enter the Dance!**

**Sr. Lisa Marie Belz**, Associate Professor of Biblical Studies at St. Mary's Seminary

will discuss: *Living the Joy of Trinitarian Communion*.

Cost is \$15.00 per person which includes light appetizers & refreshments. Cash Bar is also available. **Advance tickets highly recommended** for catering purposes.

Register in advance at:

[www.theologyontherockswest.com](http://www.theologyontherockswest.com)

## Office of Catechetical Services Collection

This yearly collection will be taken **this weekend, May 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>** at all Masses. This collection supports the ministries of the Office of Catechetical Services. These ministries include faith formation for adults, teens and children, and family-based faith formation. Monies also help provide ongoing Parish Catechetical Leaders education and updating, as well as Newman Catholic Campus ministry helping college students to deepen their relationship with Christ and their faith through worship, community, Bible studies, retreats and service projects. Your generous donation to the Catechetical Services collection is an investment in the faith formation of people of all ages throughout the Diocese.

# Around the Parish

## Say It In Sign

Sign language class for beginners will continue this Wednesday from 12:30 pm until 2 pm in Walsh Hall. For more information, please contact Robin McMarlin at (216)781-5530 ext. 29 or at [RMcMarlin@StAugustineCleveland.org](mailto:RMcMarlin@StAugustineCleveland.org). To register please visit, [www.StAugustineCleveland.org](http://www.StAugustineCleveland.org).

## St. Augustine Signing Choir

The St. Augustine Signing Choir will be taking a short break. Practices will resume during the summer so be sure to keep an eye out for a start date.

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

## St. Augustine Buckeye Deaf Seniors

St. Augustine Buckeye Deaf Seniors will gather in the Deaf Center on Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM. New members are always welcome. Cleveland

## Catholic Deaf Center

Please join us every Sunday after 8:30 am and 11 am masses in the Cleveland Catholic Deaf Center. Coffee, donuts and goodies are available for purchase

## Blind Community

Members of the Blind Community invite you to their next gathering on Wednesday, June 12, 2024 at 12 Noon in Walsh Hall.

The VIPs (Visually Impaired Persons) welcome those with and without visual impairments to participate in their activities. Members of the Blind Community are invited to stay up-to-date with Blind Community and Parish events by calling (216) 635-9215.

## LINKS Community for Mental Health

LINKS is a social, recreational and educational ministry of St. Augustine's for persons with Mental Health conditions. LINKS members gather on Wednesdays and Fridays at 3 PM in Walsh Hall.

For more information on our Links program please contact Bob at (216) 781-5530 or [Bduda@StAugustineCleveland.org](mailto:Bduda@StAugustineCleveland.org).

## St. Augustine Seniors (50 and over)

The St. Augustine Seniors invite you to their next gathering on Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 12 noon in Walsh Hall.



Many thanks to the members of the St. Augustine Bell Choir! Our next rehearsals will be in July, so stay tuned to the bulletin for specific rehearsal days and times. You do not have to read music to play with us, and we are open to everyone, ages 8-80. Both hearing and deaf persons are invited to join. Contact Bill Shaffer ([BShaffer@StAugustineCleveland.org](mailto:BShaffer@StAugustineCleveland.org)) for more details.

For comments or questions, please email Bill Shaffer at [Bshaffer@StAugustineCleveland.org](mailto:Bshaffer@StAugustineCleveland.org) or contact him at (216) 781-5530.



**St. Augustine Community Cupboard and Closet** provides non-perishable food items, personal hygiene, cleaning, pet food, and clothing items to those in need.

The Cupboard and Closet is open **open** on **Saturdays** from **11 AM - 3 PM**.

*Volunteers are greatly needed while we are open and during our closed hours to help sort and stock and help shoppers on Saturdays.*

For more information or to volunteer please contact the Anthony Camino at (216) 781-5530 or email, [ACamino@StAugustineCleveland.org](mailto:ACamino@StAugustineCleveland.org)

We have also created an **Amazon Wish List which can be found on our parish website, [www.StAugustineCleveland.org](http://www.StAugustineCleveland.org).**

### Community Closet and Cupboard Highlights by the Numbers

- ♦ Served 950 in the month of February, 1,192 in the month of March, and 1,074 in the month of April.
- ♦ In the month of February we helped 193 new families, 201 during the month of March and in April 175 new friends came to us in need.

### Thank You!

A special thank you to Teresa Yurchisin and students from the Cleveland Metropolitan School District who recently planted flowers in the outdoor flower boxes and around the church.



If you would like to help keep the church grounds looking beautiful by assisting us with weeding and watering the flowers, please contact the parish office at (216) 781-5530.



# Faith in Action and Reflections

## Ordination to the Priesthood

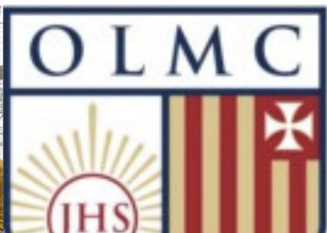
Please pray for Deacon Michael Garvin who will be ordained to the Priesthood by Bishop Malesic on Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 10 am. The ordination is open to the public and will be livestreamed on the Diocesan website, <https://DioceseOfCleveland.org/events>



## Thank You Tigers!

"We love when students partner with us! Thanks to the 2nd grade class at Our Lady of Mount Carmel School in Cleveland, and especially to Aszaelay (on the cans) who organized her classmates to create "Blessing Bags" for those in need.

Go Tigers!! God is Good!!!!"



## Broken but Renewed!

In 1981 Peter Cropper, the British violinist, was invited to Finland to play a special concert. As a personal favor to Peter, the Royal Academy of Music lent him their priceless 285-year-old Stradivarius for use in the concert. This rare instrument takes its name from the Italian violin maker, Antonio Stradivari. It is made of 80 pieces of special wood and covered with 30 coats of special varnish. Its beautiful sound has never been duplicated. When Peter Cropper got to Finland, an incredible nightmare took place. Going on stage, Peter tripped and fell. The violin broke into several pieces. Peter flew back to London in a state of shock. A master craftsman named Charles Beare agreed to try to repair the violin. He worked endless hours on it. Finally he got it back together again. Then came the dreaded moment of truth. What would the violin sound like? Beare handed the violin Broken but Renewed! to Peter Cropper. Peter's heart was pounding inside him as he picked up the bow and began to play. Those present could hardly believe their ears. Not only was the violin's sound excellent, but it actually seemed better than before. In the months ahead Cropper took the violin on the worldwide tour. Night after night the violin, everyone thought was ruined forever, drew standing ovations from concert audiences.

*The violin story is a beautiful illustration of what happens when God comes into our broken lives and makes us whole again. We need His touch, His Spirit! The ascended Jesus is our source of strength and encouragement: Perhaps some of the nagging doubts which inevitably accompany the journey of faith could be lessened by our meditating on the Ascension and its implications. When we are too far from faith to pray on our own, let us remember that we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, the righteous, praying for us. When the trials of life feel too heavy to bear, we must remember that Christ will come again in glory, the same glory in which he arose from the tomb, the same glory in which he ascended, and the same glory in which he currently abides. Though our limited perception might find him absent, he is fully present, participating in every moment of our lives. By His Ascension, Christ has not deserted us but has made it possible for the Holy Spirit to enter all times and places. In this way it is possible for each of us to be transformed by the power of the Spirit into agents or instruments of Christ. We become enlivened with the Holy Spirit. Our actions become animated in a new way by the Spirit of the God we love and serve. We have become Christs in the world.*

## Mother's Day Blessing Prayer

On this Mother's Day, we pray for blessings on all women who have loved and nurtured us throughout our lives. We give thanks for the mothers who have guided and protected us, who have taught and encouraged us.

We give thanks for mothers who have passed away, birth mothers, adoptive mothers, foster mothers, grandmothers, aunties, sisters, and for all women who take on a motherly role.

We ask your blessing, dear Lord, upon mothers who have lost children, that they may have your continuing strength and courage. We ask your blessing too, upon those who would like to be mothers. Pour your blessings upon all women here today. Give them the strength to live the faithful and loving lives you call them to live. Protect and guide them. Keep them in your care. Our Lady, a role model for all women, pray for us. Amen.



# Parish Calendar and Events

## Cleveland Marathon

Due to the route of the Cleveland Marathon closing many streets around the Cleveland neighborhoods and St. Augustine's on **Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, we will not celebrate an 8:30 am Mass.** The running path should be accessible for the celebration of Pentecost at the 11 am Mass.

## Parish Breakfast

Due to the Cleveland Marathon closing many streets around the Cleveland neighborhood and St. Augustine's, our monthly parish breakfast will not be held this month.

## Augustine Rainbow Camp

We are very excited to be gearing up for another great camp season! Online Camper Registration is now open. Follow our social media accounts @Augustine.Rainbow.Camp for access to the registration link and for more information about the 2024 camp season. Applications will also be linked on the parish website and available in the rectory. For more information please contact Jessica Neuhart at Jneuhart@StAugustineCleveland.org or (216) 781-5530 ext. 23.

## Classical Guitar Recital

Chris McGee, a member of our music ministry, will have a classical guitar recital next **Sunday, May 19, 2024** beginning at 3 pm in St. Augustine Church. For more information please contact the parish office.



**On the Lighter Side**



The Ascension mission to preach the Gospel: After attending a convention led by Billy Graham, a woman wrote to him. "Dear Sir, I feel that God is calling me to preach the gospel. But the trouble is that I have twelve children. What shall I do?" The televangelist replied: "Dear Madam, I am delighted to hear that God has called you to preach the Gospel. I am even more delighted to hear that He has already provided you with a congregation in your own home."

## This week at St. Augustine

### Monday, May 13, 2024

2:30 pm: Guiding Point After School Program (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)  
5:30 pm: Mass (Church)  
6:00 pm: Rosary (Church)  
6:00 pm: Lincoln Heights Block Club (Walsh Hall)  
7:30 pm: AA Meeting (Mylott Hall)

### Tuesday, May 14, 2024

9:30 am: AA Meeting (Walsh)  
10:00 am: St. Augustine Buckeye Deaf Seniors (Deaf Center)  
2:30 pm: Guiding Point After School Program (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)  
5:30 pm: Mass (Church)  
6:00 pm: Rosary (Church)  
7:30 pm: AA Meeting (Mylott Hall)

### Wednesday, May 15, 2024

12:30 pm: Sign Class for Beginners (Walsh Hall)  
2:30 pm: Guiding Point After School Program (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)  
3:00 pm: Links  
5:30 pm: Mass  
6:00 pm: AA Meeting (Mylott Hall)  
6:30 pm: Signing Hands  
6:30 pm: Bible Study (Walsh Hall)

### Thursday, May 16, 2024

2:30 pm: Guiding Point After School Program (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)  
5:30 pm: Mass (Church)  
6:00 pm: Rosary (Church)  
7:00 pm: Boy Scouts (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)  
7:30 pm: AA Meeting (Mylott Hall)

### Friday, May 17, 2024

3:00 pm: Links  
5:30 pm: Mass (Church)  
6:00 pm: Rosary (Church)  
7:30 pm: AA Meeting (Mylott Hall)

### Saturday, May 18, 2024

11:00 am – 3:00 pm: Community Cupboard and Closet  
4:15 pm: Mass (Church)

### Sunday, May 19, 2024

8:30 am: **NO MASS DUE TO MARATHON**  
11:00 am: Mass (Church)  
3:00 pm: Classical Guitar Recital (Church)

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<b>Priest Deacon</b>	Fr. Ben Jimenez, SJ (H)	Fr. Ben Jimenez, SJ (H)	Fr. Bill O'Donnell, C.P.P.S (H) Deacon Chris DePenti
<b>Lectors</b>	Michelle Rivera	Debbie Sollars	Jeannie Rawlings John Kowalchik
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of the Blessed Sacrament</b>	Lin Janson Theresa Ortiz Michelle Rivera	David Murray Rob Owens Maria Rivera	Tom Calton Alana Ortiz
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<b>Priest Deacon</b>	Fr. Bill O'Donnell, C.P.P.S (H) Deacon Chris DePenti	<b>No Mass Due to Marathon</b>	Fr. Ben Jimenez, SJ (H)
<b>Lectors</b>	Migdalia Santiago-White	<b>No Mass Due to Marathon</b>	Tom Smith Rachel Smith
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of the Blessed Sacrament</b>	Magdaleno Rivera Bonnie Robertson	<b>No Mass Due to Marathon</b>	Dawn Dingledein Sr. Regina Fierman, CSA Lin Janson