

St. Augustine Parish

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 05, 2018

"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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Website: www.st-augustinechurch.com

Office Hours:

9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Monday to 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

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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.



Baptism Celebration

We have the blessed opportunity through the celebration of the holy Sacrament of Baptism to welcome a new member into our parish community.

Saturday, August 11, 2018 † 5:15 PM

Adelyn Claire Cassera,

daughter of Matthew and Ashley Cassera

Congratulations!

Volunteers Needed

The Sisters of Saint Joseph Welcome Center is looking for volunteers who could help teach English as a Second Language and/or Citizenship Preparation one evening a week. Classes are at 5:00 pm until 6:30 pm or 6:30 pm until 8:00 pm. Please call the Welcome Center at 215-634-1696 or email us at: kmesane15@gmail.com for more info.

The Little Sisters of the Poor.... Need Your Help

The Little Sisters of the Poor invite you to join in their ministry of caring for the needy elderly by participating in their **St. Jean Jugan—Pot of Gold Raffle**. The Sisters care for 97 residents, most of are on Medical Assistance, and they need your help! You can win one of three great prizes: **\$25,000, \$10,000, or \$5,000!** Only 2000 tickets will be sold. To purchase a ticket, please send your name, address, phone number and check for **\$100** to: Sr. Veronica, Holy Family Home—Dept. PB, 5300 Chester Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19143. **Raffle is September 9, 2018.** Or visit our website at: www.littlesistersofthepoorphiladelphia.org.

Contemplative Prayer Retreat ♦ September 24th—27th
Marianist Family Retreat Center 609-884-3829
 417 Yale Avenue, Cape May Point, NJ 08212
www.capemaymarianists.org

This retreat is intended for those interested in a contemplative prayer experience. First-timers are welcome! Our time will be filled with prayer, quiet personal time, special liturgies and daily Mass. Cost: \$150/pp (includes meals, room & program)



SUMMER SINULOG 2018

Our Summer Sinulog celebration honoring the SANTO NIÑO, will be on **Sunday, August 19th**. The **Reverend Peter M. Donohue, O.S.A., President of Villanova University**, will be the Principal Celebrant. **Mass will be at 11:00 AM** followed by a procession of the image of Santo Niño through the streets of Old City Philadelphia followed by a light lunch.

All are welcome to attend! Parking will be available under the Benjamin Franklin Bridge at 4th Street from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

If you are interested in helping with the event preparation, you can contact any of the following coordinators: Elgene Morales, 267-307-8145, Bel Lopena, 215-676-3159, Ferdie Luyun, 267-625-8958 or Dr. Lita Manguba, 267-538-8042. Donations of canned soda (Pepsi, Coke, Sprite or 7UP), and bottled water are greatly appreciated. Please drop these items off at Carr Hall any Sunday before August 19, 2018.



Mass Intentions

**Saturday & Sunday,
August 04 & 05, 2018**

5:15 PM -----
 9:00 AM Nadene Shearstone & Family
 11:00 AM † Eufrosina Torres Brett
 7:00 PM † Lucy Castelli

Monday, August 06, 2018

12:05 PM † Rita Ann Peterson

Tuesday, August 07, 2018

12:05 PM † Virginia A. Stevenson

Wednesday, August 08, 2018

12:05 PM Danielle Candelora

Thursday, August 09, 2018

12:05 PM The Parish Community

Friday, August 10, 2018

12:05 PM -----

Saturday, August 11, 2018

5:15 PM -----

† = Deceased

Sacrificial Giving

July 28 & 29, 2018

Number of Envelopes Used: 55
 Amount in Envelopes: \$1,653.00
 Average \$/Envelope: \$30.05
 Electronic Giving: 43
 Amount Electronic: \$1,033.00
 Average \$/Electronic: \$24.03
 Loose Money: \$831.00
 Total Collection: \$3,517.00

Electronic Giving

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Just log on to our website,
www.st-augustinechurch.com
 and click on:
"Sign Up For Electronic Giving"

Parish Giving

The Bulletin Board

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Sunday, August 05, 2018

2:00 PM Filipino Executive Council

Monday, August 06, 2018

Tuesday, August 07, 2018
 7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB

Wednesday, August 08, 2018
 8:00 PM Fiat Prayer Group

Thursday, August 09, 2018
 7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB

Friday, August 10, 2018
 6:00 PM Haller-Warren Rehearsal

Saturday, 11, 2018
 2:30 PM Haller-Warren Wedding
 5:15 PM Adelyn Claire Cassera Baptism
 7:00 PM N.A. Meeting in CHB

Thoughts on “Retirement”

Fr. Paul F. Morrissey, O.S.A.

Dear Parishioners of St. Augustine:

“Old soldiers never die, they just fade away.” Have you heard this quote? (It was from General MacArthur to Congress as he retired from the Army in 1951). Well, old people/priests never die--right away at least--we just become “invisible.” Most of this may be in our own mind, not others. But it is a reality I have thought about and experienced (and written about as well—see the August 6th America Magazine excerpt in the back of the Church or visit our parish website to view the link at: www.st-augustinechurch.com). And it coincides with my “retirement” which I formally began at the end of June. I want to try to explain what this means for me and for you.

First of all, in the first weeks of this phase of my life I jokingly tell people that I am discovering what retirement means: “You do the same work—or more—but just don’t get paid for it!” (smile)

Well this could happen if one doesn’t try to slow down and smell the roses, and see the sky, and have more time to just rest and read a book, linger in a conversation, or visit family and friends more--let alone even “pray.” Seriously, I want to discover what retirement can really mean creatively.

When I recently asked my provincial, Fr. Michael DiGregorio, about retiring (I am 78 years old), he looked at me dead-pan and remarked, “I thought you retired three years ago.” (We are able to request this status at age 75 and I had done so back then, but hadn’t really done so). “Why do you want to retire?” he had asked me then. “You are healthy and doing good ministry.” I told him, “I want to get ready to die.” (smile). He gave me a quizzical look. “Well,” I explained, “let’s say I just don’t want to drop in my tracks like Shawn and Ralph practically did so recently.” (two of my contemporaries who grew ill rather swiftly and died.) So, I don’t want to do that, God willing. But what do I want to do?

Write. Read. Bike. Contemplate. Jump into the ocean. Laugh (and cry) with friends, family and parishioners (I have been at St. Augustine’s for fourteen years). Do Nothing! In other words, pull back from my ministry responsibilities (which I love) so I can do these things I have had to curtail for so many years. It is actually something that will be difficult for me to do, given that I get so much joy from ministering to people. But—and I am just getting a glimpse of this in the past few weeks as I try—it will be challenging for me to let myself be in need of being helped rather than being the one who helps. Or to put it more personally, to reach out for those whom I can just go to a film with, take a walk, share a cup of coffee or meal with, pray with.

It is easier to be the one with ‘power,’ even if it is spiritual, than to be more mutual in needs. I will need help with this since I have spent over fifty years being the spiritual helper, often framed “one way.” Think of the role of celebrating Mass and giving homilies for instance. Always the ‘leader’ in this priestly role, it can be a new adventure if I can think of just being “Paul” once in a while now. That is how I will enter the Kingdom, isn’t it? Not even needing the role of “priest,” or “Father Paul” to make my case for entrance. Just seeing Jesus Christ, my Lord, at last and hearing him call out, “Paul! Paul!” It makes me tear up a little to say these things, but why not share these feelings with you who have also ministered to me for the past fourteen years to be sure. It is just that now I can try to slow down and realize this more. To be grateful for this gift of yours. To sometimes feel “useless” and be okay about it. To “diminish” a little more each day until I am almost invisible—except to God, of course—and get ready to enter the great Communion (*see Teilhard Chardin quote in my article*).

Well folks, that’s it for now. It is so wonderful to reach this point. Dare I say with St. Paul, my patron, “I have run the race (and am still walking.) I have finished the course (sort of). I have kept the faith.” (I hope this will be true and I will need your help).

With gratitude,

Fr. Paul

P.S. I plan to remain at St. Augustine’s to live in our Augustinian community, to celebrate Mass, tend the gardens, read/write, and grow older as we all must do, as gracefully as I can.