St. Augustine R. C. Parish Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of Our Lord

March 31, 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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Website: www.st-augustinechurch.com

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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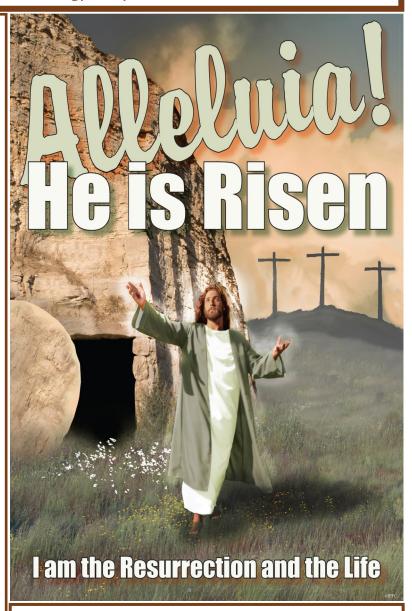
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Rev. Richard O'Leary, O.S.A.



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

Operation Rice Bowl

Now that Lent is coming to a close, we would like to remind you to return your Operation Rice Bowls. Please place them in the Collection Basket at any Mass.





The Parish Office will be CLOSED on:

Easter Monday, April 1st

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

APRIL 7th. 2024

ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH (1511 S. 10th St., 19147)

Begins at 1:00PM with Procession, Blessing and Veneration of the Image of Divine Mercy.

> Followed by Opening of Adoration of the **Blessed Sacrament**

Confessions until 3:00PM

3:00PM Sing Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Closing Mass at 3:30PM

Great graces to those who attend Mass and receive Holy Communion on Divine Mercy Sunday likened

to a 2nd Baptism. Plenary indulgences may be received for a soul in purgatory.

We are truly thankful for our cantors and their ministry leading us in singing at each of the Masses here at St. Augustine.

You may have noticed that at some Masses recently, Kim, our Music Director, has been singing solo. That is where you come



in..... We need some new additional cantors. If the Spirit is calling you, we can use your help!

Oualifications needed to be considered for a cantor are:

- You must know the Catholic Liturgy / Mass Parts
- Have a knowledge of reading music
- Someone who is open to singing all styles of liturgical music
- Open to joining the main choir(s), if needed, for special events in the parish
- You must love the Liturgy

So, if you or you know of a friend or family member who might be a perfect fit for our parish, please contact:

> Kim Barroso, Music Director kim.barroso@gmail.com

SAINT AUGUSTINE HAS BEEN QUOTED AS SAYING..... "When we sing, we pray twice"



Sunday, March 31, 2024 EASTER SUNDAY

9:00 AM 11:00 AM

NO 7:00 PM MASS

Monday, April 1, 2024 12:05 PM The Parish Community

Tuesday, April 2, 2024 12:05 PM

Deceased Members and Benefactors of the OSA

Wednesday, April 3, 2024

12:05 PM

Thursday, April 4, 2024

12:05 PM

Friday, April 5, 2024

12:05 PM

Saturday, April 6, 2024

† = Deceased



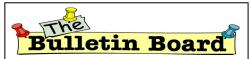
Goal: \$750,000 (Phase 1) To date: Pledges: 229 Percentage: 130.9816% Amount Pledged: \$982,361.68 Pledges Received: **\$927,011.68** In-Kind Gifts Received: \$10.437.71 Campaign Total Rec'd: \$937,449.39



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Easter Sunday Sunday, March 31, 2024

Monday, April 1, 2024

Tuesday, April 2, 2024 7:00 PM Sexaholics Anonymous (SA) 8:00 PM Parish Rosary—Zoom

Wednesday, April 3, 2024

Thursday, April 4, 2024 7:00 PM Parish Scripture Study—Zoom 7:PM Sexaholics Anonymous (SA)

Friday, April 5, 2024

Saturday, April 6, 2024 11:00 AM Young Adults Reflection Group 7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous (NA)

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A word from Fr. Bill...

Dear Parishioners:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

It has been a long time (February 13th), nearly seven weeks ago, since we have been able to say or sing "Alleluia" at Mass. It feels liberating to be able to do so. Lent has been a time of scrutinizing ourselves as Brian Sobchuk has been doing as he prepares to be confirmed and receives the Eucharist for the first time on Pentecost. In other words, Lent has been a time of self-reflection, thoroughly looking at ourselves, and resolving to respond better to God's invitation to share in God's life. Today, we say that we believe in God, that we reject sin, that we reject the glamour of evil and that we refuse to be mastered by sin. Alleluia!

At the Easter Vigil, we move from darkness to light. We light the Easter Fire outside and from it we light the Paschal Candle, which will be lit at every Mass throughout the Easter Season, until Pentecost as well as at every baptism and funeral in the next year. From the Paschal Candle, each person has his/her candle lit from another parishioner and process into the church, illuminating the dark church. We move from darkness to light and hopefully bring that light to others each day. What a gift! Alleluia!

At the Masses at Easter, we bless the Easter water. It is this water by which we will be sprinkled when we renew our baptismal vows. It is this water which reminds us we have been washed clean in Christ. It is this water that will be placed in the Holy Water fonts to remind us each time we bless ourselves with it as we come into church that this is where the baptized gather. Alleluia!

Most importantly, we celebrate that Jesus died and rose from the dead so that we can live forever. He destroyed our death and restored our life. He has made it possible for us to live forever in total peace and joy and happiness. It is this great solemnity that we see the wonderful future God has in store for us. Alleluia!

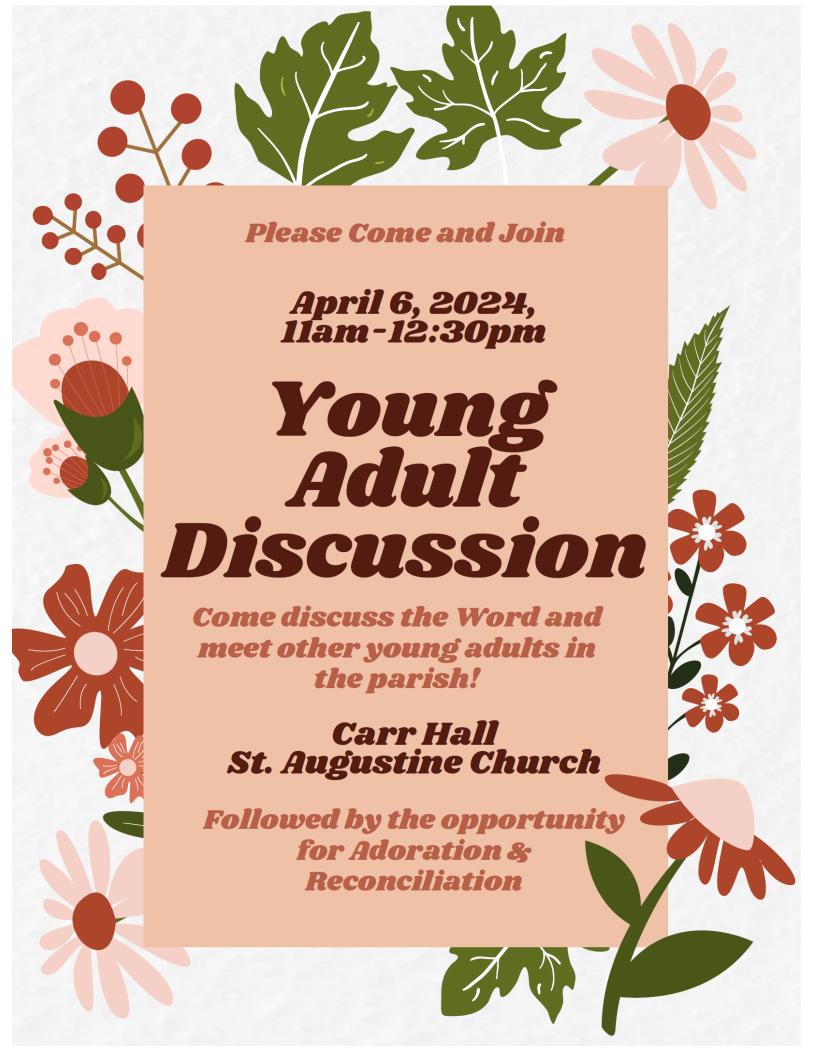
There has been a great deal of darkness in our lives during the past year: the continuation of the lack of respect for life in general and all its ramifications, the continuation of the war between Russia and the Ukraine, the continuation of the war between Israel and Gaza, the continuation of the daily shootings in Philadelphia, (most recently school children getting on a bus), the continuation of killing the unborn, the devastations that so many experienced from various weather situations, etc., etc. We all can add our own darkness to the list. We must look at what we celebrate this day to bring light. Jesus said he would be with us all our days, in all situations and in all circumstances. In the midst of darkness, we need to bring the light of the Risen Jesus into our world. Jesus has called us to dim the darkness and bring the light. Alleluia!

For those who receive this letter digitally, I am attaching the video of the last presenter in our 2024 Lenten series. One of our Augustinian bishops, Bishop Dan Turley, OSA, spoke on what our risen life will be like. This would not be possible if Jesus did not rise from the dead. I encourage you to watch it. For those of you reading the bulletin, you can access this video by going to: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aeA81nxFu2E&t=2s By watching this video, I truly believe it will give all of us a wonderful insight into the ramifications of the feast we celebrate today. It truly gives us reason to sing Alleluia!

In our lives, let us joyfully proclaim the Mystery of faith: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. By your death and resurrection, Lord, you have redeemed the world. We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection until you come again. Save us, Savior of the world, for by your cross and resurrection you have set us free. Alleluia!

Have a wonderful Easter and a wonderful Easter week.

Fr. Bill





LOOKING FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE BACK?

The newly-formed nonprofit **ST. AUGUSTINE HERITAGE FOUNDATION** (legally independent from the parish) is seeking applicants for **BOARD MEMBER** consideration.

The vision of the Foundation is "to help in the areas of preserving, restoring and improving our historic buildings, grounds and our valuable artwork, as well as supporting historical, civic, educational and cultural programs."

If you, or someone you know, would be interested in being considered, we would love to connect. As only 40% needs to be parishioners, non-parishioners and non-Catholics are also welcomed. We are seeking candidates who are enthusiastic and self-motived, perhaps with a passion for historic preservation, art, churches or, just "giving back". Life skills and experience in one or more of the following areas would be helpful:

historic preservation

art restoration

fundraising

communications/marketing

-construction

-grant writing

-non-profits

-local government

As a **volunteer** board member, you hold a valuable position with responsibilities providing a fulfilling and rewarding experience.

Our Board Members will meet, mostly via ZOOM, 3-4 times a year for approximately 2 hours.

If you would like to learn more, please email us at <u>marieckeith@icloud.com</u>, or call/text Marie Keith, Board Consultant, 215-360-1936.



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