

# St. Augustine R. C. Parish

Feast of Christ The King – November 22, 2020

*“Creating A Community Of Involvement And Evangelization”*

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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.*



**Feast Of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King Of the Universe**



**Lector Workbooks** are available **THIS WEEK-END** for the new **2020-2021 Liturgical Year**, which begins on the **First Sunday of Advent, November 29<sup>th</sup>**. Please pick up your reserved workbook in the sacristy after Mass today.



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**PARISH OFFICE.....**



Thank you for your continued support of Saint Augustine Parish during the pandemic through the use of your Sunday envelopes and Parish Electronic Giving. Sunday envelopes may be dropped off at the rectory, or mailed directly to:

**Saint Augustine Church  
243 N. Lawrence Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19106**

**Save the Date: R.A.W.** Join the National Shrine of Saint Rita of Cascia on Wednesday, December 2, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. for an evening of Reconciliation, Adoration, and Witness (R.A.W.). The thought is simple: we'll spend some time in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, offering the sacrament of Reconciliation to whomever is interested, and end with a witness talk from one of the Shrine patrons. This evening is open to everyone who needs a few moments of prayer, encouragement, and mercy at this point in their lives. We hope to see you there!



**Thanksgiving  
Day Mass is at  
10:00 AM**



**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Blessed is the kingdom of our father  
David that is to come!**

Matthew 11:9, 10



**Mass Intentions**

**Sunday, November 22, 2020**

9:00 AM † Mora Waters  
11:00 AM † Lita Manguba  
7:00 PM † Maria Waters

**Monday, November 23, 2020**

12:05 PM † Nicholas & Philomena Georeno

**Tuesday, November 24, 2020**

12:05 PM † Doris & Daniel McAlinden

**Wednesday, November 25, 2020**

12:05 PM Deceased Members of the McGinty & Flanagan Families

**Thursday, November 26, 2020**

**THANKSGIVING**  
10:00 AM The Parish Community

**Friday, November 27, 2020**

12:05 PM

**Saturday, November 28, 2020**

† = Deceased

**Sacrificial Giving**

**November 15, 2020**

Number of Envelopes Used: 30  
Amount in Envelopes: \$3,079.00  
Average \$/Envelope: \$102.63  
Electronic Giving: 42  
Amount Electronic: \$1,018.00  
Average \$/Electronic: \$24.24  
Loose Money: \$319.00  
Total Collection: \$4,416.00



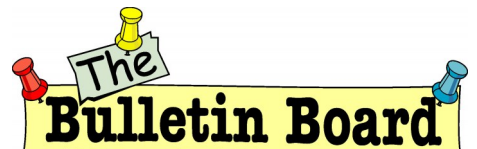
**Capital Campaign News**

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

Pledges: 205 Percentage: 104.3602%  
Amount Pledged: \$782,701.50  
Pledges Received: \$643,883.47  
In-Kind Gifts Received: \$10,437.71  
Campaign Total Rec'd: \$654,321.18

**Electronic Giving**

Just log on to our website,  
**www.st-augustinechurch.com**  
and click on:  
**"Sign Up For Electronic Giving"**



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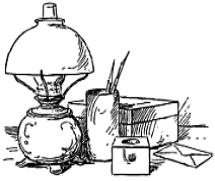
**Tuesday, November 24, 2020**  
7:00 PM DMI Survey Meeting—Zoom  
8:00 PM Parish Rosary—Zoom

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

Dear Parishioners:

As you very well know, this Thursday is Thanksgiving Day. It will be celebrated this year dramatically different from that to which we are accustomed. For starters, most of us will not be having turkey with a great number of family members. I may have dinner, just the two of us, with my sister. This is a far cry from other years when there are maybe 20 of us together for Thanksgiving dinner. The other friars will not be with their families either. I imagine most of you will have the same experience.

We just experienced a challenging election season. We all are living with the restrictions and ramifications of the coronavirus pandemic. It is easy to lose focus of the total picture. For me, that is why it is so prudent that we have a civil holiday to help us put everything into focus.

The Gospel that is usually proclaimed at Mass on Thanksgiving is about the healing of the ten lepers where one came back and said "thank you." Were the other 9 lepers ungrateful? I don't think that is necessarily the case. My guess is that they were so excited for the high priests to verify that they were healed and that they could be reunited with their families, go back to their jobs and associate with their friends again that they didn't see the whole picture. Understandably, their focus was somewhere else. Can't that happen to us? Even more so when we are experiencing a number of negative things!

Maybe we can make it a point this Thanksgiving, which will be very different for all of us, to do two things. One, be committed each day to list in writing 3-5 things in a journal for which we are grateful. They call this a "Gratitude List." This can help us see the broader picture rather than seeing just what is happening in the here and now. It helps us not to develop a negative personality and consequently interact with people in a cold fashion. The reason for writing them in a journal is so that we can go back and remember them. The second thing we can do is on a regular basis make it a point to tell someone something for which we are grateful. We all need to be affirmed. We all need to hear something positive about ourselves and to know we are appreciated. Even Jesus in his humanity did.

We need to keep things in perspective and to see a total picture. A friend of mine has been struggling for many months with a detached retina. He has had several operations. He has had to lay on his stomach for hours. He is not able to work to the same degree he could before. He told me a few weeks ago he saw a blind man crossing the street with the help of others. Bill told me he was truly grateful he is able to do as much as he can. That is putting things in perspective.

We have Mass on Thanksgiving Day at 10:00 AM. Hopefully, you can join us. If you cannot be with us physically, the Mass will be LiveStreamed. Please join us virtually. You can make connection on the homepage of our parish website.

In the midst of many challenges, let us give thanks to God for his infinite love, that he forgives us over and over, and that he gave us his Son, Jesus so that we could have eternal life with him. May we also list the things for which we are grateful that are particular to each of us. I put into that category for myself the gratitude I have for the support (letters, cards, emails, phone calls, text messages, visits, etc.) which I received in the year I was away. Be assured that will be brought to the table of the Lord on Thanksgiving Day.

Have a SAFE week and a wonderful Thanksgiving. I hope your turkey isn't burnt.

Fr. Bill



**November 20, 2020**

Dear Parishioners:

As you know, because of an increase in COVID 19 cases in the Philadelphia area, the city of Philadelphia has issued new directives for indoor activities in the city. Also, we received a communication from the Office of Divine Worship of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia concerning the city's directives.

As a result of these two communications, we had a special meeting on Zoom of our Parish Pastoral Council on Thursday evening to develop a plan for St. Augustine Parish.

First and foremost, our primary goal is to maintain a safe environment for everyone to worship. In order to accomplish this, we have developed the following plan. In addition to LiveStreaming the 11:00 AM Mass each Sunday, for the foreseeable future we also will LiveStream the 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM Sunday Masses. Because we are directed to moderate the size and density of our congregations, we looked at the proposed formula for attendance based on the square-footage of our space. Our "magic number" is approximately 35 people. For the foreseeable future, we will use this as a guide for our Masses.

We also are reminded "that the Archdiocesan directives for sanitation, face coverings and masks, as well as, social distancing are to be assiduously observed."

I would like to remind you that Archbishop Perez has removed the obligation to physically be present for Mass. He also has encouraged the elderly and anyone with compromising health situations not to come to Mass. For those in these situations, it certainly is encouraged to find other ways "to keep the Sabbath holy." For example, watching the Mass virtually (go to our parish website for the link), reading the scriptures, and praying with family members would be ways of doing this.

I am very grateful for the consultation of our Parish Pastoral Council in helping to develop a plan for our parishioners to worship in a safe environment in midst of the increase of cases locally of the coronavirus.

Please be assured of our prayers for you during these unprecedented and challenging times.

Stay SAFE and well.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Waters, O.S.A." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Father Bill Waters, O.S.A.  
Pastor

St. Augustine Parish, Phila.  
Presents:

Everything you  
always wanted to  
know about ~~SEX~~\*  
*The Sacraments*

\* But were afraid to ask

What does it  
mean to receive  
the gifts of the  
Holy Spirit?

What happens  
to babies that  
die before being  
Baptized?

What does it  
mean that Jesus  
is Truly present  
in the Eucharist?

**WHAT ARE YOUR QUESTIONS?** Submit your questions for our three-part series during Advent when we will discuss and answer questions regarding the three "**Sacraments of Initiation**." Join us and our special guest participants via Zoom from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM on the dates listed below!

**12/1 - Baptism - Fr. Chris Walsh**, Pastor, St. Raymond Parish (Philadelphia) -

**Register at the link below:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0tf-uqrzMjEtf5GokVv90IVkRNoUa56E2m>

**12/15 - Confirmation - Meghan Cokeley**, Director of the Office for the New Evangelization, Archdiocese of Philadelphia - **Register at the link below:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEkd-6hqz4pG9OCrVBB11V5xCcvxHAuPQga>

**12/22 - Eucharist - Fr. G. Dennis Gill**, Director, Office for Divine Worship and Pastor of the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul in Philadelphia - **Register at the link below:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUtfu6srzkrGdVUekSeWWBTTBr-SkMCIXV8>

For more information and to submit your questions, contact Jacob Marquart, O.F.S. at:

[staugustineparish09@gmail.com](mailto:staugustineparish09@gmail.com) or call (215) 627-1838.

# HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



## Prayer Before Thanksgiving Dinner

Almighty God, we thank you for all your goodness and loving kindness to us and to all people. You create us, keep us and bless us in this life. You showed your love for us, above all, by redeeming the world in Jesus Christ. You bring us to life in your grace and fill us with the hope of glory. Make us aware of all your gifts that we may truly appreciate them. We want to praise you not only with our lips but in our lives, by serving you and walking before you in kindness and justice each day of our lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

*(Each person around the table mentions something for which I am grateful.)*

Our Father.....

## Blessing of the Food

Let us pray,

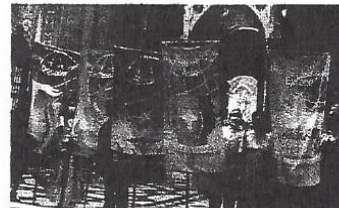
Lord, bless this good food, you have created that it may be a means of good health for all of us. Let us remember those in the world who are hungry and without food. Grant by calling upon your holy name that all of us who partake of this food may receive health of body and protection of soul. Through Christ our Lord. Amen



*“O my God, let me remember with gratitude and confess to thee thy mercies toward me.”*

# ADVENT ZOOM CHATS WITH YOUNG ADULTS

@ 7 30 – 8 30 PM



## **JOURNEYING TOGETHER**

*with Isaiah the Prophet, John the Baptist, Joseph and Mary  
and Christus Vivit (Christ is alive)  
Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis to young people*

### *Featuring:*

**DECEMBER 2: Sr. Nuala Cotter, Assumption Sister**

**Brother Patrick Travers, Newman Center**

**DECEMBER 9: Sr. Nuala Cotter, Assumption Sister**

**Ms. Kathia Arango, Office of Hispanic Catholics**

**DECEMBER 16: Fr. Eric Banecker, St. Francis de Sales Parish**

**Fr. Kurniawan, CM - Indonesian Chaplain**

**DECEMBER 23: Fr. Eric Banecker, St. Francis de Sales Parish**

**Mr. James Andrews, Office of Black Catholics**

Join us weekly with your friends ... **Meeting ID: 899 9777 6073**

**Passcode: ADVENT**

Or: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89997776073?pwd=SHh3eUpZdEUvb2dCStkuM3ExRkNtdz09>

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