

St. Augustine Parish

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of Our Lord—April 16, 2017

"Creating A Community Of Involvement And Evangelization"

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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.

Alleluia!

He
is
Risen

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Sanctus Christi

**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.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating a special anniversary this year? The annual Archdiocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass will take place on **Saturday, May 6, 2017** at the **Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul** at the **5:15 pm Vigil Mass** with Archbishop Charles Chaput, Presiding. This mass is to pray for and with all married couples who are newlyweds, or who have been married 25 years or more, or 50 years or more. Friends and family are welcome and encouraged to attend.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

To register visit:
www.phillycatholiclife.org
or call: 215-587-0500



NUTRITIONAL DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Archdiocese of Philadelphia

MANNA Canned Food Collection

Parishioners are asked to take one of the Manna Bags located in the rear of the church to fill with canned food items. Items in greatest need are: beef stew, tuna fish, fruit, vegetables, can pasta, soups, and pork & beans. **For safety, please don't include any glass bottles.**

We ask that you return the bags with donated food on the weekend of **May 20th & 21st.** The food will be taken to the *Dreuding Center* in our neighborhood. Thank you for your generosity and helping our neighborhood friends who are in emergency situations.



Mass Intentions

**Saturday & Sunday,
April 15 & 16, 2017**

7:30 PM † Walter Manning
9:00 AM For the People
11:00 AM † Donata Pueblos
No 7:00 PM Mass this Evening

Monday, April 17, 2017

12:05 PM Deceased Members of the
Augustinian Family

Tuesday, April 18, 2017

12:05 PM Children in Orphanages

Wednesday, April 19, 2017

12:05 PM † Prince Nico Poligrates

Thursday, April 20, 2017

12:05 PM † Anthony & Albert Georeno

Friday, April 21, 2017

12:05 PM The Parish Community

Saturday, April 22, 2017

5:15 PM Arevalo Family in Thanksgiving

† = Deceased



The Parish Office will be
CLOSED on:

Good Friday, April 14th
and
Easter Monday, April 17th



*Easter Sunday of the
Resurrection of Our Lord*
Sunday, April 16, 2017
HAPPY EASTER!

Monday, April 17, 2017
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**Tuesday, April 18, 2017**  
**4:00 PM** Gift of Life Family House Dinner  
**7:00 PM** S.A. Meeting in CHB

**Wednesday, April 19, 2017**  
**8:00 PM** Fiat Prayer Group

**Thursday, April 20, 2017**  
**7:00 PM** S.A. Meeting in CHB  
**8:00 PM** St. Augustine Choir Rehearsal

**Friday, April 21, 2017**  
**6:00 PM** Langhauser-Francis Rehearsal

**Saturday, April 22, 2017**  
**2:00 PM** Langhauser-Francis Wedding  
**7:00 PM** N.A. Meeting in CHB



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

Dear Parishioners:

Alleluia! Alleluia! He is risen!

Christians throughout the entire world today celebrate the greatest event that has ever taken place in history, Jesus rose from the dead! We say those words so easily with 2,000 years of hindsight and reflection. The relatives and friends of Jesus, even after hearing Him before His death identifying Himself as "I am the resurrection and the life," and saying things like He would never die, had a hard time to believe the fact that He actually did come back to life. Mary needed to hear His voice. Thomas needed to feel his wounds. Two of His disciples needed to see Him in the "breaking of the bread." Others needed to hear the witnesses of those who experienced Him.

Whatever it is that we need in order to believe in His resurrection, our lives need to reflect the belief of what we so solemnly celebrate this day. Our lives, while not being perfect or problem-less, need to be lives of hope and joy. Why? Because Jesus destroyed death and restored life. Jesus proved His divinity. Jesus gives us the assurance of the possibility of total peace, joy and happiness forever--not only for ourselves but also for our relatives and friends.

Pope Francis, in his exhortation of the Joy of the Gospel says the lives of many Christians "seem like Lent without Easter" or that they just came from a funeral. Or perhaps another way of saying that is we sometimes reflect Good Friday and not Easter Sunday. We cannot have one without the other. The pope calls us to abandon small mindedness, embrace joy, and keep in mind the joy that the Gospel gives us.

The resurrection of Jesus changed the lives of His relatives and friends. May our lives continually change in order that we reflect our faith that Jesus rose from the dead in order that we might live forever. When you come to think of it, does anything else matter?

On behalf of our entire parish community, I would like to thank everyone involved in making our Holy Week and Easter celebrations so beautiful. "It takes a village" for that to happen. It takes Rey Borres who oversaw all of the very different decorations in Church for each day. It takes Kim Barroso, our choirs, cantors and instrumentalists. It takes our Eucharistic Ministers, lectors and homilists. It takes Jacob Marquart, O.F.S. who served as Master of Ceremonies for each of the liturgies and put our special Triduum liturgical aide together. It takes all those who shared reflections on The Last Seven Words of Christ. It takes Bob Zigmund who worked behind the scenes making sure we had everything needed for each of the liturgies: bowls, pitchers and towels for the washing of the feet, tabernacle for the adoration, cross for the Veneration of the Cross, and fire for the Easter Vigil. It takes Lita Manguba and all those who provided "goodies" for the reception after The Vigil. It takes a faithful parish community.

I would just like to remind you that as a follow up to our Lenten project, "On the Care of Our Common Home," there will be a meeting on Monday night (April 17) at 7:00 PM in Carr Hall. The purpose of this gathering is to share what the experience was like to reflect on our environment. It is also to ascertain if there is enough interest in order to have a permanent parish environmental committee. All are welcome.

Have a wonderful Easter and a wonderful Easter week!

Fr. Bill



### **100th Anniversary of Fatima**

**Saturday, May 13, 2017**

**Our Lady of Fatima Church**

2913 Street Road, Bensalem, PA 19020

Begins at 8:30 AM with Mass ♦ Concludes with Benediction at 2:15 PM

**Guest Speaker: Rev. James Blount, S.O.L.T.**

Fr. Jim, a priest of the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity (S.O.L.T.), travels the world teaching on the battle between Satan and the Woman of Genesis 3:15, Mary. He is one of the major promoters of the prayers given by God to Elizabeth Kindelmann.

*Bring your own lunch ♦ Free of Charge ♦ Bring a Friend*