

St. Augustine R. C. Parish

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 30, 2020

“Creating A Community Of Involvement And Evangelization”

Served by the Augustinian Friars since 1796



National Shrine of
Santo Niño de Cebú

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
(10:00 AM on Legal Holidays)
Saturday Vigil: 5:15 PM
Sunday: 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM & 7:00 PM

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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

Saturday: 4:30 PM to 5:00 PM
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.



Baptism Celebration

We have the blessed opportunity through the celebration of the holy Sacrament of Baptism to welcome a new member into our parish community.

Sunday, August 30, 2020

Benjamin Paente Maher,

son of Philip & Leah Maher

Congratulations!

Please keep Benjamin's family in your prayers.



CatholicPhilly.com is updated every day with local Catholic news from the Archdiocese of Philadelphia region.

Bequest to Saint Augustine Parish

For many, charitable giving is an act of faith, grounded in confidence in God's abundance and motivation by a desire to create additional resources for accomplishing God's work.

Leaving a legacy gift to Saint Augustine Parish offers the opportunity to pass on not only your assets, but also the values that have guided your life.

Remembering Saint Augustine Parish in your estate planning is a wonderful way to put your values into action, ensuring that our parish is maintained for future generations, as a center of worship and devotion as a personal legacy.

To remember Saint Augustine Parish in your will, please contact your attorney or financial advisor for assistance in making a bequest. Thank you for your generosity.

Saturday, October 17, 2020 ♥ 5:15 PM

Wedding Anniversary Mass, Philadelphia

The annual Wedding and Anniversary Mass to pray for and with married couples in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia who are married 1-25 years and couples who have been married 25 years or more or 50 years or more. The Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Nelson Perez.

Location: **Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter and Paul**, 18th Street and Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia, PA 19103

More information visit: www.phillycatholiclife.org

Holy Hour for the Election: 50 States – 50 People – One Hour
Join us for an hour of prayer and adoration before Jesus in the Eucharist as we petition for grace and blessing upon our country, especially asking for God's will to be accomplished in the upcoming presidential election. We hope for at least 50 people to be present, one for each State of the United States of America, but more are welcome! **Sunday, November 1, 2020 – 2-3 PM** at the **Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul**, Philadelphia. Free parking is available. Social distancing will be observed.

Please RSVP at: phillyevang.org/events



Mass Intentions

Saturday & Sunday, August 29 & 30, 2020

9:00 AM -----
11:00 AM Arevalo Family, In Thanksgiving
7:00 PM -----

Monday, August 31, 2020

12:05 PM † Jose Montenegro

Tuesday, September 01, 2020

12:05 PM † Hugh Curran, Jr.

Wednesday, September 02, 2020

12:05 PM -----

Thursday, September 03, 2020

12:05 PM The Parish Community

Friday, September 04, 2020

12:05 PM † Dorothy & Paul Hargadon

Saturday, September 05, 2020

† = Deceased

Sacrificial Giving

August 22 & 23, 2020

Number of Envelopes Used: 21
Amount in Envelopes: \$2,140.00
Average \$/Envelope: \$101.90
Electronic Giving: 42
Amount Electronic: \$903.00
Average \$/Electronic: \$21.51
Loose Money: \$359.00
Total Collection: \$3,402.00



Capital Campaign News

Goal: \$750,000 (Phase 1) To date:

Pledges: **201** Percentage: **94.5185%**
Amount Pledged: **\$708,888.50**
Pledges Received: **\$574,749.61**
June 1st Gala Revenue: **\$40,250.00**
In-Kind Gifts Received: **\$10,437.71**
Campaign Total Rec'd: **\$625,437.32**

Electronic Giving

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



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2:00 PM Benjamin Paente Maher Baptism

Monday, August 31, 2020

Tuesday, September 01, 2020

7:00 PM DMI Survey Meeting—Zoom
8:00 PM Parish Rosary—Zoom

Wednesday, September 02, 2020

Thursday, September 03, 2020

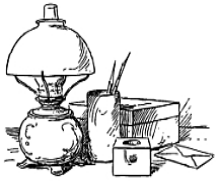
7:00 PM Parish Scripture Study—Zoom

Friday, September 04, 2020

4:00 PM Rokowski-Blackburn Rehearsal

Saturday, September 05, 2020

2:00 PM Rokowski-Blackburn Wedding



A word from Fr. Bill.....

Dear Parishioners:

This past Friday, August 28th, was the feast of our parish patron, St. Augustine. With the permission of the Archdiocese, we will be celebrating his feast at the Masses on Sunday, meaning we will be using the scripture readings and prayers from his feast day rather than the ones assigned for this Sunday.

As we continue to live as a parish community, I think a good reflection for us is Augustine's insight that a sign of growing in charity is when we put the common good above our own individual good. This is especially true in light of the challenges which arise from the pandemic. There are many effects to our parish community (as there are to every community) as a result of the pandemic. I have asked our Parish Pastoral Council to begin a conversation on this topic. May we pray that thru the intercession of St. Augustine we will put the common good above our own individual good as we deal with the challenges before us.

Since the time we began public Masses (yellow zone), we have had parish volunteers after each Mass sanitize the pews in which people sat. These volunteers have been most faithful. I don't think, however, anyone expected this need to go on as long as it has. It would be great if we could get some more volunteers who would be willing to help with this need, as well as after weddings. I think it is accurate to say it only takes about 15 minutes after Mass. If you are willing to help (the common good), please let me know. We will work out a little orientation.

In my letter last week, I mentioned that at the 11:00 AM Mass next weekend, we will have an opportunity to thank Fr. Bill Donnelly for his service to the parish from April of 2019 until April of 2020. As you know, I had to leave the parish right before Holy Week of 2019 because of an allegation made against me. In the beginning of Holy Week this year, after an extensive investigation by two independent groups not affiliated with the Church, I was able to return to active ministry and to the parish. One group reported that "there is no evidence of any kind that supports the allegation of sexual abuse" and the second group "deemed the accusations not credible" and commended the excellent quality of the first investigation.

At the direction of our Provincial, Fr. Michael DiGregorio, Fr. Bill Donnelly was the administrator of the parish during this time. This is not an easy thing to do. It is difficult to serve in this capacity when you know it is not a permanent assignment and in reality you have no idea how long it will be. It takes a while to get a total picture of all that is involved in the parish. Knowing that it is a temporary assignment, it is difficult to make decisions or begin programs/projects that could have long lasting ramifications. I liken it to being a substitute teacher.

I use the word "serve" deliberately because that is what Fr. Bill did. He served. He interrupted his life for an unknown amount of time to help the needs of the community. He put the community good above his own. He met with me each week to inform me of things and to ask questions. Fr. Bill did this selflessly, without complaint, generously and with graciousness. I, our Province and our parish community owe him a great deal of gratitude.

I was hoping to express this gratitude to Fr. Bill in person at a beer/wine and pizza gathering of the entire parish. When we could not do that in April, I thought we would be able to do it shortly after. Now, because it does not seem there will be a time in the near future when we will be able to express this gratitude at such a gathering, it was suggested we do it at the 11:00 AM Sunday liturgy because this is the time when most parishioners could be a part of it, in person or by the means of live streaming.

I encourage as many as possible to join us either in person or virtually at the 11:00 AM Mass next Sunday, September 6th to express our gratitude to Fr. Bill (the elder).

Have a SAFE and good week.

Fr. Bill (the younger)