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St. Augustine R. C. Parish

Second Sunday of Lent February 28, 2021

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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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Website: www.st-augustinechurch.com

Office Hours:

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

Mass Schedule:

Monday - Friday: 12:05 PM (LiveStreamed) (10:00 AM on Legal Holidays)

Saturday Vigil: 5:15 PM— Due to the pandemic, suspended until end of 2021

Sunday: 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM & 7:00 PM (All Masses are LiveStreamed on masslivestream.com)

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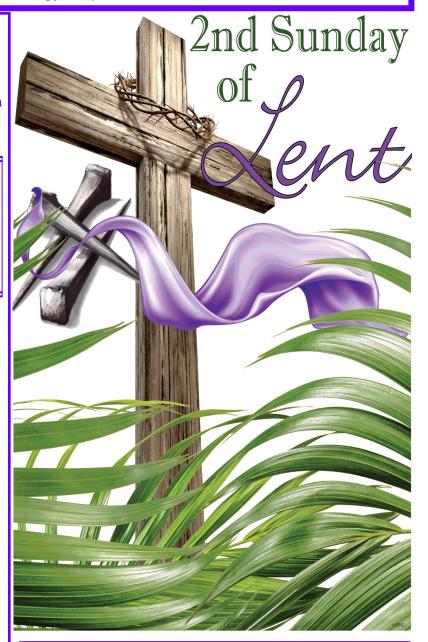
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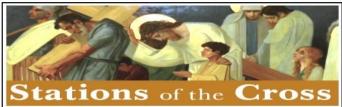
Rev. James Keating, O.S.A.

Rev. James Paradis, O.S.A., Prior



Weekly Scripture Study via Zoom—7:00 PM on Thursday

Meeting ID: 832~4986~0935 PW: 025786



Friday Evenings During Lent • 7:00 P.M.

Come, walk, and meditate on the

Way of the Cross

Zoom ID: 5590497986 PW: 7139



Old Palms

If you have old palms and you are wondering how to dispose of them, you may return them to the church so that we can burn them in the Easter Fire at the Easter Vigil.

Please place them in the basket in the rear of the church.

ROMAN Spring OPEN HOUSE

Attention all 6th, 7th and 8th grade boys! Roman Catholic High School will be holding an in-person Open House on Sunday, March 21 from 11:00 AM- 1:00 PM. Come join us to discover all that Roman has to offer in academics, athletics and other extracurricular activities. Because of Covid precautions, PRE-Registration is REQUIRED.

https://romancatholichscom.finalsite.com/admissions/important-dates



Spring Clean Up and Flower Planting

The Friends of Old City will be holding their Annual Spring Cleanup and Flower Planting on Saturday,

March 27, 2021 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 Streets 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. If you are interested in helping, please call the Parish Office at 215-627-1838 to let us know.



Confessions during the Season of Lent

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available after all of the Sunday Masses during the Season of Lent.

After the 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM & 7:00 PM

As we hear the words from the priest,
"I absolve you..." our relationship with God and
with the community is reconciled.

We become as clean in God's eyes as the day we were baptized.



Mass Intentions

9:00 AM † Anna Ponisciak 11:00 AM † Dr. Miguel DeCastro 7:00 PM Anthony Flaviano

Monday, March 01, 2021 12:05 PM † Necitas Riveral and Canuto Poligrates, Sr.

Tuesday, March 02, 2021
12:05 PM Deceased Members and
Benefactors of the OSA

Wednesday, March 03, 2021 12:05 PM The Parish Community

Thursday, March 04, 2021 12:05 PM

Friday, March 05, 2021 12:05 PM

Saturday, March 06, 2021

† = Deceased



Pledges: 209 Percentage: 105.3399% Amount Pledged: \$790,049.50 Pledges Received: \$693,726.26 In-Kind Gifts Received: \$10,437.71 Campaign Total Rec'd: \$704,163.97

Sacrificial Giving February 21, 2021

Number of Envelopes Used: 18
Amount in Envelopes: \$4,180.00
Average \$/Envelope: \$232.22
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Amount Electronic: \$1,465.00
Average \$/Electronic: \$30.52
Loose Money: \$301.00
Total Collection: \$5,946.00

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Second Sunday of Lent Sunday, February 28, 2021

Monday, March 01, 2021

Tuesday, March 02, 2021 7:00 PM Lent Program — Zoom

Wednesday, March 03, 2021 7:00 PM Wedding Music Open House

Thursday, March 04, 20217:00 PM Parish Scripture Study—Zoom
832 4986 0935 PW: 025786

Friday, March 05, 2021
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross on ZOOM
559 049 7986 PW: 7139

Saturday, March 06, 2021



A word from Fr. Bill.....

Dear Parishioners:

In my letter this weekend, I would like to bring to your attention some various interesting things going on in our parish community.

First of all, I have been informed that one of our parishioners, Michael Fox, has achieved First Honors at Father Judge High School where he is a Senior. Congratulations, Michael.

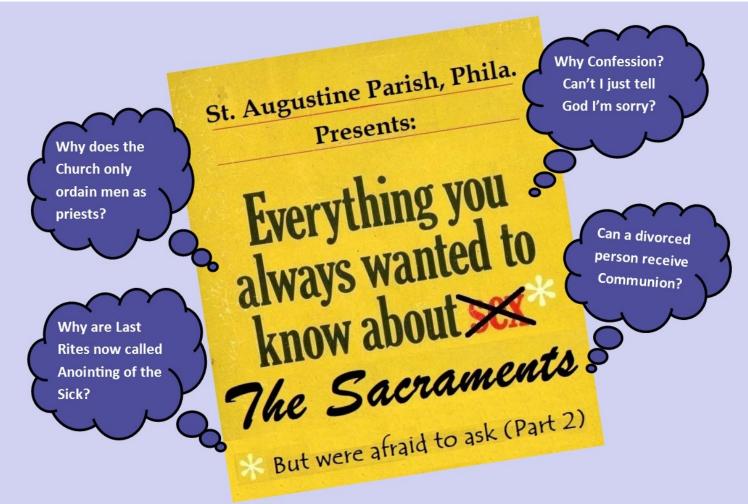
I also would like to acknowledge some parishioners who have been serving our parish community very faithfully and quietly behind the scenes for the past several months. Back in May, I asked if any parishioners would volunteer to sanitize the pews after each Mass on the weekends. No one thought that this need would last as long as it has. In the name of the community, I would like to thank Bill and Maureen Castro (9:00 AM Mass), Ollie Lopena and members of the Filipino community (11 AM Mass), and Dave and Sue Ryan—and at times their children, Connor and Mary (7:00 PM Mass). We are very grateful for this very valuable contribution. It gives parishioners a sense of comfort as they come to Mass knowing the pews are regularly being sanitized.

Since September, two young men have been meeting with me and Patrick Lanza on Zoom every Monday night as part of the process for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Steve Rainstein is a Catechumen, preparing to be baptized, receive First Communion and be confirmed. John Wilson is a Candidate. He was baptized Lutheran and is preparing to make a Profession of Faith to the Catholic Church, be confirmed and receive the Eucharist for the first time. At the 7:00 PM Mass last Sunday, they participated in the Rite of Election. The Rite of Election always takes place on the First Sunday of Lent in every cathedral in the world. Because of the pandemic, Archbishop Perez directed this ceremony to take place in the individual parishes this year. It was a great opportunity for the community to meet Steve and John and become familiar with what they are doing and it was a great opportunity for Steve and John to experience the community at worship. Part of the RCIA process are little prayer services called "Scrutinies." There are three Scrutinies as part of the process which take place on the 3rd, 4th and 5th Sunday's of Lent. Scrutinies are a time we look at ourselves carefully and examine ourselves thoroughly. This is exactly what Steve and John are doing as they reflect on the special Gospels of those Sundays. These are going to take place at the 9:00 AM Mass on Sunday, March 7, the 11:00 AM Mass on March 14 and the 7:00 PM Mass on March 21st. Please keep Steve and John in prayer as they continue this journey and may we all scrutinize ourselves as we prepare to renew our own baptismal promises. I am extremely grateful for Patrick Lanza's faithfulness in representing the community and participating weekly in this process

Some reminders for Lent: Participation on Zoom in the Sacramental series on Tuesday nights at 7:00 PM (see the parish website to register); Participation on Zoom on Thursday nights at 7:00 PM in a discussion of the scripture passages for the following Sunday (832-4986-0935 password 025786); Participation on Zoom on Friday nights at 7:00 PM (559-049-7986 password 7139) in the Stations of the Cross.

Have a SAFE week.

Fr. Bill



WHAT ARE <u>YOUR</u> QUESTIONS? Submit your questions for our four-part series during Lent when we will discuss and answer questions regarding the "Sacraments of Healing" and the "Sacraments of Commitment." Join us and our special guest participants via Zoom from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM on the dates listed below!

2/23 Reconciliation - Most Rev. Nelson J. Pérez, D.D., Archbishop of Philadelphia - Register at the link below: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMvf-ChrTgjG9cOD7E51pWTsjyaN_glL4se

3/2 Anointing of the Sick - Rev. Zachary Navit, JD, MA, MDiv, Chaplain, St. Mary Center for Rehabilitation and Healthcare, Lansdale, PA - Register at the link below:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0tce-gqDMvHdxJcCh9p1M7orzMHqLbG2AW

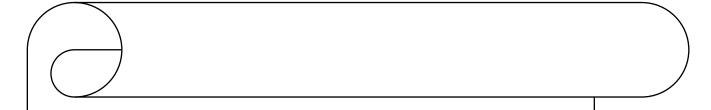
3/9 Matrimony - **Deacon Mike and Cathy Kubiak**, former Coordinator of Marriage Preparation for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia Office of Life and Family - **Register at the link below:**https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYvd-utqjwtGtMBczVb4U9pkpcqk3OlkbOW

3/16 Holy Orders - Rev. Don Reilly, OSA, MA, MDiv (ordained 46 years), Head of School of Malvern Preparatory School and former Augustinian Provincial of the Province of St. Thomas of Villanova and Rev. Dan Madden, OSA, MA (ordained 5 months), staff in Student Affairs Office, Merrimack College, North Andover, MA. - Register at the link: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tzlkcOqtrTwvGtBX-CYhl 1878StXBOyYZP7

3/23 "How Does It All Come Together?" - Rev. Monsignor Michael Magee, STD, SLL, MA, MDiv, Dean of the School of Theology Studies, Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary, Wynnewood, PA - Register at the link below: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwsfuiprDojGdF1BKrFbwHzeRfxIMWdFsYQ

For more information and to submit your questions, contact Jacob Marquart, O.F.S. at: staugustineparish09@gmail.com or call (215) 627-1838

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Comments on Discussion of Sacraments from the Advent 2020 series:

What a wonderful program overall, and last night's program on the Eucharist with Father Gill was really informative for me, because he was not only knowledgeable but also personable.

René Quinlan, St. Augustine Parish, Philadelphia, PA

Thank you so much. These talks have given me new perspectives to share with my catechists who teach the Sacraments and also our RCIA team, as well as with those preparing to be welcomed into the Church. Great format, too. God bless.

Kathy Thomas, DRE St. Joseph Parish, Downingtown, PA

Linda and I thought the three-part series was excellent. We look forward to participating during Lent. The format was very good. The speakers were excellent. And the timing is spot on. It has helped me better understand my Catholic faith even though I am 80 and a half years old. It is never too late to learn. One suggestion would be to record the sessions in case people wanted to go back and review them. I'm not sure what the logistics of that program would be.

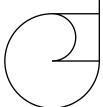
Jim Glasgow, Villanova University

Thank you for organizing these zoom events. They have made me feel more connected to my faith, especially during this trying time. Although Father patiently and thoroughly explained several questions, I feel as if I almost understood. However, I can now see my fellow receivers of Communion differently, as a community of receivers of Jesus and not just as individually waiting our turn in line. I look forward to the topics of Lent!

Donna, St. Bridget Parish, East Falls, Philadelphia, PA

I was a public school student when I was confirmed about 50 years ago. There were some catechism classes about the gifts of the Holy Spirit but I really had no clue what it was all about. I've learned more tonight than the rest of my life put together.

Christine McKee, St. Andrew Parish, Newtown, PA





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