St. Augustine R. C. Parish Third Sunday of Lent March 3, 2024



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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)

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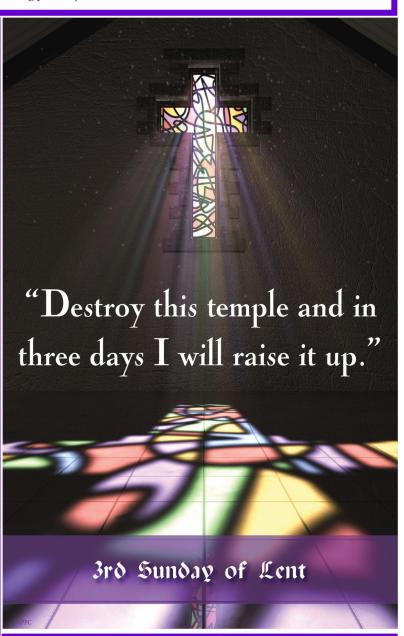
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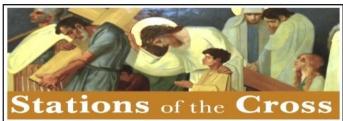
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Weekly Scripture Study via Zoom—7:00 PM on Thursday Meeting ID: 832-4986-0935 PW: 025786



Friday Evenings During Lent • 7:00 P.M.
Come, walk, and meditate on the
Way of the Cross

Zoom ID: 5590497986 PW: 7139



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 23, 2024 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 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 see the signup sheet in the back of the church on the glass counter. (*Rain date March 24*)

March 8, 2024

Event: Mother Cabrini Movie Opens in Theaters

Born Francesa Cabrini, Mother Frances Xavier Cabrini founded the Institute of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in 1880 with seven other women. After meeting with Pope Leo XIII, the religious sisters traveled to New York to help thousands of vulnerable immigrants facing extreme poverty and disease in a city riddled with crime. The film produced by Angel Studio and directed by Alejandro Gómez Monteverde, follows Mother Cabrini as she sets off on her mission to secure housing and healthcare for societies most vulnerable.

For locations, showtimes, and more information, please

visit https://www.angel.com/watch/cabrini

LORD, YOU HAVE THE WORDS OF EVERLASTING LIFE.

"The Seven Last Words of Jesus"

Good Friday, March 29th 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.



Sunday, March 3, 2024 Third Sunday of Lent

9:00 AM 11:00 AM 7:00 PM † Bryan DeFoney † Francis Larkin † Mattie Larkin

Monday, March 4, 2024 12:05 PM Greta Tyrell (Intention)

Tuesday, March 5, 2024
12:05 PM Morales Family (Intentions)

Wednesday, March 6, 2024 12:05 PM The Parish Community

Thursday, March 7, 2024 12:05 PM Cronin Family

Friday, March 8, 2024 12:05 PM Cronin Family

Saturday, March 9, 2024

† = Deceased



Goal: \$750,000 (Phase 1) To date: Pledges: 228 Percentage: 130.7021% Amount Pledged: \$980,265.68 Pledges Received: \$924,915.68 In-Kind Gifts Received: \$10,437.71 Campaign Total Rec'd: \$935,353.39

Sacrificial Giving February 25, 2024

Number of Envelopes Used: 21
Amount in Envelopes: \$1,575.00
Average \$/Envelope: \$75.00
Electronic Giving: 48
Amount Electronic: \$1,883.00
Average \$/Electronic: \$39.23
Loose Money: \$615.00
Total Collection: \$4,073.00

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Third Sunday of Lent Sunday, March 3, 2024

Monday, March 4, 2024

Tuesday, March 5, 2024
7:00 PM Lenten Program—Zoom
7:00 PM Sexaholics Anonymous (SA)

Wednesday, March 6, 2024

Thursday, March 7, 2024
7:00 PM Parish Scripture Study—Zoom
7:PM Sexaholics Anonymous (SA)

Friday, March 8, 2024

Saturday, March 9, 2024 7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous (NA)



A word from Fr. Bill...

Dear Parishioners:

I would like to bring to your attention two important things which will be happening in the next few weeks.

The first is the annual appeal for the "Augustinian Fund." There was a flyer in the bulletin last weekend explaining this and there is another one this weekend. This appeal is taking place in all of our Augustinian parishes during the month of March. This appeal helps us to care for our Augustinian friars who are retired, aged and/or infirm. Many friars who have labored in the ministry for many years are no longer able to do so. Just having spent three weeks in our healthcare unit at our monastery at Villanova, I can attest to the wonderful care these men receive. This appeal also supports our men in formation, men who are at different levels of preparation of becoming Augustinians. We have men just joining us who are pre-novitiate students. These men live in community with us in Ardmore observing our prayer and apostolic life. The appeal supports our novices, men spending a year in Radnor reflecting on the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience as well as the Constitutions of the Order and discerning to profess the aforementioned vows for three years. The next step is our men studying theology in Chicago and discerning taking vows for life and discerning if they also have a vocation to the priesthood.

Obviously, our elderly, infirm and young friars are not earning a salary and their care is very expensive. This is why we depend on your generosity. There are brochures and envelopes in the back of the church. Please take one and return your donation directly to our Provincial Offices. Donations also can be made online. Please see the flyer in the bulletin for more information on this process.

Friars have been serving this parish and other parishes, high schools, colleges and missions in Japan and Peru for 228 years. This appeal helps to care for those who have served in these places and are no longer able to do so as well as those who will serve in them in the future. We are grateful for your generosity.

The second important thing to bring to your attention is that there is currently a survey being taken which is facilitated by the Catholic Preaching Institute of St. Charles Seminary. The purpose of the survey is to ascertain from Catholics throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia their experience of the homilies in the Archdiocese. The Second Vatican Council said that preaching is the first responsibility of the priest. How well are we doing!? How effective and affective are we? This is your opportunity to let us know. The survey contains 17 questions which can be answered by checking a block. It should take less than 10 minutes to do. The results of this survey can be very informative and have tremendous effects as the Archdiocese responds to the findings in the survey by developing programs to improve this core aspect of our liturgies. It also can be of help to our parish community. This is a unique experience. Please take advantage of it. You will find the link to participate in this survey on the homepage of our parish website as well as in the bulletin.

Have a great week.

Fr. Bill





The Catholic Preaching Institute

Improving the experience of homilies – from the pulpit and in the pew — is what drives us at **The Catholic Preaching Institute**. But more than tweaking what's already in place, we're looking to launch *a homiletic revival* here in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, and beyond.

Why? Because we need to up our game in terms of how, what, and where we preach ... and how, what and where we hear the Word of God. As parishes have already done post-pandemic, now we want to help keep those church doors open with a renewed proclamation of the "Good News" for all.

This is a grassroots initiative, wholly dependent on the involvement of *all* members of the local Church as the Body of Christ and People of God. That's why we're so happy you found us ... and why we invite you to see below for **how you can help right now!**

... and we want to hear from YOU!

Our initiative is to help priests and deacons to deliver more compelling homilies in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. <u>Your honest input from the pews</u> is vital to understanding what is working and what can be improved in our parishes to give you a stronger connection to the Mass. Be a part of the largest preaching survey ever undertaken by completing the survey TODAY!

The CPI at Saint Charles Seminary again invites you to participate in what could be the largest-ever study of preaching in the nation! Tell us what you think in a 10-miniutes online survey at https://catholicleaders.online/phillypreaching or you can go to https://www.scs.edu/preaching/

Please share this info with your family members, friends, and contacts so that we receive maximum input ... to help us better design programs that will make your experience of homilies more compelling!



THE PARISHIONER SURVEY IS NOW OPEN!

The survey closes March 22nd



Join us on

Saturday, March 9, 2024

on the last day of this seven-day pilgrimage as we reflect on the faith that Saint Augustine lived with others following his conversion!



Three options to join us for the final day:



Miraculous Medal Shrine

8:30 a.m.

Join us for 9.2 mile walk as we journey to Saint Augustine Church and then on to the National Shrine of Saint Rita of Cascia.



Saint Augustine Church

11:30 a.m.

Join us for the final 2.2 miles from Saint Augustine Church to the National Shrine of Saint Rita of Cascia as we reflect on the hope Saint Rita of Cascia found through Saint Augustine.



National Shrine of Saint Rita of Cascia 12:30 p.m.

Join us at the National Shrine of Saint Rita of Cascia as we greet the pilgrims on their arrival, celebrate Mass, bring our intentions to the Novena to Saint Rita of Cascia, and enjoy a meal together with the pilgrims in the Cascia Center.

Pray with us by following the entire seven-day journey from New York to Philadelphia on Social Media.





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"Accompany six pilgrims at the end of their six day walking pilgrimage from the Bronx to the National Shrine of Saint Rita of Cascia as they reflect on the conversion of Saint Augustine on March 9th. We will begin the day at the Miraculous Medal Shrine at 8:30am, followed by a stop at Saint Augustine parish at 11:30am, and complete the pilgrimage at the National Shrine of Saint Rita of Cascia at 1:00 with Mass followed by a meal. You are welcome to join us at any of the three stops."

Support the Augustinian Fund Annual Appeal



The Augustinian Province of Saint Thomas 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 of age or health, and those who are because

students in formation preparing for ministry.

The presentation of the Augustinian Annual Appeal will be made next weekend, March 3, 2024, followed by a direct mail appeal.

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





WHAT ARE YOUR QUESTIONS?

Join us this Lent for our ongoing series when we will discuss and answer questions regarding "Lent and the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus." Join us and our special guests via Zoom from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM on the dates listed below!



2/20 "Why do we observe Lent each year?" - 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/tZEkfu6urzorGtNmEShspH_urRCI7GP21FRz



2/27 "Why did Jesus have to suffer and die?" - 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/tZAucOCtqDMuH9I3UPg2PeCIrFxQufGOKNR7



3/5 "What does it mean, if we share in Jesus' life in Baptism, we have to share in his suffering and death?" - 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/tZlkce2pqTotHtDB2X24jFqINkb XyvQwUbg



3/12 "Why did Jesus rise from the dead and what does St. Paul mean when he says, 'If Jesus did not rise from the dead, our faith is in vain?" - Rev. James Paradis, O.S.A., D.Min., Director of Cascia Center Ministries, Shrine of St. Rita, Philadelphia - Register at the link below: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEpcemtri8jGtJapRZBU9X4-4FfODvsvIQo



3/19 "What will our risen life be like?" - Most Reverend Daniel Turley, O.S.A., D.D., Bishop Emeritus of Chulucanas, Peru - Register at the link below: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0kf-2sqzsvE9Oco-nbui7OJvDXCarZQrP-

For more information and to submit your questions, contact Jacob Marquart, O.F.S. at: staugustineparish09@gmail.com or call (215) 627-1838

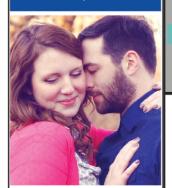
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