

St. Augustine Parish

Fourth Sunday of Lent – March 31, 2019



National Shrine of
Santo Niño de Cebú

"Creating A Community Of Involvement And Evangelization"

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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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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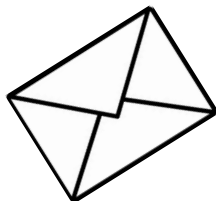
In Residence:

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

Rev. James Keating, O.S.A.

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





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.



Catholic History Lecture

On Tuesday, April 9th (6 PM dinner; and 7 PM Lecture), Dr. Mary Ellen O'Donnell will speak on her book, *"Ingrained Habits: Growing Up Catholic in Mid-20th Century America"* at the American Catholic Historical Society at 263 South 4th Street. RSVP required. For more information please visit: www.amchs.org or call Thomas at : 610-212-9430.

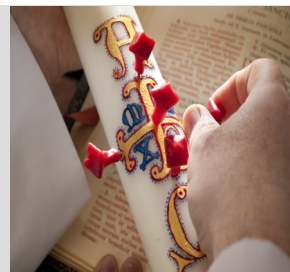
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2019 Paschal Candle

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

Saint Augustine Church will be helping the Easter Bunny bring some Easter wishes to the youngest members of our parish community by sponsoring an Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday after the 11:00 AM Mass in the "Healing Garden." Come join us for some Easter FUN!



Mass Intentions

Saturday & Sunday,
March 30 & 31, 2019

5:15 PM ~~~~~
9:00 AM ~~~~~
11:00 AM † Leonardo Arevalo
7:00 PM Deceased Members of the
Georeno Family

Monday, April 01, 2019

12:05 PM ~~~~~

Tuesday, April 02, 2019

12:05 PM Deceased members and
Benefactors of the OSA

Wednesday, April 03, 2019

12:05 PM ~~~~~

Thursday, April 04, 2019

12:05 PM ~~~~~

Friday, April 05, 2019

12:05 PM ~~~~~

Saturday, April 06, 2019

5:15 PM † Suzanne Florian
† = Deceased

Sacrificial Giving

March 23 & 24, 2019

Number of Envelopes Used: 58
Amount in Envelopes: \$1,694.00
Average \$/Envelope: \$29.22
Electronic Giving: 35
Amount Electronic: \$668.00
Average \$/Electronic: \$19.09
Loose Money: \$468.00
Total Collection: \$2,830.00

Capital Campaign (Phase 1) To date:

Pledges: 150 Percentage: 83.75%
Amount Pledged: \$628,162.50
Amount Received: \$298,263.54

Electronic Giving

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



The Bulletin Board

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 31, 2019

10:00 AM CCD/PREP Class

12:00 PM CCD/PREP Class

Monday, April 01, 2019

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Tuesday, April 02, 2019

All Day - Prayer at Planned Parenthood  
7:00 PM Lent Program: Discover Augustine

7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB

Wednesday, April 03, 2019

7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB

8:00 PM Fiat Prayer Group

Thursday, April 04, 2019

7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB

Friday, April 05, 2019

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 06, 2019

7:00 PM N.A. Meeting in CHB



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

Dear Parishioners:

For many years now Rice Bowls have been traditionally a part of Lent. Because of our familiarity with them over the years, it is easy to forget their purpose. I thought it might be a good idea to refresh our memories about this Lenten tradition which is facilitated by the Catholic Relief Services (CRS).

CRS Rice Bowls share stories of hope from around the world. For example, CRS programs empower young mothers in Guatemala so that they can raise their families in their native land. CRS programs accompany refugees in their moment of greatest need and help equip them with tools to return home and rebuild. These are examples of the kinds of communities where the Lenten alms of participating Catholics from across our country are affecting lives.

It is through CRS Rice Bowls that faith communities in every diocese throughout the United States put its faith into action through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. More than 130 million lives are touched by these donations. 75% of the donations through Rice Bowls support the work of CRS in roughly 45 different countries each year. 25 % of all donations to CRS Rice Bowls stay in the local diocese -- supporting the efforts of alleviating hunger and poverty. Here in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, Rice Bowl donations are used by Catholic Charities to support its work locally to relieve hunger.

The CRS Rice Bowls provides daily opportunities to be inspired by the stories of communities from around the world, to set aside a little of ourselves to make room for a stranger. We do this during Lent because CRS Rice Bowls reminds us that the journey through the desert ultimately leads to resurrection -- and that it is our Gospel call to stand with courage, bringing the hope of the Resurrection to a world often beset by hopelessness. While the barren expanses of the desert tell us to be afraid, to cling to what we have and look out only for ourselves, the invitation of Lent beckons us forth to encounter the needs of the world through:

- A readiness to give alms so as to share what we have with our brothers and sisters around the world.
- A renewed life of prayer in God that unites our needs with the needs of the world, through the stories of members of our global human family.
- A commitment to fast that reminds us that God is ever faithful and frees us from the fear of not having or being enough.

This year's CRS Rice Bowl journey responds to Pope Francis' invitation to share the journey with migrants and refugees -- sharing stories from around the world that reflect our commitment to care for some of these most vulnerable members of our human family.

This Lent, as millions of God's children flee war, persecution, and poverty, I encourage you to share their journey, guided by the CRS Rice Bowl.

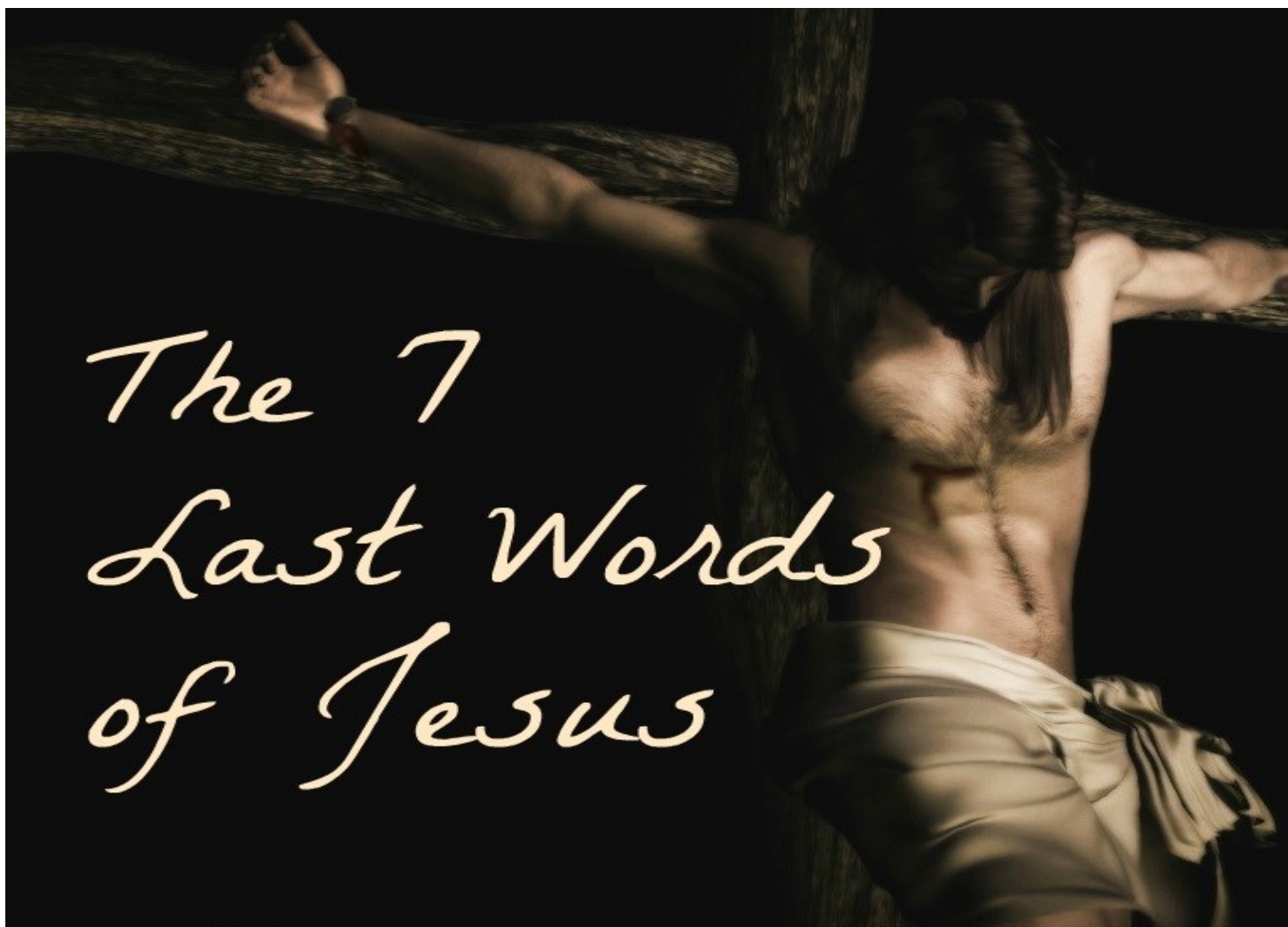
It is not too late to participate with other parishioners this Lent in Operation Rice Bowl. There are still Rice Bowls available in the back of the church. Money that you save from fasting from "whatever" (chocolate, beer, alcohol, munchies, etc.) can be placed in the bowls and returned to us at Easter time. Then we will send a check to Catholic Relief Services. It is more convenient for us if checks (made out to St Augustine Parish) or cash are placed in the bowls. Change, however, is always accepted.

This tradition of Rice Bowls has become very routine each Lent, I hope this explanation helps to remind us of its purpose and encourage us to participate in it.

Have a great week.

Fr. Bill





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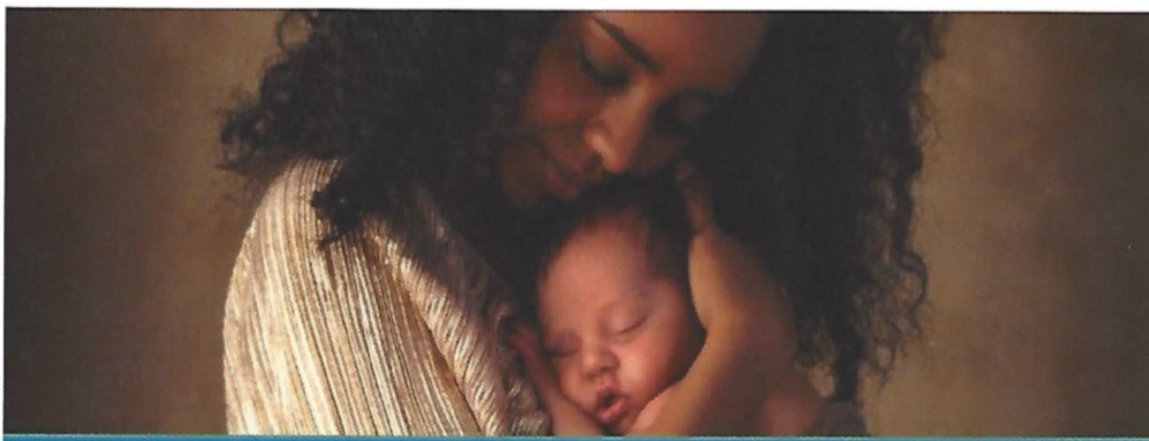
invites you to participate in the service of

*“The Seven Last Words of Jesus”*

**Good Friday, April 19th at 7:30 PM**

The service (approximately 90 minutes) will consist of a scripture reading of each of the words, a short reflection by a parishioner, silence, several petitions and a hymn for each word.

**Everyone is welcome!**



# 40 DAYS FOR LIFE®

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March 6 - April 14

**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; [roobearoo@hotmail.com](mailto:roobearoo@hotmail.com)

Patrick Stanton – 267-718-4851; [pjstanton9@gmail.com](mailto:pjstanton9@gmail.com)

**[40daysforlife.com/Philly](http://40daysforlife.com/Philly)**

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.

## *featuring* Blessing Bag Checklist for the Homeless

### DRINKS:

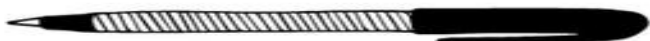
- ☐ Bottled Water
- ☐ Instant Coffee Packets
- ☐ Tea Bags
- ☐ Energy Drink
- ☐ Juice Cans or Boxes

### FOOD:

- ☐ Beef Jerky
- ☐ Dried Fruit
- ☐ Granola Bars
- ☐ Instant Oatmeal Packets
- ☐ Protein Powder Packets

### TREATS:

- ☐ Chocolates (Individually Wrapped)
- ☐ Hard Candy
- ☐ Mints
- ☐ Chewing Gum



### TOILETRIES:

- ☐ Chapstick
- ☐ Facial wipes
- ☐ Moisturizer
- ☐ Comb
- ☐ Toothbrush
- ☐ Tooth paste
- ☐ Q-Tips

### GENERAL:

- ☐ Multi-Purpose Wipes
- ☐ Compact First Aid Kit
- ☐ EmergenC Packets (used for when they start to get sick)
- ☐ Heat Pack
- ☐ Warm Socks (Wool)

### EXTRA:

- ☐ Restaurant Gift Cards
- ☐ 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.



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