

# St. Augustine R. C. Parish

Fourth Sunday of Easter – May 03, 2020

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9:00 AM to 5:00 PM  
Monday to Friday



**Mass Schedule:**

Monday - Friday: 12:05 PM  
(10:00 AM on Legal Holidays)  
Saturday Vigil: 5:15 PM  
Sunday: 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM & 7:00 PM

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*My sheep hear  
my voice;  
I know them, and  
they follow me.*



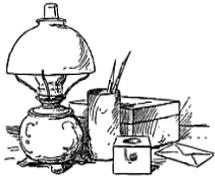


**Join us on Sundays at 11:00 AM starting on  
April 26th when we LiveStream Mass from  
Saint Augustine Church with the Friars.**

*Click the LIVE logo above to take you to our FaceBook page.*

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## *A word from Fr. Bill.....*

Dear Parishioners:

I hope you successfully survived another week of “stay at-home.” This is not a situation in which any of us would prefer to be. But, since we are, hopefully we can use it for a good— as they say to make lemonade out of lemons. It’s an opportunity for families to spend some quality time together. It is an opportunity to learn a new skill. It is an opportunity to pray more faithfully alone and with family members. It is an opportunity to do those things which we said we never had time to do.

Thank goodness, life continues to go on in the parish, even though in a different fashion.

We had our first LiveStream Mass last Sunday. It was received very well. About 100 people participated in it and the feedback was generally very positive. If you have not seen it, it is on our website, <http://www.st-augustinechurch.com/>. There, however, were two significant issues which surfaced and which hopefully are being successfully addressed. The first was a misconception that one has to be on FaceBook to make the connection with the Mass. This is not true. Hopefully, the following directions which are also on the homepage of our website will help with access to connect with the Mass which will be celebrated again this Sunday at 11:00 AM. Go to our website <http://www.st-augustinechurch.com/> —click the logo which says “LIVE.” When you go to <https://www.facebook.com/> and if you do not have a Facebook account, a screen will pop up and ask if you would like to join. If you do not want to join, simply scroll down and click on the “NOT NOW” button. The join screen will then go away and you can then scroll on the page to find the LIVE feed of the Mass. Hopefully, that will clarify the confusion. The second issue was that some had a problem with the sound. The parish has procured a new audio system for the LiveStreaming process which, we think will help this issue. “See” you Sunday at 11:00 AM.

We had our first parish Zoom rosary last Tuesday in which about ten people participated. You can join us this Tuesday at 8:00 PM. You have to download Zoom and then insert the ID number 854-1235-0301 and then the Password 150408.

After having several meetings on Zoom, the Parish Pastoral Council provided a survey to ask parishioners how they would like to stay connected with each other while we are apart. Stay tuned for the developments from this survey.

Our parish staff has met about three times by Zoom to keep each other informed of what is going on in each other’s area of responsibility.

Four of our staff members and two Parish Pastoral Council members have participated in two Zoom “round table discussions” facilitated by the Archdiocese. This has been an opportunity where about 50 parishes shared what they were doing in parish life during these pandemic days. All of our staff and PPC members have received a summary of these meetings to assist us in our own planning. If anyone else would be interested in receiving this summary, please let me know.

We are often asked when will we be able to resume public Masses. The reality is no one knows, as this is dependent on many factors. We are told, however, that when this does happen it will be “gradual and limited.” Stay tuned for what that means.

Financially, thanks to the faithfulness of so many parishioners using electronic giving (to sign up for electronic giving, please go to: <https://parishgiving.org/index> ) as well as to the parishioners who have sent in their envelopes or checks, we are relatively up to date with our salaries and regular bills. Thank you so, so much for this. It helps a great deal.

I am very happy to inform you that our parish has been granted approximately \$45,000 from the federal small-business loan program. This does not mean we are not still in need of your regular contributions, but it does help fill the void from the many weddings which have been postponed and upon which revenue we are very dependent. We are grateful for this help from the federal government.

During these pandemic days, our two teams of parishioners who serve in our name at Gift of Life obviously cannot buy the food and serve it for the two days a month we provide dinner for the residents there. But, I did want you to know we sent Gift of Life a check to cover the meals for these two nights and we will do the same in May.

Within the next week, you will receive some information concerning nominations to the Parish Pastoral Council.

Finally, Jeanne O'Rourke, the sister of a former pastor of St. Augustine—Fr. Jack O'Rourke, OSA, died this past week. Many of you may have known Jeanne from Fr. O'Rourke's time here in the parish (1999-2004). If you would like to send a condolence note to Father, his address is 523 Penny Lane, Philadelphia, PA 19111.

Have a safe and good week.



Fr. Bill



The month of May is Mary's month. Pray to her always for her help.

*O Brilliant star of purity, Mary Immaculate, Our Lady of Lourdes, be our comfort, hope, strength and consolation.*

*Amen.*



**SAVE THE DATE!**

— **SUMMER SINULOG** —  
Sunday, August 16, 2020  
11:00 AM Mass & Procession

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