

St. Augustine Parish

2nd Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy Sunday – April 23, 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.



Jesus, I Trust in You

**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.

The Sunday after Easter has been designated **Divine Mercy Sunday** by Jesus himself in visions of Him by Sister St. Faustina Kowalska during the decade of the 1930's. He said to her, "Paint an image according to the pattern you see." The image that is displayed on today's bulletin cover, is a reproduction of the one that was painted on instructions by Jesus and is displayed in churches and private homes all over the world. Jesus told Sr. Faustina that He was greatly troubled that so many souls did not trust in His tremendous love for them. He said, "I desire that the whole world know My infinite mercy. I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in My Mercy. Our Lord told her to pray the chaplet of Divine Mercy each day for nine days as a novena. He told her that He particularly wanted the Mercy Novena prayed on the nine days before Mercy Sunday. Those who say the novena at this time should begin on Good Friday and say it each day through the Saturday before Mercy Sunday. For more information on the great graces received from Jesus through his Divine Mercy, please go to: www.thedivinemercy.org



**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 22 & 23, 2017**

5:15 PM Arevalo Family in Thanksgiving
9:00 AM Nadene Shearstone & Family
11:00 AM † Resty Tidutto Manalon
7:00 PM † Thomas Baranosky

Monday, April 24, 2017

12:05 PM † Richard R. Pedrini

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

12:05 PM † Catalina Insong Gahob

Wednesday, April 26, 2017

12:05 PM Oksana Beluha and Family

Thursday, April 27, 2017

12:05 PM † John A. Georeno, Jr.

Friday, April 28, 2017

12:05 PM Deceased Members and
Benefactors of the OSA

Saturday, April 29, 2017

5:15 PM The Parish Community

† = Deceased

Sacrificial Giving April 08 & 09, 2017

Number of Envelopes Used: 76
Amount in Envelopes: \$2,030.86
Average \$/Envelope: \$26.72
Electronic Giving: 30
Amount Electronic: \$1,020.00
Average \$/Electronic: \$34.00
Loose Money: \$895.00
Total Collection: \$3,945.86



Sacrificial Giving April 15 & 16, 2017 • Easter

Number of Envelopes Used: 101
Amount in Envelopes: \$3,897.00
Average \$/Envelope: \$38.58
Electronic Giving: 25
Amount Electronic: \$655.00
Average \$/Electronic: \$26.20
Loose Money: \$1,725.00
Total Collection: \$6,277.00



**2nd Sunday of Easter • Divine Mercy
Sunday, April 23, 2017**

4:00 PM Gift of Life Family House Dinner

Monday, April 24, 2017

Tuesday, April 25, 2017
7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB

Wednesday, April 26, 2017
7:00 PM Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
8:00 PM Fiat Prayer Group

Thursday, April 27, 2017
6:30 PM Old City Community Meeting
7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB
8:00 PM St. Augustine Choir Rehearsal

Friday, April 28, 2017

Saturday, April 29, 2017
7:00 PM N.A. Meeting in CHB



A word from Fr. Bill.....

Dear Parishioners:

You may have seen some heavy construction machinery on the property this past week. This is because we needed to have some "heavy duty" repairs done.

The City of Philadelphia now requires all owners of all buildings six or more stories in height and all buildings with any appurtenances (new vocabulary for me) in excess of 60 feet in height to retain a professional to conduct periodic inspections of the exterior walls and appurtenances and to file a report with the city on the inspection.

Because of this law, we had to have a façade inspection in January. The cost of the inspection was \$6,200 which of course was not budgeted. The bill for the inspection has been paid out of our savings. The overall report had mixed findings. Only about \$3,500 of repairs had to be completed in the next six months. But the report also stated that about \$200,000 worth of façade repairs has to be completed in the next one to five years. The Parish Finance Commission has been involved with all the façade discussions since the beginning of the process. They recommended that as long as the equipment was here to remove loose limestone material, we should also have them replace the limestone as well as clean and coat exposed reinforcing steel at the same time. This combined cost is \$17,500 which will have to be paid in the very near future, also all out of our savings account. So, if you were wondering about why the heavy duty equipment was here, it was to deal with heavy duty repairs.

We also recently had to repair the air conditioning in the church (warm weather is coming) at the cost of \$7,000 which basically also came out of savings. If anyone would like to help with these heavy duty unbudgeted expenses (\$30,700) please be in touch with me.

Of course, as a parish community we are not just concerned about the outside façade, but the inside façade as well. If our celebration of the Triduum is any indication, our inside façade is doing very well. It was said to me several times by parishioners and visitors that a real sense of a faith community was experienced by those who participated in the Triduum. From the decorations, music, smoothness of liturgies, sharing at the Seven Last Words to the social, it is evident our internal façade is strong.

As we continue to celebrate Easter, have a great week.

Fr. Bill

A Biographical Sketch of an Augustinian Saint.....

Blessed Helen of Udine, Augustine Laywoman ♦ April 23rd

Helen Valentini was born in Udine, northern Italy, about the year 1396. She married Antonio Cavalcanti around 1414 and bore him six children. When Antonio died in 1441 of illness contracted during a diplomatic mission to Venice, Helen became an Augustinian Tertiary. She was greatly influenced by the Augustinian, Angelo of San Severino, to devote her life thereafter to the care of the needy, in works of mercy, and in a life of penance. Her commitment to prayer was nourished by a great love for the Gospel, devotion to the Passion of our Lord and love for the Eucharist. Above all, she wished to live in imitation of Jesus Christ through a life of sacrifice and service to her neighbor. Helen had a great love for the Order and was a constant visitor to the Augustinian Church of Saint Lucy, as well as one of its most generous benefactors. During the last three years of her life she was confined to bed due to infirmity which she accepted with great patience and resignation. She died on April 23, 1458 and was buried in the Church of Saint Lucy. Since 1845 her remains have been preserved in the Cathedral of Udine. Blessed Pius IX confirmed her cult in 1848.



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