St. Augustine Parish

Third Sunday of Lent – March 24, 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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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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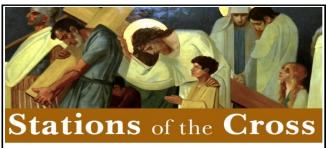
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Rev. Paul Morrissey, O.S.A., Prison Chaplain

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



Capital Campaign Envelopes

If you would like an envelope(s) to submit your Capital Campaign Pledge donation, you will now find some on the back tables of the church.

Thank you for your support and generosity.

Old Palms

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



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

2019 Paschal Candle

If a member of the parish is interested in memorializing the new 2019 Easter Paschal Candle, please contact the Parish Office. The donation for this new candle is \$200.00. Thank you.



National Shrine of Saint Rita of Cascia

Thursday, April 4 at 7pm: Why Don't We Forgive?

Forgiveness is an easy thing to say, but not an easy thing to mean. Fr. James D. Paradis, O.S.A., D.Min., will discuss why it is so difficult to unburden our hearts and seek true forgiveness at the National Shrine of Saint Rita of Cascia, in the Lower Shrine Chapel. The Shrine is located at 1166 S. Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19146.

For more information, please contact our office by calling 215-546-8333, ext. 10 or email: office@saintritashrine.org





Saturday & Sunday, March 23 & 24, 2019

5:15 PM Joseph Matozzo, Special Intention 9:00 AM † David Reece, Mary Stoltz, and Vincent Barone

Tuesday, March 26, 2019 12:05 PM † Eufrosina Torres Brett

Wednesday, March 27, 2019
12:05 PM

Thursday, March 28, 2019

12:05 PM ~~~~~~~~~

Friday, March 29, 2019 12:05 PM

Saturday, March 30, 2019 5:15 PM

† = Deceased

Sacrificial Giving March 16 & 17, 2019

Number of Envelopes Used: 58
Amount in Envelopes: \$1,568.00
Average \$/Envelope: \$27.05
Electronic Giving: 35
Amount Electronic: \$638.00
Average \$/Electronic: \$18.24
Loose Money: \$547.00
Total Collection: \$2,753.00

Capital Campaign (Phase 1) To date:

Pledges:150 Percentage: 83.75% Amount Pledged: \$628,152.50 Amount Received: \$295,261.76

Electronic Giving

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



Bulletin Board

Third Sunday in Lent Sunday, March 24, 2019 10:00 AM CCD/PREP Class 12:00 PM CCD/PREP Class

Monday, March 25, 2019 7:00 PM Catholic Parents Network Mtg.

Tuesday, March 26, 2019
7:00 PM Lent Program: Discover Augustine
7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB

Wednesday, March 27, 2019
5:00 PM Murray-Ries Wedding Rehearsal
7:00 PM Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB
8:00 PM Fiat Prayer Group

Thursday, March 28, 2019 7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB

Friday, March 29, 2019 5:00 PM Murray-Ries Wedding 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 30, 2019 7:00 PM N.A. Meeting in CHB



A word from Fr. Bill....

Dear Parishioners:

You have heard me talk about 'The Survey' for weeks, more like months. All the talking about it seems to have paid off. We had 104 parishioners participate in it. After a discussion on Saturday November 10th of last year with Dan Cellucci of the Catholic Leadership Institute (CLI), the Parish Pastoral Council advised that we as a parish participate in the survey (free of charge) which the CLI has facilitated in 400 parishes (in 22 Dioceses and Archdioceses) in the country. They designed the questions. They will summarize the responses and they will give us a report of their findings. On Saturday May 18th, the Parish Pastoral Council will review this report with Dan Cellucci and begin to see how we might implement it. These discussions could affect the parish for some time to come. It is exciting. I would like to sincerely thank the 104 parishioners who took the 10-15 minutes to fill out the survey. This was a true service to the parish as a whole. Stay tuned!

You know that for some time now, we have been talking about how we as a parish can respond to the drug epidemic in our society. We have had discussions and guest speakers, etc. We have initiated a few things with prayer and education. As a direct result of all of this discussion and planning, last Sunday seven of our parishioners participated in the street ministry led by the Capuchin Franciscan Friars of the Padre Pio Prayer Center. They took with them and distributed to the homeless and drug addicted in Kensington the "Blessing Bags" which so many of you have generously donated. The following is an email I received from Sue Ryan, one of the organizers of this project, on Sunday afternoon, a few hours after they distributed the blessing bags which you provided.

Hi Fr. Bill, We thought you would like some feedback on the outing with the Friars this morning. It was another great experience. We probably fed lunch to about 70 grateful people. The blessing bags were very well received. Our group was awesome! Rene, Don, Craig, Rich, Mary, Dave and I all agreed that it was an enriching experience and we look forward to participating again. We are going to shoot for another date in June and hope that some of the others may join us. Sue

Lastly, I have been asked by 206 Tours, a very reputable Catholic tour agency with whom I have been a chaplain twice before, to be a chaplain next Spring (May 24-June 2, 2020) for a pilgrimage to see the Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany. The Passion Play which is very famous is only performed every ten years by the residents of that village. People from all over the world come to see it. It is five hours long, with a three-hour dinner break. The trip also includes stops in Vienna, the Silent Night Chapel where the famous Christmas Carol was written, the place where Mozart was born and where he first performed at the age of 6, one of the shooting spots for the filming of the Sound of Music, the birthplace and hometown of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI. The cost of \$5,649 per person includes: round-trip airfare, 8 nights in four star hotels, all breakfasts and dinners (with wine at dinner-not breakfast), an air-conditioned motor coach, local guides, tickets and program for the Passion Play, daily Mass and of course the services of a first class chaplain. If you are interested, please be in touch with me. There are brochures in the back of the church.

This week may we attempt to fast from words that pollute; feast on phrases that purify.

Have a great week.





YOUNG ADULT EXCLUSIVE MOVIE NIGHT



THURSDAY, MARCH 28th, 7PM

United Artists Riverview Plaza 1400 S. Christopher Columbus Blvd., Philadelphia, PA 19147

Join Generation Life for the premiere night of the highly anticipated film 'UNPLANNED.' Connect with other young adults interested in exploring the testimony of a former abortion clinic director & her powerful life-changing experience. Movie followed by lively discussion and yummy food.

Reserve Your DISCOUNTED TICKET at www.generationlife.org/unplanned

Generation Life is a movement of young people committed to building a culture of life by spreading the pro-life and chastity messages to other young people.

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 |
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*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 BILESSING 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; <u>pjstanton9@gmail.com</u>

40daysforlife.com/Philly