# St. Augustine R. C. Parish First Sunday of Lent February 18, 2024



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**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 — Suspended Indefinitely

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

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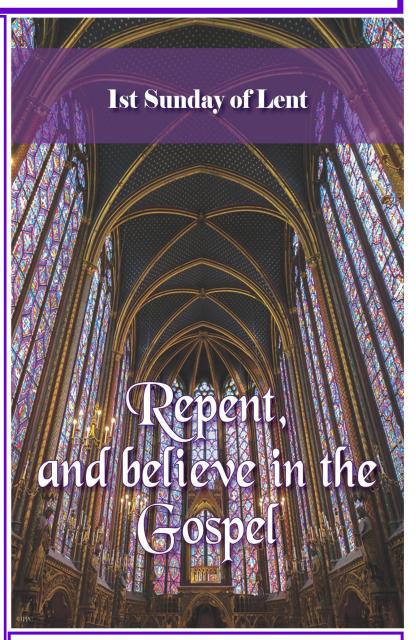
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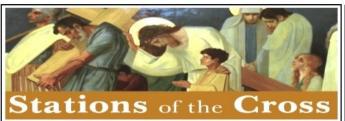
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Weekly Scripture Study via Zoom—7:00 PM on Thursday Meeting ID: 832-4986-0935 PW: 025786

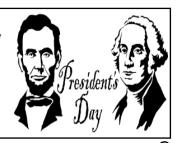


Friday Evenings During Lent • 7:00 P.M.
Come, walk, and meditate on the
Way of the Cross

Zoom ID: 5590497986 PW: 7139

# President's Day Holiday Monday, February 19th

Daily Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 AM



One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

Matthew 4:4b



# Spring Clean Up and Flower Planting & Mulching

The Friends of Old City will be holding their Annual Spring Cleanup and Flower Planting on Saturday, March 23, 2024 from 9 a.m. to 12 Noon. This year we will meet in the parking lot at Saint Augustine Church. The plantings (and mulching) will be for the planters

along the 4<sup>th</sup> and Vine Streets blocks. The cleanup will entail areas north of the Ben Franklin Bridge. All supplies and tools will be provided. This is a valuable community event that helps enhance our neighborhood significantly. If you are interested in helping, please see the signup sheet in the back of the church on the glass counter. (*Rain date March 24*)



#### **Operation Rice Bowl 2024**

Operation Rice Bowls are available in the back of the church for you to pick up and to use for your Lenten sacrifices. Please return them to the collection at the end of Lent.

### **Old Palms**

If you have old palms and you are wondering how to dispose of them, you may return them to the church so that we can burn them in the Easter Fire at the Easter Vigil. There is a basket in rear of the church for you to deposit your old palms.





#### Mass Intentions

#### Sunday, February 18, 2024 First Sunday of Lent

9:00 AM † Isidoro Dizon, Jr. 11:00 AM † Benjamin Galiste 7:00 PM † Isabel Casimsiman

#### Monday, February 19, 2024 PRESIDENT'S DAY

10:00 AM

The Parish Community

Tuesday, February 20, 2024 12:05 PM † Frank Armstrong

Wednesday, February 21, 2024 12:05 PM † Encarnacron Doran

Friday, February 23, 2024 12:05 PM † Patrocinio Morales, Jr.

Saturday, February 24, 2024

† = Deceased



## apital Campaign News

Goal: \$750,000 (Phase 1) To date: Pledges: 227 Percentage: 117.3588% Amount Pledged: \$880,190.68 Pledges Received: \$824,840.68 In-Kind Gifts Received: \$10,437.71 Campaign Total Rec'd: \$835,278.39

# Sacrificial Giving February 11, 2024

Number of Envelopes Used: 19
Amount in Envelopes: \$1,925.00
Average \$/Envelope: \$101.32
Electronic Giving: 47
Amount Electronic: \$1.510.00
Average \$/Electronic: \$32.13
Loose Money: \$332.00
Total Collection: \$3,767.00

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# Bulletin Board

First Sunday of Lent Sunday, February 18, 2024

Monday, February 19, 2024

Tuesday, February 20, 2024
7:00 PM Lenten Program—Zoom
7:00 PM Sexaholics Anonymous (SA)

Wednesday, February 21, 2024

Thursday, February 22, 2024
7:00 PM Parish Scripture Study—Zoom
7:PM Sexaholics Anonymous (SA)

Friday, February 23, 2024

Saturday, February 24, 2024 7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous (NA)



## A word from Fr. Bill...

#### Dear Parishioners:

Lent has begun. What are you giving up? Wasn't that the question that was asked when we were kids? The answer was often ice cream, candy or maybe the movies. And were we ever glad when Easter came. We were free and could go back and binge into our old ways. Did it change us at all?

Hopefully, as adults we can look at the purpose of Lent more positively. Yes, giving up something is commendable. Didn't Jesus fast? But giving up something is not an end in itself. I am going to give up cursing or being nasty to a coworker, but when Easter arrives, I can go back to my old ways. I am going to stop wasting time by looking at pornography on the computer. But if I go right back to that on Easter Monday, has it helped?

The purpose of Lent is for us "to turn from our sins and believe in the Gospel." It is a time to see where we have broken our relationship with God and God's people, and change. Yes, change. Not just change for 40 days, but to truly change.

I saw a sign the other day that said "a bad attitude is like a flat tire. If it doesn't get changed, we do not go anywhere."

Hopefully, improving our prayer life, fasting and being more generous with our time, talents and treasures will all help us to change whatever bad attitudes, habits we have that are not consistent with who we say we are by our baptismal vows.

This Tuesday night, we have the first presentation of our Lenten series on Zoom. Fr. Dennis Gill, the Director of Liturgy for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and the Rector of the Cathedral will lead us in a discussion on the purpose of Lent. This may help us to be more aware of what bad attitudes and habits we have that need to be changed. One needs to register. Please go to the homepage of our parish website to find the links to register.

Some of the comments that were made about our Lenten presentations last year are as follows:

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Congratulations on another very beneficial Lenten series- excellent choice of topic for the series and good diversity of speakers, including laity, and Janet Haggerty, Ph.D. from the Systematic Theology faculty at St. Charles Seminary was refreshing. All were prepared, informative, and enjoyed interacting with the audience. *Fran Richards* 

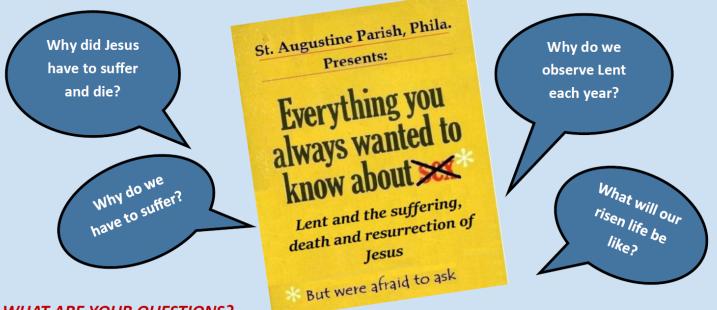
Another beautiful and thought-provoking Lenten Series—this year, on the Creed. It is always a wonderful way to better understand our faith and to prepare to celebrate the central mystery of our faith. *Rene Quinlan* 

While I was unable to attend all of the sessions live, I did watch the missed segments on YouTube links. (Much thanks for that opportunity.) These were greatly informative and provided insight for learning and further consideration. Questions presented and answers provided also led to deeper explanations as we work to grow in understanding of our faith. As expressed by another attendee this was wonderful and greatly appreciated. I look forward to viewing the Advent series that addressed the beginning of the Creed and possible series on Beatitudes and living a more thoroughly Christian life. Best regards and good wishes as we prepare for the Joyous celebration of Easter. *Barbara* 

Hopefully, the upcoming Tuesday night presentations or some of the other resources which we have made available, will help us change in whatever way we need to authentically renew our baptismal commitment at Easter.

Have a great first week of Lent.

Fr. Bill



**WHAT ARE YOUR QUESTIONS?** 

Join us this Lent for our ongoing series when we will discuss and answer questions regarding "Lent and the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus." Join us and our special guests via Zoom from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM on the dates listed below!



**2/20 "Why do we observe Lent each year?" - Rev. G. Dennis Gill, S.L.L., M.Div.**, Director, Office for Divine Worship and Rector of the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul, Philadelphia - **Register at the link below:** 

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEkfu6urzorGtNmEShspH\_urRCI7GP21FRz



**2/27** "Why did Jesus have to suffer and die?" - Dr. Janet Haggerty, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Theology, College Seminary and Associate Professor of Systematic Theology, Theological Seminary, Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary - Register at the link below: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAucOCtqDMuH9I3UPg2PeCIrFxQufGOKNR7



3/5 "What does it mean, if we share in Jesus' life in Baptism, we have to share in his suffering and death?" - Dr. Joseph T. Kelley, Ph.D., D.Min., Professor of Religious and Theological Studies, Merrimack College - Register at the link below:

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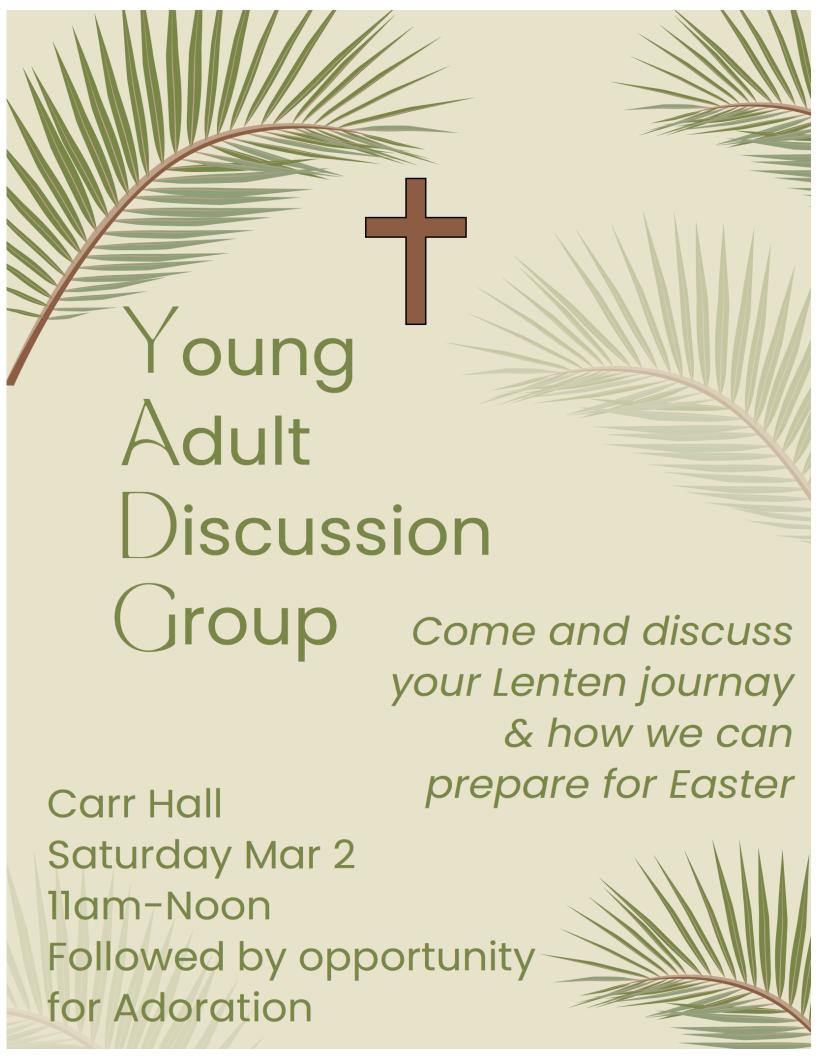
3/12 "Why did Jesus rise from the dead and what does St. Paul mean when he says, 'If Jesus did not rise from the dead, our faith is in vain?" - Rev. James Paradis, O.S.A., D.Min., Director of Cascia Center Ministries, Shrine of St. Rita, Philadelphia - Register at the link below: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEpcemtri8jGtJapRZBU9X4-4FfODvsvIQo">https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEpcemtri8jGtJapRZBU9X4-4FfODvsvIQo</a>



3/19 "What will our risen life be like?" - Most Reverend Daniel Turley, O.S.A., D.D., Bishop Emeritus of Chulucanas, Peru - Register at the link below: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0kf-2sqzsvE9Oco-nbui7OJvDXCarZQrP-">https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0kf-2sqzsvE9Oco-nbui7OJvDXCarZQrP-</a>

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