

St. Augustine R. C. Parish

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 16, 2022



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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
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Feast of Santo Niño

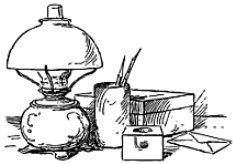
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VIVA SANTO NIÑO!

PIT SEÑOR!

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



A word from Fr. Bill...

Dear Parishioners:

I have been asked many times in the last few months what is the renovation in the back of the church where a former confessional was. It is going to be the new home of "The Sister to the Liberty Bell." What does that mean? Who is that?

When the original Liberty Bell cracked, it was given to a company for repairs and a new Liberty Bell was ordered from the same company in England who provided the first Liberty Bell, the Whitechapel Bell Foundry. The original bell was secured by a local company but the crack was not repaired and it was decided to keep it as it was. The new bell ordered in England became known as "The Sister of the Liberty Bell." It was functioning for 76 years at Independence Hall. In the late 1820's it was given to our parish and placed in the steeple of the original church. On May 8, 1844 the original church was destroyed by the anti-Catholic riots. "The Sister Bell" fell and was shattered in many pieces. It was recast but in a much smaller version of its original self. The recast "Sister Bell" went to Villanova whose roots are here in our parish. For 70 years at Villanova it rang calling students to class, chapel and meals. For 25 years it was at St. Nicholas of Tolentine Parish, an Augustinian parish, in Jamaica, New York. It returned to Villanova and was placed in the Falvey Memorial Library for 64 years and for the past 16 years it has resided in the Augustinian Heritage Room at St. Thomas Monastery on the campus at Villanova. I am happy to inform you that our Augustinian Provincial and his Provincial Council approved that it come "home" to its roots, St. Augustine Parish.

For the past 7 months, our Facilities Director, Bob Zigmund, has been using his expertise in carpentry skills in preparing the space for the "The Sister Bell" to be on display here in the parish. He has done a superb job in this preparation from many facets (electrical, flooring, carpeting, painting, glass installation, placing prints, staining, etc.). We are very fortunate to have him on our staff.

It is planned that the bell will be transferred from Villanova to St. Augustine Church on Thursday, January 13th. Obviously, I am writing this before that intended date. Hopefully, things worked out well and it is here as you read this. If not, it will be here in the foreseeable future. At a future time, we will have a formal "welcome home" celebration. A formal brochure explaining in more detail the history of "The Sister Bell" is being prepared and will be available for our visitors and tourists.

I am very pleased to be able to share with you this exciting news.

Have a safe and a good week.

Fr. Bill





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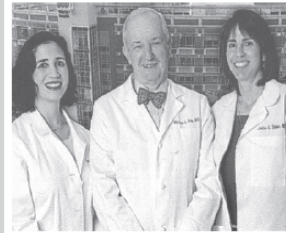


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