



# St. Augustine R. C. Parish

## First Sunday of Lent February 21, 2021



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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: 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](http://masslivestream.com))

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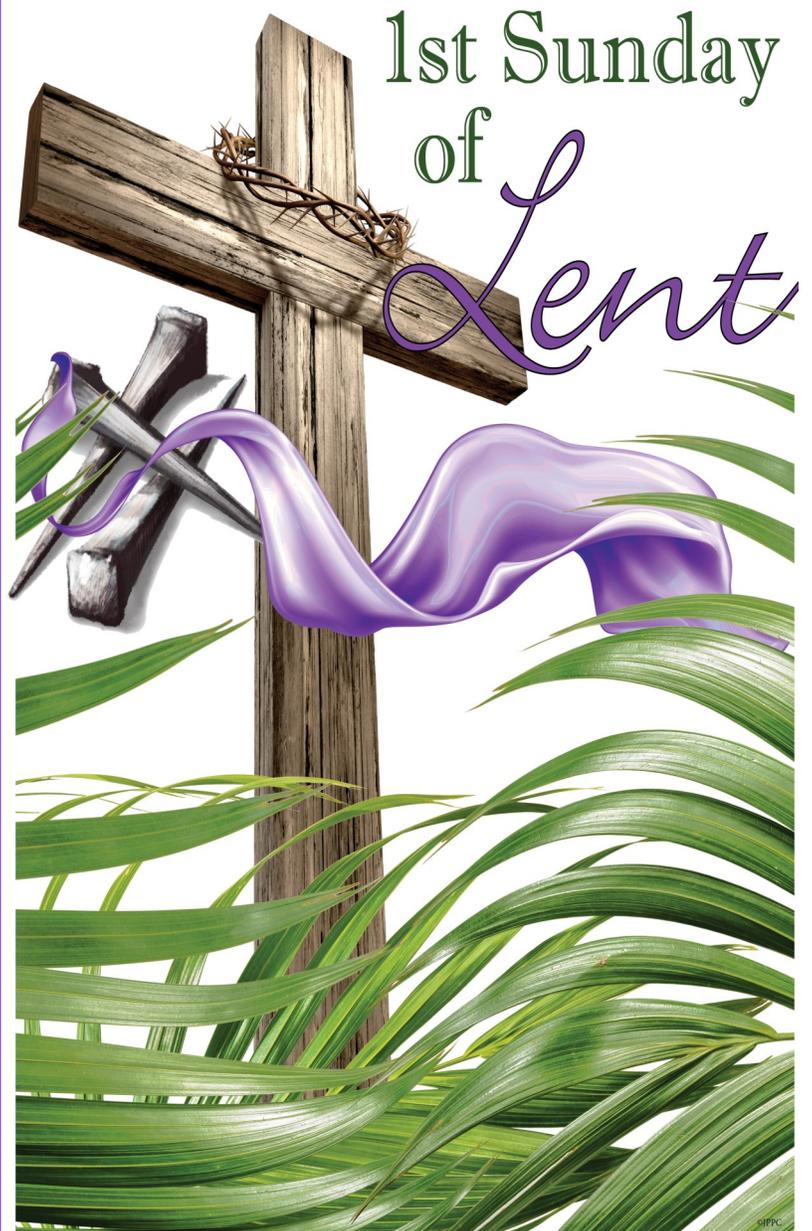
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**Weekly Scripture Study via Zoom—7:00 PM on Thursday**

Meeting ID: 832-4986-0935 PW: 025786



## Stations of the Cross

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

Zoom ID: 5590497986 PW: 7139

## Operation Rice Bowl 2021

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.

Please place them in the basket in the rear of the church.



## Spring Clean Up and Flower Planting



The Friends of Old City will be holding their **Annual Spring Cleanup and Flower Planting** on **Saturday, March 27, 2021** from **10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** 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 call the Parish Office at 215-627-1838 to let us know.

## Confessions during the Season of Lent

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available after all of the Sunday Masses during the Season of Lent.

After the 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM & 7:00 PM

*As we hear the words from the priest,  
"I absolve you..." our relationship with God and  
with the community is reconciled.*

*We become as clean in God's eyes as the day we were baptized.*



## Mass Intentions

### Sunday, February 21, 2021

9:00 AM † Angel Yang  
11:00 AM † Francisco Briones  
7:00 PM † Patricia Golvingo and  
† Patrocinio Morales, Sr.

### Monday, February 22, 2021

12:05 PM † Patrocinio Morales, Jr.

### Tuesday, February 23, 2021

12:05 PM The Parish Community

### Wednesday, February 24, 2021

12:05 PM Robert Mermer, For Healing

### Thursday, February 25, 2021

12:05 PM

### Friday, February 26, 2021

12:05 PM † Venerando Gahob, Sr.  
5:00 PM † Mauricio Gesmundo,  
40th Day Memorial

### Saturday, February 27, 2021

† = Deceased



## Capital Campaign News

**Goal: \$750,000 (Phase 1) To date:**  
Pledges: 209 Percentage: 105.3393%  
Amount Pledged: \$790,044.50  
Pledges Received: \$692,422.48  
In-Kind Gifts Received: \$10,437.71  
Campaign Total Rec'd: \$702,860.19

## Sacrificial Giving February 14, 2021

Number of Envelopes Used: 15  
Amount in Envelopes: \$980.00  
Average \$/Envelope: \$65.33  
Electronic Giving: 49  
Amount Electronic: \$1,343.00  
Average \$/Electronic: \$27.41  
Loose Money: \$171.00  
Total Collection: \$2,494.00

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## The Bulletin Board

First Sunday of Lent  
Sunday, February 21, 2021

Monday, February 22, 2021

Tuesday, February 23, 2021  
7:00 PM Lent Program —Zoom

Wednesday, February 24, 2021  
7:00 PM Parish Pastoral Council—Zoom

Thursday, February 25, 2021  
7:00 PM Parish Scripture Study—Zoom  
832 4986 0935 PW: 025786

Friday, February 26, 2021  
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross on ZOOM  
559 049 7986 PW: 7139

Saturday, February 27, 2021

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**2021 VIRTUAL CONFERENCE**

Man Up Philly 2021 invites the men of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia to the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Men's Spirituality Conference. The Man Up Philly volunteer team has made the decision to change the format to a Virtual Event out of an abundance of caution given the COVID-19 status.

We want to bring this great day to you to help all of us focus on our faith and reliance on Our Lord. The virtual conference will be available via a webcast and tickets will be available for a reduced cost of \$10. We encourage all men – fathers, sons, brothers, friends – to join us for an inspiring day of faith and fellowship. Become the man God is calling you to be! Rediscover the power and meaning of your faith!



Father  
Mike Schmitz



Bishop  
Joseph L. Coffey



Colonel  
Tom Manion



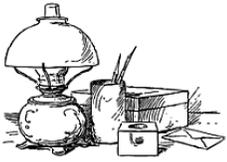
Deacon  
Steve Javie

**SATURDAY, MARCH 06, 2021**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER**

**VISIT [MANUPPHILLY.COM](http://MANUPPHILLY.COM)**





## *A word from Fr. Bill.....*

Dear Parishioners:

As you know, this Sunday is the First Sunday of Lent. In my letter last weekend, I mentioned a number of different opportunities for prayer, fasting and almsgiving to help us prepare to renew our baptism promises at Easter. One of those opportunities is participating in our Tuesday night discussions on the Sacraments. I mentioned last week that I would say more about it this week.

There has been a flyer in the bulletin for the past several weekends informing you of our parish Lenten program. Once again, please find enclosed within this bulletin (or attached to this email) the same flyer describing the program, discussions on the Sacraments of Healing (Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick) and the Sacraments of Commitment (Holy Orders and Matrimony).

This is similar to the program we as a parish facilitated in Advent. In the Advent series when we discussed the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist), we had about 30 participants each of the three weeks. Although we were pleased with the participation, there were not many participants from our parish. To be honest, this is for whom this program was designed, as a follow up to the parish evaluation which took place in February/March 2019 facilitated by the Catholic Leadership Institute and in which over a hundred of our parishioners took part.

This evaluation indicated many positive things about the parish, e.g. being a welcoming, and inclusive community which encourages participation of our parishioners, to good homilies, to good music, etc. But it also indicated that it would be good for us to provide a means for our parishioners to know more about the basics of the Catholic faith. Thus, the initiative of this program entitled "Everything you always wanted to know about the Sacraments but were afraid to ask."

Another thing which surfaced from our 2019 parish evaluation was how reluctant our parishioners are to share their faith. So now, we have an opportunity for you to do just that. On the other side of this flyer (or attached to this email), please see the comments of those who participated in our Advent series. Please share the enclosed (attached) flyer and comments with others and/or forward the flyer which you will find also on the homepage of our parish website.

As you review the guest participants for our Lenten series, you will notice that there are representatives of the hierarchy, laity, the diaconate, diocesan priests and religious life. It was important to us to have a good variety of guest participants.

If you are going to participate, you need to register (different link for each week). After you register, you will receive notification that you are registered and you will receive a reminder as we get close to the discussion each week.

You also may be interested to know that each session will be recorded and available on our parish website.

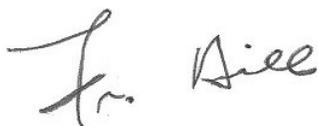
I am very grateful to the committee who has met on Zoom about 30 times since last May. Each member of the committee has made significant contributions to the final product: deciding the substance and the logistics to update our parishioners on the faith, the name of the effort, suggestions for guest participants, design of the flyer, handling all the details with the technology involved, advertising the program, etc. etc. The committee members are Dan Petrongolo, Bill Castro, Jacob Marquart, O.F.S., and Maria Roberts-Reyes. After each of our Tuesday meetings, a number of us joined other parishioners saying the rosary. This truly has been a collaborative, consistent, committed and prayerful effort.

The program is certainly open to people beyond our parish. Matter-a-fact, most of the participants in Advent were from outside the parish, virtually from different segments of the Archdiocese which you can see from the comments.

It goes without saying that we are grateful to all of our very qualified guest participants for this Lenten series, and in particular to Archbishop Perez who is going to lead off the series on Tuesday, February 23rd, discussing the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

We hope you will join us for as many sessions as possible in order to grow in the knowledge of the faith or to become renewed with it, and that you also will take an opportunity to share our faith by inviting others to participate in these five sessions.

Have a SAFE week

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Bill". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "F" and "B".

Fr. Bill Waters, O.S.A.  
Pastor

St. Augustine Parish, Phila.  
Presents:

Everything you  
always wanted to  
know about ~~SEX~~  
The Sacraments

\* But were afraid to ask (Part 2)

Why does the  
Church only  
ordain men as  
priests?

Why are Last  
Rites now called  
Anointing of the  
Sick?

Why Confession?  
Can't I just tell  
God I'm sorry?

Can a divorced  
person receive  
Communion?

**WHAT ARE YOUR QUESTIONS?** Submit your questions for our four-part series during Lent when we will discuss and answer questions regarding the “**Sacraments of Healing**” and the “**Sacraments of Commitment.**” Join us and our special guest participants via Zoom from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM on the dates listed below!

**2/23 Reconciliation** - Most Rev. Nelson J. Pérez, D.D., Archbishop of Philadelphia - Register at the link below:  
[https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom-join?zjs=1&zoom-join-params=join\\_from=calendar\\_event&join\\_source=calendar\\_event](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom-join?zjs=1&zoom-join-params=join_from=calendar_event&join_source=calendar_event)

**3/2 Anointing of the Sick** - Rev. Zachary Navit, JD, MA, MDiv, Chaplain, St. Mary Center for Rehabilitation and Healthcare, Lansdale, PA - Register at the link below:  
[https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom-join?zjs=1&zoom-join-params=join\\_from=calendar\\_event&join\\_source=calendar\\_event](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom-join?zjs=1&zoom-join-params=join_from=calendar_event&join_source=calendar_event)

**3/9 Matrimony** - Deacon Mike and Cathy Kubiak, former Coordinator of Marriage Preparation for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia Office of Life and Family - Register at the link below:  
[https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom-join?zjs=1&zoom-join-params=join\\_from=calendar\\_event&join\\_source=calendar\\_event](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom-join?zjs=1&zoom-join-params=join_from=calendar_event&join_source=calendar_event)

**3/16 Holy Orders** - Rev. Don Reilly, OSA, MA, MDiv (ordained 46 years), Head of School of Malvern Preparatory School and former Augustinian Provincial of the Province of St. Thomas of Villanova and Rev. Dan Madden, OSA, MA (ordained 5 months), staff in Student Affairs Office, Merrimack College, North Andover, MA. - Register at the link: [https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom-join?zjs=1&zoom-join-params=join\\_from=calendar\\_event&join\\_source=calendar\\_event](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom-join?zjs=1&zoom-join-params=join_from=calendar_event&join_source=calendar_event)

**3/23 “How Does It All Come Together?”** - Rev. Monsignor Michael Magee, STD, SLL, MA, MDiv, Dean of the School of Theology Studies, Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary, Wynnewood, PA - Register at the link below:  
[https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom-join?zjs=1&zoom-join-params=join\\_from=calendar\\_event&join\\_source=calendar\\_event](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom-join?zjs=1&zoom-join-params=join_from=calendar_event&join_source=calendar_event)

For more information and to submit your questions, contact Jacob Marquart, O.F.S. at:  
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### **Comments on Discussion of Sacraments from the Advent 2020 series:**

What a wonderful program overall, and last night's program on the Eucharist with Father Gill was really informative for me, because he was not only knowledgeable but also personable.

***René Quinlan, St. Augustine Parish, Philadelphia, PA***

Thank you so much. These talks have given me new perspectives to share with my catechists who teach the Sacraments and also our RCIA team, as well as with those preparing to be welcomed into the Church. Great format, too. God bless.

***Kathy Thomas, DRE St. Joseph Parish, Downingtown, PA***

Linda and I thought the three-part series was excellent. We look forward to participating during Lent. The format was very good. The speakers were excellent. And the timing is spot on. It has helped me better understand my Catholic faith even though I am 80 and a half years old. It is never too late to learn. One suggestion would be to record the sessions in case people wanted to go back and review them. I'm not sure what the logistics of that program would be.

***Jim Glasgow, Villanova University***

Thank you for organizing these zoom events. They have made me feel more connected to my faith, especially during this trying time. Although Father patiently and thoroughly explained several questions, I feel as if I almost understood. However, I can now see my fellow receivers of Communion differently, as a community of receivers of Jesus and not just as individually waiting our turn in line. I look forward to the topics of Lent!

***Donna, St. Bridget Parish, East Falls, Philadelphia, PA***

I was a public school student when I was confirmed about 50 years ago. There were some catechism classes about the gifts of the Holy Spirit but I really had no clue what it was all about. I've learned more tonight than the rest of my life put together.

***Christine McKee, St. Andrew Parish, Newtown, PA***



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