

# St. Augustine Parish

*The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 19, 2017*

*"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.*



## **Marriage Day of Reflection Participants - February 11, 2017**

### **Quotes from the participants of the Marriage Day of Reflection**

*"We are hoping to do more activities together. We are going to do more listening and praying together."*

*"We are going to do more things as a couple: pray as a couple, talk as a couple, hold hands when we walk."*

*"I liked hearing we have to re-evaluate relationships and to be intentional to keep the growth going through every new stage of life."*

*"It was a hard day, but a good one. Sometimes you have to do hard things."*

*"Today was about taking a break from our routines-being able to take that time and get clarity between us."*

*"We liked hearing about the family as the domestic Church."*

*"It is wonderful to experience a day like today."*

*"It is nice to hear that others have their ups and downs and they get through it."*

*"It was an enjoyable day! So nice to meet and spend time with a group of lovely people who have similar interests."*

*"It is helpful to take time out and reset."*



## 9th Annual Archdiocesan Men's Spirituality Conference

Man Up Philly ♦ March 4, 2017

Registration is now open for Man Up Philly 2017! On **Saturday, March 4, 2017** at **St. Joseph University Hagan Arena**, the men of our parish are invited to join Catholic Men from throughout the Archdiocese for the 9th Annual Archdiocesan Men's Spirituality Conference. Speakers include EWTN's Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio, inspirational speaker, Kevin Reilly, former Philadelphia Eagle whose career was ended by a rare cancer that led to the removal of his left arm, and Damon Owens, director of JoyTOB and international speaker on the Theology of the Body. Acclaimed Irish tenor, Mark Forrest, will provide inspirational accompaniment during a special directed Eucharistic Adoration. Register now at: [www.manupphilly.com](http://www.manupphilly.com)



**President's Day Holiday**

**Monday, February 20th**

Daily Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 AM



**Augustinian Lenten Retreat**  
**Saturday, March 4, 2017**  
**10:00 am – 1:00 pm**  
**Saint Augustine Church**

Speaker:

**Rev. William F. Waters, O.S.A., Pastor**

For details and to register go to:  
[www.augustinianfund.org/lenten-retreat](http://www.augustinianfund.org/lenten-retreat)



### Baptism Celebration

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



*Sunday, February 19, 2017*

**Carlo Pasquale Fortuna,**

son of Joseph & Marissa Fortuna

*Congratulations!*

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

### MOTHER BONIFACE SPIRITUALITY CENTER,

3501 Solly Avenue in North-east Philadelphia is offering a **Family Retreat: Fishing with Jesus** on **March 31-April 1, 2017**, beginning at 7:00 pm, Friday and concluding at 7:00 pm Saturday. Come and join other families for this overnight retreat, with learning, crafts, prayers, games and sharing of our faith. Learn how Jesus needs you, yes YOU and YOU and YOU to work with Him in "fishing" for souls who don't yet know the joy of the Gospel, the joy of knowing God's merciful love for each one of us. Fee: \$40 per adult, \$25 per child OR \$130 maximum per family (includes a \$40 non-refundable deposit). Please call for more information regarding registration at 267-350-1830 or 267-350-1831 by March 21st.



**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday & Sunday,  
February 19 & 19, 2017**

5:15 PM Anna Globa and Her Family  
9:00 AM For The Unemployed  
11:00 AM † Resty Tiduto Manalon  
7:00 PM For All Souls in Purgatory

**Monday, February 20, 2017  
PRESIDENTS DAY HOLIDAY**

10:00 AM The Parish Community

**Tuesday, February 21, 2017**

12:05 PM Alla Babkina & Her Family

**Wednesday, February 22, 2017**

12:05 PM † Patrocinio Morales, Jr.

**Thursday, February 23, 2017**

12:05 PM Riehl Family

**Friday, February 24, 2017**

12:05 PM † Venerando Gahob, Sr.

**Saturday, February 25, 2017**

5:15 PM † Harold Manning

† = Deceased

### Sacrificial Giving

**February 11 & 12, 2017**

Number of Envelopes Used: 52  
Amount in Envelopes: \$1,562.00  
Average \$/Envelope: \$30.04  
Electronic Giving: 27  
Amount Electronic: \$795.00  
Average \$/Electronic: \$29.44  
Loose Money: 774.00  
Total Collection: \$3,131.00

### Electronic Giving

*It's simple!*

*It's secure!*

*It's convenient!*

Just log on to our website,

[www.st-augustinechurch.com](http://www.st-augustinechurch.com)

and click on:

**"Sign Up For Electronic Giving"**



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11:00 AM Carlo Fortuna Baptism  
1:00 PM CCD/PREP Class

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**Tuesday, February 21, 2017**

7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB

**Wednesday, February 22, 2017**

7:00 PM Parish Pastoral Council Meeting  
8:00 PM Fiat Prayer Group

**Thursday, February 23, 2017**

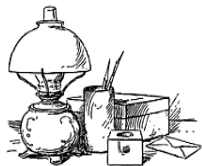
7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB  
8:00 PM St. Augustine Choir Rehearsal

**Friday, February 24, 2017**  
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**Saturday, February 25, 2017**

10:00 AM Canonical Visitation  
7:00 PM N.A. Meeting in CHB





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

Dear Parishioners:

Periodically, the Archbishop or his representative visits each parish in the Archdiocese for an "Official Canonical Visitation." The purpose of the Canonical Visitation is for the Archbishop or his representative is to meet with parishioners and staff to get a pulse of the parish. At this time, he also examines all the official Sacramental Registers of the parish. The last Canonical Visitation to St. Augustine Parish was November 2011. Monsignor Dan Kutys, Vicar General of the Archdiocese (Vice President) and Vicar of Region III (in which we reside) will visit Saint Augustine Parish for the official visitation next Saturday, February 25th. Monsignor Kutys will meet individually with the Augustinian community, the Parish Pastoral Council, the Parish Finance Commission, and each parish staff person. He will preside at the 5:15 PM Vigil Mass next Saturday. All parishioners are invited, encouraged, and welcome to participate at this Mass next Saturday evening.

As you know, a group of parishioners met for a number of weeks last summer to reflect and discuss Pope Francis' Exhortation, The Joy of Love. As a result, this group asked what we could do as a parish community to strengthen family life. They decided to sponsor a Day of Reflection for married couples. This day took place last Saturday. Please notice on the cover of this bulletin a picture of these 18 couples who renewed their vows during the Saturday 5:15 PM Vigil Mass. More importantly, please take a moment to read the comments which some of these couples made concerning their experience of the day. Please go to our parish website, [www.st-augustinechurch.com](http://www.st-augustinechurch.com), to see many more pictures of the day.

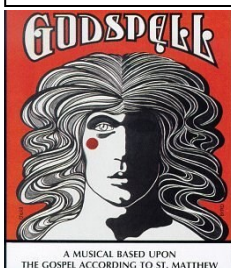
It's not a coincidence that this Day of Reflection took place on Valentine's weekend. It has been a well-kept secret that St. Valentine's Day is named for a Catholic Bishop, Bishop Valentine, who lived in the third century. In order that there could be more single men available for the army, Emperor Claudius II banned all marriages in Rome. Bishop Valentine strongly disagreed with the government infringing on religious liberty. Consequently, he disobeyed Claudius' order and married couples in secret. As a result, he was arrested, beaten and beheaded. Since then he has been associated with love and dying so others could love. I doubt if many people thought about this as they gave flowers and candy to their "Valentine" last Tuesday.

What does it mean to be someone's Valentine? It means to unconditionally love another. It means to be willing to lay down one's life for another out of love.

It is to this that these 18 couples recommitted themselves last Saturday. We all need to stop and reflect on our commitments. Because of the busyness of life, we can lose our focus. It is so easy to do.

May all of us follow the example of these couples and take some quality time to reflect on our own lives, make the adjustments necessary to "recalculate," and recommit ourselves to love in the true sense of the word.

Fr. Bill



**Roman Catholic and Hallahan High Schools** are proud to present the musical **GODSPELL** on **March 9, 10 & 11** at **7:00 PM**. **All shows are at Hallahan**. Tickets cost \$15.00 for adults and \$8.00 for students. Advanced tickets can be ordered by calling 215-563-8930 ext. 228 or tickets can be purchased at the door.



**"The Lord  
is kind and  
merciful."**

*Psalms 103*