

# St. Augustine Parish

*The Sixth Sunday of Easter—May 21, 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.*

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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**

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## **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.

## A Biographical Sketch of an Augustinian Saint.....

### SAINT RITA OF CASCIA, RELIGIOUS ♦ MAY 22<sup>nd</sup>

Rita Lotti was born in 1381 in the little village of Roccaporena, Italy, the only child of a devout and humble Christian couple. She was given in marriage at a young age to Paolo Mancini and together they raised two sons. When Paolo was murdered as the result of a long-standing family rivalry, Rita was moved to forgiveness because of her strong Christian convictions, but her sons, teenagers by now, were determined to avenge their father's death. Her words were unable to change their hearts, but her prayers to God prevented them from exacting revenge. Both boys died of natural causes, leaving Rita without a family, but not without hope. After several years and various requests, she succeeded in gaining admittance to the convent of the Augustinian Nuns in Cascia where she lived the remaining forty years of her life in prayer and simple works of charity. At the age of 61, while at prayer on Good Friday before an image of Jesus crowned with thorns, she received the stigmata in the form of a single wound in her forehead. This remained until her death at 76 years of age on May 22, 1457. Rita of Cascia was canonized on May 24, 1900 by Leo XIII who proclaimed her 'The Precious Pearl of Umbria.' Her body is venerated in her basilica in Cascia.

Rita is venerated today as The Peacemaker, not only for her courageous act of forgiveness at her husband's death, but also for the continuous, though futile, encouragement of her sons to follow her example, and the reconciliation of Paolo's family with that of his assassins. This latter was the great 'miraculous deed' that gained her acceptance into the convent. She is also known as the Saint of the Impossible for the many challenges she faced in life and the many graces she has obtained since death.



*You are cordially invited by*

**The Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission  
Saint Augustine R. C. Church  
The American Academy of Sacred Arts  
Ms. Celeste A. Morello**

to attend AN OFFICIAL MARKER DEDICATION CEREMONY for  
**Nicola Monachesi, fresco artist**

1795-1851

**Saint Augustine R. C. Church, on North Fourth Street, at New Street  
Wednesday, May 24th, 2017 at 11:00 AM**



### Mass Intentions

**Saturday & Sunday,  
May 20 & 21, 2017**

5:15 PM Mother's Day Novena  
9:00 AM Refugees and Migrants  
11:00 AM † Rosmini Ortega  
7:00 PM Mother's Day Novena

**Monday, May 22, 2017**

12:05 PM Mother's Day Novena

**Tuesday, May 23, 2017**

12:05 PM The Parish Community

**Wednesday, May 24, 2017**

12:05 PM Anna Bspala & Her Family

**Thursday, May 25, 2017**

**The Ascension of the Lord**

12:05 PM Jacob A. Marquart, O.F.S.,  
Anniversary of Permanent Profession

7:00 PM For the People

**Friday, May 26, 2017**

12:05 PM Deceased Members and  
Benefactors of the O.S.A.

**Saturday, May 27, 2017**

5:15 PM † John A. Georeno, Jr.

† = Deceased

### Sacrificial Giving

May 13 & 14, 2017

Number of Envelopes Used: 45  
Amount in Envelopes: \$1,559.00  
Average \$/Envelope: \$34.64  
Electronic Giving: 24  
Amount Electronic: \$540.00  
Average \$/Electronic: \$22.50  
Loose Money: \$628.00  
Total Collection: \$2,727.00

### Electronic Giving

*It's simple!*

*It's secure!*

*It's convenient!*

Just log on to our website,

[www.st-augustinechurch.com](http://www.st-augustinechurch.com)

and click on:

**"Sign Up For Electronic Giving"**

**Parish Giving**

### The Bulletin Board

**The Sixth Sunday of Easter  
Sunday, May 21, 2017**

**Monday, May 22, 2017**

**Tuesday, May 23, 2017**  
7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB

**Wednesday, May 24, 2017**  
11:00 AM Marker Dedication Ceremony  
7:00 PM Parish Pastoral Council Meeting  
8:00 PM Fiat Prayer Group

**Thursday, May 25, 2017**  
5:00 PM Mojica-Yap Rehearsal  
6:00 PM Dacanay-Ingenbrandt Rehearsal  
7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB  
8:00 PM St. Augustine Choir Rehearsal

**Friday, May 26, 2017**  
3:00 PM Mojica-Yap Wedding

**Saturday, May 27, 2017**  
2:00 PM Dacanay-Ingenbrandt Wedding  
7:00 PM N.A. Meeting in CHB



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

Dear Parishioners:

A few odds and ends.....

I am very grateful to a parishioner who donated \$500 to the parish as a response to my invitation to help us with over \$30,000 of unexpected and unbudgeted expenses. This came about because the City of Philadelphia directed that we had to have a façade study (\$6,800) which resulted in \$17,500 of immediate repairs and also we had to have the air conditioning unit in the church repaired (\$7,000). I am especially grateful to the Parish Finance Commission for their guidance and insights as we have responded to these essential needs. The \$500 donation is a tremendous help. If anyone else would like to help with this unforeseen situation, it would be greatly appreciated.

We have been announcing for several weeks that this is Manna Sunday in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Many parishioners (maybe 35-40, as of this past Wednesday, and I am sure there will be more this weekend) have brought shopping bags of canned food. These will all be delivered this week to the Drueding Center at 1323 N. Lawrence St. Established in 1987, the Drueding Center/Project Rainbow is a Center that offers a range of transitional housing and support services for homeless women and their children. It provides several programs in the areas of education, unemployment, substance abuse, domestic violence and child care. You can be sure that the canned goods which you have donated will be put to good use as the shelves go bare at this time of year. I also would like to thank a parishioner who responded immediately when I asked for assistance to transport all the canned goods to the Drueding center. He has offered his truck and workers to help with this endeavor.

As has been announced for the last several weeks, there will be a dedication this Wednesday at 11:00 AM of a historic marker honoring Nicola Monachesi (1795-1851). Nicola painted the frescos on the ceiling of our church in 1848. The Philadelphia Historic Commission has declared that these are the oldest frescoes in any religious building in the country. I think Nicola must have had a close relationship with the Augustinians. He was from Tolentino, Italy, the home of his namesake, St. Nicholas of Tolentine, an Augustinian Friar. All are welcome to the dedication ceremony.

Lastly, in two weeks at the 7:00 PM Mass on Pentecost Sunday, we will have the wonderful opportunity to celebrate the First Communion and Confirmation of Ignacio (aka Junior) Romanowski. Junior has participated in our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) process since September. We will say more about Junior and all of this in the next several weeks.

Have a great week.

*Fr. Bill*

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# Phillies

## **Catholic Charities Appeal Night at the Phillies ♦ Wednesday, June 14th**

Catholic Charities Night with the Philadelphia Phillies. The game will take place on Wednesday, June 14, 2017 as the Phillies take on the Boston Red Sox at 7:05 PM in Citizens Bank Park. Tickets range from \$20 to \$38 and a portion of all proceeds will directly benefit the CCA. For more information on how to purchase tickets, please visit the Phillies at: [www.phillies.com/catholiccharitiesnight](http://www.phillies.com/catholiccharitiesnight).



### **Thursday, May 25th ♦ The Ascension of the Lord ♦**

A Holy Day of Obligation

**Mass is celebrated at 12:05 PM and 7:00 PM**

No. 25-23

Name: .....

Tel. No. ....

Email: .....

ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH, PHILADELPHIA  
25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION  
Summer Sinulog (1993-2017)

Prizes:

1st Prize: \$1,000

2nd Prize: \$500

3rd Prize: \$200

Sunday, August 20, 2017 St. Augustine's parking lot  
after the Sinulog procession.

Winner need not be present Donation: \$5 per ticket or 5 for \$20

No. 25-23

## **This August 20th, the parish is happy to celebrate the 25TH ANNIVERSARY of our Annual Summer Sinulog.**

This year we have a Raffle to mark this great celebration. Every registered family should have received a booklet of chances to buy or sell. We ask that you help us in the endeavor by supporting the parish. If you need more chances, please contact the Parish Office.