



St. Augustine Parish

Fourth Sunday of Easter – April 17, 2016

"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 and thus 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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Phone: 215-627-1838 FAX: 215-627-3911
Website: www.st-augustinechurch.com
Office Hours: 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Monday through 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:

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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.

Pro-Life Conference at Villanova University

April 22-24, Villanova, PA -- Join leaders, students, and grassroots activists at Life/Peace/Justice Conference with world-class speakers to get educated, engaged, and activated on ways to nurture peace and create a culture of life. Group discounts are available. For more info & for ticket

SAVE THE DATES! Let's CELEBRATE our 220th ANNIVERSARY!

— 220th Anniversary Concert —

Sunday, June 12, 2016 • 3:00 PM (*Note date change*)

— Dinner and Dancing as we Cruise the Delaware River onboard the Spirit of Philadelphia —

Friday, September 30, 2016 • 7 PM –10:30 PM

Happy Anniversary



Catholic-based Debate Camp, July 3-8, commuter and overnight at **Villanova University**. All high school students and recent graduates are invited. Learn leadership, presentation and research skills, grasp deeper things about public policy, plenty of practice and debate. Small enrollment; major time with industry's top Senior Instructor. Early bird discount is available before May 1, 2016. For more information visit: www.statesmandebate.com.

Mothers of Children with Disabilities Retreat: Tuesday, May 3, 2016 at **Malvern Retreat House**, Fr. Dennis O'Donnell will direct a retreat for mothers and grandmothers who are raising children with disabilities and also those who have adult children with disabilities. There will be time to pray, reflect, and chat with other mothers. To register online go to: www.opdarchphilly.com. For more information please contact Malvern Retreat House at 610-644-0400 or the Office for Persons with Disabilities at 215-587-3530.

Chosen Fathers: A Retreat for Fathers of Children with Disabilities: Saturday, April 30, 2016 at **St. Charles Seminary**, the Office for Life and Family and the Office for Persons with Disabilities will host a retreat for fathers and grandfathers of children with disabilities. The retreat will be led by Doug Keck, a Chosen Father, who is the president of EWTN and an award winning TV/Radio host. To register online go to www.opdarchphilly.org. For more information call 215-587-3530 or email mcullinan@archphila.org.

MASS
SCHEDULE
& INTENTIONS

Saturday & Sunday, April 16 & 17, 2016	
5:15 PM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM 7:00 PM	Robert Richman ----- ----- -----
Monday, April 18, 2016	
12:05 PM	† Ken Dougherty
Tuesday, April 19, 2016	
12:05 PM	† Bernadette K. Walsh
Wednesday, April 20, 2016	
12:05 PM	Anthony & Albert Georeno
Thursday, April 21, 2016	
12:05 PM	The Parish Community
Friday, April 22, 2016	
12:05 PM	† Edward J. Marhefka
Saturday, April 23, 2016	
5:15 PM	† Thomas J. Walsh, Jr.

† = Deceased

Sacrificial Giving
 April 09 & 10, 2016

Number of Envelopes Used: 60
Amount in Envelopes: \$1,562.00
Average \$/Envelope: \$26.03
Electronic Giving: 27
Average \$/Electronic: \$24.70
Amount Electronic: \$667.00
Loose Money: \$593.00
Total Collection: \$2,822.00

Electronic Giving
It's simple!
It's secure!
It's convenient!
 Just log on to our website,
www.st-augustinechurch.com
 and click on:
"Sign Up For Electronic Giving"

Fourth Sunday of Easter
Sunday, April 17, 2016
 11:00 AM 220th Anniversary
 Mass & Luncheon

Monday, April 18, 2016

Tuesday, April 19, 2016
 4:00 PM Gift of Life Family House Dinner
 7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB

Wednesday, April 20, 2016
 8:00 PM Fiat Prayer Group

Thursday, April 21, 2016
 6:30 PM Ashenbrenner-Brennan Rehearsal
 7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB
 8:00 PM St. Augustine Choir Rehearsal

Friday, April 22, 2016
 4:00 PM Ashenbrenner-Brennan Wedding

Saturday, April 23, 2016
 7:00 PM N.A. Meeting in CHB

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Dear Parishioners:

As you may very well be aware, on Friday, April 8th Pope Francis released his newest and much anticipated Apostolic Exhortation entitled *The Joy of Love in the Family*. This is the culmination of every Catholic in the world having an opportunity to give input on the issues of family life as well as the input from two Bishops meetings (synods) for an extended period of time. Since all of us are part of a family in one way or another, this document certainly pertains to all of us. The ramifications of this Exhortation extend to the many and varied situations within families today.

It is in that spirit that last weekend at each of the Masses we asked those who would like to participate in a discussion group reflecting on this document to indicate so by signing a paper in the back of the church. Four people indicated they would like to be part of such a group. They have agreed to meet this Tuesday, April 19th at 7:00 PM in the Augustinian Chapel, off of the sanctuary in the church. The document consists of nine chapters and it is over 250 pages. On Tuesday, we will discuss how we want to proceed. If you would like to join us, please know you are welcome. Just sign the paper in the back of the church or call the parish office. Knowing ahead of time how many will be coming will help us prepare for the meeting.

In the introduction to the document, Pope Francis mentions that one should not rush through reading the text and that it is not meant to be read and implemented hastily. He says it is to be read "patiently and carefully," giving particular attention to those parts dealing with the particular needs of the reader.

The document asks us to ask ourselves how we personally create family with all its own idiosyncrasies and challenges in the 21st century. The Pope, being very pastoral as he usually is, is writing with sound, kind and practical advice to families with all the modern day struggles. He touches on many issues including Marriage preparation, proper training of future priests, adoption, family prayer, sex education, the dignity of women and children's rights. He discusses the challenges which families face from migration to the ideological denial of differences between the sexes; from the lack of housing and work to pornography and abuse of minors; from inattention to persons with disabilities to lack of respect for the elderly and from violence against women to the divorced and divorced and remarried. He speaks about the care pastors must give to "wounded families."

Archbishop Cupich of Chicago said, "Pope Francis speaks of the importance of discernment in these situations in which we fall short of what the Lord asks of us with profound respect for people." He speaks of the role pastors have in helping the people form good consciences and make moral decisions. Archbishop Cupich says the Pope is calling us to adult spirituality.

Cardinal O'Malley of Boston says the Exhortation, "Is a joyful invitation for families to live the works of mercy and to receive the gift of God's healing where there is sin and brokenness. Pope Francis challenges us to approach the weak with compassion, to enter into the reality of other people's lives and to know the power of tenderness."

As aforementioned, this document will have many ramifications. If you would like to become more familiar with it and if you would like to reflect on it with us, please indicate so by signing the sheet in the back of the church or call the Parish Office and come to our organizational meeting this Tuesday at 7:00 PM.

Have a great week.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Fr. Bill'.

Fr. Bill