

St. Augustine R. C. Parish

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 28, 2024

"Creating A Community Of Involvement And Evangelization"

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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.



National Shrine of
Santo Niño de Cebú

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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 — *Suspended Indefinitely*

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

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Rev. Richard O'Leary, O.S.A.

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 and Finance Council 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

Lenten Book Study: “On The Road With St. Augustine: A Real-World Spirituality for Restless Hearts” by James K.A. Smith

Led by Fr. Jim McBurney, O.S.A.

Thursdays: February 22, 29, March 7, March 14, 7:00 – 8:15 pm

St. Paul Church Friary (Rectory), 808 S. Hutchinson St., Philadelphia, PA

Where are you on your journey with God, self, and others? What is in your heart? How do you experience restlessness of heart? What does Augustine’s story say to us about a restless heart and finding our true home? If you are pondering any of these questions, you are invited to join fellow seekers for a book study of *On The Road With St. Augustine: A Real-World Spirituality for Restless Hearts* by James K. A. Smith. Smith takes us “on the road” with Augustine’s searching to know himself and God and invites us to explore our own journey through Augustine’s story. It is timely reading during the season of Lent, when the Church invites us to embrace the call to ongoing conversion of heart.

Participants will need to purchase the book, available through Amazon (\$19.99 paperback) or at the Gift Shop at the National Shrine of St. Rita after February 8. Register with Fr. Jim at jdmcbosa@gmail.com by February 18, 2024.

*** This program will be offered again during the Easter season at the Cascia Center of St. Rita Shrine, Philadelphia, PA on Tuesdays: 12:45 – 2:00 pm, April 16, 23, 30, May 7.

Celebrate Fr. Bill Atkinson’s 50th Ordination Anniversary with the Augustinians, Feb. 2

The Augustinian Friars invite you to join them on Friday, February 2nd for a special Mass celebrating the 50th anniversary of the ordination to the priesthood of Servant of God Fr. Bill Atkinson, O.S.A. Though paralyzed from the neck down as a young man, Fr. Bill remained determined to follow his calling to become an Augustinian priest. Ordained the first quadriplegic priest by special papal dispensation in 1974, Fr. Bill served many years as a teacher, friar, and friend, shaking the notion of what a quadriplegic person can accomplish and inspiring those around him to look beyond their own limitations.

Prior Provincial Fr. Robert Hagan, O.S.A. will preside at the 12:05 PM Mass at St. Thomas of Villanova Church (800 E. Lancaster Avenue, Villanova). We welcome you to join us in person, or watch the livestream online: <http://tinyurl.com/atkinson-50th>



Sacrificial Giving
January 14, 2024
 Number of Envelopes Used: **32**
 Amount in Envelopes: **\$1,306.00**
 Average \$/Envelope: **\$40.84**
 Electronic Giving: **46**
 Amount Electronic: **\$1,433.00**
 Average \$/Electronic: **\$31.15**
 Loose Money: **\$488.00**
 Total Collection: **\$3,227.00**

Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 28, 2024
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 9:00 AM † Mary O’Brien Waters
 11:00 AM † Florencio & Cesar Manguba
 7:00 PM † Daniel F. Waters, III

Monday, January 29, 2024
 12:05 PM † Dennis E. Klukiewski, Sr.

Tuesday, January 30, 2024
 12:05 PM † Dennis E. Klukiewski, Sr.

Wednesday, January 31, 2024
 12:05 PM † Bob Fitzgerald

Thursday, February 1, 2024
 12:05 PM † Dennis E. Klukiewski, Sr.

Friday, February 2, 2024
 12:05 PM † Dennis E. Klukiewski, Sr.

Saturday, February 3, 2024
Saint Blaise Feast Day
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† = Deceased

**Capital Campaign News**

**Goal: \$750,000 (Phase 1) To date:**  
 Pledges: **227** Percentage: **117.3460%**  
 Amount Pledged: **\$880,094.68**  
 Pledges Received: **\$824,664.68**  
 In-Kind Gifts Received: **\$10,437.71**  
 Campaign Total Rec’d: **\$835,102.39**

**Sacrificial Giving**  
**January 21, 2024**  
 Number of Envelopes Used: **28**  
 Amount in Envelopes: **\$6,225.00**  
 Average \$/Envelope: **\$222.32**  
 Electronic Giving: **47**  
 Amount Electronic: **\$1,603.00**  
 Average \$/Electronic: **\$34.11**  
 Loose Money: **\$1,162.00**  
 Total Collection: **\$8,990.00**

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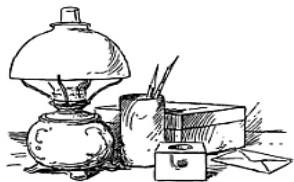
**Tuesday, January 30, 2024**  
 7:00 PM Sexaholics Anonymous (SA)  
 8:00 PM Parish Rosary—Zoom

**Wednesday, January 31, 2024**  
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Thursday, February 1, 2024
 7:00 PM Parish Scripture Study—Zoom
 7:00 PM Sexaholics Anonymous (SA)

Friday, February 2, 2024
Groundhog Day
 3:00 PM McKeever-Carey Wedding

Saturday, February 3, 2024
 7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous (NA)



A word from Fr. Bill...

Dear Parishioners:

It is great to be home and “back in action.” Again, thank you for your support, prayers, notes, cards, emails, texts and visits over the past seven weeks. It all helped the healing process which still continues.

It was great to come home and celebrate the Sinulog last Sunday. Thank you to all who contributed to make it the wonderful celebration it was. A great deal of time and effort went into the planning of the liturgy, the music, the processions (offertory and conclusion of Mass) and the reception (and clean up). Many thanks to one and all.

On Monday, January 15th we celebrated the birthday and legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. On that day, eleven (11) Villanova students volunteered their time to be of service to our parish community. This is especially significant because it meant they came back from their Christmas break a day early to do this. They are all members of Villanova’s Marching Band. You can see their picture on the blog page of our parish website. They are standing in front of the building which was “St. Augustine Academy,” the forerunner of Villanova University. Some of the things which they accomplished when they were here are:

- ⇒ stripped & mopped both stairwells to the choir lofts in the church
- ⇒ polished the wood paneling in the church
- ⇒ removed old tiles from the bathrooms of the Carr Hall basement
- ⇒ moved remaining pews to storage in the Church basement
- ⇒ light grounds work in the church courtyard
- ⇒ cleared storm drain by the church entry ramp
- ⇒ helped raise a fallen tree in the healing garden
- ⇒ moved a door to storage

I am very grateful to Adam and Tim for planning and overseeing this project. They did an excellent job in preparing for the day and overseeing the students. A lot of these things wouldn’t normally be noticed but it is important that they receive attention.

Please see on our website the link for an excellent article in the Delaware County Daily Times concerning the project to erect a sculpture of Servant of God Fr. Bill Atkinson, OSA in the healing garden on our property. <https://www.delcotimes.com/2024/01/12/with-canonization-process-underway-for-fr-bill-atkinson-local-devotees-rally-support-for-bronze-memorial-sculptures/>

I draw your attention to a flyer in the bulletin concerning a “Marriage Day of Reflection” for married couples on Saturday, February 10th, a few days before Valentine’s Day. We talk about how important family life is in our country and Church. Participating in this day is an opportunity to strengthen marriages and consequently family life. Please forward this information to family and friends and invite them to be a part of the day.

We are all thrilled that Fr. Efen has been appointed by Pope Francis an Auxiliary Archbishop of Philadelphia. His ordination as a bishop will be Thursday, March 7, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. All are invited to participate via livestream at this link <https://vimeo.com/event/2470138>.

Bryan Sobchuk has been participating in our Christian Initiation process since last September. We were suppose to celebrate the “The Rite of Acceptance” with him last December 3rd, the 1st Sunday of Advent, but due to circumstances, it had to be postponed. We will celebrate it this Sunday at the 7:00 PM Mass. Bryan was baptized Catholic as an infant but never received any other sacraments. He will make a Profession of Faith, be confirmed and receive First Communion on Sunday, April 2nd, the 2nd Sunday of Easter. Please keep Bryan in prayer as he continues his Journey of Faith.

Have a great week.

Fr. Bill

Marriage Day of Reflection

Saturday, February 10, 2024 - 10:00 AM,

Concluding with 4:00 PM Mass & Renewal of Wedding Vows

Saint Augustine Roman Catholic Church – Matthew Carr Hall

Fourth and Vine Streets

GPS Address: 250 North Fourth Street

Philadelphia, PA 19106

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10:00 AM Welcome

Join us for coffee and doughnuts

Father Bill Waters, O.S.A.

Pastor of Saint Augustine Parish, Philadelphia

10:30 AM

Presentation by:

Maria & Mike Fichera

Representatives of Philadelphia Area Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Table Sharing / Couple Sharing

12:00 PM Lunch

1:00 PM

Presentation by:

Luis & Andrea Constantino

Representatives of Philadelphia Area Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Table Sharing / Couple Sharing

2:30 PM Private Prayer in Church

3:00 PM Wrap up for the day

Renewal of Wedding Vows at 4:00 PM Mass

Let the love of your life know that you would do it all over again!

Registration Required - Please contact: staugustineparish09@gmail.com or call 215-627-1838
Please include first & last name(s) of couple, phone number and email address with registration request.

Free will offering accepted.

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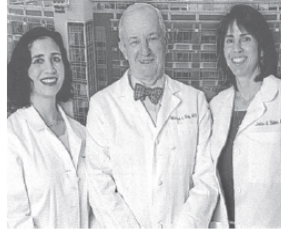


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