



St. Augustine R. C. Parish

Sixth Sunday of Easter ♦ May 09, 2021



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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: 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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Thank You



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



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

With Spring upon us, we are watching our outside church property coming alive again with flower blooms and green foliage.

This is where you come in! We are looking for volunteers to water and take care of the various large flower planters/urns along the sidewalks and the pots on the church front steps. (The person who was taking care of the planters has recently moved outside of the parish and is unable to return on a consistent basis.)

Maybe just a half hour once a week (perhaps a little more often when it is really hot during the summer months) is all we are looking for from our volunteers. You do not need to supply anything except your time. We will supply the tools and water!

If you love flowers and would also like to keep our property looking alive, beautiful and inviting and have the time to volunteer.....please call Jacob in the Parish Office at 215.627.1838 to let him know you are available and would like to help.

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.



SAVE THE DATE!

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

Thursday, May 13th
The Ascension of the Lord

Mass is celebrated at:
12:05 PM and 7:00 PM



The Mother's Day Offering

Mother's Day Offering & Memorial Envelopes are available on the tables in the rear of the church for you to remember both Living and Deceased Mothers on this special day. What a great "Thank You" for your mother to have her remembered at Mass during our Mother's Day Novena!

Happy Mother's Day



Mass Intentions

Sunday, May 09, 2021

MOTHER'S DAY

- 9:00 AM † Maximo Doller
- 11:00 AM Mother's Day Novena
- 7:00 PM The Parish Community

Monday, May 10, 2021

- 12:05 PM Mother's Day Novena

Tuesday, May 11, 2021

- 12:05 PM Mother's Day Novena

Wednesday, May 12, 2021

- 12:05 PM Mother's Day Novena

Thursday, May 13, 2021
ASCENSION THURSDAY

- 12:05 PM Mother's Day Novena
- 7:00 PM

Friday, May 14, 2021

- 12:05 PM Deceased Members of the Augustinian Family

Saturday, May 15, 2021

† = Deceased



Capital Campaign News

Goal: \$750,000 (Phase 1) To date:
 Pledges: 210 Percentage: 105.4702%
 Amount Pledged: \$791,026.50
 Pledges Received: \$700,191.14
 In-Kind Gifts Received: \$10,437.71
 Campaign Total Rec'd: \$710,628.85

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Number of Envelopes Used: 23
 Amount in Envelopes: \$1,320.00
 Average \$/Envelope: \$57.39
 Electronic Giving: 49
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 Average \$/Electronic: \$31.39
 Loose Money: \$431.00
 Total Collection: \$3,289.00

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The Bulletin Board

Sixth Sunday of Easter
Sunday, May 09, 2021
 HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Monday, May 10, 2021

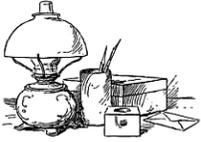
Tuesday, May 11, 2021
 8:00 PM Parish Rosary—Zoom
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Wednesday, May 12, 2021
 5:00 PM McKeever-Richards Rehearsal
 7:00 Parish Finance Council Mtg.—Zoom

Thursday, May 13, 2021
 7:00 PM Parish Scripture Study—Zoom
 832 4986 0935 025786

Friday, May 14, 2021
 5:00 PM McKeever-Richards Wedding
 6:30 PM Parker-Britt Rehearsal

Saturday, May 15, 2021
 2:00 PM Parker-Britt Wedding



A word from Fr. Bill.....

Dear Parishioners:

First of all, I would like to wish a happy Mother's Day to all of our mothers, expectant mothers, Godmothers, grandmothers, foster mothers and all those who are mother figures to us. Thank you for your vocation and for reflecting God's care and love to us.

Secondly, this Thursday is Ascension Thursday, 40 days after Easter and ten days before Pentecost. We remember that as part of the mission of Jesus, he completed his work on earth, physically left us, returned to our heavenly God and left us to continue his mission. We will celebrate this liturgically on Thursday at the 12:05 PM and 7:00 PM Masses. The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord is normally observed as a Holy Day of Obligation. Because the Pandemic, this obligation to participate at Mass this year is dispensed. As long as it is safe, however, it is encouraged to come together with the faith community to celebrate this solemnity.

Thirdly, I would like to bring to your attention that Saturday of this weekend, May 8th, is the 177th anniversary of the burning and destruction of the first church of our parish.

As we know, Fr. Matthew Carr, OSA founded our parish in 1796, 225 years ago. The first church was completed in 1801. The riots and burning of the church took place forty-three years later, on Wednesday night, May 8, 1844. The next morning, all that remained was a wall with the charred gilt letters "The Lord Seeth." Those letters remain on the back wall of our church today. This episode was certainly not the vision of the founders of our country for the City of Brotherly Love.

My understanding is that this took place when there was a rise of religious intolerance, variously called the Nativist, anti-immigrant, anti-Catholic, and Native American movement. Obviously, this caused a great deal of distress. New Irish and German immigrants worked tirelessly to build the church. A great deal of sacrifice, physical, emotional and financial, went into erecting it. They certainly didn't have the equipment we have today to complete such a mammoth task.

177 years ago, St. Augustine Parish and other Catholics were the victims of religious intolerance and the discrimination of new immigrants.

We need to keep in mind that in 1844 they didn't have the protection of law enforcement. As a result, a municipal police force in Philadelphia came into being.

We, as present parishioners, thank God that the parishioners of that day bounced back. In 1847-48, with great determination and hard work they built the church in which we worship today. We are the recipients of their incredible dedication.

Perhaps, this anniversary is an occasion for all of us to look at where we are personally and as a society in our outlook of racism, intolerance, and discrimination, especially to those who are new to our country.

It is hard for me to imagine what it was like for Fr. Carr and others to leave their native lands, Ireland and Germany. They certainly didn't have the means of communication or transportation we have today. They didn't meet on Zoom or text or email or even call others on the phone. They didn't take a jet "across the pond." There were a great deal of sacrifices and unknowns when Fr. Carr and the other immigrants came to "the new world" and settled at Fourth and Vine. And then, for all of it to "go up in smoke" and see everything "come tumbling down" because of intolerance, fear and discrimination it had to be extremely devastating for the parishioners of that day.

As we reflect this weekend on the anniversary of this sad aspect of our parish history, may we recommit ourselves not to repeat history, especially the history of which our ancestors in our own parish suffered.

Have a safe and great week.

Fr. Bill



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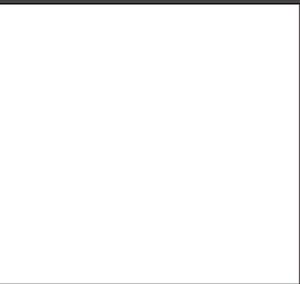
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