

# St. Augustine R. C. Parish

## Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### January 30, 2022



National Shrine of  
Santo Niño de Cebú

*"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.

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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](http://masslivestream.com))

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**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

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, 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.

**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

**TAX TIME!**



**Print Out of Church Contributions**

As the season of tax return preparation approaches, many people who itemize on their tax returns like to have a printed copy of their yearly church contributions. This report is available to all parishioners who request a printed copy. Simply call Jacob Marquart, OFS, in the Friary Parish Office, Monday to Friday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM and request a copy to be mailed to you. **If you received a copy last year, you will automatically receive one this year, so you don't need to do anything.**

**February 4, 2022 — 7:00 PM  
Healing Mass and Prayer Service**

Join us for Mass, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, praise and worship music and healing prayers.

**National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa**

654 Ferry Rd, Doylestown, PA 18901

For info: <https://czestochowa.us/newsevents/upcoming-events/>

**February 18, 2022 at 7:00PM via ZOOM**

**The Life of Fr. Bill Atkinson** We are inviting you to hear about the inspiring life of Servant of God, Fr. Bill Atkinson whom Paralyzed from the neck down in a sledding accident as a young novice, Fr. Bill went on to live an exemplary life as an Augustinian priest. The Diocese of Philadelphia, where Fr. Bill was born and ministered to many, is promoting his Cause for Canonization.

**Fr. Joseph Zaleski**, presently serving at Bonner & Prendergast High School, will be our presenter.

Meeting ID: **864 0074 9064**; Passcode: **985502**



**Philadelphia's Annual Catholic Men's Conference**

**03.19.2022**

**"COME BACK TO ME"**

Man Up Philly 2022 invites the men of the Archdiocese to the 14th Annual Men's Spirituality Conference to be held IN PERSON on **Saturday, March 19th at Immaculata University**. We encourage all men—fathers, sons, brothers, friends—to join us for an inspiring day of faith and fellowship. Come back to the Lord. Join your brothers in Christ!

*Guest Speakers:*

**Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers**

**Keith Nester**

**Pat Chambers**

**Mark Forrest**

**Archbishop Nelson L. Pérez**

**Saturday, March 19, 2022** Cost: **\$60.00/person**

Visit **MANUPPHILLY.COM** for more information and to register.



**Mass Intentions**

**Sunday, January 30, 2022**

9:00 AM † John Bee  
11:00 AM † Ted Tanjutco  
7:00 PM

**Monday, January 31, 2022**

12:05 PM † Bob Fitzgerald

**Tuesday, February 1, 2022**

12:05 PM † Myrtle Grab

**Wednesday, February 2, 2022**

12:05 PM † Gabriel Gica

**Thursday, February 3, 2022**

12:05 PM † Helen O'Brien Armstrong

**Friday, February 4, 2022**

12:05 PM The Parish Community

**Saturday, February 5, 2022**

† = Deceased



**Capital Campaign News**

**Goal: \$750,000 (Phase 1) To date:**  
Pledges: 212 Percentage: 105.9961%  
Amount Pledged: \$794,970.68  
Pledges Received: \$732,823.80  
In-Kind Gifts Received: \$10,437.71  
Campaign Total Rec'd: \$743,261.51

**Sacrificial Giving  
January 23, 2022**

Number of Envelopes Used: 27  
Amount in Envelopes: \$2,904.00  
Average \$/Envelope: \$107.56  
Electronic Giving: 45  
Amount Electronic: \$1,257.00  
Average \$/Electronic: \$27.93  
Loose Money: \$218.00  
Total Collection: \$4,379.00

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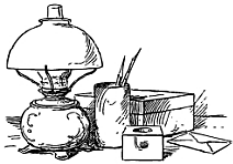
**Tuesday, February 1, 2022**  
8:00 PM Parish Rosary—Zoom  
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**Wednesday, February 2, 2022**  
**Happy Groundhog Day!**

**Thursday, February 3, 2022**  
7:00 PM Parish Scripture Study—Zoom  
832 4986 0935 025786

**Friday, February 4, 2022**  
5:00 PM Hodge-Nespoli Wedding

**Saturday, February 5, 2022**  
1:00 PM Parish Safety Meeting—Zoom



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

Dear Parishioners:

Within the discussion of marriage at our RCIA gathering this past week, the topics of annulments and divorce surfaced. As a result, I thought it might be a good idea to touch on each of these topics.

There are a number of misconceptions about annulments. One of the most common misconception is that if a couple is married in the Church and the marriage is annulled, the children of that marriage are illegitimate. That is absolutely not true. An annulment is strictly a church process. The annulment has no bearing whatsoever on the status of the children. Several other misconceptions concerning annulments are the cost of the annulment and the amount of time it takes for the process. Several years ago, Pope Francis initiated changes for this process. As a result of his initiative, there is no cost for an annulment. A donation would often be suggested and greatly appreciated to help with the expenses but there is no longer any required financial cost. One cannot buy an annulment. In many cases the time for the process is now shortened considerably. The reason for this is that now many cases can be decided in the local diocese or archdiocese.

What an annulment means is that something was missing from the beginning of the marriage to make it a valid, sacramental marriage. For example, if someone is totally immature at the time of the marriage and he or she is not capable of the responsibilities of marriage, it is not a valid marriage. If one of the couple felt forced to enter into the marriage, or had a reservation about it being a lifelong commitment, it is not a valid marriage. If one does not intend to have children or to have an exclusive relationship with his or her spouse, it is not a valid marriage. If someone has hidden a significant fact about his or her life, for example an addiction, it is not a valid marriage. This is not the person I thought I was marrying. Please notice that all of this is what the status is at the time of the marriage, not anything that develops after the marriage.

This is why a very thorough marriage preparation process is essential. It is important that couples be very well prepared to answer the questions which they are asked publicly at the marriage ceremony, i.e., that they came freely and without reservation, that they will accept children lovingly from God, and that they intend that this will be an exclusive relationship all the days of their lives. In other words, to be a valid and sacramental marriage both parties at the time of the marriage need be free, capable and intend that the marriage to be permanent, exclusive, and open to children.

A divorce itself is totally a civil affair. If a couple, married in the Church, is divorced, the church still considers them sacramentally married unless an annulment is received. A common misconception about divorce is that if someone is divorced they cannot receive communion. This is absolutely not true as long as the person has not remarried outside the church.

If a Catholic is married outside the Church, the Church does not recognize this as a valid, sacramental marriage. In this situation, a person does not need an annulment but after obtaining some documentation (baptism and marriage certificates), a person can apply for recognition that the civil marriage wasn't valid and sacramental. Once that is granted, one is free to celebrate a marriage in the Church. If a couple is married outside the Church and wish to be married in the Church, they too need to obtain the same documentation and then they are free to be married in the Church. This is called a Convalidation.

I know there are a lot of misconceptions about annulments and divorce. I know it can be very confusing. I hope the above clarifies some of that and doesn't make it even more confusing.

If anyone would like to talk about these topics or others in more detail, please feel very free to get in touch with me.

Have a wonderful and SAFE week.

Fr. Bill





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