

St. Augustine Parish

The Third Sunday of Lent – March 19, 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.

243 North Lawrence Street
Philadelphia, PA 19106
(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

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.
Adeodatus Prison Ministry/Restorative Justice
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

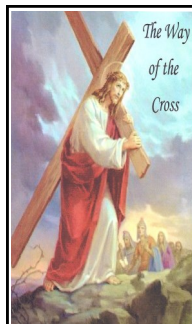
Please call the parish office for information. Forms are also available in the back of the Church.

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.



Stations of the Cross
Friday Evenings
During Lent
7:30 P.M.
Come, walk, and meditate on the Way of the Cross

Catholic Clinical Consultants offers a full range of individualized, supportive and empowering treatment options For: Individual Psychotherapy and Counseling, Family therapy, Couples Counseling, Group Therapy, Drug and Alcohol Counseling, Anger Management and many more. Where: Catholic Social Services - Northeast Family Service Center, 7340 Jackson St., Phila., PA 19136 For more information, please call toll free 855-518-2223.



spring cleanup

With Spring around the corner, we are planning to place mulch around the Church property on **April 1st from 10 AM—Noon.** We are hoping to get volunteers to help on that day. We had a great turnout last year and are excited as Easter falls a little later this year and we will have the opportunity to have our gardens ready for Holy Week.

If you are interested, please contact our Parish Facilities Director, **Bob Zigmund**, at **facilities243@gmail.com** or **215-627-1838 ext. 111.** Thank you for your help!



MOTHER BONIFACE SPIRITUALITY CENTER, 3501 Solly Avenue in Northeast Philadelphia is offering a **Family Retreat: Fishing with Jesus on March 31-April 1, 2017, beginning at 7 pm Friday and concluding at 7 pm Saturday.** Come and join other families for this overnight retreat, with learning, crafts, prayers, games and sharing of our faith. Learn how Jesus needs you, yes YOU and YOU and YOU to work with Him in “fishing” for souls who don’t yet know the joy of the Gospel, the joy of knowing God’s merciful love for each one of us.

Fee: \$40 per adult, \$25 per child OR \$130 maximum per family (includes a \$40 non-refundable deposit).

Please call for more information regarding registration at 267-350-1830 or 267-350-1831 by March 21st.



Mass Intentions

Saturday & Sunday,
March 18 & 19, 2017

5:15 PM -----
 9:00 AM † Carlos Cabungcal
 11:00 AM Nelvin & Garrett Largoza
 7:00 PM -----

Monday, March 20, 2017

12:05 PM † Daniel Candelora

Tuesday, March 21, 2017

12:05 PM Sevtlana Dubova & Family

Wednesday, March 22, 2017

12:05 PM † Daniel Candelora

Thursday, March 23, 2017

12:05 PM Deceased Members and Benefactors of the Augustinian Order

Friday, March 24, 2017

12:05 PM † Daniel Candelora

Saturday, March 25, 2017

5:15 PM The Parish Community

† = Deceased

Sacrificial Giving

March 11 & 12, 2017

Number of Envelopes Used: 55
 Amount in Envelopes: \$1,605.00
 Average \$/Envelope: \$29.18
 Electronic Giving: 28
 Amount Electronic: \$845.00
 Average \$/Electronic: \$30.18
 Loose Money: \$510.00
 Total Collection: \$2,960.00

Electronic Giving

It's simple!

It's secure!

It's convenient!

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



The Bulletin Board

The Third Sunday of Lent
Sunday, March 19, 2017

Monday, March 20, 2017
FIRST DAY OF SPRING

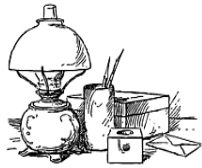
Tuesday, March 21, 2017
 7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB

Wednesday, March 22, 2017
 8:00 PM Fiat Prayer Group

Thursday, March 23, 2017
 7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB
 8:00 PM St. Augustine Choir Rehearsal

Friday, March 24, 2017
 7:30 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 25, 2017
 7:00 PM N.A. Meeting in CHB



A word from Fr. Bill.....



PRAYER



FASTING



ALMSGIVING

Dear Parishioners:

Having been a pastor in four parishes that had parochial schools, I know what a drain it is for parishes to subsidize these schools in order that they can stay open. Some people would ask, "Why should we keep these schools open if so few people are going to church today?" In one sense I believe it is all the more reason to keep the parochial schools open because it becomes missionary work. It may be the only place where the faith, traditions, attitudes and practices of the Catholic Church are experienced. It is in this spirit that I am sharing the message below on behalf of the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference (PCC).

The PCC is urging Catholics across the Commonwealth to contact their state representatives in support of proposed increases for tax credits available through the existing Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) and Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit (OSTC) programs.

These initiatives provide much needed financial aid for students attending Catholic schools in the Philadelphia region and throughout the state.

House Bill 250 proposes to increase tax credits available under the Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program by \$50 million (raising it to \$175 million) and the Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit (OSTC) program by \$25 million (raising it to \$75 million).

The EITC and the OSTC programs have always achieved bipartisan support and have been acclaimed as two of the best educational programs Pennsylvania offers to students in both public and private schools.

The tax credit scholarships have been a Godsend for students seeking a Catholic or other private education in Pennsylvania. Every Catholic school in all corners of this Commonwealth benefits from the EITC or OSTC programs.

Each year more than 40,000 families get a scholarship that permits the parents to send their children to a Catholic or another private school. It gives these families a true choice in the right educational path for their children.

Additionally, the program assists countless Pennsylvania students in traditional public schools. Educational Improvement Organizations direct a portion of the tax credits to support innovative educational programs that enhance the regular public school curriculum.

Urge your state Representative to support the expansion of the Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) and Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit (OSTC) programs by voting YES on HB 250. One way to do this is by going to the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference's website at: www.pacatholic.org and following the link at the top of the page concerning: "**Take Action.**"

I am reminded of the expression "All that is needed for bad things to happen is for good men and women to do nothing." This is a very concrete way we can all do something to help more children get a parochial school education and at the same time help the parishes lighten their load to make sure it happens.

Have a great week.

Fr. Bill

Mass and Reception

The Annual Archdiocesan Mass Honoring the Gifts of Persons with Disabilities, The Deaf Community, Family, Friends and Care-givers is Saturday, April 1st, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul at 18th and Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia. Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap., will be the principal celebrant and homilist. There will be a light reception immediately following the Mass.

All are Welcome. To RSVP go to: www.opdarchphilly.org , or call the Office for Persons with Disabilities at 215-587-3530.