

# Saint Augustine R. C. Parish

23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time ♦ September 8, 2019



National Shrine of  
Santo Niño de Cebú

*"Creating A Community Of Involvement And Evangelization"*

**Served by the Augustinian Friars since 1796**

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](http://www.st-augustinechurch.com)

**Office Hours:**  
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

#### Parish Staff:

**Rev. William J. Donnelly, O.S.A.**  
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#### In Residence:

**Rev. Paul Morrissey, O.S.A.,** *Prison Chaplain*  
**Rev. James Keating, O.S.A.**  
**Rev. James Paradis, O.S.A.,** *Prior*

## 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

Saturday: 4:30 PM to 5:00 PM  
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.

## Padre Pio Prayer Center

Our next scheduled date to minister to and serve lunch to those living in the streets of Kensington is **Sunday, September 29th**.

We usually attend the Sunday 9:00 AM Mass here at the parish and then carpool over to the Padre Pio Prayer Center (1509 Church Street, 19124). We are typically finished with volunteering by 1:00 PM.

If you are interested in joining us, please call Jacob in the Parish Office, 215-627-1838.



## OSA FRIENDS

Over the past several years, a small group of parishioners have been meeting regularly to learn more about Saint Augustine; his life, teachings and legacy. We have named this group: **“The OSA Friends.”**

The OSA Friends of Saint Augustine’s Parish are actively searching for new members. Anyone interested in broadening their knowledge of Saint Augustine is invited to join the OSA Friends.

If interested, please contact Fr. Jim Keating at the Parish Office for more details.



As you may have seen in recent bulletins, a **“PHISHING”** scam has been affecting a small number of parishes within the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. **WE ARE ONE OF THEM!** This scam involves

parishioners receiving a text message, email, or a phone call from a source alleging to be the pastor of the local parish (**the email address may look VERY similar to Fr. Bill’s or a staff member’s email address**). These messages contain a request for parishioners to purchase gift cards for a parish fundraiser or some other reason and then send the gift card numbers back to the scammer claiming to be Fr. Bill. Very often the language is requesting you to make contact right away because it is **“very important.”** **This is something we will NEVER do, so BEWARE!**

If you are unsure of a request that you have received, please call the Parish Office **FIRST BEFORE** you do anything.

## Adeodatus

A spiritual support group for those who have returned from prison or suffer from addiction. Support Meetings are held at 7:30 PM in the St. Rita of Cascia rectory at 1166 S Broad St, Philadelphia, PA 19146.

All Attendees Remain Confidential.

Come for biblical reading, silent meditation, conversation, support, and community.

Please pray for all those in our prisons and currently suffering from addiction.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out. You can email us at [adropinfo@augustinian.org](mailto:adropinfo@augustinian.org) or call at 215.925.3566.



## Mass Intentions

**Saturday & Sunday,  
September 07 & 08, 2019**

5:15 PM -----  
9:00 AM -----  
11:00 AM † Emelia Mayol  
7:00 PM -----

**Monday, September 09, 2019**

12:05 PM † Hilary & Lena O’Connor

**Tuesday, September 10, 2019**

12:05 PM -----

**Wednesday, September 11, 2019**

12:05 PM The Parish Community

**Thursday, September 12, 2019**

12:05 PM -----

**Friday, September 13, 2019**

12:05 PM -----

**Saturday, September 14, 2019**

5:15 PM -----

† = Deceased

## Sacrificial Giving

**August 31 & September 01, 2019**

Number of Envelopes Used: 47  
Amount in Envelopes: **\$1,773.54**  
Average \$/Envelope: **\$37.73**  
Electronic Giving: 39  
Amount Electronic: **\$737.00**  
Average \$/Electronic: **\$18.90**  
Loose Money: **\$428.00**  
Total Collection: **\$2,938.00**



## Capital Campaign News

**(Phase 1) To date:**

Pledges: **188** Percentage: **92.2117%**  
Amount Pledged: **\$691,587.50**  
Pledges Received: **\$365,295.72**  
June 1st Gala Revenue: **\$40,250.00**  
Campaign Total Rec’d: **\$405,545.72**

## Electronic Giving

Just log on to our website,  
[www.st-augustinechurch.com](http://www.st-augustinechurch.com)  
and click on:

**“Sign Up For Electronic Giving”**



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**Sunday, September 08, 2019**

4:00 PM Gift of Life Family House Dinner

**Monday, September 09, 2019**

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**Tuesday, September 10, 2019**

7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB

**Wednesday, September 11, 2019**

6:30 PM Parish Finance Council Meeting

6:30 PM Gibney-Smith Rehearsal

7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB

8:00 PM Fiat Prayer Group

**Thursday, September 12, 2019**

7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB

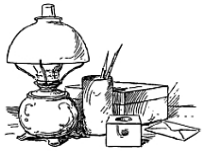
**Friday, September 13, 2019**

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**Saturday, September 14, 2019**

1:00 PM Gibney-Smith Wedding

7:00 PM N.A. Meeting in CHB



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

### **RCIA at St. Augustine Church**

When my "spiritual father" Augustine, was sitting quietly in a garden in the Milan, Italy, he heard a voice that invited him "Take up and read." Inspired in that moment Augustine picked up a bible. He read a passage from St. Paul's letter to the Romans and realized that it was addressed to him, encouraging, even demanding that he change his way of life. The moment of encounter with **God's Voice** led him to begin a journey of his heart. Some months later he was baptized by St. Ambrose on Easter Sunday in 386. For years his mother, Monica "hounded" him to become a Christian, a hound from heaven, one might say.

I know that as a member of Augustine's spiritual family, I have procrastinated, **ran way** at times from the "voice" that invites me to respond to Christ, most especially God Merciful Love. "Leave me alone" is often my response, certainly not a model response but "who wants to be a model?" When Augustine at his best moment heard a voice that invited him to join the others who were Christians, he knew that it was time. Knew that it was time to pursue what he had wrestled with from his earliest days. What Augustine discovered is that he could no longer procrastinate, the wrestling was over.

If there has been a "**Voice**" inviting you to join the Catholic Faith Community, we at St. Augustine Parish would be honored to journey with you as you prepare through a formation class to become a member of the Roman Catholic Community. The formation process is known as the **Rite of Christian Initiation** or the **RCIA**. As an introduction to the rich traditions and teachings of our Catholic faith, it includes weekly gatherings for educational presentations and reflection. Our time together concludes with the great feast of Easter when everyone sings the "Easter Alleluia."

Participants may include those who are not yet baptized and those who are baptized in another Christian Faith community and have a desire to join the Roman Catholic Church. My personal take on the **RCIA** course of formation is that it is one of the jewels of our Church. When mature men and women reflect and pray together in a journey like the Exodus of the Old Testament, there is a point of arrival. Arrival not at a Promised Land but at an oasis of water where one has a taste of the Goodness of the Lord. The Goodness is expressed in Christ's Easter greeting to his disciples - "Peace Be with You."

If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Jacob at our parish office. He will make sure that all your questions are answered.

Fr. Bill