



St. Augustine R. C. Parish

Fourth Sunday of Lent Laetare Sunday ♦ March 14, 2021



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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: 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)

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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



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.*



**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 4th 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.

Laetare Sunday is the fourth Sunday in the season of Lent, in the Western Christian liturgical calendar. Traditionally, this Sunday has been a day of celebration, within the austere period of Lent. This Sunday gets its name from the first few words (incipit) of the traditional Latin entrance (Introit) for the Mass of the day. "Laetare Jerusalem" ("Rejoice, O Jerusalem") is Latin from the Book of Isaiah. The term "Laetare Sunday" is used by most Roman Catholic Churches. The word comes from the Latin *laetare*, the singular imperative of *laetari*: "to rejoice."

"Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast."

In Roman Catholic churches, flowers may appear on the altar and the organ may be played as a solo instrument. Priests are given the option to wear rose-colored vestments at Mass held on this day in place of the violet vestments normally worn during Lent. The term "rose" is used to describe this lighter shade of the color violet in the Roman Rite. Sunday is considered a day of relaxation from normal Lenten rigors; a day of hope with Easter at last within sight.



Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 14, 2021
 9:00 AM
 11:00 AM † Dr. Miguel DeCastro
 7:00 PM

Monday, March 15, 2021
 12:05 PM Deceased Members of the
 Augustinian Family

Tuesday, March 16, 2021
 12:05 PM † Andy Aquino

Wednesday, March 17, 2021
 12:05 PM † Charles Flanagan, Sr.

Thursday, March 18, 2021
 12:05 PM The Parish Community

Friday, March 19, 2021
 Feast of Saint Joseph
 12:05 PM † Louise E. Quinlan

Saturday, March 20, 2021

† = Deceased



Capital Campaign News
Goal: \$750,000 (Phase 1) To date:
 Pledges: 209 Percentage: 105.3453%
 Amount Pledged: \$790,089.50
 Pledges Received: \$695,371.26
 In-Kind Gifts Received: \$10,437.71
 Campaign Total Rec'd: \$705,808.97

**Sacrificial Giving
 March 07, 2021**

Number of Envelopes Used: 26
 Amount in Envelopes: \$1,453.00
 Average \$/Envelope: \$55.88
 Electronic Giving: 57
 Amount Electronic: \$2,095.00
 Average \$/Electronic: \$36.75
 Loose Money: \$413.00
 Total Collection: \$3,961.00

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**Fourth Sunday of Lent
 Sunday, March 14, 2021**

Monday, March 15, 2021

Tuesday, March 16, 2021
 7:00 PM Lent Program —Zoom

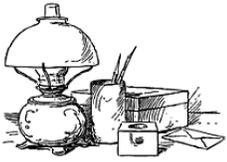
Wednesday, March 17, 2021



Thursday, March 18, 2021
 7:00 PM Parish Scripture Study—Zoom
 832 4986 0935 PW: 025786

Friday, March 19, 2021
 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross on Zoom
 559 049 7986 PW: 7139

Saturday, March 20, 2021



A word from Fr. Bill.....

Dear Parishioners:

It certainly is understandable that we can become frustrated during these coronavirus days. There can be a great deal of negative and discouraging feelings and for many good reasons: a great deal of difficulty getting the vaccine shot, cannot get to the office, cannot get to school, cannot travel, have to wear a mask, have not seen my family, had to postpone my wedding, etc. We can all fill in other blanks.

In that light, I think it is helpful to hear some good and positive things. These are some unsolicited comments we have received in the past several weeks here in the parish.

"I hear your bells from my apartment every day and, as someone who grew up in Catholic schools, it is a great reminder of the connection we have to the community around us and the spirit that we all share."

"This summer I moved to Old City about a block from St. Augustine. For a while I have tried to keep God at the center of my life via prayer, going to church with friends, reading the Bible, etc. But I still feel as something is missing in this deeper connection I am looking for, which lead me to your website. I would love to join this parish however; I was not baptized at birth. Does this change how I would apply to join your church? I am also looking to get baptized."

"We attended Ash Wednesday Mass at 7 PM and absolutely loved it. Everyone was so warm and welcoming and we couldn't imagine joining another parish."

"My boyfriend, & I celebrated Ash Wednesday at your parish yesterday and he expressed interest in starting the process of converting to Catholicism (he is Lutheran). I am born and raised Catholic however, I am not a registered parishioner at St. Augustine. Can you share more details with me about the process for? Thank you!"

On an administrative level, you, our parishioners, have been extremely faithful and generous in continuing to support us during this pandemic. The offertory collection thus far this fiscal year is very comparable to last year. We are very grateful to all those using the electronic giving. Our income from rent is a little higher than this time last year. Our biggest financial challenge had been in weddings getting postponed or in a few cases cancelled. Our income for weddings this fiscal year is about \$50,000 less than the same period last year. As challenging as this is, most of these weddings will take place in the future. Thank goodness we had some money in reserve (nothing from the Capital Campaign) to help us. We are current with our bills. At the same time, because of the Capital Campaign, we have been able to continue improvements in the parish property. The most recent, obvious and visible have been the new carpeting in the church and the refurbished pews. We are encouraged as we are now working with The Catholic Foundation of Greater Philadelphia in the area of ascertaining grants for various projects in the future.

During Lent (thanks to Zoom) we have been able to enhance our spirituality with discussions on the Sacraments (Tuesdays), discussions on the scripture readings for the upcoming Sundays (Thursdays), and reflect on the Stations of the Cross (Fridays). In the midst of this, we celebrated the Rite of Election and the Scrutinies with Steve Rainstein and John Wilson who are preparing to join the Catholic Church.

I mention all this because in the midst of the negative effects on our lives due to the pandemic, there are bright spots here in the parish, thanks to the generosity of so many, not only financially but also in sharing time and talents. I am particularly grateful to our parish staff, those involved in the music ministry of the parish, those on the committee who organized the sessions on the sacraments, and those on the Parish Pastoral Council, Parish Finance Commission, and Steering Committee of the Capital Campaign who have collaborated with me during these challenging days.

Thank you, God and thank you all of you who have shared your time, talents and treasures for the good of our parish community.

Have a SAFE week.

Fr. Bill

HOLY WEEK 2021

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

March 28, 2021

Sunday 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM and 7:00 PM

Blessing and Distribution of Palm at all Masses.

All Masses will be LiveStreamed



HOLY THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

April 01, 2021

7:30 PM

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
and Private Adoration at Repository

Mass will be LiveStreamed



GOOD FRIDAY

April 02, 2021

3:00 PM

The Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Death

Service will be LiveStreamed



7:30 PM

The Seven Last Words of Christ

Please join us on ZOOM ID: 5590497986 PW: 7139



HOLY SATURDAY

April 03, 2021

7:30 PM

The Resurrection of the Lord

Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter

Mass will be LiveStreamed

(No Confessions)



EASTER SUNDAY

April 04, 2021

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

All Masses will be LiveStreamed

(No 7:00 PM Mass)



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