

St. Augustine R. C. Parish

Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 26, 2023



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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
on masslivestream.com)

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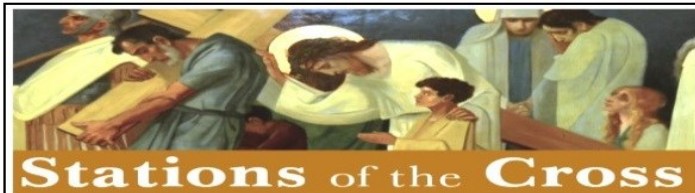
Weekly Scripture Study via Zoom—7:00 PM on Thursday
Meeting ID: 832-4986-0935 PW: 025786

“The Seven Last Words of Jesus”

Good Friday, April 7th 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.



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

Saturday, April 22, 2023, from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM, with Sunday Vigil Mass at 4 PM

Marriage Enrichment Day

Come with your Spouse or Fiancé and listen to dynamic Catholic speakers who will inspire you to live out your Marriage with greater fever, love, and joy.

Location: St. Helena’s Church -1489 Dekalb Pike Blue Bell, PA.

Information: <https://phi.marriagesofgrace.org/event>

March 31, 2023 from 8:00 -9:15 pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

PRAISE & WORSHIP

Cathedral Chapel, Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul

All are welcome to participate in the worship of our Lord in the Eucharist

More Info: Confession will be available

Parking available in the Cathedral lot.



First Fridays-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

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



Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 26, 2023

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

Monday, March 27, 2023

12:05 PM The Parish Community

Tuesday, March 28, 2023

12:05 PM † Susan Marascio

Wednesday, March 29, 2023

12:05 PM

Thursday, March 30, 2023

12:05 PM

Friday, March 31, 2023

12:05 PM

Saturday, April 1, 2023

† = Deceased



Capital Campaign News

Goal: \$750,000 (Phase 1) To date:
Pledges: 217 Percentage: 107.2461%
Amount Pledged: \$804,345.68
Pledges Received: \$747,705.68
In-Kind Gifts Received: \$10,437.71
Campaign Total Rec'd: \$758,143.39

**Sacrificial Giving
March 19, 2023**

Number of Envelopes Used: 27
Amount in Envelopes: \$2,580.00
Average \$/Envelope: \$95.56
Electronic Giving: 40
Amount Electronic: \$1,355.00
Average \$/Electronic: \$33.88
Loose Money: \$591.00
Total Collection: \$4,526.00

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**Fifth Sunday of Lent
Sunday, March 26, 2023**

Monday, March 27, 2023

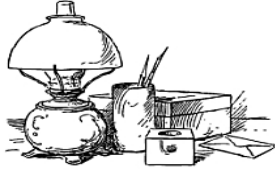
Tuesday, March 28, 2023
7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB
7:00 PM Lenten Series on the Creed -Zoom

Wednesday, March 29, 2023

Thursday, March 30, 2023
7:00 PM Parish Scripture Study—Zoom
7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB

Friday, March 31, 2023
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross—Zoom

Saturday, April 1, 2023



A word from Fr. Bill...

Dear Parishioners:

As Ted Baker, our Candidate for full communion with the Catholic Church, participates this weekend (9:00 AM Mass) in the 3rd Scrutiny of the RCIA process, we continue to scrutinize the three disciplines of Lent in our own lives. In the last two weeks, I suggested we scrutinize ourselves in the area of prayer and fasting. This week, I suggest we “look at ourselves carefully and thoroughly” in the area of almsgiving.

What is our understanding of almsgiving? The Catholic Church considers almsgiving "a witness to fraternal charity" and "a work of justice pleasing to God" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, No. 2462). Almsgiving is the act of donating money or goods to the poor or performing other acts of charity, sharing time and talents.

As I mentioned last week, the spirituality of fasting goes back to the Old Testament. So, also the notion of almsgiving goes back to the Old Testament as well, especially in the form of tithing. Tithing is an Old Testament concept. To tithe was a requirement of the Law in which the Israelites were to give 10 percent of the crops they grew and the livestock they raised to the tabernacle/temple (Leviticus 27:30; Numbers 18:26; Deuteronomy 14:24; 2 Chronicles 31:5). They would keep 90% of their crops and livestock for themselves and their livelihood and give 10 percent for charity. The New Testament does not mention tithing specifically, but St. Paul says “Each person should give what he/she has decided in the heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Corinthians 9:7).

Today, we might not use the word almsgiving or tithing, but maybe charity and sharing. Whatever word we want to use; it is a lifestyle. It is a conscious decision. It is a way of thinking. It is the awareness that all good things come from God and I need to give back to God and not just hoard for myself. This applies to what I receive as a salary, an inheritance or even from winnings at the casino. It is a mindset as opposed to I will give the minimum or I give something as a token expression. I feel conspicuous if the basket goes by and I don't put anything in it. So, I put something in the basket in order to just put something in the basket. I encourage couples with whom I meet for marriage preparation to include in their budget a percentage of their income for charity in addition to how much money is in their budget for housing, food, school payments, recreation, vacation, etc.

Charity certainly is not only for the Church. It can be for the Boys and Girls Club, the YMCA, the YWCA, the Little Sisters of the Poor, etc. Again, it is a mindset. It is a conscious lifestyle.

We have many parishioners in our parish community for whom this is a deliberate lifestyle. Each week we publish a report in the bulletin on the contributions to the parish from the previous week. For example, in the past month the average contribution of those who used envelopes was: \$32.20 (2/19), \$98.75-some contribute for the entire month at once-(2/26), \$49.20 (3/5) and \$32.76 (3/12). The average contribution of those who donated electronically for the last month was \$38.75 (2/19), \$31.25 (2/26), \$41.25 (3/5) and \$30.80 (3/12)

As noted above, almsgiving, tithing, and charity are not just in donating money, but also donating goods. I mentioned last week that St. Augustine says if I keep what I don't need, I am stealing from those who do need it. This can apply to my clothes, my books, food in the cabinet or belongings to a deceased member of my family. A few weeks ago, a gentleman who I did not know called and asked where he could donate baby furniture that his grandchildren no longer needed.

In two weeks we are going to renew our baptismal promises. As I mentioned in the past two weeks, to prepare for that it is good for us to carefully and thoroughly look at our spirituality of prayer and fasting. This week, I suggest we scrutinize ourselves in the area of the spirituality of almsgiving in our lives, especially as St. Paul says “as a cheerful giver.”

Have a great Fifth Week of Lent.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Bill". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Fr. Bill

MARCH 26, 2023

Support the
THE Augustinian Fund
Annual Appeal



The Augustinian Province of Saint Thomas of Villanova will conduct its annual Augustinian Appeal in support of the friars' way of life and ministries in our parish during the month of March. This Appeal helps us to provide for our brothers who can't work because of age or health, and those who are students information preparing for ministry.

The presentation of the Augustinian Annual Appeal will be made in two weeks on March 26, 2023, followed by a direct mail appeal.

Donations will also be accepted online at: **www.augustinianfund.org/augustinian-parish-appeal**





HOLY WEEK 2023

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

April 2, 2023

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

Blessing and Distribution of Palm at all Masses.



HOLY THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

April 6, 2023

7:30 PM

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



GOOD FRIDAY

April 7, 2023

3:00 PM

The Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Death

7:30 PM

The Seven Last Words of Christ



HOLY SATURDAY

April 8, 2023

7:30 PM

The Resurrection of the Lord
Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter
(No Confessions)

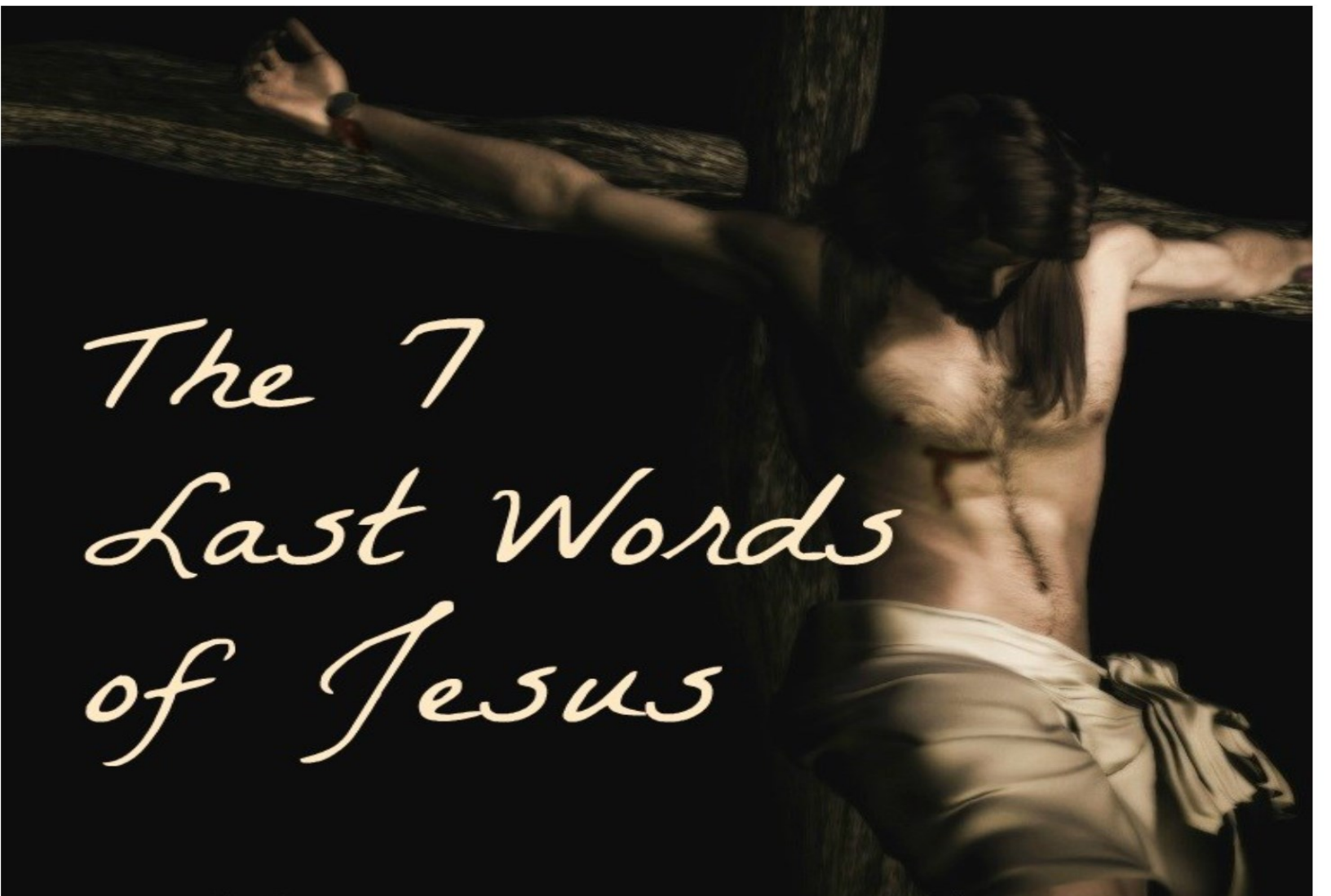


EASTER SUNDAY

April 9, 2023

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

(No 7:00 PM Mass)



*The 7
Last Words
of Jesus*

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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/meeting/register/tZ0qcemsqD4sGtFsRYUe7LSfiYWD0HDFMxw>



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/meeting/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/meeting/register/tZAvC0yqgT0iHdFoAR375XgKXEsf6pAszPh>



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/meeting/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/meeting/register/tZMocO6gpzlrHNOLYxpmYRZndRVkLTKiQz2C>



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/meeting/register/tZEpcyqrqj8iHNY01U6QmfpVjJDoYO9YvU04>

For more information and to submit your questions, contact Jacob Marquart, O.F.S. at:
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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

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*

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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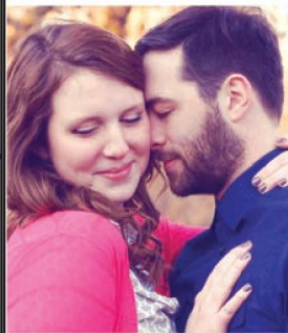
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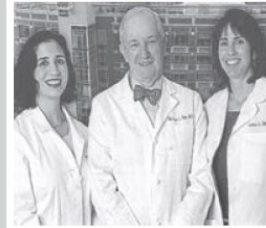
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