



St. Augustine Parish

Third Sunday of Lent – February 28, 2016

"Creating A Community Of Involvement And Evangelization"

Served by the Augustinian Friars since 1796

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 and thus 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 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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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.

Church Cleaning Day

The Easter season is right around the corner and we'll soon be preparing for the Resurrection of the Lord. But first, we have to clean his house! Our bi-annual Church Cleaning Day has arrived. Please join us **Sunday, March 20th (Palm Sunday) at 1 PM.** It's a big church, but many hands make light work.

The Parish Community at **Old St. Joseph's Church**, Philadelphia's Jesuit Parish, invites the Parish Community at Saint Augustine R. C. Church to *Encountering Jesus* with **Fr. James Martin SJ**, Author and Editor at Large of America Magazine, on **Sunday, March 13, 2016 3:30 - 4:30 PM** in Old St. Joseph's Church, 321 Willings Alley. Seating is on a first come, first serve basis, a free will offering will be collected. Light refreshments will be served 4:45 – 6 PM. Fr. Martin will be available during that time to sign books. Fr. Martin will celebrate Mass at 6:30 pm. For additional information please contact Old St Joseph's at (215) 923-1733.

PARKING ON EASTER SUNDAY

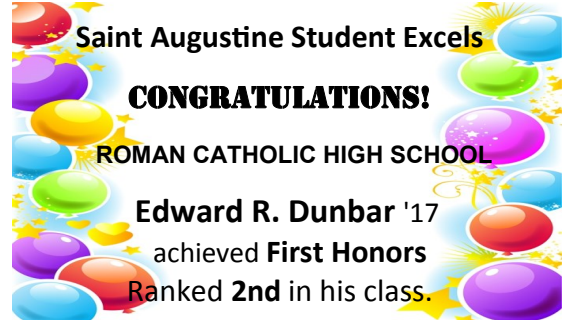
On Easter Sunday we will be able to park under the Benjamin Franklin Bridge from 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM.

SAVE THE DATES!
Let's CELEBRATE our 220th ANNIVERSARY!

220th Anniversary Mass
Celebrated on Sunday, April 17, 2016 • 11 AM Mass

Dinner and Dancing as we Cruise the Delaware River onboard the Spirit of Philadelphia

Friday, September 30, 2016 • 7 PM –10:30 PM



GIFT OF LIFE
Family House

An Update from our Gift of Life Family House “Home Cook Hero” Volunteers.....

The Parish outreach effort at the Gift of Life Family House is going very well! We began last September, with two teams of volunteers from the church preparing dinner for the guests there the third Tuesday and fourth Sunday of each month. A variety of meals have been provided, including entrees such as lasagna, chili, roast chicken, stuffed peppers, eggplant parmesan and baked ham, as well as sides like veggies, potatoes, pasta, yams, salad and rolls. To date, 24 volunteer parishioners have provided meals for approximately 500 guests of the House. This project would not be possible without your generous donations to the monthly second collection for this purpose, as well as the many foodstuffs you have contributed to the pantry. Thank you for supporting this very worthwhile endeavor. Thank You cards from the guests are on display in the back of the church.

Mass Intentions for the Week

**Saturday & Sunday,
February 27 & 28, 2016**

5:15 PM † John A. Georeno, Jr.

9:00 AM Deceased Members of the Georeno Family

11:00 AM † Leona & Alfredo Paradella, Sr.

7:00 PM The Parish Community

Monday, February 29, 2016

12:05 PM † Anna Ponisiak

Tuesday, March 01, 2016

12:05 PM † Tom Cahill

Wednesday, March 02, 2016

12:05 PM Raffaele Giacomucci & Family

Thursday, March 03, 2016

12:05 PM † Mike Schwarz

Friday, March 04, 2016

12:05 PM † Tom Cahill

7:00 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Saturday, March 05, 2016

5:15 PM † Julia Baumann

Sacrificial Giving February 20 & 21, 2016

Number of Envelopes Used: 70

Amount in Envelopes: **\$1,738.00**

Average \$/Envelope: **\$24.83**

Electronic Giving: 20

Average \$/Electronic: **\$19.85**

Loose Money: **\$606.00**

Electronic Giving

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It's secure!

It's convenient!

Just log on to our website,

www.st-augustinechurch.com

and click on:

“Sign Up For Electronic Giving”



What's Happening

Third Sunday of Lent

Sunday, February 28, 2016

12:00 Noon CCD/PREP Class

1:00 PM Filipino Executive Council Mtg.

4:00 PM Gift of Life House Dinner

Monday, February 29, 2016

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**Tuesday, March 01, 2016**

7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB

**Wednesday, March 02, 2016**

8:00 PM Fiat Prayer Group

**Thursday, March 03, 2016**

7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB

8:00 PM St. Augustine Choir Rehearsal

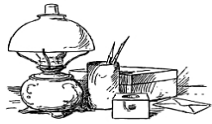
**Friday, March 04, 2016**

5:30 PM Lorenz-Ross Wedding Rehearsal

**Saturday, March 05, 2016**

2:30 PM Lorenz-Ross Wedding

7:00 PM N.A. Meeting in CHB



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

Dear Parishioners:

As you very well know, Pope Francis has declared this year as a "Jubilee Year of Mercy." Almost every time Pope Francis speaks these days he talks about God's mercy for us and how we should imitate that mercy with each other.

Since December 8<sup>th</sup>, when "The Year of Mercy" began, I have been extremely struck by how many times the word "mercy" is mentioned in the Scriptures, both in the First Testament and in the New Testament as well as in the Mass. I would like to share a number of them with you.

"Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but the one who confesses and forsakes them will obtain **mercy**." *Proverbs 28:13*

"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his **mercies** never come to an end." *Lamentations 3:22-23*

"The Lord is good to all, and his tender **mercies** are over all his works." *Psalms 145:9*

"Be **merciful**, even as your Father is **merciful**." *Luke 6:36*

"Blessed are the **merciful**, for they shall receive **mercy**." *Matthew 5:7*

"Go and learn what this means, 'I desire **mercy**, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners." *Matthew 9:13*

"For judgement is without **mercy** to the one who has shown no **mercy**. **Mercy** triumphs over judgement." *James 2:13*

"Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive **mercy** and find grace to help in time of need." *Hebrews 4:16*

"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his **mercy** he saved us by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit," *Titus 3:5*

In the beginning of Mass we pray, "Lord have **mercy**, Christ have **mercy**...."

In the Collect (Opening Prayer) this weekend we begin by saying "O God, author of every **mercy**...." And we end the same prayer this weekend by saying, "we...may always be lifted up by your **mercy**."

Our response in the Responsorial Psalm this weekend is, "The Lord is kind and **merciful**."

We begin Eucharistic Prayer 1 by saying, "To you, therefore, most **merciful** Father...."

The word "mercy" appears many, many, many more times in both the Scriptures and in the Mass. This really has caught my attention in recent months. As Pope Francis is pointing out, God is certainly giving us a strong message about mercy.

During this week may we think, reflect and be grateful for the mercy which our Heavenly God extends to us. May we imitate that same mercy to someone(s) this week.

Have a wonderful and merciful week.

Fr. Bill

### **Donation of food items needed for Gift of Life Family House**

***(Next dinner to be served will be 03/15/16)***

Orzo

Canned Green Beans

Canned Baked Beans

Canned Mushrooms

Canned Diced Tomatoes

Canned Tomato Sauce

Croutons

Elbow Macaroni

Spiral Pasta

Flour

Grated Parmesan Cheese

Wide Egg Noodles

Cornmeal

White Rice

Canned Chicken Gravy



**GIFT of LIFE**  
Family House

**Please bring food items to church or drop off at the Parish Office, Monday – Friday 9 am to 2 pm.**