## St. Augustine Parish

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – June 28, 2015 Growing Together, Building Together

#### **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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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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#### 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.





Friday, July 3rd is a Legal Holiday and Daily Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 AM only.

#### **SUMMER SINULOG 2015**

Our Summer Sinulog celebration honoring the SANTO NINO, will be on Sunday, August 16th. The Very Reverend Joseph L. Farrell, O.S.A., Vicar General of the Augustinian Order, in Rome, Italy, will be the Principal Celebrant. Mass will be at 11:00 AM followed by a procession of the image of Santo Nino through the streets of Old City followed by a light lunch.



All are welcome to attend!

If you are interested in helping with the event preparation, you can contact any of the following coordinators: Fernando Dacanay, 484-9951359, Bel Lopena, 215-676-3159, Ferdie Luyun, 267-625-8958 or Dr. Lita Manguba, 267-538-8042.

Donations of canned soda (Pepsi, Coke, Sprite), and bottled water are greatly appreciated. Please drop off these items at the Carr Hall any Sunday before August 16, 2015.

#### Vacation time has arrived!

Vacation time has arrived and everyone deserves a time of relaxation. We hope you have the opportunity to have a fun and safe vacation.

However, the financial responsibilities of the parish do not go on vacation and so we ask and encourage you to make up your donations to the parish for the time you are away.

#### Have a great Summer!

# GOD BLESS AMERICA

In the Second Collection today, we are supporting Pope Francis in his charitable works. The **Peter's Pence Collection** is taken up worldwide to support the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. This is a great opportunity to join with our Holy Father, Pope Francis, and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters.

# Mass for the Intentions Week

Saturday & Sunday, June 27 & 28, 2015

5:15 PM † John A. Georeno 9:00 AM Father's Day Novena 11:00 AM † Cirilo DeJesus and

Maria DeJesus 7:00 PM The Parish Community

Monday, June 29, 2015 12:05 PM Father's Day Novena

Tuesday, June 30, 2015 12:05 PM † Rosalina Iodice

Wednesday, July 01, 2015 12:05 PM † Anne Manning

Thursday, July 02, 2015 12:05 PM Deceased Friends

**Friday, July 03, 2015 10:00 AM** † Jacob A. Marquart, Jr.

Saturday, July 04, 2015 5:15 PM † Anthony & Albert Georeno

† = Deceased

## Sacrificial Giving June 20 & 21, 2015

Number of Envelopes Used: **72** Amount in Envelopes: **\$1,725.00** Average \$/Envelope: **\$23.96** 

Electronic Giving: 12

Average \$/Electronic: \$23.09

Loose Money: **\$559.00**Total Collection: **\$2,561.00** 

#### **Electronic Giving**

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at the top of the page to get started today!



Sunday, June 28, 2015 Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 9 AM, 11 AM, 7 PM Mass

Monday, June 29, 2015

**Tuesday, June 230, 2015** 7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in SHB

Wednesday, July 01, 2015 8:00 PM Fiat Prayer Group

Thursday, July 02, 2015 7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in SHB 8:00 PM St. Augustine Choir Rehearsal

**Friday, July 03, 2015** 5:00 PM Abiamiri-Bolis Wedding

Saturday, July 04, 2015 INDEPENDENCE DAY 7:00 PM N.A. Meeting in SHB



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

#### Dear Parishioners:

As you know we have been praying in the Prayer of the Faithful for the last months for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as our Parish Pastoral Council develops a Pastoral Plan. After the members of the Council read, reflected on and discussed Pope Francis' exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*, the Council established a phrase to help us move forward: "Creating a Community of Involvement and Evangelization."

This task is an ongoing process, but I would like to share with you some of the fruits thus far of our prayer and of our work.

In order to involve as many parishioners as possible, you will remember that we asked you several months ago to participate in a parish survey. Your input was taken very seriously.

Since September we probably have at least 30 people who have registered as new members of the parish. Many of them have done so at the recommendation of a friend. All new members were invited to a "welcome to the parish" cook out a few weeks ago.

On any weekend we now have as many as 16 parishioners participating in the electronic giving. This has increased considerably and I believe this will continue to increase.

We have about six new Eucharistic Ministers and seven new Lectors. Hopefully, this number will increase in the Fall.

At the Sunday 7:00 PM Mass, participants now have the opportunity to include their specific petitions in the Prayer of the Faithful.

We have begun having a social after the 7:00 P.M. Mass on some Sundays in Carr Hall. Several weeks ago there were about 70 people at the Mass and about 40 came to the hall. Some bring their own beer and wine, and there just happens to be some there for those who didn't bring it.

We asked for volunteers to form a social committee to facilitate this social. Eight persons responded to this invitation, six of whom I believe we're not involved at this level before.

Three new members have joined our Parish Finance Commission. We had an orientation meeting with them last week. In the Fall we hope to have five new members for the Parish Pastoral Council. Stay tuned for this process.

After a reflective process the Parish Pastoral Council decided to have a parish outreach at *The Gift of Life*, a residence for transplant patients and their families. We had an organizational meeting last week. There are about 25 parishioners who are interested in this parish endeavor. We originally thought we would only provide one dinner a month for the residents there. Arrangements now have been made that beginning in September we will provide two dinners a month. Stay tuned for how everyone in the parish can be involved in this outreach.

An extensive amount of work (hours and hours and hours) has been done to revamp the parish Website. A number of people have told me they have come here because of the welcoming tone on it as well as the information on it. Several persons told me they are having their weddings here because of their experience of our website.

Currently 372 persons receive our Parish Newsletter. 23 more persons will be added shortly. We know about 40% (close to 150 people) open it and receive information of what is happening in the parish

Lastly, plans are underway for someone to visit a number of the hotels in our area and make arrangements to provide parish information for their guests.

All of this has happened because of a number of parishioners sharing their time, talents and treasures. It has happened because the Holy Spirit is listening to our weekly prayers and is responding to them.

In his Exhortation, Pope Francis exhorts all of us to become involved in spreading the Joy of the Gospel. He exhorts all of us to be among the people: in his words "To smell like the sheep." He exhorts all of us (there is room for everyone at the table) to be evangelizers and to use the new technology for that purpose. He exhorts us to find new ways of doing things.

I am happy to report to you that thru the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the guidance of the Parish Pastoral Council, we are "Creating a Community of involvement and Evangelization."

Have a great week.

Fr. Bill