

St. Augustine Parish

Third Sunday of Easter—April 30, 2017

"Creating A Community Of Involvement And Evangelization"

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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
Monday to Friday

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.

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

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 Pastoral Council ♦ Day of Reflection ♦ Saturday, April 22, 2017



Left to Right: Yolanda Taurozzi, Ryan Niedoba, Jessica Smith, Lita Manguba, Alan Monroe, Kim Barroso, Fr. Bill Waters, O.S.A., Daniel Petrongolo, Ed Riehl, Merilee Arevalo, Jacob Marquart, O.F.S., and Sally Corpuz

Missing: Patrick Lanza, Jackie Lanza and Bel Lopena

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

Saint Monica, Mother of Augustine ♦ May 4th

Saint Monica (331?-387) was the mother of Saint Augustine. Born in Tagaste (now known as Souk Ahras in Algeria) in either 331 or 332, Monica was raised in a Christian family. She married Patricius, a pagan who served on the City Council of Tagaste. Augustine was the couple's eldest son. In the *Confessions*, Augustine says that she married young, and was a good and patient wife who was generous to her husband. He further notes that Monica had a cordial relationship with her mother-in-law, and was a peacemaker.



Please welcome the newest members of our parish who registered in the last 6 months:

Kelly Bogue
 Caroline Dougherty & Daniel Hodash
 Benjamin Hoog
 Edward and Deirdre Hutchinson
 Veronica Maes
 Anthony Santos
 Lance and Elaine Marquardt
 Melissa Ann Huggins
 Neil and Emily Sullivan
 Carolyn DePuy
 William Pilat
 Joanelle Hernandez and David Carroll
 Melissa Schuck
 John McDevitt & daughter, Devon Rose
 Michael and Elizabeth Sisler & son, Logan
 Maura Schlupp
 Justin and Anne Marie Brozzetti & son, Emile
 Denise Spillane
 Cyra Villaceran

Monica was a good mother, but Augustine, as a young man, did not follow her example of Christian faith. Monica prayed continually for her son, as well as for her husband. Both Patricius and Augustine did eventually become followers of Christ.

Augustine credited Monica with planting the seeds of faith in his heart. He called his conversion a return to the faith which had been instilled in him as a child. When Augustine and his friends would get together for philosophical discussions, Augustine would invite his mother to join them. Her wise comments helped nurture the faith that had begun to grow in Augustine's heart.

The conversion of Augustine, whose earlier ways had caused many tears, brought particular joy to Monica. She was present at his baptism. On her way back to Africa with Augustine, she died at Ostia, near Rome, probably sometime in October, 387. Her remains are at the Church of Saint Augustine, Rome.



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 29 & 30, 2017

5:15 PM The Parish Community
 9:00 AM All Lay Missionaries
 11:00 AM Nicholas Largoza Ania
 7:00 PM -----

Monday, May 01, 2017

12:05 PM The Parish Community

Tuesday, May 02, 2017

12:05 PM In Honor of St. Augustine

Wednesday, May 03, 2017

12:05 PM -----

Thursday, May 04, 2017

12:05 PM -----

Friday, May 05, 2017

12:05 PM † Julia R. Baumann

Saturday, May 06, 2017

5:15 PM † Catalina Lim Yang

† = Deceased

Sacrificial Giving

April 22 & 23, 2017

Number of Envelopes Used: 58
 Amount in Envelopes: \$1,912.00
 Average \$/Envelope: \$32.97
 Electronic Giving: 27
 Amount Electronic: \$615.00
 Average \$/Electronic: \$22.78
 Loose Money: \$609.00
 Total Collection: \$3,136.00

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Parish Giving



Third Sunday of Easter Sunday, April 30, 2017

8:00 PM 7 PM Mass Social

Monday, May 01, 2017

Tuesday, May 02, 2017

7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB

Wednesday, May 03, 2017

8:00 PM Fiat Prayer Group

Thursday, May 04, 2017

7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB
 8:00 PM St. Augustine Choir Rehearsal

Friday, May 05, 2017

6:00 PM Jackowski-Daniel Rehearsal

Saturday, May 06, 2017

1:00 PM Jackowski-Daniel Wedding
 7:00 PM N.A. Meeting in CHB



A word from Fr. Bill.....

Dear Parishioners:

On the front page of this bulletin you will see a picture of our current Parish Pastoral Council (PPC). It was taken last Saturday morning at a special PPC meeting. It gives me an opportunity to inform you of the importance and the role of the Council and to thank them for the service they provide the parish.

The purpose of the PPC is to advise me on the pastoral needs of the parish. When I first came to the parish almost three years ago, the Council and I reflected on Pope Francis' exhortation *The Joy of the Gospel* in order to help develop a Pastoral Plan. After a number of months of discussing the exhortation, the Council outlined a plan entitled, *Creating a Community of Involvement and Evangelization*.

This plan included:

- 1) The desire to have a new parish service outreach. Consequently, our service to the Gift of Life Family Guest House evolved in which now about 30 parishioners are involved.
- 2) The desire to have more liturgical ministers. Consequently, we have about 55 new liturgical ministers: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, and music ministers.
- 3) The desire for more social opportunities for our young adults. Consequently, we now have a social once a month after the 7:00 PM Mass at which about 40 young adults usually attend.
- 4) The desire to be more innovative in communicating with our parishioners. Consequently, the parish now has an excellent website and there is an active committee pursuing the possibilities of the use of other social media today.
- 5) The desire to have more networking in the parish. Consequently, a plan has been developed to have a volunteer for volunteers. This person will coordinate a volunteer fair (tentatively scheduled for October 7th) so that our parishioners will have an opportunity to know what are possible volunteer opportunities outside the parish as well as needs within the parish to volunteer

At our monthly meetings we get updates on the development of these and other initiatives. There is an opportunity for me to give the Council members updates of what is going on in the parish, and the opportunity for Council members to inform me what they hear that I might not hear.

As you can imagine from the aforementioned, our monthly meetings are very agenda oriented. Last Saturday morning was an opportunity for the Council to gather not so much with a business agenda as an opportunity to get to know each other better as individuals. Each person had the opportunity to share who he or she is and what was going on in each of their lives. It was agreed by the 13 participants that it was a very valuable experience to get to know each other better.

As we finished, we agreed that we want to hear more from parishioners about what questions you have, what has helped you in your spiritual journey and what needs you have on this journey. We hope to spend time in the future to develop this initiative.

Time is precious and a rare commodity for all of us. So, you can appreciate, as I can, the generosity of these men and women to give up their Saturday morning on a day which happened to be a beautiful Spring weather day.

In a few months we will be accepting nominations for the Parish Pastoral Council. Maybe you might consider serving the parish as these generous men and women have and for whom I am very grateful.

Have a great week.

Fr. Bill