St. Augustine Parish

The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time — February 26, 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.

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(GPS Address: 250 N. 4th Street)

Phone: 215-627-1838 FAX: 215-627-3911 Website: www.st-augustinechurch.com Office Hours: 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Monday through 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

Parish Staff:

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Rev. Paul Morrissey, O.S.A.

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www.adeodatusprisonministry.com (215) 925-3566

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 for 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.

9th Annual Archdiocesan Men's Spirituality Conference Man Up Philly • March 4, 2017

PHILLY 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

Young Adults

Join us at the Catholic Center for Young Adults for Mass and a talk from renowned speaker Christopher West, as he presents on Life, Love, and Mercy, how Theology of the Body can heal our ailing society.

Tuesday March 14 at 7:15pm
Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish - 1404 S. 3rd Street
Email us at: Catholiccenterforyoungadults@gmail.com



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





Stations of the Cross Friday Evenings During Lent 7:30 P.M.

Come, walk, and meditate on the Way of the Cross



WEDNESDAY

ASH WEDNESDAY

MARCH 01, 2017

Ashes will be distributed at the 12:05 PM Mass and the 7:00 PM Mass.



The Archdiocese is considering resuming a print publication containing local Church news that would come out every other week. The subscription rate would be \$40 to \$50 annually. If you think you would subscribe to a regular archdiocesan publication, please call or email the rectory to say that you are interested in a print publication.



Saturday & Sunday, February 25 & 26, 2017 5:15 PM † Harold Manning

9:00 AM Children in Foster Care
11:00 AM Anthony Flaviano
7:00 PM † Alberta Planster

Monday, February 27, 2017 12:05 PM † John A. Georeno, Jr.

Tuesday, February 28, 2017
12:05 PM Deceased Members of the Georeno Family

Wednesday, March 01, 2017 ASH WEDNESDAY

12:05 PM The Parish Community 7:00 PM

Thursday, March 02, 2017
12:05 PM In Honor of Saint Augustine

Friday, March 03, 2017 12:05 PM † Fred Briskin

Saturday, March 04, 2017 5:15 PM † Maria Germano

Sacrificial Giving February 18 & 19, 2017

Number of Envelopes Used: 48
Amount in Envelopes: \$1,742.00
Average \$/Envelope: \$36.29
Electronic Giving: 26
Amount Electronic: \$595.00
Average \$/Electronic: \$22.88
Loose Money: \$596.00
Total Collection: \$2,933.00

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Bulletin Board

The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday, February 26, 2017 7:45 PM 7 PM Mass Social

Monday, February 27, 2017

Tuesday, February 28, 2017 7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB

Wednesday, March 01, 2017 ASH WEDNESDAY 8:00 PM Fiat Prayer Group

Thursday, March 02, 2017 7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB 8:00 PM St. Augustine Choir Rehearsal

Friday, March 03, 20173:00 PM Friel-Nickles Wedding
6:00 PM Campbell-DeLuca Rehearsal

7:30 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 04, 2017
10:00 AM Augustinian Lenten Retreat
2:00 PM Campbell-DeLuca Wedding
7:00 PM N.A. Meeting in CHB



A word from Fr. Bill....

Dear Parishioners:

Even though it was not that long ago that the poinsettias were still in the sanctuary, Lent begins this Wednesday. Yes, Ash Wednesday is just a few days away.

As I was growing up, I and many people I knew dreaded Lent. It had a negative concept as it was associated with giving things up. I hope I and we have matured over the years and that now we could all use this liturgical season as an opportunity--an opportunity for growth in our awareness of what it means to be a baptized Christian; an opportunity to prepare maturely and responsibly to renew our baptismal vows at Easter.

This is the core of what Lent is about. It is centered on Catechumens to finalize their preparation for baptism and for those of who are baptized to prepare to renew our baptism promises. We will say at Easter that we believe in God, that we believe in Jesus Christ, that we reject sin and all the glamour of evil and that we refuse to be mastered by sin. These are serious and awesome things to profess publicly and thus the necessity to prepare well to do this is imperative.

There are many opportunities to help us with this preparation: more frequent attendance at Mass, reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions: Saturdays 4:30 PM to 5:00 PM, and on Sundays during Lent after the 11:00 AM and 7:00 PM Masses), more attentiveness to prayer (see resources in the back of the church to help with this), more awareness for more charitable donations (pick up a Rice Bowl), and attending Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings, etc.

As I mentioned in my letter a few weeks ago, as a result of reflecting on Pope Francis' encyclical, "The Care of our Common Home", we are going to focus in the parish this year on our responsibility to care for the environment. You will hear a lot more about this next weekend (speaker at the Masses and a form in the pews) and throughout the season of Lent.

At the Easter Vigil we will hear an account of God creating all things and "finding it all very good." May this Lent be an opportunity for us to recommit ourselves to God and to caring for all of God's creation.

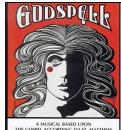
Have a great week.



Fr. Bill



Please join us for our **Legion of Mary's "Marian Day"** at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, **Saturday, March 11 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm**. Includes: morning and afternoon presentations by Fr. Mark Mary, MFVA, EWTN's host of "Life on the Rock," Mass, box lunch and Holy Hour. Donation request for box lunch is \$10. RSVP at www.scs.edu or call (610) 785-6270.



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.

