



President's Day Holiday

Monday, February 15th

Daily Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 AM



February 17, 2021

Ashes will be imposed within the 12:05 PM Mass and the 7:00 PM Mass.

Operation Rice Bowl 2021

Operation Rice Bowls are available in the back of the church for you to pick up and to use for your Lenten sacrifices. Please return them to the collection at the end of Lent.





Sunday, February 14, 20219:00 AM† Stephen Homel11:00 AM† Francisco Briones7:00 PMMargaret Stafford

Monday, February 15, 2021 12:05 PM Deceased Members of the Auguistinian Family

Tuesday, February 16, 202112:05 PM† Gary Scappala

Wednesday, February 17, 2021 ASH WEDNESDAY 12:05 PM † Myrtle Grab 7:00 PM

Thursday, February 18, 202112:05 PMThe Parish Community

Friday, February 19, 2021 12:05 PM † Frank Armstrong

Saturday, February 20, 2021

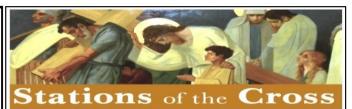
† = Deceased

Capital Campaign News Goal: \$750,000 (Phase 1) To date: Pledges:209 Percentage: 105.3359% Amount Pledged: \$790,019.50 Pledges Received: \$692,150.82 In-Kind Gifts Received: \$10,437.71 Campaign Total Rec'd: \$702,588.53

Sacrificial Giving February 07, 2021

Number of Envelopes Used: 14 Amount in Envelopes: \$2,805.00 Average \$/Envelope: \$200.36 Electronic Giving: 50 Amount Electronic: \$1,943.00 Average \$/Electronic: \$38.86 Loose Money: \$92.00 Total Collection: \$4,840.00





Friday Evenings During Lent • 7:00 P.M. Come, walk, and meditate on the Way of the Cross

Zoom ID: 5590497986 PW: 7139

Memorial Mass for Amada Robertson

Saturday, February 20th at 11:00 AM

Parish Member for 20 Years Parish Choir Member & Cantor for 11 Years

Amada gave a lot of her time and talents in the music ministry of the parish and especially the Filipino parish community.

All are invited to a celebration of her life at her Memorial Mass.



Entered Eternal Life January 9, 2021



6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday, February 14, 2021

Monday, February 15, 2021

Tuesday, February 16, 2021 7:00 PM DMI Survey Meeting—Zoom 8:00 PM Parish Rosary—Zoom 854 1235 0301 150408

Wednesday, February 17, 2021

Thursday, February 18, 2021 7:00 PM Parish Scripture Study—Zoom 832 4986 0935 025786

Friday, February 19, 2021 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross on ZOOM

Saturday, February 20, 2021



Man Up Philly 2021 invites the men of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia to the 13th Annual Men's Spirituality Conference. The Man Up Philly volunteer team has made the decision to change the format to a Virtual Event out of an abundance of caution given the COVID-19 status.

We want to bring this great day to you to help all of us focus on our faith and reliance on Our Lord. The virtual conference will be available via a webcast and tickets will be available for a reduced cost of \$10. We encourage all men – fathers, sons, brothers, friends – to join us for an inspiring day of faith and fellowship. Become the man God is calling you to be! Rediscover the power and meaning of your faith!



Father Mike Schmitz



Bishop Joseph L. Coffey



Colonel Tom Manion



Deacon Steve Javie

SATURDAY, MARCH 06, 2021 FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER VISIT MANUPPHILLY.COM





A word from Fr. Bill.....

February 14, 2021

Dear Parishioners:

It is hard to believe (especially since the last Christmas poinsettia has just been removed from the church) that Lent is upon us. Ash Wednesday is this Wednesday, February 17th.

Anytime we do something significant, there is always preparation involved, e.g., preparing for a wedding, a vacation, guests to visit, a trip, celebrating a holiday, etc.

An essential aspect of Lent is to prepare to renew our baptism promises at Easter. This goes to the core of the history of Lent. At one time in the Church's history, only adults were baptized. Catechumens would prepare for a significant period of time for their baptism and very intensely prepare by prayer, fasting and abstinence during the last 40 days before Easter. As time went on, it became the practice to baptize infants. So, the question surfaced what would happen to those 40 days of intense preparation for baptism. Since we are celebrating new life as we celebrate the Resurrection, it was decided to keep baptism intimately related to Easter and have the baptized renew their baptism promises at Easter.

Consequently, each Easter we are asked if we reject sin, the glamour of evil, refused to be mastered by sin and we are asked if we believe in God, Jesus Christ, the Holy Catholic Church, the Resurrection, etc. .

What are some ways in the parish we can prepare by prayer, fasting and abstinence to celebrate the new life that Jesus gives us thru his resurrection as well as to prepare to renew our baptism promises?

- 1. On Ash Wednesday, ashes will be distributed within the 12:05 and 7:00 PM Masses. This year because of the pandemic, we will avoid skin to skin contact but we will distribute ashes by using a different cotton squab for each person.
- 2. There are various ways to incorporate prayer into our Lenten journey:
 - A) Join us each Tuesday of Lent for a discussion on the Sacraments. You will find more information about this within the bulletin this weekend as well as on our parish website. This series is going to be led off with Archbishop Perez as a guest participant discussing the Sacrament of Reconciliation. My letter next weekend will discuss this program more thoroughly. These discussions are on Zoom.
 - B) Join members of our parish on Thursday evenings at 7 PM for the discussion of the scripture passages for the upcoming Sunday. These also are on Zoom. You will find the Zoom number on our parish website and on the front page of this bulletin.
 - C) Join us by Zoom on Fridays at 7:00 PM for the Stations of the Cross. You will find this Zoom number also on our parish website and in the bulletin.
 - D) We are providing a resource entitled "Lent A Time of Grace" for daily prayer. Each day there is a suggested scripture passage to read, a reflection by Pope Francis and a question for each of us to ponder. If you are not coming to church

and would like us to provide you with this pamphlet, please let us know.

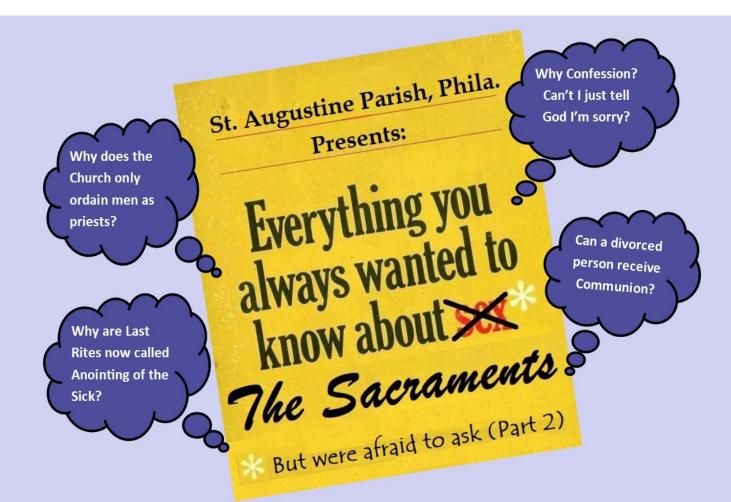
- E) Take advantage of celebrating the Sacrament of Penance which we make available after each of our Sunday Masses or by making arrangements for a specific time. Also there are a number of places which make this sacrament available during weekdays: St. Rita Shrine, St. John Neumann Shrine and the Cathedral.
- F) If you are not able to join us for Mass in person, please join us virtually. All of our Sunday Masses (9:00 AM, 11:00 AM and 7:00 PM) and 12:05 PM weekday Masses are live streamed. Please see the front page of our parish website for information on how to connect.
- 3. We can prepare for Easter and the renewal of our baptism promises by fasting and almsgiving by participating in Operation Rice Bowl. To give something is a very valuable aspect of spirituality but fasting and abstaining are not ends in themselves but a means to an end. The idea of Operation Rice Bowl is to donate the money I would have used on for which I am fasting and abstaining e.g. beer, liquor, chocolate, ice cream, "whatever", so that others who do not have enough food can eat. If you are not able to get to church to pick up Rice Bowl and would like one, please let us know and we will get one to you or just create your own container and forward the money to us at the end of Lent.
- 4. Just as there is a value in fasting and abstaining (giving something up), there is a value of doing something positive which I might not normally do, e.g. donate some time in a charitable way to an important cause.
- 5. As in other years, we will be distributing a pin with the symbol of a cross formed by ashes. In the early days of the Church, the faithful wore ashes for 40 days. While that is not possible today, we encourage you to wear the pin throughout Lent as a visible sign of being a Christian preparing for Easter.

Even though these are challenging days during the pandemic, we can be creative in our prayer, fasting and almsgiving as we prepare to celebrate the fact that Jesus in destroying death and restoring life has given us the possibility of eternal life. And we can be creative to prepare to renew our baptism promises and publicly proclaim that we reject sin the glamour of evil, refused to be mastered by sin and that we believe in God, Jesus Christ, the Holy Catholic Church, the Resurrection and eternal life.

We always prepare for important things in our life. As a parish, we are providing many resources to prepare for Easter. What will I incorporate into my Lenten spirituality this year?

Have a SAFE week and a productive Lent.

Fr. Aiee Fr. Bill



WHAT ARE <u>YOUR</u> QUESTIONS? Submit your questions for our four-part series during Lent when we will discuss and answer questions regarding the "Sacraments of Healing" and the "Sacraments of Commitment." Join us and our special guest participants via Zoom from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM on the dates listed below!

2/23 Reconciliation - Most Rev. Nelson J. Pérez, D.D., Archbishop of Philadelphia - Register at the link below: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMvf-ChrTgjG9cOD7E51pWTsjyaN_glL4se

3/2 Anointing of the Sick - Rev. Zachary Navit, JD, MA, MDiv, Chaplain, St. Mary Center for Rehabilitation and Healthcare, Lansdale, PA - Register at the link below: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0tce-gqDMvHdxJcCh9p1M7orzMHqLbG2AW

3/9 Matrimony - Deacon Mike and Cathy Kubiak, former Coordinator of Marriage Preparation for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia Office of Life and Family - **Register at the link below:** <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYvd-utqjwtGtMBczVb4U9pkpcqk3OlkbOW</u>

3/16 Holy Orders - Rev. Don Reilly, OSA, MA, MDiv (ordained 46 years), Head of School of Malvern Preparatory School and former Augustinian Provincial of the Province of St. Thomas of Villanova and Rev. Dan Madden, OSA, MA (ordained 5 months), staff in Student Affairs Office, Merrimack College, North Andover, MA. - Register at the link: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlkcOqtrTwvGtBX-CYh1_I8r8StXBOyYZP7

3/23 "How Does It All Come Together?" - Rev. Monsignor Michael Magee, STD, SLL, MA, MDiv, Dean of the School of Theology Studies, Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary, Wynnewood, PA - Register at the link below: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwsfuiprDojGdF1BKrFbwHzeRfxIMWdFsYQ

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

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