

St. Augustine Parish

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 24, 2019

"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.

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Website: www.st-augustinechurch.com

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



Mass Schedule:

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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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

Saturday: 4:30 PM to 5:00 PM
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.



Baptism Celebrations

We have the blessed opportunity through the celebration of the holy Sacrament of Baptism to welcome a two members into our parish community.

Sunday, February 17, 2019

Jordan Grace Smith,

daughter of Tim and Jess Smith.

Sunday, February 24, 2019

Thomas Jordan White,

son of Thomas and Catherine White.

Congratulations!

Please keep Jordan's and Thomas' family in your prayers.

March 9, 2019, 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Man Up Philly 2019 Catholic Men's Conference

Now in its 11th year Man Up Philly Men's Spirituality Conference seeks to encourage men to be better fathers, husbands, brothers, and Catholics through enlightening and energizing talks, prayer, Eucharistic adoration, along with the reception of Reconciliation and the Holy Eucharist.

Neumann University, Mirenda Center, 1 Neumann Way, Aston PA 19014

Speakers include: Eagle star Ron Jaworski, Matthew Kelly, Evangelist Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, Irish tenor Mark Forrest. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Timothy Senior. For more information or to register visit our website - www.manupphilly.com

St. Rita Flea Market - Saturday, April 27th, 8:30 AM - 2:00 PM

The annual Flea Market returns this spring! Spaces are \$15 each or two for \$25. Participants must supply their own tables. To support our Shrine, donate your goods to the Saint Rita table! Please bring items to the Shrine Office between 9:30am and 4:30pm M-F, or drop them off in the Shrine Gift Shop on weekends (no clothes or bed linens, please). The donation deadline is Friday, April 12th. Join us for the fun - whether you're shopping, selling, donating, or just stopping by!

SPRING CHURCH GROUNDS MULCHING



March 30, 2019

9 AM to 12 Noon

Please RSVP email to Charlie if you are coming out to help at: charles.nygard@gmail.com



Operation Rice Bowl 2019

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.

Catholic Parents Network: We are a support group for parents of LGBTQ+ children. We generally meet the 4th Monday of the month at 7:00PM. Other family members and allies are always welcome to join us. For more information, please contact Fran at: **215-620-0934**



Mass Intentions

**Saturday & Sunday,
February 23 & 24, 2019**

5:15 PM † Henry Sobesiki

9:00 AM † Chandra & Antonietta Liem

11:00 AM † Eufrosina Torres Brett

7:00 PM † David Glancey

Monday, February 25, 2019

12:05 PM The Parish Community

Tuesday, February 26, 2019

12:05 PM † Venerando Gahob, Sr.

Wednesday, February 27, 2019

12:05 PM Deceased Members of the Georeno Family

Thursday, February 28, 2019

12:05 PM † Florence Laffey

Friday, March 01, 2019

12:05 PM Anthony Flavian,
Special Intention

Saturday, March 02, 2019

5:15 PM Deceased Members and Benefactors of the O.S.A.

† = Deceased

Sacrificial Giving

February 16 & 17, 2019

Number of Envelopes Used: 59

Amount in Envelopes: \$1,691.00

Average \$/Envelope: \$28.66

Electronic Giving: 39

Amount Electronic: \$758.00

Average \$/Electronic: \$19.44

Loose Money: \$472.00

Total Collection: \$2,921.00

Capital Campaign (Phase 1) To date:

Pledges: 147 Percentage: 82.84%

Amount Pledged: \$621,302.50

Amount Received: \$271,826.32

Electronic Giving

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

"Sign Up For Electronic Giving"



The Bulletin Board

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, February 24, 2019

9:00 AM Thomas Jordan White Baptism

2:00 PM Filipino Exec. Council Meeting

Monday, February 25, 2019

7:00 PM Catholic Parents Network Mtg.

Tuesday, February 26, 2019

7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB

Wednesday, February 27, 2019

7:00 PM Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB

8:00 PM Fiat Prayer Group

Thursday, February 28, 2019

7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB

6:00 PM Nordeman-Maher Rehearsal

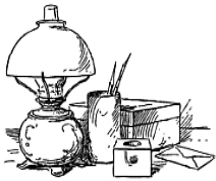
7:00 PM Unera-Sanchez Rehearsal

Friday, March 01, 2019

3:30 PM Unera-Sanchez Wedding

Saturday, March 02, 2019

2:30 PM Nordeman-Maher Wedding



A word from Fr. Bill.....

Dear Parishioners:

A few weeks ago, you may have noticed that there were several Stations of the Cross missing. They weren't stolen, but they were being repaired to secure the paintings in their frames. Four of the paintings were completely unattached from their frames and were only held in place because they were resting on the frame ledge. Of the fourteen paintings, it was found that twelve of them had been remounted with an unknown adhesive. One involved the installation of duct tape to hold the stretchers to the frame at the corners. 13 of the 14 Stations had internal hinges missing which keep the painting and frame together. The paintings were also "brushed" and the frames "vacuumed." As you look at them, I think they look cleaner and sharper, or as one parishioner said "more crisp." This was financed by funds from the Capital Campaign.

As you know, at a Theology on Tap last Sunday evening two Capuchin Friars, Brothers Andrew and Jim, from the Padre Pio Prayer Center in Kensington explained their ministry on Sundays (about 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM) to the homeless, addicted and their families. As a result, 10 of our parishioners signed up to explore the possibility of helping them in this ministry. The first Sunday for St. Augustine's involvement will be Sunday, March 17th. I am extremely grateful that these 10 people did this and I am very grateful to Sue and Dave Ryan for being willing to facilitate this project.

As you know Fr. Walt Quinn, OSA, a former pastor of our parish died in January. Among his many contributions to the parish was welcoming the Filipino community to St. Augustine's. The Filipino community took up a collection and as a result a donation of \$1,000 was able to be made in Fr. Quinn's name to the Augustinians for the care of the sick and retired Friars. Who knows how soon I will be among them! Among those who contributed to this fund were the Mutya Dance Company, the Philippine Medical Society, the Llocano Association, the Bisaya Group and Cheerful Hearts, the Filipino St. Augustine Choir and approximately 20 individuals. Many thanks to all. The Augustinians are very grateful.

We have been talking about this for several months now. Please go to the homepage of our parish website for a direct link, **www.st-augustinechurch.com** to participate in the parish survey which will take about 10 to 15 minutes to complete and which is totally confidential. There are hard copies available in the back of the church and at the Parish Office for those who would prefer to participate that way (**English & Tagalog**). This is being facilitated by the **Catholic Leadership Institute**. It will serve as a great resource to our Parish Pastoral Council in helping to plan for the needs of our parishioners.

Lent is upon us. **Ash Wednesday is a week from Wednesday, March 6th.** We will say a lot more about Lent in next weekend's bulletin, but as we have been announcing we will have a Lenten program on the Tuesdays of Lent. This will focus on the life of St Augustine (film of his life, reflection on the scripture passages which were central to him at the time of his conversion and at the time of his death, reflection on specific times of his life and an explanation of the paintings in our church which depict his life). If you are interested in participating in our Lenten program, please sign up in the back of the church.

At our January Parish Pastoral Council meeting, I was asked why I (we) didn't say anything at the previous weekend Masses about the legislation which was recently passed in New York State expanding the time and circumstances around abortion. My response was if it were Pennsylvania making those laws, we certainly would have spoken about it. Since then, I have had communication from the **Pro-Life Union of Greater Philadelphia** who is sponsoring **"40 Days of Life" during Lent**. They are organizing people to pray in front of Philadelphia's two largest abortion facilities from **March 5th to April 14th**. They have asked if we as a parish could recruit some parishioners to participate in a peaceful and prayerful vigil at the **Elizabeth Blackwell Planned Parenthood at 11th and Locust Streets on Tuesday, April 2nd from 8:00 AM to 5 PM**. They would like 2 parishioners at each of those hours. If you are interested in this, please sign up in the back of the church.

Have a great week, the last full week before Lent begins.

Fr. Bill



40 DAYS FOR LIFE®

March 6 - April 14

Saint Augustine Parish's assigned day for the Prayer Vigil: Tuesday, April 2, 2019

HELP SAVE LIVES IN PHILADELPHIA!

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion!

Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 750,000 volunteers!

With God's help, here are the proven results in 23 coordinated campaigns:

- **15,256 babies** saved from abortion
- **186 abortion** workers converted
- **99 abortion** centers closed

Here's how to take part in 40 Days for Life in our community:

Prayer Vigil location:

Elizabeth Blackwell Planned Parenthood
1144 Locust Street
Philadelphia, PA 19107

Monday to Friday ♦ 8 AM to 5 PM
Saturday ♦ 8 AM to 3 PM

Sign up on the sheet in the back of the church or call Jacob Marquart, O.F.S., in the Parish Office at 215-627-1838.

Contact:

Monique Ruberu – 469-231-9084; roobearoo@hotmail.com

Patrick Stanton – 267-718-4851; pjstanton9@gmail.com

40daysforlife.com/Philly



Weekend Prior to Safe Haven Sunday

Safe Haven Sunday: Equipping the Family, Safeguarding Children

The family home is to be a safe haven. But the inappropriate use of technology in the home deprives it of this role, and is the greatest threat to the sanctity of marriages and families today. Pornography and other online threats are often one click away, and parents can feel overwhelmed with not knowing how to best protect their children in our fast-paced digital world.

Next weekend, **March 2 & 3, The Archdiocese of Philadelphia** is taking a bold step to help families by celebrating Safe Haven Sunday. This awareness day will provide access to practical resources that any caring adult can use to protect themselves and our young people from online risks.

Please join us with your prayers and presence as we prepare for this unique event. To learn more, please contact **The Office for Life and Family at 215-587-0500** or visit **www.phillycatholiclife.org**.



Catholic Leadership
INSTITUTE

THE DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX SURVEY

“Giving parishes the tools to know the concerns and needs of parishioners and to respond to them”

The Disciple Maker Index Survey IS NOW OPEN !

It's official! The Disciple Maker Index Survey is open and we need your help!
Please help us participate by completing a 10-15 minute survey as soon as possible.

Go to: **www.disciplemakerindex.com**

*(There is also a link to the survey on our Parish website,
just click the Catholic Leadership Institute logo on the center of the homepage.)*



There are also opportunities to complete the survey after daily and Sunday Mass and you can obtain a paper copy (English & Tagalog) on the tables in the back of the church or by contacting Jacob Marquart, O.E.S. at 215-627-1838 in the Parish Office.

The survey **will only be available** from **February 16 to March 16** and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow. All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as whole.

We are trying to get the highest response rate possible. This information will be invaluable to the Parish Pastoral Council and our various ministries as we plan for the future and strive to be the best disciples we can be. We will receive the results this spring/summer at which time we will share what we have learned with the entire parish.

Thank you for helping with this important project!

Fr. Bill

Dear Parishioners:

As the result of group discussions last Lent and Advent on how we as a parish might respond to the drug and homeless problem in our society, we have now established a relationship with the Franciscan Outreach of the Padre Pio Prayer Center in Frankford. One of the important needs identified is the need for daily hygiene and food/personal items as well as clothing items to help the homeless get through the rough winter months.



Lent this year begins on Wednesday, March 6, 2019. During Lent, we are customarily asked to do three things (as a minimum), that of Prayer, Fasting and Alms Giving. We can do all three with the homeless and drug addicted in mind. First, let us offer daily prayer that God will provide for, comfort and help them to find 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, alms giving or sacrificial offerings. This year we are asking our parishioners to consider providing “**Blessing Bags**” that will be given to the homeless. Included on this flyer, you will see a picture and a list of suggested personal items that can be placed in a gallon-sized Ziploc bag and then they will be taken to the Padre Pio Prayer Center in Frankford and distributed to the homeless and drug addicted population in the Frankford and Kensington area of our city. These small personal items can help to restore the dignity of one’s person as well as appearance.

There is also a need for some clothing items such as: **gloves, warm hats, hoodies, white socks, underwear (men and women), pants, jeans, sweatpants and winter coats. We ask that underwear is new and socks can be slightly used.** If you are able to provide the Blessing Bags or clothing, it can be dropped off in the large boxes 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.

Fr. Bill

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Blessing Bag Checklist for the Homeless

DRINKS:

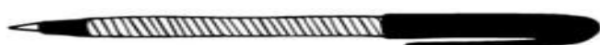
- ☐ Bottled Water
- ☐ Instant Coffee Packets
- ☐ Tea Bags
- ☐ Energy Drink
- ☐ Juice Cans or Boxes

FOOD:

- ☐ Beef Jerky
- ☐ Dried Fruit
- ☐ Granola Bars
- ☐ Instant Oatmeal Packets
- ☐ Protein Powder Packets

TREATS:

- ☐ Chocolates (Individually Wrapped)
- ☐ Hard Candy
- ☐ Mints
- ☐ Chewing Gum



TOILETRIES:

- ☐ Chapstick
- ☐ Facial wipes
- ☐ Moisturizer
- ☐ Comb
- ☐ Toothbrush
- ☐ Tooth paste
- ☐ Q-Tips

GENERAL:

- ☐ Multi-Purpose Wipes
- ☐ Compact First Aid Kit
- ☐ EmergenC Packets (used for when they start to get sick)
- ☐ Heat Pack
- ☐ Warm Socks (Wool)

EXTRA:

- ☐ Restaurant Gift Cards
- ☐ Prepaid Phone Card
- ☐ Personal Note of Encouragement

**Put items in a clear zip lock bag. Size depends on how many items you are putting in each bag. You will need Gallon size bags for more items, and Quart size bags for fewer items.*

How to Pack a BLESSING BAG

