St. Augustine R. C. Parish Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 12, 2023



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Office Hours:

9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday to Friday

Mass Schedule:

Monday - Friday: 12:05 PM (LiveStreamed) (10:00 AM on Legal Holidays)

Saturday Vigil — Suspended Indefinitely

Sunday: 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM & 7:00 PM (All Masses are LiveStreamed on masslivestream.com)

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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

After Sunday Masses or Anytime by appointment.

Parish Registration

Please call the parish office or visit the parish website for a registration form or more 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.

Weekly Parish Rosary via Zoom—8:00 PM on Tuesday Meeting ID: 854-1235-0301 PW: 150408

Weekly Scripture Study via Zoom—7:00 PM on Thursday Meeting ID: 832-4986-0935 PW: 025786

Print Out of 2022 Church Contributions

As the season of tax return preparation approaches, many people who itemize on their tax returns like to have a printed copy of their yearly church

contributions. This report is available to all parishioners who request a printed copy. Simply call Jacob Marquart, OFS, in the Friary Parish Office, Monday to Friday from 9:15 AM to 5:00 PM and request a copy to be mailed to you. If you received a copy last year, you will automatically receive one this year, so you don't need to do anything.

The Catholic Philopatrian Literary Institute (The Philo) is honoring Archbishop Nelson Pérez with the Sourin Award at the Union League on February 23rd. The award has previously been awarded to US Senators, Governors, Business Leaders and Philanthropists. The Philo is the oldest Catholic lay educational member society in America, founded on December 22, 1850 by Father Edward Sourin with its headquarters in downtown Philadelphia.

Parishioners are invited to purchase tickets or sponsorships for the award reception at the following website:

https://www.eventcreate.com/e/philosourin

For questions or inquiries, please email:

philoeventcommittee@gmail.com





Tuesdays, Feb 21 and 28, 2023 – 7:00-8:30 PM

Book Study, What Happens at Mass

Join Fr. Dennis Gill, Director of the Office for Divine Worship, as we seek to enter into the profound mystery of the Holy Mass and open ourselves to a better understanding of what is happening when we attend.

Location: Neumann Room, Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, Philadelphia

More information:https://www.phillyevang.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/BookStudy-1.jpg
Free parking available in the Cathedral lot;
All are welcome!

Questions? Contact info@cathedralphila.org



Sunday, February 12, 2023 9:00 AM † William Saldutti

11:00 AM † Benjamin Galiste 7:00 PM † Glen L. Morehouse

Monday, February 13, 2023 12:05 PM † Ann Marquardt

Tuesday, February 14, 2023 SAINT VALENTINE'S DAY

12:05 PM The Parish Community

Wednesday, February 15, 2023 12:05 PM † Charles E. Flanagan, Jr.

Thursday, February 16, 2023 12:05 PM † Sedona DeGuzman

Friday, February 17, 2023 12:05 PM † Leslie Butler

Saturday, February 18, 2023

† = Deceased



Goal: \$750,000 (Phase 1) To date: Pledges: 216 Percentage: 107.0841% Amount Pledged: \$803,130.68 Pledges Received: \$746,240.68 In-Kind Gifts Received: \$10,437.71 Campaign Total Rec'd: \$756,678.39

Sacrificial Giving February 5, 2023

Number of Envelopes Used: 30 Amount in Envelopes: \$2,197.00 Average \$/Envelope: \$73.23 Electronic Giving: 43 Amount Electronic: \$1,770.00 Average \$/Electronic: \$41.16 Loose Money: \$431.00 Total Collection: \$4,398.00

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Just log on to our website, www.st-augustinechurch.com and click on:

"Sign Up For Electronic Giving"





Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday, February 12, 2023

3:30 PM Wedding Music Open House 4:00 PM Gift of Life Family House Dinner

Monday, February 13, 2023

Tuesday, February 14, 2023 7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB 8:00 PM Parish Rosary—Zoom

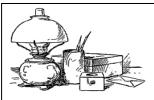
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A word from Fr. Bill...

Dear Parishioners:

Just a year ago, last February and March, every parish in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia was asked to participate in a survey entitled "Disciple Maker Index." This survey was coordinated by the Catholic Leadership Institute. Many other Dioceses and Archdioceses throughout the country have or are presently participating in this survey. 85 of our parishioners participated in it last year.

This past May, we received a very extensive report from the input of our parishioners. The report indicated positive areas about the parish. For example, parishioners would recommend our parish and parish staff to others; they find it a welcoming parish; they feel very well informed about parish matters; and they experience excellent music and homilies at liturgies. Naturally, the survey pointed out areas that needed attention. In order to ascertain those needs and respond to them, the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) recommended that in accordance with the direction of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, we participate in a process to "digest" the report, name the needs, and develop a 3-5 year Pastoral Plan.

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia has directed that each parish submit to the Archdiocese by the 1st Sunday of Lent (2/26/23) a summary of our strengths and weaknesses that surfaced in the survey. They also have asked us to submit a 3-5 year Pastoral Plan. Each parish was given several different ways to respond to this direction.

Our PPC agreed to have a sub-committee participate in a process led by Deacon Jeff Willard from the Archdiocese of Galveston/Houston in Texas (a consultant from the Catholic Leadership Institute). This sub-committee consisted of Brian Halpin, Lala Borres, Bill Castro, Sally Corpuz, Bob Schuck, Jacob Marquart, O.F.S., and me. We met 4 Saturday mornings from October to January on Zoom with Deacon Jeff who "unpacked" the report for us and who led us in a process of selecting goals and strategies to meet these goals. In addition, this sub-committee met in person on two Saturday mornings in January to "spell out" the specific goals and the strategies to meet them. As a result of this process, the sub-committee advised that we center in on 3 goals: increase opportunities for parishioners to participate in a retreat experience, increase opportunities for parishioners to share their faith, and increase the number of active parishioners.

You will find the fruit of this labor, a 3-5 year Pastoral Plan, in an insert in this weekend's bulletin. This plan is directly related to areas that surfaced from the survey. In the insert you will see more details about the goals and the plans on implementing them.

I think this will be a great asset to our parish over the next several years. It will stimulate life and activity in our faith community. I find it exciting to be a part of it.

As you review the list of goals, you will see a person's name (Bill Castro, Brian Halpin and mine) attached to each goal. If you would like to participate in helping to reach these goals, please let one of the three of us know. Our email addresses are included on the sheet.

We all are indebted tremendously to the time, love, and dedication which Bill, Sally, Bob, Brian, Lala and Jacob devoted to this process.

Please read the 3-5 year Pastoral Plan which is inserted on a separate page and please seriously think about participating in this exciting venture. Contact Bill, Brian or me.

Have a great week.

Fr. Bill

St. Augustine Parish, Philadelphia 3-5 Year Pastoral Plan

1. By June 2024, 50 parishioners will participate in a retreat experience

Bill Castro (billcastro123@gmail.com)

- a. Research successful retreats which have been offered in other parishes
- b. Provide retreat for all Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, other ministers September 2023
- c. Provide a Day of Reflection for parishioners. October 2023
- d. Provide a Married Couples Retreat Around Valentine's Day 2024
- e. Look into Cursillo for men/women in the parish
- f. Provide information on scheduled local retreats via Mass announcements, bulletin, etc. e.g. Man Up Philly

2. Increase registered parishioners by 25 by January 2024

Brian Halpin (brian.halpin@gmail.com)

- a. Provide information on the importance of parish registration: especially for baptism/confirmation sponsors, and for marrying outside the parish, etc.
- b. Reach out to Catholics, and others, within our Parish boundaries
- c. Provide handouts asking parishioners to register
- d. Ask periodically during livestream Masses that those who are registered parishioners (or individuals who live within the parish boundaries) who would like to receive sacraments to call the parish office, especially the homebound
- e. Distribute parish Information cards/flyers on community bulletin boards
- f. Look into the possibility of using the parish owned billboard to provide parish information and look into the possibility of ascertaining an electronic billboard
- g. Look into having another "Welcome Home" event for Easter 2024
- h. Make welcoming phone calls to newly registered parishioners

3. Provide opportunities for 15 parishioners to share their faith story with other parishioners by June 2024

Fr. Bill (Pastorstaugustine@gmail.com)

- a. Schedule "Seven Last Words" Good Friday of Holy Week 2023
- b. Ask parishioners to share a faith experience in the bulletin, parish newsletter, parish social media, or at Mass
- c. Ask parishioners to give a talk during a Day of Reflection or retreat

St. Augustine Parish, Phila. Presents: **Everything you** always wanted to know about The Creed * But were afraid to ask

What is an How do we "apostolic" know Jesus Church? Is there more than one baptism? rose again?" WHAT ARE YOUR QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CREED?

Submit your questions and join us this Lent for Part II of our ongoing series when we will discuss and answer questions regarding the "Creed." Join us and our special guests via Zoom from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM on the dates listed below!



2/28 "For our sake he was crucified . . . " - Rev. James Paradis, O.S.A., D.Min., Director of Pastoral Services, National Shrine of St. Rita of Cascia - Register at the link below: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0qcemsqD4sGtFsRYUe7LSfIYWDOHDUfMxw



3/7 "He ascended into heaven . . . He will come again . . . " - Dr. Janet Haggerty, Ph.D, Associate Professor of Theology, College Seminary and Associate Professor of Systematic Theology, Theological Seminary, Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary - Register at the link below: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAvdeGtqj8rH9SMqZZhQ9cHpXh5G84rxCRs



3/14 "I believe in the Holy Spirit . . . " - Rev. Jason Buck, MA, M.Div, Dean of Men, College Seminary, Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary -Register at the link below: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAvcOygqT0iHdFoAR375XgKXEsfe6pAszPh



3/21 "I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church" - Rev. Thomas F. Dailey, O.S.F.S., John Cardinal Foley Chair of Homiletics & Social Communications, Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary - Register at the link below: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZclcO-hqT4qHdRxtB6UIZ0T7IWYXc7YyIFK



3/28 "I confess one baptism . . . " - Dr. Joseph T. Kelley, Ph.D., D.Min., Professor of Religious and Theological Studies, Merrimack College - Register at the link below: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMocO6gpzIrHNOLYxpmyRZndRVkLTkQiZ2C



4/4 "I look forward to the resurrection of the dead . . . " plus "Wrap up of the 10 sessions on the Creed" - Rev. G. Dennis Gill, S.L.L., M.Div., Director, Office for Divine Worship and Rector of the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul, Philadelphia - Register at the link below: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEpceyrqi8iHNY01U6QmfpVjJDoYO9YvU04

For more information and to submit your questions, contact Jacob Marquart, O.F.S. at: staugustineparish09@gmail.com or call (215) 627-1838 Parish Website: www.st-augustinechurch.com

Comments from previous sessions:

Good morning, Father Dennis!
I am re-reading the seven pages (!!) of notes I took last night during your presentation on the Creed. So very helpful - especially because tonight I introduce the sacrament of Confirmation to my 6th grade PREP students. You brought out the importance of the Creed and I will want to begin with that - especially the rejection of Satan and the awareness that God is Father and Son and Holy Spirit. I listened carefully at Mass today and at the final blessing the priest said: Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Your explanation made a great impression on me. Of course another problem that occurs - and happens with frequency - is the priest celebrant saying, "May Almighty God bless US "
Thank you for such a clearly presented input session. I hope the upcoming presentations will be as good - or as close to being as good as yours!!!!
Blessings on your day!
Marganne
Hi Father Bill,
I have not had an opportunity to "tune-in" the last two Tuesday evenings to the Creed presentations. I took a walk this afternoon and listened to Session 1 with Fr Gill. It was outstanding! He could not have been more articulate and succinct explaining the Creed its history, and why we profess and believe what it contains. His talk inspires one to seek more, yet I feel I know so much with just that one hour. Thank you and Brother Jacob for coordinating and Fr. Gill for taking the time to put such a fantastic presentation together. Finally, I am grateful you posted this on YouTube or I would have truly missed out! I look forward to catching up with Session 2. Brian Halpin

The Advent Series continues to be a wonderful learning and inspirational experience as we prepare for Jesus' arrival. Thanks to the

Rene Quinlan

presenters and everyone at St. Augustine Parish who make it possible.



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January 18, 2023

Saint Augustine Parish C/O Reverend William Waters, O.S.A., Pastor 243 N Lawrence Street Philadelphia, PA 19106-1103

Dear Father Waters and Parishioners,

On behalf of the entire Archdiocese of Philadelphia, I extend deep gratitude and thank you for your gift of \$864 to the 2022-2023 Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary Appeal. Your generosity is an investment in the future of our Church and will inspire our seminarians and students in their discernment process as well as their studies!

Your steadfast support of our men and women in formation provides them with the resources necessary to make their journey a fruitful one. The deep and tremendously positive impact they will make on our local Church is possible largely because of benefactors like you. Your dedication allows Saint Charles to maintain its mission of forming future servant leaders for today, for tomorrow, for all of us.

Please know that our future priests, permanent deacons, and lay ministers will remember you in their prayers as they prepare to serve you and your loved ones.

I ask that you pray for them and for me and know that I will remember you in my prayers as well.

May God bless you abundantly.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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