St. Augustine Parish

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 23, 2020

"Creating A Community Of Involvement And Evangelization"

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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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<u>Mass Schedule:</u> 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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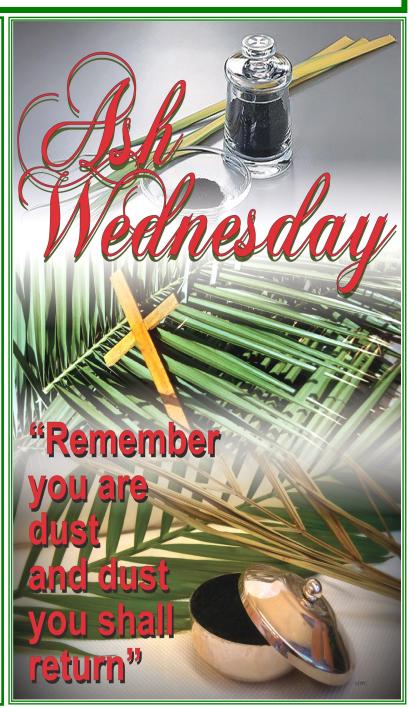
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WE NEED YOUR HELP!

With Spring just around the corner we are thinking ahead about our outside church property coming alive again with flower blooms and green foliage.

This is where you come in! We are looking for volunteers to water and take care of the various large flower planters/urns along the sidewalks and the pots on the church front steps. (The person who was taking care of the planters has recently moved

outside of the parish and is unable to return on a consistent basis.)

Maybe just a half hour once a week (perhaps a little more often when it is really hot during the summer months) is all we are looking for from our volunteers. You do not need to supply anything except your time. We will supply the tools and water!

If you love flowers and would also like to keep our property looking alive, beautiful and inviting.....and have the time to volunteer.....please call Jacob in the Parish Office at 215.627.1838 to let him know you are available and would like to help.



ASHES and ASH WEDNESDAY

from the burning of palms blessed in the previous year's Palm Sunday celebration, when Christians carry palms to recognize the Gospels' reference to Jesus's path being covered in palm fronds on the day he entered Jerusalem.

Ash Wednesday is a Christian holy day of prayer, fasting, and repentance. It is preceded by Shrove Tuesday and falls on the first day of Lent, the six weeks of penitence before Easter. Ash Wednesday is observed by many Christians, including Anglicans, Episcopalians, Lutherans, Methodists, Presbyterians, Roman Catholics, and some Baptists.

Ash Wednesday derives its name from the placing of repentance ashes on the foreheads of participants to either the words "Repent, and believe in the Gospel" or the dictum "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

Because it is the first day of Lent, many Christians, on Ash Wednesday, often begin marking a Lenten calendar, praying a Lenten daily devotional, and abstaining from a luxury that they will not partake in until Easter Sunday arrives.

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www.st-augustinechurch.com



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Spring Clean Up and **Flower Planting**

The Friends of Old City be holding their will

Annual Spring Cleanup and Flower Planting on Saturday, March 21, 2020 from 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This year we will meet in the parking lot at Saint Augustine Church. The plantings (and mulching) will be for the planters along the 4th and Vine Street blocks. The cleanup will entail areas north of the Ben Franklin Bridge. All supplies and tools will be provided. This is a valuable community event that helps enhance our neighborhood significantly. Rain date March 22, 2020. Hope to see you then!

Ashes are ceremonially placed on the heads of Christians on Ash Wednesday, either by being sprinkled over their heads or, in The ashes used on Ash Wednesday are made English-speaking countries, more often by being marked on their foreheads as a visible cross. This custom is credited to Pope Gregory I the Great (c. 540 -604). In the 1969 revision of the Roman Rite, an alternative formula (based on Mark 1:15) was introduced and given first place "Repent, and believe in the Gospel" and the older formula was translated as "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." The old formula, based on the words spoken to Adam and Eve after their sin, reminds worshippers of their sinfulness and mortality and thus, implicitly, of their need to repent in time. The newer formula makes explicit what was only implicit in the old.

> Ash Wednesday marks the start of a 40-day period which is an allusion to the separation of Jesus in the desert to fast and pray. During this time, he was tempted. While not specifically instituted in the Bible text, the 40-day period of repentance is also analogous to the 40 days during which Moses repented and fasted in response to the making of the Golden calf.

> Ash Wednesday is exactly 46 days before Easter Sunday, a moveable feast based on the cycles of the moon. The earliest date Ash Wednesday can occur is 4 February (which is only possible during a common year with Easter on 22 March), which happened in 1598, 1693, 1761 and 1818 and will next occur in 2285. The latest date Ash Wednesday can occur is 10 March (when Easter Day falls on 25 April) which occurred in 1666, 1734, 1886 and 1943 and will next occur in 2038.





Dear Parishioners:

As the Season of Lent starts next week, on Ash Wednesday, again this year, we will be working with the Franciscan Outreach of the Padre Pio Prayer Center in Frankford (Philadelphia).

They recently partnered with Catholic Social Services of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and have begun a new initiative called "New Beginnings." This initiative is targeting less fortunate pregnant women and mothers with infants, especially new moms, by helping them with baby supplies. This initiative is a means of help and outreach of the Pro-Life Movement as we support these women to have their babies rather then choosing to end their pregnancy because they cannot provide for their newborn children.

The Padre Pio Prayer Center has established a monthly "diaper pantry" where needy families can come to obtain essential baby items for day to day living.

Items needed are: Disposable Diapers—all sizes, but especially newborn and Size 6 Baby Wipes Gerber Baby Cereals New Outfits for Babies

Lent this year begins on **Ash Wednesday, February 26, 2020**. During Lent, we are customarily asked to do three things (as a minimum), that of **Prayer, Fasting** and **Almsgiving**. We can do all three with needy families in mind. First, let us offer daily prayer that God will provide for, comfort and help them to find necessary support services. Secondly, through fasting, we can use the money that we would normally spend on food and drinks, to provide for the less fortunate. Finally, almsgiving or sacrificial offerings. This year we are asking our parishioners to consider donating **"Baby Items"** that will be given to the less fortunate. All items collected during Lent will be taken to the Padre Pio Prayer Center in Frankford and distributed to the needy population in the Frankford and Kensington neighborhoods of our city.

If you are able to provide the baby items or clothing, it can be dropped off in the large box in the rear of the church.

Thank you for your generosity of helping the less fortunate in our community and may you have a blessed and fruitful Lent this year.



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