# St. Augustine Parish

### Second Sunday of Lent – March 17, 2019

"Creating A Community Of Involvement And Evangelization"



National Shrine of Santo Niño de Cebú

#### **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. 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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Phone: 215-627-1838 FAX: 215-627-3911

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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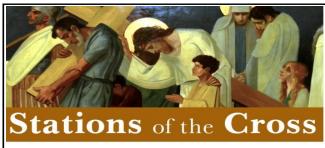
#### In Residence:

Rev. Paul Morrissey, O.S.A., Prison Chaplain

Rev. James Keating, O.S.A.

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





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

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

#### **Spring Open House**

Roman Catholic High School will hold a Spring Open House intended for 6th and 7th grade students and their families on Sunday March 31st from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Registration available online at: www.RomanCatholicHS.com. For additional info or questions regarding the event call (215)-627-1270 ext. 146/159 or e-mail: admissions@romancatholichs.com.

To learn what is going on around the Archdiocese of Philadelphia or Catholic World News, please go to.....

www.catholicphilly.com

#### CHURCH GROUNDS SPRING MULCHING



#### Sunday, March 31, 2019 9 AM to 12 Noon

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

As you may have seen in recent reports, a "PHISHING" scam has been affecting a small number of parishes within the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. WE ARE ONE OF THEM! This scam involves parishioners receiving a text message,



email, or robotic phone call from a source alleging to be the pastor of the local parish (the email address may look VERY similar to Fr. Bill's or a staff member's email address). These messages contain a request for parishioners to purchase gift cards for a parish fundraiser or some other reason and then send the gift card numbers back to the scammer claiming to be Fr. Bill. This is something we will NEVER do, so BEWARE!

Father Bill will always announce something happening in the parish in his weekly bulletin letter first. Then it will be followed up in the subsequent weeks as a Mass Announcement and Bulletin item. The parish will **NEVER** send texts, emails or robotic calls asking for money or to buy a gift card. If you are unsure of a request that you have received, please call the Parish Office **FIRST BEFORE** you do anything.



The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Psalm 27



#### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday & Sunday, March 16 & 17, 2019

5:15 PM † Maria & Guglielmo Germano 9:00 AM † Matthew F. Swider 11:00 AM In Thanksgiving, Agnes Amora 7:00 PM

Monday, March 18, 2019 12:05 PM † Roberto Sepe

#### Tuesday, March 19, 2019 SAINT JOSEPH'S FEAST DAY

12:05 PM Deceased Marquart Family and Gallagher Family Fathers

Wednesday, March 20, 2019 12:05 PM † Christopher Mermer

Thursday, March 21, 2019 12:05 PM

Friday, March 22, 2019
12:05 PM † Policarpo & Leonila Josol

Saturday, March 23, 2019 5:15 PM Joseph Matozzo, Special Intention

† = Deceased

# Sacrificial Giving March 9 & 10, 2019

Number of Envelopes Used: 54
Amount in Envelopes: \$1,675.00
Average \$/Envelope: \$31.04
Electronic Giving: 43
Amount Electronic: \$1,183.00
Average \$/Electronic: \$27.52
Loose Money: \$661.00
Total Collection: \$3,519.00

#### Capital Campaign (Phase 1) To date:

Pledges: 150 Percentage: 83.73% Amount Pledged: \$628,042.50 Amount Received: \$293,176.76

#### **Electronic Giving**

Just log on to our website, www.st-augustinechurch.com and click on: "Sign Up For Electronic Giving"



# Bulletin Board

Second Sunday in Lent Sunday, March 17, 2019 HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S Day!

Monday, March 18, 2019

Tuesday, March 19, 2019

4:00 PM Gift of Life Family House Dinner 7:00 PM Lent Program: Discover Augustine 7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB

### Wednesday, March 20, 2019 FIRST DAY OF SPRING!

7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB 8:00 PM Fiat Prayer Group

**Thursday, March 21, 2019** 7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB

Friday, March 22, 2019 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 23, 2019 7:00 PM N.A. Meeting in CHB



A word from Fr. Bill....

#### Dear Parishioners:

We have been talking about "The Survey" for about two months now. We are now at the last hours to participate in it. To date we have approximately 70 parishioners who have done so. We are extremely grateful to them. If you have been meaning to do it, but just haven't gotten to it, please know that **surveys will only be accepted until 11:59 PM this Monday, March 18th**. If you have not already submitted it, please take 10-15 minutes to fill it out. The more who do, the better reading we get of the parish and the better we are able to respond to your spiritual needs. You will find the link for the survey on the homepage of our parish website. Also, there are hard copies in the back of the church. If you choose to fill one out manually, it needs to be submitted to the Parish Office by Monday evening.

Last Sunday at the 11:00 AM Mass we celebrated the "Rite of Sending Forth." This was a ceremony where the St. Augustine Parish community "sent" Karen Connolly, Ashley Foreman and Tom White to the Cathedral to inform Archbishop Chaput of our recommendation that they be totally initiated into the Catholic Church at Easter. After that liturgy, they went to the Cathedral for the "Rite of Election," where they were presented to the Archbishop. They are now in their last stage of preparation for full initiation with us. In the next several weeks (this Sunday at the 9:00 AM Mass and next Sunday at the 11:00 AM Mass) we will celebrate "The Scrutinies" with them. The Scrutinies are rites of conversion and repentance. They include prayers of intercession and exorcism and are intended to deliver the Elect from sin, protect them from temptation and invite them closer to Christ, who is the living water, the Light of the World and the Resurrection and the Life. The three Scrutinies are generally celebrated on the Third, Fourth and Fifth Sundays of Lent, but these dates can be altered for good reason.

You will hear a lot more about this in the next several months, but for now, please "Save The Date" of Saturday evening, June 1st. There will be a major Parish Capital Campaign event held at Villanova University with Jay Wright, Villanova's men's varsity basketball coach, as the keynote speaker and Jim Murray, the former General Manager of the Philadelphia Eagles and co-founder of the Ronald McDonald Houses, as the Master of Ceremonies. There will be a lot more details to come (Open Bar, Hors d'oeuvres, Buffet Dinner, Tours of the new Pavilion, Door Prizes and a Live Auction for a few big items) but for now, please reserve the date June 1st and reserve \$100.

As we enter into the 2nd Week of Lent, perhaps a reflection for us might be which false idol—pleasure, power, honor, or wealth—tempts us the most? Why? Pope Francis asked this question within his Ash Wednesday Mass.

As we continue our Lenten fast, may we not only fast from (you fill in the blank), but also fast from anger and feast on patience.

Have a great week.





#### 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:	TOILETRIES:
Bottled Water	Chapstick
Instant Coffee Packets	Facial wipes
Tea Bags	Moisturizer
Energy Drink	Comb
Juice Cans or Boxes	Toothbrush
	Tooth paste
FOOD:	Q-Tips
Beef Jerky	
Dried Fruit	GENERAL:
Granola Bars	Multi-Purpose Wipes
Instant Oatmeal Packets	Compact First Aid Kit
Protein Powder Packets	EmergenC Packets (used
	for when they start to get sick)
TREATS:	Heat Pack
Chocolates (Individually	Warm Socks (Wool)
Wrapped)	
Hard Candy	EXTRA:
Mints	Restaurant Gift Cards
Chewing Gum	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







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; <u>roobearoo@hotmail.com</u> Patrick Stanton – 267-718-4851; pjstanton9@gmail.com

40daysforlife.com/Philly

# Are You Called to be a Deacon?

# Archdiocese of Philadelphia invites you to...

2019 Permanent Diaconate Information Night Thursday, April 11, 2019 7:00 PM - 9:00PM

Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary - Vianney Auditorium 100 East Wynnewood Road Wynnewood, PA 19096

## Minister of the Word • Minister at the Altar • Minister of Charity









#### A Catholic Permanent Deacon Is An Ordained Member Of The Clergy Configured To The Person Of Christ The Servant

What distinguishes the permanent deacon from the lay person is that the permanent deacon, who may be married, is a member of the clergy and shares in the hierarchy of the Sacrament of Holy Orders. He has been ordained to assist the bishop in his doctrinal, sacramental and charitable ministry both publicly and permanently. Through the Sacrament of Holy Orders, the deacon is configured to Christ the Servant. It is Christ the Servant who acts through the ministry of the deacon.





Deacon Michael Pascarella, Jr.
Associate to the Vicar for Clergy for Permanent Deacons

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#### Want to Learn More...

We invite Catholic men (and their wives if married) with a deep spiritual life who are between the ages of 29 and 55, and would like to discern a call to serve Jesus Christ and His Church within the Archdiocese of Philadelphia as permanent deacons to take the next step and contact us for more information and to register for the upcoming Permanent Diaconate Information Night.

Registration for this event is required. Please email the following information to Laura Nimmons at lnimmons@archphila.org

- Name
- Address
- Age
- Email
- Parish
- Marital Status (if married, Wife's name)