

St. Augustine Parish

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 27, 2017

"Creating A Community Of Involvement And Evangelization"

Served by the Augustinian Friars since 1796



National Shrine of
Santo Niño de Cebu

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.



As you can see from the picture above, the celebration of the Sinulog last weekend was truly just that--a celebration. Our Prior General, Fr Alejandro, who presided at the Mass, said to me several times: "These people are really very happy people." This was manifested in the participation in the liturgy, the music, dancing and singing in the procession and in the festival atmosphere at the reception. As we celebrate the Feast of St. Augustine this weekend, all we have to do is look at last weekend to see that many of the values of St. Augustine for community life are present at St. Augustine Parish: the weekend was very much intent upon God; many people put the common good above their own; many parishioners shared their resources for the betterment of the entire community. Many thanks to all those who participated in the liturgy, the procession, the preparation, serving and cleaning up of the reception and the raising of funds. Please take a moment and view the short video of the day which is on the homepage of our parish website and also on our parish Facebook. Father Bill



50th Jubilee
of Priesthood

We are pleased to announce a jubilee celebration of **Fr. Paul Morrissey's 50th Anniversary of Ordination** to the priesthood. This will take place at the regular **5:15 p.m. Mass on Saturday, September 9th** and will be followed by a light meal in Carr Hall. All are invited. Please RSVP no later than September 5th by notifying Jacob Marquart in the Parish Office at 215-627 1838 or email to: staugustineparish09@gmail.com.

Baptism Celebration



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

Sunday, August 27, 2017

Leonardo Mendoza,
son of Kris and Melodee Mendoza.

Congratulations!

*Please keep Leonardo's family
in your prayers.*

A Biographical Sketch of an Augustinian Saint...

Saint Augustine, Bishop & Doctor ♦ August 28th

The life span of Saint Augustine (354-430) covered a time of crisis and change. The Roman Empire was slowly disintegrating under the invasions of the surrounding peoples. On August 28 Hippo was already under siege. So while Augustine lay dying, this drama of events was intensely alive, and although his mind was now fixed on God, he could not but have been a co-sufferer with his people in their plight. From the time of his priestly ordination (391) and especially since he became bishop (395), his people had been one with him in seeking God's glory through the service of their Church, while one of his greatest aspirations was the promotion of unity in the whole Church. Wishing to live this unity more clearly himself, he founded religious communities. These he saw as centers and symbols of his ideal. Augustine is now dead, but as Saint Possidius said, he still lives on gloriously in the books he left to posterity.

**Happy
Saint Augustine
Feast Day!
August 28th**



Environmental Corner

Home:

All-purpose cleaner:
Mix ½ cup vinegar and ¼ cup baking soda into a ½ gallon water (from www.eartheasy.com)

Office:

Stock reusable pens
Buy environmentally friendly paper
Use smaller font when printing
("Open forum" on Americanexpress.com)

Outside:

Some lovely nearby green places to visit:
Awbury Arboretum ♦ James G. Kaskey Memorial Park
Wyck Rose Garden ♦ Wissahickon Trail ♦ Schuylkill River Trail



Mass Intentions

Saturday & Sunday, August 26 & 27, 2017

5:15 PM The Parish Community
9:00 AM † John A. Georeno, Jr.
11:00 AM Mirda & Armand Magundayao,
For Good Health
7:00 PM Arevalo Family, In Thanksgiving

Monday, August 28, 2017

12:05 PM † Julia R. Baumann

Tuesday, August 29, 2017

12:05 PM The Parish Community

Wednesday, August 30, 2017

12:05 PM Deborah Riehl

Thursday, August 31, 2017

12:05 PM † Nicholas & Philomena Georeno

Friday, September 01, 2017

12:05 PM † Hugh Curran, Jr.

Saturday, September 02, 2017

5:15 PM In Honor of Saint Augustine

† = Deceased

Sacrificial Giving

August 19 & 20, 2017 ♦ Sinulog

Number of Envelopes Used: 47
Amount in Envelopes: \$2,586.00
Average \$/Envelope: \$55.02
Electronic Giving: 27
Amount Electronic: \$575.0
Average \$/Electronic: \$21.30
Loose Money: \$3,847.00
Total Collection: \$7,008.00

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"

Parish Giving

The Bulletin Board

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday, August 27, 2017

3:00 PM Wedding Music Open House
4:00 PM Gift of Life Family House Dinner
8:00 PM 7 PM Mass Monthly Social

Monday, August 28, 2017

~~~~~

### Tuesday, August 29, 2017

7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB

### Wednesday, August 30, 2017

8:00 PM Fiat Prayer Group

### Thursday, August 31, 2017

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

### Friday, September 01, 2017

5:00 PM Quigley-Aponte Rehearsal

### Saturday, September 02, 2017

10:30 AM Cancora-Mathis Rehearsal  
1:00 PM Quigley-Aponte Wedding  
7:00 PM N.A. Meeting in CHB



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

Dear Parishioners:

In January 2016, the Parish Finance Commission of St. Augustine recommended to me that we as a parish conduct a capital campaign. Given we are able to pay our bills each week, the need for a campaign may not be obvious. However, as stewards of this historic sacred place, we must consider completing major capital improvements, establishing a "Preservation Account" for the church building, and providing long-term funding for the pastoral needs of the parish.

Maintaining the rich history of our parish and the value of the artwork in the church made it clear we needed to move in this direction. We obtained a grant and hired professional companies to complete two studies: an engineering assessment of the parish (i.e. what needs to be done to the facilities and how much it will cost) and a feasibility study, which determines how much money the parish can reasonably raise.

The feasibility study indicated we can raise \$750,000 from three sources: parishioners, individuals and businesses in the community, and grants from foundations. Some of the capital improvements a campaign will allow us to accomplish include:

- ◆ Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant bathrooms in the church and in Carr Hall
- ◆ Replacement windows in the Women of Hope facility
- ◆ Façade work for the church building
- ◆ Assessment of artwork restoration
- ◆ Repair to the crucifixion picture in the sanctuary
- ◆ Upgrades to the fire alarm system in the church
- ◆ An automatic door opener in the church
- ◆ Restoration of the pews and kneelers in the church
- ◆ Conversion of the heating system in "the 259 Lawrence Street building"
- ◆ Replacement of steeple louvers
- ◆ Establishment of the preservation fund and funds for the mission of the parish (as mentioned above)

Following completion of the engineering assessment and feasibility study, the Parish Finance Commission recommended we hire national nonprofit Partners for Sacred Places (Partners) to facilitate this capital campaign fundraising process. Partners has a wonderful reputation and a depth of experience helping numerous religious communities throughout the country with similar projects. They have helped us tremendously to get to where we are right now. You can learn more about Partners on their website: [www.sacredplaces.org](http://www.sacredplaces.org).

I am happy to announce that Gerry and Kathy Rigby have accepted my invitation to chair our capital campaign. I am further happy to announce that Fr. Peter Donahue, OSA, the President of Villanova University, has accepted my invitation to co-chair the campaign.

As you can see, a great deal has been accomplished in the past year - and a great deal more must still be accomplished. To assure a successful capital campaign, we are establishing a full steering committee and several supportive task forces to help with communication, social media, developing a promotional video, contacting current and former parishioners, contacting community leaders, etc.

We need as many parishioners as possible to share their time, talents, and treasure. This is your parish, and we need the involvement of as many parishioners as possible to ensure it is here for many years to come. Our success hinges on the capital campaign being a true community effort, and I sincerely urge everyone to volunteer for a task force. Please sign up using the sheets in the back of the church.

Thank you very much for your assistance with and commitment to this major parish undertaking.

Have a great week!

Fr. Bill