

# St. Augustine Parish

*The Fifth Sunday of Lent – April 02, 2017*

*"Creating A Community Of Involvement And Evangelization"*

**Served by the Augustinian Friars since 1796**



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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Office Hours: 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

## 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:**

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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*

Saturday: 4:30 PM to 5:00 PM  
Anytime by appointment.

### *Parish Registration*

Please call the parish office for 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.

**The Order of Saint Augustine  
and the Province of Saint Thomas of Villanova**  
are happy to announce  
**The Solemn Opening of the diocesan process of  
The Cause of Beatification and Canonization**  
of our confrere  
**THE SERVANT OF GOD  
WILLIAM ATKINSON, O.S.A.**  
to be held  
**Monday, April 24, 2017**  
Feast of the Conversion of Saint Augustine



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SERVANT OF GOD

The Solemn Ceremony of the  
Opening of the Cause  
will follow the Celebration of the Eucharist  
offered by  
**The Most Rev. Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.**  
Archbishop of Philadelphia  
**6:00 P.M.**  
at  
**Saint Thomas of Villanova Church**  
Villanova University, Villanova, PA

All are welcome to attend.



It has been more than a year and a half since St. Augustine Parish undertook the mission of preparing and serving meals twice a month at the Gift of Life Family House at 4<sup>th</sup> and Callowhill Streets. Gift of Life provides temporary and sometimes recurring housing for organ transplant patients and their families. The patients have serious health issues, are either awaiting or have had transplant surgeries, and are often receiving follow-up care at local hospitals.

We have met folks with kidney, liver and even double lung transplants! But despite their severe health challenges, they are always friendly and very expressive of their appreciation. We have been told frequently how they love coming home to a satisfying dinner after a tough day of appointments and procedures. It has been a humbling and spiritually rewarding endeavor for all the Parish volunteers (approximately 25 volunteers).

Since October 1, 2016, we have provided an estimated 600 dinners, bringing our cumulative total since inception to over 1,600 meals served. Gift of Life recently installed a commemorative St. Augustine plate on the kitchen wall to mark our service! (Please see our parish website: [www.st-augustinechurch.com](http://www.st-augustinechurch.com) and click on "Ministries" and then "Outreach" to see more info and photos.) Your generous donations have enabled us to continually purchase high quality, healthy ingredients to make nutritionally sound meals. If you'd like to become a "Home Cook Hero" too, please contact Jacob at the Parish Office for more details.



### Mass Intentions

**Saturday & Sunday,  
April 01 & 02, 2017**

5:15 PM † Alberta Planster  
9:00 AM Oksana Levkovska & Family  
11:00 AM † Resty Tiduto Manalon  
7:00 PM -----

**Monday, April 03, 2017**

12:05 PM In Honour of St. Augustine

**Tuesday, April 04, 2017**

12:05 PM † Jane Shay, 1st Anniversary

**Wednesday, April 05, 2017**

12:05 PM † Julia R. Baumann

**Thursday, April 06, 2017**

12:05 PM † Dr. Leonardo Arevalo

**Friday, April 07, 2017**

12:05 PM Harold Griffith

**Saturday, April 08, 2017**

5:15 PM The Parish Community

† = Deceased

### Sacrificial Giving

March 25 & 26, 2017

Number of Envelopes Used: 49  
Amount in Envelopes: \$1,523.30  
Average \$/Envelope: \$31.09  
Electronic Giving: 24  
Amount Electronic: \$570.00  
Average \$/Electronic: \$23.75  
Loose Money: \$718.00  
Total Collection: \$2,811.30

### PARKING ON EASTER SUNDAY

On Easter Sunday we will be able to  
park under the Benjamin Franklin  
Bridge from 8:00 AM to 1:30 PM.



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Sunday, April 02, 2017**  
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**Monday, April 03, 2017**  
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**Tuesday, April 04, 2017**  
7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB

**Wednesday, April 05, 2017**  
8:00 PM Fiat Prayer Group

**Thursday, April 06, 2017**  
6:00 PM Tower-Fleming Rehearsal  
7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB  
8:00 PM St. Augustine Choir Rehearsal

**Friday, April 07, 2017**  
7:30 PM Stations of the Cross

**Saturday, April 08, 2017**  
3:00 PM Tower-Fleming Wedding  
7:00 PM N.A. Meeting in CHB



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



PRAYER



FASTING



ALMSGIVING

Dear Parishioners:

There has been a great deal of talk in our country recently about immigration. This becomes a moral issue because it effects the lives of human beings, those who come to our country and those of us already here. It is easy to be apathetic and not be concerned about this serious issue. Because we are a parish which was founded over 220 years ago for immigrants and that we are a parish that today has many immigrant parishioners, I think it is important to consider what the Pope, our United States Bishops and our local Bishop, Archbishop Chaput say about this important topic.

When Pope Francis spoke with the Joint Session of Congress in September, 2015 he summoned the lawmakers "to respond in a way which is always humane, just and fraternal." He reminded them that we should not be taken aback by numbers, but rather view immigrants as persons, seeing their faces and listening to their stories, trying to respond as best as we can to their situation. The Pope has spoken often about these same principles.

Archbishop Chaput recently reminded us that we have an obligation, a serious obligation, to be concerned about justice, charity and mercy.

To this end, the Archbishop recalled that the United States Bishops have reflected on the issue of immigration very deeply and for a very long time. He said the principles which they developed, based on God's word and the dignity of human beings, are:

- ◆ Good government should welcome foreigners out of charity and respect for the human person. He said we believe that people have a right to emigrate when they need to find work and ways of making the lives of the family better. So, this is not a neutral issue. It's a matter of basic human rights.
- ◆ At the same time he said the bishops of our country believe that a country has a right to an ordered immigration process. The concerns about a secure border and the concerns about enforcement of the laws of the country are significant. He said they are important and that they not just something which we can put away.

In asking the question how these two basic principles can be put together he said the American bishops oppose—strenuously oppose—an "enforcement only" immigration policy, and that they believe it is important from the beginning to support comprehensive immigration reform. He said it is not just the enforcement of laws but also at the same time a change of the laws to make them just and comprehensively faithful to the teachings of Christ. He went on to say that the bishops certainly believe that the enforcement of the laws of our country is important. Immigrants who are guilty of such crimes as smuggling, drug trafficking and human trafficking should be deported.

Archbishop Chaput said that when it comes to enforcement of immigration laws the family should be respected above all. "We can't separate families from one another or parents from their children. Enforcement should be humane and proportional," he said.

Two weeks ago we reflected on "The Woman at the Well" and last weekend on "The Man Born Blind." Even though both of these nameless persons were marginalized by their culture and society, Jesus treated them as human beings with compassion, mercy, and love. He dealt with them with dignity and respect. This weekend Jesus orders the stones to be removed from Lazarus' tomb in order that Lazarus might have life. May the teachings of Jesus in these three stories help us to deal with the marginalized of our culture today.

Have a great week.

Fr. Bill



St. Augustine Church will be helping the Easter Bunny bring some Easter wishes to the youngest members of our parish community by sponsoring an **Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday after the 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM Masses in the "Healing Garden." Come join us for Fun!**

### **Church Cleaning Day**

The Easter season is right around the corner and we'll soon be preparing for the Resurrection of the Lord. But first, we have to clean his house! Our bi-annual Church Cleaning Day has arrived. Please join us **Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup> (Palm Sunday) at 1 PM**. It's a big church, but many hands make light work.