St. Augustine R. C. Parish

Sixth Sunday of Easter – May 17, 2020



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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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<u>Mass Schedule:</u> 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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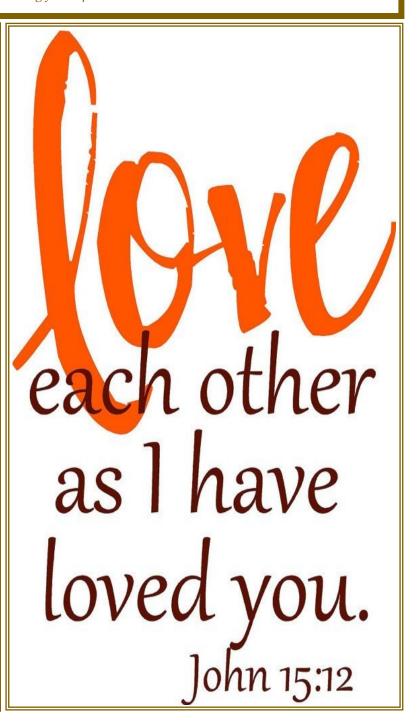
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A word from Fr. Bill

Dear Parishioners:

Hopefully, you had a safe, healthy and productive week. We are waiting to hear from the Archbishop as to when we can move into the next phase to have public Masses. That phase is called the restrictive phase of the yellow phase. It is then that we can resume public Masses which will be limited and gradual. I will keep you informed as we hear updates from the Governor, Mayor and Archbishop.

This Thursday is the feast of the Ascension. We will LiveStream the Mass at 12:05 P.M., the regular time for our weekday Masses. You will find directions on how to get connected on our website: www.st-augustinechuch.com. Again, while we are apart you can stay connected with us by joining parishioners on Tuesday evenings at 8:00 P.M. for the recitation of the rosary and joining parishioners on Thursday at 7:00 P.M. for sharing of insights into the scripture passages for next weekend. You can connect with us on Zoom by using Meeting ID: 832 4986 0935 Password: 025786.

In the past few weeks, I have mentioned nominations for the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC). The Archdiocese of Philadelphia has directed every parish to have a PPC. The purpose of the PPC is to give a means for lay faithful to share in the life of the church. This is a way for the people to bring their talents and insights for the good of the whole parish. In short, it is a way for lay faithful to live out their baptism.

Very specifically, the PPC is a group of parishioners who meet once a month with me to give advice on the direction of the parish. The members help me to better understand and better respond to the pastoral needs of the parish. Members have the opportunity to help me be more informed of the needs of the parish. Members can help me and the pastoral staff to hear things which we may not hear, positive things, questions, or constructive suggestions. At the same time, it is an opportunity for members to be informed from me and the parish staff about what is happening in the parish. Consequently, they are better able to inform fellow parishioners when opportunities arise. I consider the PPC an integral part of my ministry here at St. Augustine. This could be especially true in the near future as our parish may have to make decisions about the parish after the restrictions due to the coronavirus are lifted.

We currently have 3 parishioners who have been serving on the PPC who are willing and able to continue to serve. We try to have staggering terms on the Council, three members coming on each year and three members leaving each year. In order to catch up we need 2 parishioners to serve for one year, 2 parishioners to serve for two years and 2 parishioners to serve for three years.

Two members of the present Council have shared their reflections of being members of the PPC: Laura Place says, "Being a part of the St. Augustine Parish Pastoral Council was a rewarding experience. While on the PPC, you attend monthly meetings where the group reviews what is happening in the parish and provides Fr. Bill insight from the point of view of a parishioner. It is an excellent way to engage in parish life and participate in Jesus' mission of serving those in your community." Dan Petrongolo says, "Serving on the Parish Pastoral Council gave me insight into the inner workings of our Church. Council members work as a conduit between the parishioners and our pastor to help meet our pastoral needs. The Parish Pastoral Council helps Father Bill discern the spiritual needs of the parishioners, helping him properly minister to the needs of all parishioners."

We try to have a diversity of parishioners representing the age, gender and ethnic differences in the parish. If you would like to nominate yourself or another person, please email me at pastorstaugustine@gmail.com. If you are going to nominate someone else, please check with that person first about their willingness to serve and then email me their name and contact information (their email address and phone number). Again, you are able to nominate yourself as well.

Have a safe and good week.

Aile Fr. Bill



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