

# St. Augustine R. C. Parish

## Third Sunday of Lent

### March 12, 2023



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Monday - Friday: 12:05 PM (LiveStreamed)  
(10:00 AM on Legal Holidays)

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Sunday: 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM & 7:00 PM  
(All Masses are LiveStreamed  
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Weekly Scripture Study via Zoom—7:00 PM on Thursday  
Meeting ID: 832-4986-0935 PW: 025786



## 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 25, 2023** 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.



## 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



## "The Seven Last Words of Jesus"

### Good Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM

The service (approximately 90 minutes) will consist of a scripture reading of each of the words, a short reflection by a parishioner, silence, several petitions and a hymn for each word.

*All are welcome to this very moving reflection on our Lord's Passion.*

**Saturdays, Mar 18, Apr 15 and May 20**  
beginning at 6:30 PM

The Source: Monthly Holy Hour with the Sisters of Life

Eucharistic Adoration with music begins with Exposition at **6:30pm** and concludes with Benediction at 7:30pm. Come receive the Lord's mercy and healing. Confession is available. All are welcome to a social afterwards with light refreshments!

**St. Malachy's Catholic Church**, 1429 N. 11th St., Philadelphia, PA 19122



## Mass Intentions

**Sunday, March 12, 2023**

9:00 AM † Isidoro Dizon  
11:00 AM † Mauricio Gesmundo  
7:00 PM

**Monday, March 13, 2023**

12:05 PM † Mario Patlingrao

**Tuesday, March 14, 2023**

12:05 PM † Mario Patlingrao

**Wednesday, March 15, 2023**

12:05 PM † Rev. Steven Wetzel, OSFS

**Thursday, March 16, 2023**

12:05 PM

**Friday, March 17, 2023**  
**Saint Patrick's Feast Day**

12:05 PM The Parish Community

**Saturday, March 18, 2023**

† = Deceased



## Capital Campaign News

**Goal: \$750,000 (Phase 1) To date:**

Pledges: **216** Percentage: **107.2292%**  
Amount Pledged: **\$804,218.68**  
Pledges Received: **\$747,428.68**  
In-Kind Gifts Received: **\$10,437.71**  
Campaign Total Rec'd: **\$757,866.39**

### Sacrificial Giving March 5, 2023

Number of Envelopes Used: **29**  
Amount in Envelopes: **\$1,426.00**  
Average \$/Envelope: **\$49.20**  
Electronic Giving: **44**  
Amount Electronic: **\$1,815.00**  
Average \$/Electronic: **\$41.25**  
Loose Money: **\$532.00**  
Total Collection: **\$3,773.00**

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**Third Sunday of Lent**

**Sunday, March 12, 2023**

4:00 PM Gift of Life Family House Dinner

**Monday, March 13, 2023**

**Tuesday, March 14, 2023**

7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB

7:00 PM Lenten Series on the Creed -Zoom

**Wednesday, March 15, 2023**

**Thursday, March 16, 2023**

7:00 PM Lenten Reflection on Our Art

7:00 PM Parish Scripture Study—Zoom

7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB

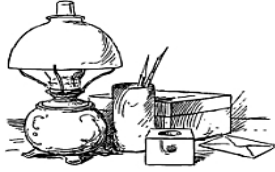
**Friday, March 17, 2023**

2:00 PM Anmaturo-Pepito Wedding

3:00 PM McCrystal-Quinn Wedding

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross—Zoom

**Saturday, March 18, 2023**



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

Dear Parishioners:

For the next three weeks we will celebrate the “Three Scrutinies” which are part of the RCIA process. The First Scrutiny is at the 7:00 PM Mass this weekend. The Second Scrutiny at the 11:00 AM Mass on Sunday, March 19th and the Third Scrutiny is at the 9:00 AM Mass on Sunday, March 26th.

What are the Scrutinies? When we scrutinize something we look at it carefully and examine it thoroughly. Those who are in the final preparation of becoming Catholic are asked to do just that, look at themselves carefully and examine themselves thoroughly. These Rites for those preparing to have full union with the Catholic Church are meant “to uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in their hearts and then strengthen all that is upright, strong and good.” In other words, those preparing to become Catholic “look within themselves to find anything that keeps them from Christ. Then they look to Christ to heal those weaknesses and strengthen themselves when they face temptation.”

I would like to suggest that the Scrutinies also can be used for all of us as we prepare to renew our baptism promises at Easter.

As we ask Ted Baker, our Candidate for full communion with the Church, to participate in the Scrutinies, may all of us do the same. As we celebrate the three Scrutinies with Ted, I recommend that we scrutinize ourselves concerning the three Lenten practices/disciplines which Jesus mentions in the Gospel on Ash Wednesday when we began our Lenten journey: Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. I would like to reflect on one of these each of the next three weeks as we celebrate the three Scrutinies with Ted. The first is prayer.

How is my prayer life? What is good and what could be improved? Do I spend some time each day in prayer? When we were children we learned that prayer should include “ACTS”: adoration, contrition, thanksgiving and supplication. When I pray do I give God praise? Do I acknowledge my sinfulness? For what do I ask of God? Do I give God thanksgiving?

St. Ignatius of Loyola gives us “The Examen.” At the end of a day he suggests that I take time to be aware that I am in God’s presence. I reflect on how did God see my day? As I review the day, I give thanks to God for the good things that happened that day and I name my shortcomings of the day, being honest with what I could have done better. I tell God for what I am looking forward to the next day and try to be aware what God wants to happen through me the next day.

St. Augustine says that the “Our Father” is the most perfect prayer because it contains everything that needs to be in prayer. Can I say it slowly, not as a memorized prayer, but reflecting on what each of the phrases means?

Can I pray (even for 3-5 minutes a day) with my family? The family that prays together stays together. Do we wonder why so many families do not stay together?

Can I take 15 minutes a day in “Centering Prayer,” centering totally on God’s presence within me?

There are many resources in the back of the church (and online) which suggest reflections for each day. There are tapes, CDs (old fashioned) to which I can listen on my way to work.

There are a number of opportunities of praying with fellow parishioners on Zoom during Lent: participating in discussions on the Creed on Tuesday nights, sharing insights into scripture on Thursday nights, being informed about the paintings in the sanctuary on Thursday nights (in person and LiveStreamed) and reflecting on the 14 stations of the Cross on Friday nights.

We can’t integrate all these forms of prayer into our lives at once but as we prepare to renew our baptism promises at Easter, may we look at our prayer life carefully and examine it thoroughly, reflecting on what is good and what can be improved.

Next week, I will share some thoughts on fasting and the following week some thoughts on almsgiving.

Have a great week.

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Fr. Bill". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the left of the printed name.

Fr. Bill





# The Art of St. Augustine's

## *A Lenten Reflection*

Join us for three Thursday evenings in Lent to contemplate, discuss, and learn more about the three altar paintings.

Parishioner Chesley Turner will lead each evening, which will include scripture reading, St. Augustine's history, art historical analysis, and discussion, as we revisit three significant moments in our Salvation History.

*Thursday, March 2 at 7:00 PM*  
*The Wedding at Cana*

*Thursday, March 9 at 7:00 PM*  
*The Last Supper*

*Thursday, March 16 at 7:00 PM*  
*The Crucifixion*

No RSVP necessary. Come to just one or come to all three! Each evening will last about an hour. No cost for entry. All are welcome.



St. Augustine Parish, Phila.

Presents:

# Everything you always wanted to know about ~~sex~~ The Creed

\* But were afraid to ask

How do we  
know Jesus  
rose again?"

What is an  
"apostolic"  
Church?

Is there more  
than one baptism?

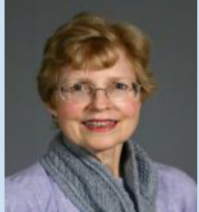
## **WHAT ARE YOUR QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CREED?**

Submit your questions and join us this Lent for Part II of our ongoing series when we will discuss and answer questions regarding the "Creed." Join us and our special guests via Zoom from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM on the dates listed below!



2/28 "For our sake he was crucified . . ." - Rev. James Paradis, O.S.A., D.Min., Director of Pastoral Services, National Shrine of St. Rita of Cascia - Register at the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/joinMeeting/register/tZ0qcemsqD4sGtFsRYUe7LSfIYWDOHDUfMxw>



3/7 "He ascended into heaven . . . He will come again . . ." - 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/join/joinMeeting/register/tZAvdeGtqj8rH9SMqZZhQ9cHpXh5G84rxCRs>



3/14 "I believe in the Holy Spirit . . ." - Rev. Jason Buck, MA, M.Div, Dean of Men, College Seminary, Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary -

Register at the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/joinMeeting/register/tZAvceOyggT0iHdFoAR375XgKXEse6pAszPh>



3/21 "I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church" - Rev. Thomas F. Dailey, O.S.F.S., John Cardinal Foley Chair of Homiletics & Social Communications, Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary - Register at the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/joinMeeting/register/tZclcO-hqT4qHdRxtB6UIZ0T7IWYXc7YyIFK>



3/28 "I confess one baptism . . ." - Dr. Joseph T. Kelley, Ph.D., D.Min., Professor of Religious and Theological Studies, Merrimack College - Register at the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/joinMeeting/register/tZMocO6gpzlrHNOLYxpmYRZndRVkLTKiZ2C>



4/4 "I look forward to the resurrection of the dead . . ." plus "Wrap up of the 10 sessions on the Creed" - 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/join/joinMeeting/register/tZEpcyqrj8iHNY01U6QmfpVjJDoYO9YvU04>

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## Comments from previous sessions:

Good morning, Father Dennis!

I am re-reading the seven pages (!! ) of notes I took last night during your presentation on the Creed. So very helpful - especially because tonight I introduce the sacrament of Confirmation to my 6th grade PREP students. You brought out the importance of the Creed and I will want to begin with that - especially the rejection of Satan and the awareness that God is Father and Son and Holy Spirit. I listened carefully at Mass today and at the final blessing the priest said: ... Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Your explanation made a great impression on me. Of course another problem that occurs - and happens with frequency - is the priest celebrant saying, "May Almighty God bless US. . . "

Thank you for such a clearly presented input session. I hope the upcoming presentations will be as good - or as close to being as good as yours!!!!

Blessings on your day!

*Marganne*

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Hi Father Bill,

I have not had an opportunity to "tune-in" the last two Tuesday evenings to the Creed presentations. I took a walk this afternoon and listened to Session 1 with Fr Gill. It was outstanding! He could not have been more articulate and succinct explaining the Creed, its history, and why we profess and believe what it contains. His talk inspires one to seek more, yet I feel I know so much with just that one hour. Thank you and Brother Jacob for coordinating and Fr. Gill for taking the time to put such a fantastic presentation together. Finally, I am grateful you posted this on YouTube or I would have truly missed out! I look forward to catching up with Session 2. *Brian Halpin*

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The Advent Series continues to be a wonderful learning and inspirational experience as we prepare for Jesus' arrival. Thanks to the presenters and everyone at St. Augustine Parish who make it possible.

*Rene Quinlan*





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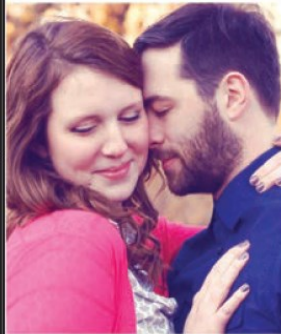
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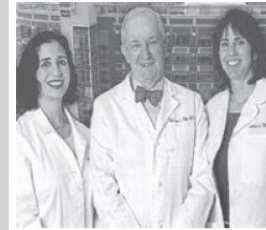
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