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St. Augustine R. C. Parish

Fifth Sunday of Easter ♦ May 02, 2021

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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: 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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Rev. James Paradis, O.S.A., *Prior*

Sacramental Celebrations

Sacrament of Baptism

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on a regular basis, except during Lent. It is usually celebrated within Mass. Arrangements must be made in advance. The parents of the child to be baptized meet personally ahead of time with the priest celebrating the sacrament. Contact the parish office for further information.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Weddings are arranged by appointment at least eight months in advance of the desired wedding date. Contact the parish office for more information.

Ministry to the Sick & Sacrament of the Sick

If anyone in your family is seriously ill, preparing for surgery, or in a nursing home and they would like a visit from the pastor, please call the parish office.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

After Sunday Masses or
Anytime by appointment.

Parish Registration

Please call the parish office or visit the parish website for a registration form or more information. Forms are also available in the back of the Church.

Parish Committees

The Parish Council, Filipino Sub-Council, and Finance Committees assist the staff in serving the parish. Please contact the parish office or see Fr. Bill for information about serving on these various committees.

Novena to the Santo Niño

Each Sunday, after the 11:00 AM Mass there is a novena in honor of the Santo Niño.

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



Baptism Celebrations

We have the blessed opportunity through the celebration of the holy Sacrament of Baptism to welcome new members into our parish community.

Saturday, May 1, 2021

Juliette Elisa Murphy,
Daughter of Vincent & Jacqueline Murphy

Sunday, May 2, 2021

**Lia Marie Sacchetta &
Caralyn Jane Sacchetta**
Twin Daughters of Thomas & Hallie Sacchetta

Congratulations!



SAVE THE DATE!

— **SUMMER SINULOG** —
Sunday, August 15, 2021
11:00 AM Mass & Procession

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www.facebook.com/St.AugustineChurchPhiladelphia

PLEASE VISIT OUR PARISH WEBSITE
www.st-augustinechurch.com

May 22, 2021 - 10 a.m. - Noon Guided Contemplative Walking Rosary Retreat for Catholics Affected by Divorce and Separation Free Event

The St. Raymond Nonnatus Foundation for Freedom, Family, and Faith will host a two-hour, outdoor, guided "Rosary Walk" with guided meditations. Anne DeSantis, Director of St Raymond Nonnatus Foundation and Heather Makowicz, Certified Spiritual Director and Founder of Peak Encounter Ministries will be the facilitators for this morning retreat.

Location: Malvern Retreat House, 315 Warren Avenue, Malvern, PA 19355.

Follow Signs for Corrigan Hall for Parking.

To learn more: <https://www.Nonnatus.org/events>

Email: director.srnf@gmail.com, call/text 215-870-9913

Monday, May 3, 2021 - 11 AM

Golf Outing Benefit for the Gianna Center of Philadelphia

Come and celebrate the Gianna Centers second anniversary at the Suburban Community Hospital by participating in the first annual Golf Outing Benefit. The Gianna Center is dedicated to providing women's health care and infertility treatment that honor the sanctity of each human life, the dignity of women, and the sacramental integrity of marriage.

Lulu Country Club, 1600 Limekiln Pike, Gleside

More details, visit <https://www.phgiannacenter.org/event-details/first-annual-golf-benefit-3>



Mass Intentions

Sunday, May 02, 2021

9:00 AM In Thanksgiving, Arevalo Family
11:00 AM Deceased Memebers and Benefactors of the OSA
7:00 PM † Sidney Turner

Monday, May 03, 2021

12:05 PM The Parish Community

Tuesday, May 04, 2021

12:05 PM † Anunciacion Dagala Doller

Wednesday, May 05, 2021

12:05 PM Mothers of the Dempsey and McGinty Families

Thursday, May 06, 2021

12:05 PM † Jim Barbaretta

Friday, May 07, 2021

12:05 PM † Natividad Cisnero

Saturday, May 08, 2021

† = Deceased



Capital Campaign News

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

Pledges: 210 Percentage: 105.4320%
Amount Pledged: \$790,726.50
Pledges Received: \$699,823.14
In-Kind Gifts Received: \$10,437.71
Campaign Total Rec'd: \$710,260.85

Sacrificial Giving April 25, 2021

Number of Envelopes Used: 23
Amount in Envelopes: \$1,050.00
Average \$/Envelope: \$45.65
Electronic Giving: 45
Amount Electronic: \$1,262.00
Average \$/Electronic: \$28.04
Loose Money: \$475.00
Total Collection: \$2,787.00

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www.st-augustinechurch.com
and click on:
"Sign Up For Electronic Giving"



Fifth Sunday of Easter
Sunday, May 02, 2021
11:00 AM Lia Sacchetta Baptism
Caralyn Sacchetta Baptism

Monday, May 03, 2021

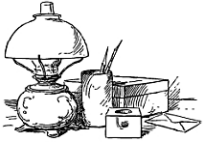
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A word from Fr. Bill.....

Dear Parishioners:

There seems to be a sense of encouragement and cautious optimism in our country concerning the Pandemic. Although some cases of the virus continue to be reported (e.g. at a Lower Merion elementary school this past week), there are certainly less cases being reported as well as less hospitalizations and deaths due to the Corona Virus being reported. A higher percentage of Americans have been fully vaccinated, although that percentage is not growing as high as it was.

Because of all this, a number of restrictions, but by no means all restrictions, have been adjusted. For example, this past Tuesday the CDC (the US. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) removed some restrictions for fully vaccinated Americans pertaining to wearing masks while walking outside and hiking as well as some situations of eating outside at restaurants.

How does all this affect us in the parish as we want to proceed with cautious optimism as well?

Well, a few ways: In order to restore a sense of a procession of going to the altar, we have resumed with the presider at Mass beginning in the back of the church. Last week for the first time in well over a year we had an altar server at the 11:00 AM Mass. Although the six foot markers remain on the floor, we have removed the arrows. In consultation with the Parish Pastoral Council at our March meeting, starting with the blessing of the Easter Water at the Easter Vigil, we have replaced the Holy Water in the Holy Water fonts. In the discussion, it was pointed out that people were free to take advantage of this or not. This is to remind us once again that as we bless ourselves with Holy Water when we enter the church, that we are gathering with the other baptized members of the Church to hear God's Word and to celebrate the death and Resurrection of Jesus. The number of those participating at Mass has increased and a number of our Lectors feel comfortable resuming their ministry and are once again proclaiming God's word to us. Many couples who postponed their weddings have rescheduled them to take place in the relatively near future. We have several babies being baptized in the next several months (three this weekend) who understandably were not baptized in the past year.

Another thing which was discussed at the March Parish Pastoral Council meeting was the return of the use of the hymnals. We agreed that beginning in May (this weekend) we gradually would return to using the hymnals. As you enter the church, you will find a number of hymnals available on a cart for those who are comfortable using them. We ask those who use them to return them to the cart in the back of the church as they leave Mass. Those who sanitize the pews after each Mass will wipe them off as well as the pews. The reason for the use of the hymnals is to encourage greater participation of those celebrating the liturgy.

Just like the society in which we live, this is all gradual. Obviously, there are things we will continue to do and things we will continue not to do. We will continue the wearing of masks and continue to maintain social distancing. We will continue not to bring up the bread and wine at the Presentation of Gifts, not to physically exchange the Sign of Peace and not to receive the Eucharist under both species, namely receiving the Blood of Christ from the chalice. We wait from directives from the Archdiocese for these things.

It is an understatement to say that the pandemic has had a tremendous effect on all of our lives. This is certainly true in how we have celebrated Mass. We want to take advantage of the progress that has taken place and continue to move gradually to the ideal where once again we can have the full participation of all those involved in the liturgy. At the same time, we want to do all that we can to keep everyone safe and also to respect the comfort of each person.

We pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to guide us in these challenging days.

Have a SAFE and good week.

Fr. Bill



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