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St. Augustine R. C. Parish

Seventh Sunday of Easter ♦ May 16, 2021

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National Shrine of
Santo Niño de Cebú

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

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



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 set his throne in heaven.



SAVE THE DATE!

SUMMER SINULOG

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



Baptism Celebration

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

Sunday, May 16, 2021

Elon George Rula

Son of Marcin Rula & Shedine Sinclair

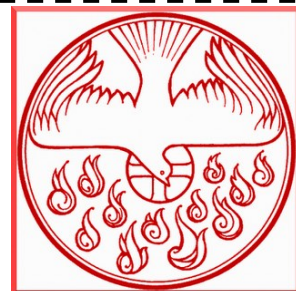
Congratulations!

Please keep Elon's family in your prayers.

NEXT WEEK.....

**SUNDAY, MAY 23RD IS
Pentecost Sunday**

Wear RED to Mass!



Mass Intentions

Sunday, May 16, 2021

9:00 AM † Constantina & Engracio Basio
11:00 AM † Helen Manguba
7:00 PM Mother's Day Novena

Monday, May 17, 2021

12:05 PM Mother's Day Novena

Tuesday, May 18, 2021

12:05 PM Mother's Day Novena

Wednesday, May 19, 2021

12:05 PM Mother's Day Novena

Thursday, May 20, 2021

12:05 PM † Christopher Mermer

Friday, May 21, 2021

12:05 PM The parish Community

Saturday, May 22, 2021

† = Deceased



Capital Campaign News

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

Pledges: 210 Percentage: 105.4823%

Amount Pledged: \$791,117.50

Pledges Received: \$701,290.14

In-Kind Gifts Received: \$10,437.71

Campaign Total Rec'd: \$711,727.85

**Sacrificial Giving
May 09, 2021**

Number of Envelopes Used: 26

Amount in Envelopes: \$1,405.00

Average \$/Envelope: \$54.04

Electronic Giving: 48

Amount Electronic: \$1,613.00

Average \$/Electronic: \$33.60

Loose Money: \$373.00

Total Collection: \$3,391.00

Electronic Giving

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www.st-augustinechurch.com
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The Bulletin Board

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11:00 AM Elon George Rula Baptism

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Tuesday, May 18, 2021

8:00 PM Parish Rosary—Zoom

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Wednesday, May 19, 2021

Thursday, May 20, 2021

6:00 PM Schiappacasse-Beerler Rehearsal

7:00 PM Parish Scripture Study—Zoom

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Friday, May 21, 2021

4:00 PM Schiappacasse-Beerler Wedding

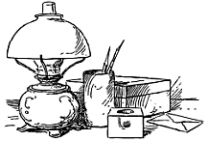
5:30 PM Shore-Leporace Rehearsal

7:00 PM Reppert-Monroe Rehearsal

Saturday, May 22, 2021

12:00 PM Reppert-Monroe Wedding

3:00 PM Shore-Leporace Wedding



A word from Fr. Bill.....

Dear Parishioners:

I have been asked several times recently what is the status of our Capital Campaign. It is reviewed each month at the Steering Committee, Parish Pastoral Council and Parish Finance Commission meetings. I thought this might be a good opportunity to update the parish community.

When we started four years ago under the advisement of a consulting firm, Partners for Sacred Places, we established a Steering Committee; an engineering study of all of our needs was completed; a feasibility study was done to assess what amount of money we might realistically be able to raise; we developed several task forces; we recruited and trained solicitors; we produced an appeal video; we developed a Case Statement; we did the actual appeals and we had a special prayer we prayed together at our Masses.

As I am sure you will remember, our needs were over \$2 million but our realistic goal was \$750,000. As you can see in the weekly bulletin, the pledges have exceeded our goal. We have pledges of close to \$800,000 or 105% of our goal. The actual cash which we have received as of now is just over \$700,000 or 93% of our goal. There are more pledges which are expected to be completed in the near future. It is very possible we could reach our goal in actual cash received.

How has this money been allocated? The following projects are completed:

- ◆ Converted the heating in the St. Augustine Community Center from oil to natural gas
- ◆ Restored two church bathrooms
- ◆ Converted the church lighting to LED lighting
- ◆ Replaced the windows on the “East” and “West” sides of the Community Center
- ◆ Expanded the Preservation Account
- ◆ Secured the Stations of the Cross in the church
- ◆ Replaced two church skylights
- ◆ Created a wheelchair accessible restroom in the church
- ◆ Restored the painting of the crucifixion in the sanctuary of the church
- ◆ Restored the façade below the tower of the church (brick repointing)
- ◆ Assessed the cost to restore eight paintings in the church of St. Augustine’s life
- ◆ Painted the outside church window frames
- ◆ Restored all the church pews and replaced the carpet in the church

Where do we go from here? The Steering Committee lives up to its name. The committee is steering us into Phase 2 of the campaign, namely in two ways which reaches beyond our parish and the Augustinian Community (who contributed \$220,000 to the campaign).

The first part of Phase Two is that we are now working with The Catholic Foundation of Greater Philadelphia. They already have submitted requests for two grants and they are developing a plan for other requests from various foundations for a number of significant needs: replacing church louvers, replacing more windows in the St. Augustine Community Center (the home of Women of Hope, the Veterans Center, the Augustinian Volunteers and Carr Hall), façade restoration (brick pointing) above the tower of the church, restoring paintings in the church of St. Augustine’s life, updating fire alarm systems and sprinklers as well as various upgrades in Carr Hall and the Friary.

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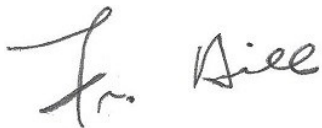
A second part of Phase Two is taking the necessary steps for our parish to be designated by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c)(3) organization (not-for-profit). Some foundations and organizations will support only organizations with that official status. This involves developing by-laws, a letter of incorporation, mission and vision statements which all need to be presented to the Archdiocese and hopefully eventually to the Internal Revenue Service.

As you can see, we have come a long way and we are on the threshold of the two exciting ventures which I just mentioned.

I am extremely grateful to the members of our Steering Committee who literally have steered us thus far and will continue to do so in the second phase of the campaign. We all owe a great deal of gratitude to René Quinlan, Melissa Huggins, Fran Richards, Jacob Marquart, OFS and Jerry and Kathy Rigby, the chairpersons of the campaign. They all have been extremely faithful, diligent, supportive, hardworking, and a source of great wisdom and sound advice.

I hope this keeps you up to date. Thanks for your support, generosity, prayers and encouragement during the first phase of the Capital Campaign and we ask for those to continue as we venture into the second phase of the campaign.

Have a SAFE and great week

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fr. Bill". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the left of the typed name.

Fr. Bill



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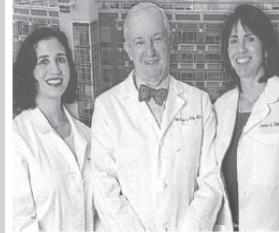
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