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St. Augustine R. C. Parish

Third Sunday of Easter ♦ April 18, 2021

"Creating A Community Of Involvement And Evangelization"



National Shrine of
Santo Niño de Cebú

Served by the Augustinian Friars since 1796

St. Augustine parish is an open, diverse, and active Roman Catholic community rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ and founded in the Augustinian Tradition. We invite all to participate in our worship, service to others, and our faith development. These endeavors allow us to grow in the knowledge of God present in ourselves and each other.

Our community joyfully welcomes all who are searching for a spiritual center to call home.

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Website: www.st-augustinechurch.com

Office Hours:

9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday to Friday

Mass Schedule:

Monday - Friday: 12:05 PM (LiveStreamed)
(10:00 AM on Legal Holidays)

Saturday Vigil: 5:15 PM— *Due to the pandemic, suspended until end of 2021*

Sunday: 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM & 7:00 PM
(All Masses are LiveStreamed
on masslivestream.com)



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Rev. James Keating, O.S.A.
Rev. James Paradis, O.S.A., *Prior*

Sacramental Celebrations

Sacrament of Baptism

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on a regular basis, except during Lent. It is usually celebrated within Mass. Arrangements must be made in advance. The parents of the child to be baptized meet personally ahead of time with the priest celebrating the sacrament. Contact the parish office for further information.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Weddings are arranged by appointment at least eight months in advance of the desired wedding date. Contact the parish office for more information.

Ministry to the Sick & Sacrament of the Sick

If anyone in your family is seriously ill, preparing for surgery, or in a nursing home and they would like a visit from the pastor, please call the parish office.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

After Sunday Masses or
Anytime by appointment.

Parish Registration

Please call the parish office or visit the parish website for a registration form or more information. Forms are also available in the back of the Church.

Parish Committees

The Parish Council, Filipino Sub-Council, and Finance Committees assist the staff in serving the parish. Please contact the parish office or see Fr. Bill for information about serving on these various committees.

Novena to the Santo Niño

Each Sunday, after the 11:00 AM Mass there is a novena in honor of the Santo Niño.

Weekly Parish Rosary via Zoom—8:00 PM on Tuesday
Meeting ID: 854-1235-0301 PW: 150408

Weekly Scripture Study via Zoom—7:00 PM on Thursday
Meeting ID: 832-4986-0935 PW: 025786

THE EASTER OFFERING

Easter Offerings: **\$3,905.00**

Easter Flowers: **\$577.00**



The Augustinian Volunteers are recent college graduates between the ages of 21-29 who feel called to spend a year in service to others while living in an intentional community. Volunteers serve with local community partners in social service, campus ministry, and education placements. By engaging in a way of life inspired by the Augustinian Friars, volunteers experience personal and spiritual development as they build relationships with fellow volunteers and those they serve. Applications are currently being accepted for the 2021-2022 volunteer year for our sites in Lawrence, MA, Philadelphia, PA, San Diego, CA, Ventura, CA and Chulucanas, Peru. If interested, please visit- www.augustinianvolunteers.org or contact us at info@augustinianvolunteers.org



SAVE THE DATE!

— **SUMMER SINULOG** —
Sunday, August 15, 2021
11:00 AM Mass & Procession

PLEASE VISIT OUR PARISH FACEBOOK PAGE
www.facebook.com/St.AugustineChurchPhiladelphia

PLEASE VISIT OUR PARISH WEBSITE
www.st-augustinechurch.com

The Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act (H.R. 619) has again been introduced in Congress to protect babies from infanticide.

But efforts to bring the bill to a vote in the House are being blocked. Your action is needed to urge your Representative to sign a discharge petition that would allow this vote to occur.

Some states have passed laws to expand abortion and to repeal laws providing specific protections for babies born alive after surviving an attempted abortion. The Born-Alive Act would provide these specific protections nationwide to help prevent newborns from being killed or left alone to die.

We must continue to push Congress to pass the Born-Alive Act, so babies born alive following an abortion attempt are treated the same as any other newborn baby. **PLEASE ACT TODAY!!!**

<https://www.votervoice.net/USCCB/Campaigns/83732/Respond>

The Annual Archdiocesan Mass Honoring the Gifts of Persons with Disabilities, The Deaf Community, Family, Friends and Caregivers is Sunday, April 25, 2021 at 3:00 pm at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul at 18th and Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia. Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez will be the principal celebrant and homilist. To RSVP email opd@archphila.org or call the Office for Persons with Disabilities at 215-587-3530 with the number attending.



Mass Intentions

Sunday, April 18, 2021

9:00 AM Sue Schellhas, For A Healing
 11:00 AM † Evelyn & Venerando Gahob, Jr.
 7:00 PM † Rosemary & Vincent Comerford

Monday, April 19, 2021

12:05 PM † Donata & Dalmacio Pueblos

Tuesday, April 20, 2021

12:05 PM † Rosalie & Aloysius Gallagher

Wednesday, April 21, 2021

12:05 PM

Thursday, April 22, 2021

12:05 PM The Parish Community

Friday, April 23, 2021

12:05 PM † Cesar Pangalangan, Sr.

Saturday, April 24, 2021

† = Deceased



Capital Campaign News
Goal: \$750,000 (Phase 1) To date:
 Pledges: 210 Percentage: 105.4082%
 Amount Pledged: \$790,561.50
 Pledges Received: \$698,143.36
 In-Kind Gifts Received: \$10,437.71
 Campaign Total Rec'd: \$708,581.07

Sacrificial Giving April 11, 2021

Number of Envelopes Used: 25
 Amount in Envelopes: \$2,585.00
 Average \$/Envelope: \$103.40
 Electronic Giving: 50
 Amount Electronic: \$1,558.00
 Average \$/Electronic: \$31.16
 Loose Money: \$280.00
 Total Collection: \$4,423.00

Electronic Giving

Just log on to our website,
www.st-augustinechurch.com
 and click on:
"Sign Up For Electronic Giving"



Third Sunday of Easter Sunday, April 18, 2021

3:00 PM Holzhauser-Carr Wedding

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Tuesday, April 20, 2021

8:00 PM Parish Rosary—Zoom
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Wednesday, April 21, 2021

Thursday, April 22, 2021

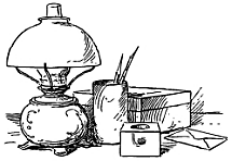
7:00 PM Parish Scripture Study—Zoom
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Friday, April 23, 2021

6:00 PM Kelly-Hutchinson Rehearsal

Saturday, April 24, 2021

3:00 PM Kelly-Hutchinson Wedding



A word from Fr. Bill.....

Dear Parishioners:

One of the tools for prayer which a Spiritual Director once suggested to me was to regularly reflect on generosity, forgiveness, patience and hope.

I would like to share with you some of the fruits of the prayer this week on generosity.

I am very grateful to our parish staff. I often say that I would not be able to do any one of their jobs. I wouldn't be able to clean, cook, direct music (I have been asked not to sing when the microphone is on), do all the accounting procedures, oversee all the day to day activities in the parish (including coordinating the parish website and all the related technology), build anything and deal with all the vendors, oversee all the building projects, or oversee all the details of 60-70 weddings a year, especially in the climate of the pandemic when many weddings got postponed (sometimes twice) and a few got cancelled. I am so grateful to each member of our staff. When I came to St. Augustine Parish in 2014, Jacob's and Bob's jobs were part time. Now, there are not enough hours in the week for them to do all they need to do.

I am very grateful to the members of our Parish Pastoral Council, Parish Finance Commission, and the Steering Committee of our Capital Campaign. Their consultation and advice have been invaluable on things like how to handle the pandemic, suggestions for celebrating the 225th anniversary of the parish, suggestions for observing the year dedicated to St. Joseph, overseeing the parish budget, suggestions for allocation of funds and fundraisers, suggestions on capital improvements, helping to move from Phase 1 to Phase 2 in the Capital Campaign, helping to facilitate applications for grants, and obtain a 501(c)(3) status. They all have been extremely faithful to monthly Zoom meetings. I, by far, have not named everything on which I have consulted with these groups.

I am grateful to our parishioners who enhance our liturgies, especially our music ministers, lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. I am grateful to those who collaborated with me in the 2-part series on the Sacraments which our parish provided for the entire Archdiocese of Philadelphia during Advent and Lent. We are very fortunate to have parishioners who faithfully sanitize our pews after each Sunday Mass and those who oversee the environment of the church. I am grateful for the financial generosity of our parishioners during the pandemic. The offertory collection is comparable to last year and the use of electronic giving has increased substantially. This generosity has been extraordinary. It has allowed us to keep up with our bills.

I am grateful for those who helped us stay connected during the pandemic with things like helping us purchase the equipment to livestream our Masses, saying the rosary together each Tuesday, sharing insights each Thursday concerning the scriptures for the Sunday readings, participating each Friday of Lent in the Stations of the Cross, participating in the prayer service on Good Friday on the Seven Last Words, participating last Summer and Fall in the discussions on the US Bishops Pastoral Letter on Racism, and the Pope's encyclical on Fraternity and Social Friendship.

A highlight for me is always working with those in the process of the initiation of adults to the Church (RCIA). The commitment of those involved each week for nine months is extraordinary. We saw the fruits of this last Sunday at the 7 PM Mass when one person who was baptized Lutheran professed his faith to the Catholic Church.

I am grateful to my Augustinian brothers who are not technically assigned to minister at St. Augustine Parish but who are very willing to help with our liturgies and who are willing to be sounding boards for me in so many ways.

The suggestion to regularly bring the concepts of generosity, forgiveness, patience and hope to prayer was very valuable. It helps to keep things in perspective, especially in this time of the pandemic.

Have a great week and stay SAFE.

Fr. Bill



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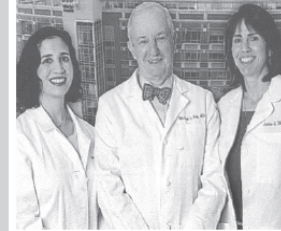
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