

First Sunday After Epiphany Baptism of our Lord



Holy Eucharist Service
Year B RCL
January 10, 2021
10:30 AM

St. Augustine of Hippo

A Parish of the Episcopal Diocese of New York

The St. Augustine's eCho

ORDER OF SERVICE THE WORD OF GOD

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Agnus Dei

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Administration of the Sacrament

Communion **I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT**

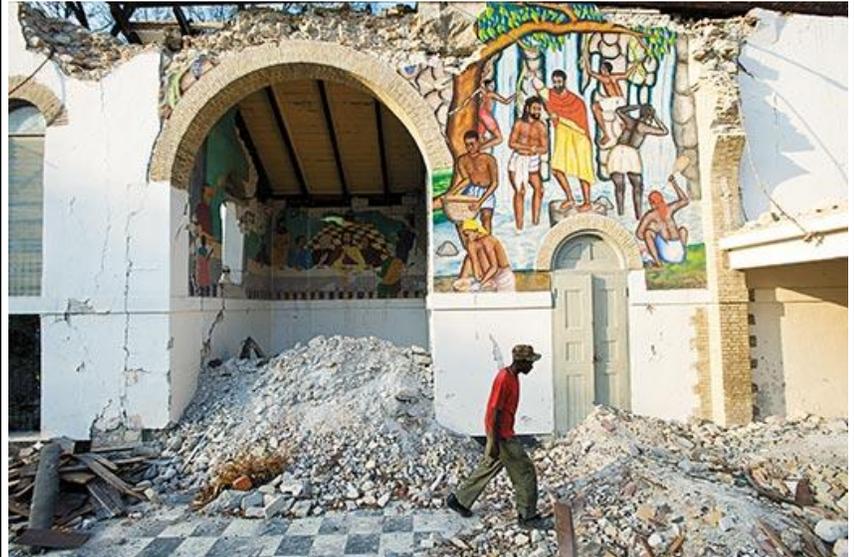
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Hymn **THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE**

Postlude **PEOPLE LOOK EAST JOSEPH BERTOLOZZI**



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WEEKLY SERVICES AND PROGRAMS SUNDAYS

10:30 AM

Eucharist

2:00 - 4:00 PM Pastoral Visitations

WEDNESDAYS

12 Noon Healing Service with Holy Eucharist

9:00 PM Phone Line Prayer

Mission Statement

St. Augustine's Church is a Christ-centered ministry where everyone is invited and welcome.

We are a loving Christian body that seeks to enhance spirituality and community.

BCP (Book of Common Prayer)

LEVAS (Lift Every Voice And

Hymnal 1982

OSOP (One Song of Praise)

EOW 1 (One Song of Praise)

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

PRELUDE: NOEL'S CESAR FRANCK – NICOLAS LE BEGUE

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy and living God.

All Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Glory to God in the highest
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, Heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
We worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father;
Receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
In the glory of God the Father. Amen

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Celebrant says to the people

God be with you.
All **And also with you.**
Celebrant **Let us pray.**

The Celebrant says the Collect.

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Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

Ministry of the Word

One or more of the lectionary provided readings for the day or other selected passages of Scriptures are read. A Gospel reading must be read.

THE FIRST READING

Genesis 1:1-5

By his Word, God creates the light and separates it from the darkness.

A reading from the Book of Genesis:

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

People Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people
 Thanks be to God

THE RESPONSE

Psalm 29

Afferte Domino

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- ¹ Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, *
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- ² **Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; *
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**
- ³ The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
- ⁴ **The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.**
- ⁵ The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; *
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- ⁶ **He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**
- ⁷ The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; *
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- ⁸ **The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.**
- ⁹ And in the temple of the Lord *
all are crying, "Glory!"
- ¹⁰ **The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; *
the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.**
- ¹¹ The Lord shall give strength to his people; *
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

***Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.***

THE EPISTLE

Acts 19:1-7

Paul meets some disciples in Ephesus and tells them about the Holy Spirit. They are baptized and the Holy Spirit comes on them.

A reading from the Book of Acts of the Apostles:

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?” They replied, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” Then he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They answered, “Into John’s baptism.” Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.” On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—altogether there were about twelve of them.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people
People ***Thanks be to God***

SEQUENCE MUSIC: WE THREE KINGS

THE GOSPEL

Mark 1:4-11

Jesus is baptized by John, as is foretold in the Scriptures. This marks the beginning of Jesus's public ministry.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to **Mark**.
All **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord
All **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

A sermon, or meditation, or conversation or a period of silence may follow the readings.

THE SERMON: "INTO WHAT THEN WERE YOU BAPTIZED?"

*by The Rev. Nathanael Saint-Pierre
(Genesis 1:1-5, Acts 19:1-7, Mark 1:4-11)*

*I have studied, but I need your strength.
I have prepared but I need your power.
I am willing and I want to, but only you can make me able.
Silently now, I wait for you, ready my Lord your will to see.
Open my eyes and illumine me, Spirit divine!*

Opening: Have you ever questioned your baptism? Either in light of the practices of other Christian confessions or in light of what is written in the Bible, most specifically in Acts 19?

Situation: The Book of Acts reports that Paul questioned the disciples he found in Ephesus. He said to them: "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied: "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." Then he said to them: "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered: "Into John's baptism." Paul said: "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, in Jesus."

Complication: Does that mean that there are several baptisms? As we celebrate the Baptism of Our Lord, how should we understand our own?

Resolution: In the Gospel of Mark read today, we are presented with two characters: John and Jesus. The first received the bright projector, foretelling the coming of the second who appeared a bit dim until the crescendo at the end of the text. It is John the Baptist that Mark told us was proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. It is to John that people went to be baptized in the River Jordan (baptism in water). It is of the same John that Mark described the clothing, the food, and the preaching. John hadn't yet proclaimed that "I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit", when Jesus showed up to be baptized himself. Differently from other synoptic writers who created a dialogue between John and Jesus to ensure a smooth transition, Mark told us Jesus came and was baptized by John. "And just as he was

coming out of the water" the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him, a voice came from heaven saying: "You are my son, the Beloved, with you I am well pleased." Although Jesus seemed to have come to be baptized with water, he left the water being baptized with the Holy Spirit, not imposed on him by John or another human being, but by God Godself.

This leaves us with the question, why do we as a community of faith baptize people with water, then confirm people by the imposition of the hands of a bishop on them as a conduit of the Holy Spirit? What about those other denominations in which there are no bishops, but people still express the gifts described by Paul as the gifts of the Holy Spirit? Very bizarrely, in those Christian confessions, the speaking in tongues, the healing of incurable diseases, exorcisms, and trances seem to be rather more common than in those denominations that identify themselves as mainline Catholic. How should we define baptism with the Holy Spirit? Is the Holy Spirit absent from the baptism we confer on children? If, based on what Paul is reported to have said, disciples must be baptized with the Holy Spirit, should baptism with water be excluded? Are they not mutually exclusive?

According to Melinda Quivik, Liturgical and Homiletical Scholar, St. Paul, Minnesota, "If John's baptism is our focus, we may forget that we have been "immersed" in God's gracious welcome and "transformed" by the Holy Spirit. We can be caught up in our participation in the work of the Church, failing to acknowledge the mystery itself. We may forget that the mystery, which is God's defeat of death in the resurrection of Jesus, is the reason we come together to care about the world. The work we do may seem to be the goal rather than the life that grows out from gratitude.¹"

She went on to add, "In Jesus' baptism, the Holy Spirit has the central role. It is the Spirit rather than the washing that affects the transformation of the baptized. The Spirit creates a profound change in us because, at least in most Christian traditions, we receive faith that does not result from our fulfilling John's requirement to repent. We baptize infants who have no words of repentance."

¹ Melinda Quivik, Liturgical and Homiletical Scholar, St Paul, Minnesota. Commentary on Mark 1:4-11

Thinking of our own baptism today, we are reminded that to be children of God is much more important than the form our traditions follow. Baptism is how we become children of God by adoption and we are marked as Christ's own forever. If baptism is the door by which we enter the Jesus Movement, we can only perform the objective God intended through Christ who restored our dignity and made us worthy to be called children of God.

Celebration: Every time I am called to perform a baptism, I am reminded that I am opening someone's heart to the grace of God. I am preparing someone to be a channel through which the Holy Spirit will go from generation to generation. Not that that step is necessary, but in our human lives so much in need of an anchor, it is an event we must look back to, to remember our entrance into the story of salvation of humanity. It is also a reminder of a commitment not to hold onto that grace as if it were an individual gift, but to share it as a gift from heaven to earth that must be passed on from generation to generation. Today, as I picture myself being baptized, at the baptismal font at Holy Trinity Cathedral, in Port au Prince, by the Rev. Raoul Moreau, on May 13, 1972, I am reminded of the last wall standing of the Cathedral after the earthquake of 2010. It was the wall with the fresco of the baptism of our Lord, rendered by a local artist. I am reminded of my commitment to renounce Satan and all spiritual forces that rebel against God, to renounce the evil powers of this world which call to violence and corrupt and destroy the creatures and the creations of God, to do my best to walk away from sinful desires that draw me from the love of God. I am also reminded to turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as my savior as I put my whole trust in his grace and love.

Into what then were you baptized? I pray that your baptism was not just an occasion to gather a few friends, have a drink, and eat some cake. Because what makes it meaningful is not what eyes can see; it is the inner transformation that makes you a born-again human being. It is the transformation that brings you back to the creature God intended in Christ Jesus. Amen

THE NICENE CREED

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We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.
For our sake, he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day, he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.

✝ We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

(Unknown Source)

The Leader and People pray responsively

Let us pray for peace in the Church and in the world.

With all our heart and all our mind, we pray to you, O Lord:

Make us instruments of your peace.

For the peace of the world; that a spirit of respect and forbearance may
grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord:

Where there is hatred, let us sow love.

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have
injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord:

Where there is injury, let us sow pardon.

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may
cease, and all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you,
O Lord:

Where there is discord, let us sow union.

For those who do not yet believe, for those who have lost their faith, and
those in despair and darkness that they may receive the light of the faith,
we pray to you, O Lord:

Where there is doubt, let us sow faith.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, especially those who have asked of
our prayers, for all who suffer and those who are in danger; that they may
be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord:

Where there is despair, let us sow hope.

For the mission and ministry of the Episcopal Church especially in the
diocese of New York for this church of St Augustine's, and all who are
gathered to pray, all over the universe, that in faithful witness we may
preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord:

Where there is darkness, let us sow light.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, for all the departed and those who are grieving, may they find comfort and be at peace, we pray to you, O Lord:

Where there is sadness, let us sow joy.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others

(people may offer their prayers, either silently or aloud). Silence

Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

The Confession:

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives.

We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created.

We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.

Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says

*Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.***

The Peace

The peace of God be always with you.

And also with you.

Offertory.

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. (Ephesians 5:2)

HYMN: WE THREE KINGS ALFRED FEDAK

Doxology

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

<i>Celebrant</i>	God be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	We lift them to the Lord.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

The people stand or kneel.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of Angels with prophets, apostles, and martyrs and with all the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS ET BENEDICTUS

Celebrant and People

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of mercy and grace,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

[En la noche en que fue entregado al sufrimiento y a la muerte, nuestro Señor Jesucristo tomó pan; y dándote gracias, lo partió y lo dio a sus discípulos, y dijo: "Tomen y coman. Este es mi Cuerpo, entregado por TODOS. Hagan esto como memorial mío"]

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for ALL. Do this for the remembrance of me."

["Después de la cena tomó el cáliz; y dándote gracias, se lo entregó, y dijo: "Beban todos de él. Esta es mi Sangre del nuevo Pacto, sangre derramada por TODOS para el perdón de los pecados. Siempre que lo beban, háganlo como memorial mío".]

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new

Covenant, which is shed for ALL for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

[“Santifícalos con tu Espíritu Santo, y así serán para tu pueblo el cuerpo y la sangre de tu Hijo, la santa comida y la santa bebida de la vida nueva en él que no tiene fin. Santifícanos también, para que recibamos fielmente este santo sacramento y seamos perseverantes en tu servicio en paz y unidad. Y en el día postrero, llévanos con Maria la madre de Dios, Juan el divino, Agustino y todos tus santos al gozo de tu reino eterno.”]

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with Mary, the God bearer, John the divine, Augustine and all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

[“Todo esto te pedimos por tu Hijo Jesucristo: Por él, y con él y en él, en la unidad del Espíritu Santo, tuyos son el honor y la gloria, Padre omnipotente, ahora y por siempre. Amén.”]

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

People and Celebrant

**Our Father, which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then may be said

FRACTION ANTHEM

**Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

**The Gifts of God for the People of God; Take them in remembrance that
Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with
thanksgiving.**

During this time of COVID, communion is distributed in one kind (bread) only.

COMMUNION HYMN: I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT

We are happy that you have come to worship with us. If you have no church home, we invite you to unite with us. Please complete one of the Parish Census Forms, located on the table in the back of the church. If you have joined via Facebook please drop us a message with your info. We will be in touch with you very soon. However, if you are just passing through, we are honored by your presence, and we wish you Godspeed as you complete your journey.

Please Join Us for: The **St. A's Prayer Line** on **Wednesdays** at **9:00PM**. Dial **(212) 673-5300** between 8:45—10:00 PM.

Coming Up Next

Need Prayer?

Call the church office and request that your name be added to our prayer list. Let us know when you are available so we may visit you or pray with you over the phone.

If you are celebrating a special occasion; birthday, anniversary, etc. please let us know so we may offer congratulations to you.

We are accepting Articles and Advertisements to publish in the St Augustine's eCho.

During our worship, please remember to put your phone on vibrate or silent. But we invite you to use them if you want to record the entire (or part of) the service, take pictures, post video on Facebook, Instagram, Pinterest or Twitter. Let your friends know you are at St Augustine's. We are a Techno-Friendly Church.

Moving Forward: Fr Nat's hope and prayer is that we can get together as one community to be God's people and presence on the LES. He is asking for your prayers in this important new way and new normal of our lives, He wants you to know that every day he prays for you all.

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Armed forces: David Mason, Jr.

We ask God's blessings for those celebrating their birthdays in January, especially: **1st** Christian Curry, Janice Kikuchi; **2nd** Mason O'Neal; **3rd** Emmanuel Cox, Donita Ellis, Shanya Ellison; **4th** Anna Archibald, James Harvin, Evelyn Fleming, Shavon Munchez, Alia O'Neal; **5th** Robert Exum; **7th** Gary Clyne; **9th** Khalid Seña; **10th** Christopher Martinez; **11th** Christopher Morris; **12th** Harry Taylor; **14th** Ronise Cox-Clark; **18th** Valerie Scott; **23rd** Oland Saltes; **24th** Alexander Archibald; **25th** Evelyn Holloman, Joyce Johnson; **28th** Valburg Krauser, Deborah Taylor; **30th** Patricia Taylor; **31st** Charlene Hallal.

If you would like to add your name to the monthly birthday list, please email us at info@staugnyc.org

We pray for those who have died: Doadie Brown, Ronald Brown, Isa Coker, Robert and Mittie Frances Combs, Percy Daglow Sr., Wanda Daley, Frances Diaz, Harry & Dorothy Fiyalko, Luis Garcia, Etta Green, Dorothy Henderson, Inez Kikuchi, Cheryl Krauser, Vernell Langley, Diane McDowell, Geraldine Newkirk, Evelyn Newlin, Jacynth Orridge, Hector Peña, Alice Saltes Richards, Dorothy Rodriguez, Nancy Scott, Alma Suarez, Eleanor Suriel, Sylvia Fergusson-Sylvah and Romulus Sylvah, Harriett Marshall-Taylor, Isaac & Gwendolyn Pinder-Taylor, Donald Williams, Esther Juanita Dawson, Lucille Williams, Minnie Williams, Rev. Deacon Nydia Flores, Florence Taylor, John Joseph, Marlene Ward-Torain, Edward Phillips (Father Tally), Edward "Tyler" Tyler, Sandra Garcia-Combs, Maybelle Daley, Tyrone Wong, Romania Jirmson, Marion C. Blackett-Legall, Raquel Rodriguez- Algarin, Leola West, Lula Moore, Rev. Deacon Edgar Hopper, Rodger Taylor, Ivan Krauser, Ruth Naomi Strother, Ellen Daley, Sylvan Stoner, Hellen Bradley. Charlene Cox, Ethel Moore, Kenneth Johnson, Christine (Chrissy) Harvin, Velda Alleyne.

We pray for Justice and Peace in all lands: Especially: Venezuela, Afghanistan, Africa, The Caribbean, China, Darfur, France, Haiti, the Holy Land, India, Iraq, Japan, Kenya, Lebanon, Niger, Sierra Leone, The Sudan, This Nation and the United Nations.