

St. Augustine R. C. Parish

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 30, 2022



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Santo Niño de Cebú

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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 — *Suspended Indefinitely*

Sunday: 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM & 7:00 PM
(All Masses are LiveStreamed
on masslivestream.com)

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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



ALL SAINTS DAY

Tuesday, November 01, 2022

**Mass Celebrated at
12:05 PM & 7:00 PM**

Holy Day of Obligation
(No Vigil Mass on Monday)



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, October 30, 2022

Vera Catherine Maher
Daughter of Philip & Leah Maher

Congratulations!

Please keep Vera's family in your prayers.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9TH - 7:30 PM

A Concert to Celebrate the Season

The Chamber Choir and the Filipino Choir will host their annual pre-Christmas Concert to begin the Advent Season! This St. Augustine's annual tradition is not to be missed!

Bring a friend if you like sharing joy!

FREE Admission! (Free will offering)



ANNUAL AUTUMN CHURCH GROUNDS CLEANUP

Charlie Nygard, one of our parishioners, is coordinating a **Fall Cleanup of our Parish Property on Saturday, November 19th from 9-11 am.** We need volunteers to help this necessary project. Please indicate on the Sign Up sheet in the back of the church or call the Parish Office if you are able to help. Volunteers will meet in our parking lot at 9 am. All supplies and tools will be available. This is a tremendous service to our parish community.



Mass Intentions

Sunday, October 30, 2022

9:00 AM † John DeFoney
11:00 AM † Isidoro Dizon and
Cui-Sanson Family and
Chiong Veloso-Rosales Families

7:00 PM † Alberta & Pedro Herrera

Monday, October 31, 2022

12:05 PM The Parish Community

Tuesday, November 1, 2022

ALL SAINTS DAY

12:05 PM All Souls' Novena
7:00 PM † Jacob & Margaret Marquart

Wednesday, November 2, 2022

ALL SOULS' DAY

12:05 PM † Charles Flanagan

Thursday, November 3, 2022

12:05 PM All Souls' Novena

Friday, November 4, 2022

12:05 PM All Souls' Novena

Saturday, November 5, 2022

† = Deceased



Capital Campaign News

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

Pledges: 214 Percentage: 106.2756%
Amount Pledged: \$797,066.68
Pledges Received: \$739,786.68
In-Kind Gifts Received: \$10,437.71
Campaign Total Rec'd: \$750,224.39

Sacrificial Giving October 23, 2022

Number of Envelopes Used: 18
Amount in Envelopes: \$1,035.00
Average \$/Envelope: \$57.50
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Average \$/Electronic: \$31.31
Loose Money: \$567.00
Total Collection: \$2,917.00

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Parish Giving

The Bulletin Board

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11:00 AM Vera Catherine Maher Baptism

Monday, October 31, 2022

HAPPY HALLOWEEN !

Tuesday, November 1, 2022

7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB
8:00 PM Parish Rosary—Zoom

Wednesday, November 2, 2022

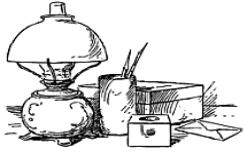
Thursday, November 3, 2022

7:00 PM Parish Scripture Study—Zoom
7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB

Friday, November 4, 2022

Saturday, November 5, 2022

10:00 AM DMI Survey Meeting—Zoom



A word from Fr. Bill...

Dear Parishioners:

I hope periodically to use this space asking parishioners to share their stories concerning apostolic work in which they are involved. A few weeks ago, Lala Borres shared with us her reflections concerning a volunteer trip she and Rey did helping handicapped individuals on a pilgrimage to Lourdes.

I have asked George Munyan, a long time parishioner of St. Augustine Parish, a former Parish Pastoral Council member, and an Affiliate with the Augustinian Community, to share his reflections on a ministry in which he has been involved for a number of years. His reflection follows:

I have been a member of St. Augustine Parish since 1993, and in June of 2006 I faced a crisis. I had taught for 39 years. Kids were my vocation, and I loved it. Suddenly, it was time to retire. Purpose, routine and happiness seemed evaporating. An emptiness seemed to become an ever-darker cloud on my horizon. After my last day at school, I drove directly to church and confession. In my panic, I turned to the church that had always been my refuge all of my life. I met a great priest, Fr. Paul Morrissey O.S.A. and the future immediately seemed brighter. He was starting a ministry to help former inmates remain free from crime and prison. He named it, Adeodatus, who was the son of St. Augustine. Meeting once a week we studied scripture, meditated, and listened to people in deep trouble. I realized that in giving yourself to the needy a great peace and joy envelopes you. These were God's children too, older than my students but now victims of terrible adult choices. They had the depression I had despite our different worlds. These people were from a world I had never known. Besides ex-inmates, I met the homeless, the addicted, the mentally ill. My spiritual life was now fed by a totally different diet. God was nourishing me with these people I had only seen in the shadows or holding signs at red lights pleading for help. Many were powerfully addicted and life was quickly ending with each injection. All were starving for the love of Christ. For me a new vocation was born at my age of 65. God is incredible.

So, on a recent October morning, the weather in Ocean City was wonderful. Blue skies, warm sun, vibrant flowers, autumn winds and empty beaches. This was the day I had hoped for when I planned the annual Adeodatus retreat at the Augustinian residence. Our retreat would be a little spiritual lifeboat of true compassion for those at risk. The group included former inmates, families of the imprisoned, addicts, the depressed and the homeless. Mothers and fathers who had lost their sons to the streets were also there.

One of those I met was Michael. He was homeless, hungry and wandering the hellish world of Kensington, and its streets littered with deadly drugs, staggering zombies and bodies already dead or just barely alive. It was a land of perpetual darkness and dirt under the massive elevated train that snaked above them with its screeching hiss. A rescuer had asked him if he wanted a ride to the ocean. The homeless have no need for time and waiting destinations so he unquestionably said yes.

By the sparkling ocean's edge Michael told me he had once owned a horse farm. He had been in the Merchant Marines. He had passed through the cliffs of Gibraltar. He had been to Singapore, Iraq and Africa. He had rescued American soldiers from Somalia. Then his life collapsed in 1994 with prison and addiction. He had a daughter somewhere studying to be a doctor. Neither knew where the other was, or if they were even alive. His eyes stared at the sea remembering his lost world. Small tears slowly and discretely journeyed across his rugged face still somewhat youthful. How could a morning begin in the Kensington nightmare and end at a perfect seashore town on a brilliant sunny autumn day? A priest once said we are like darkened stained glass windows waiting for the sun to shine through us giving us a purpose. God created us. When we allow His light to shine through us, we have a beautiful purpose to bath others in His glory. I have come to realize and experience that God radiates in me, just in a different way and with different people.

There is so much you can do to make this a better world. God gives us the opportunities. So far, Adeodatus has met for 798 weeks. Lately, we meet at the Cascia Center at Broad and Ellsworth every Thursday night at 7:30 PM. Why not stop in some night! There are many Michaels waiting for prayers and someone to listen. Be a stained-glass window for others. The sun feels good.

How wonderful it is that "one of our own" is involved in such wonderful ministerial work. "What you do to the least of my people, you do to me." "When I was in prison, you visited me." I hope you find George's reflection as edifying as I did.

Have a great week.

Fr. Bill

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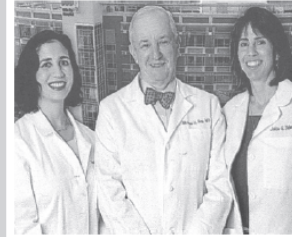
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