St. Augustine R. C. Parish 7th Sunday of Easter May 29, 2022



National Shrine of Santo Niño de Cebú

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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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Office Hours: 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday to Friday

<u>Mass Schedule:</u> Monday - Friday: 12:05 PM (LiveStreamed) (10:00 AM on Legal Holidays)

Saturday Vigil — Suspended Indefinitely

Sunday: 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM & 7:00 PM (All Masses are LiveStreamed on masslivestream.com)

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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

After Sunday Masses or Anytime by appointment.

Parish Registration

Please call the parish office or visit the parish website for a registration form or more 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.

Weekly Parish Rosary via Zoom—8:00 PM on Tuesday Meeting ID: 854-1235-0301 PW: 150408

Weekly Scripture Study via Zoom—7:00 PM on Thursday Meeting ID: 832-4986-0935 PW: 025786



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

With Spring upon us, we are watching our outside church property coming alive again with flower blooms and green foliage.

This is where you come in! We are looking for volunteers to water and take care of the various large flower planters/urns along the sidewalks. Maybe just a half hour once a week (perhaps a little more often when it is really hot during the summer months) is all we are looking for from our volunteers. You do not need to supply anything except your time. We will supply the tools and water!

If you love flowers and would also like to keep our property looking alive, beautiful and inviting and have the time to volunteer.....please call Jacob in the Parish Office at 215.627.1838 to let him know you are available and would like to help.





A word from Fr. Bill...

Dear Parishioners:

I am saddened to inform you that Bob Zigmund, our Facilities Director, after 7 very productive years has decided for personal reasons to no longer be employed here at St. Augustine Parish. Bob made a tremendous contribution to our parish in his time with us. He brought a great deal of talent which is evidenced by the home of the Sister Bell, the handicap bathroom in the back of the church, a bathroom in the friary near the sacristy as well as many other projects. He was a wonderful liaison with our many vendors. We are grateful for his many contributions to the parish and certainly wish him well in the future.

You may remember that during this past Lent our parish participated in a parish survey entitled, "Disciple Maker Index." This survey was facilitated by The Catholic Leadership Institute. They also facilitated this survey in many other Dioceses/ Archdioceses in the country. Here in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, all 217 parishes participated in the survey. Over 35,000 parishioners in the Archdiocese filled out the survey. Eighty-five (85) of our parishioners participated in the survey, The Catholic Leadership Institute has provided an extremely extensive report for each parish, including Demographics, Strengths and Opportunities, Leadership Indicators, Sunday Experience, Spiritual Practices, Missionary Impulse, Key Leader Perspective, Belief in Catholic Teaching and Benchmarks which compares our responses to other parishes both within our Archdiocese and beyond. Honestly, it is an incredible amount of information which takes a great deal of time and skill to comprehend. To this end, the Institute is providing 3 webinars to help us understand the very comprehensive report. So far, there has been one webinar with two to go. We as a parish, in consultation with our Parish Pastoral Council, will review the report celebrating our strengths and discovering opportunities in which we can improve. After we do that, we will hopefully implement some things that will help our parish life in the future.

Just looking at a first glance of the report, we ranked third of all the 217 parishes of the Archdiocese that "Would recommend my parish to a friend." We ranked third of all the parishes "That would recommend the staff of my parish to a friend." 75 of the 85 participants from our parish agreed "Making information about the parish is easy for me to find (via bulletin, website, email)." 70 of the 85 agreed the parish "makes me feel welcome and accepted." 70 of the 85 agreed that the parish "offered vibrant and engaging Sunday Masses." 66 of the 85 responders agreed that we offer "music that deepens my desire to participate more fully in the Sunday liturgy." 65 of the 85 responders agreed that the "preaching and homilies help connect my faith with my everyday life."

There are many other positive statistics from the report. St. Augustine parish ranked in the top three parishes in several other categories as well.

At a quick glance, areas that surfaced which are opportunities for us to grow are the amount of parishioners who share their faith with a friend, who have invited someone to think about priesthood or religious life as a vocation, those who participate in retreats, have a spiritual director, who participate in a bible study, prayer group, who participate in a workshop about the Catholic faith or who participate in Eucharistic Adoration.

It is not like we do not provide some of these opportunities (like with devotions having the Rosary on Tuesday nights, like small group faith sharing having a discussion on next Sunday's Scripture readings on Thursday nights, like having workshops about the Catholic faith having the Advent and Lenten presentations we have had for the past two years). A question would be how to get better participation in these things or maybe how to do them differently.

This is all a very quick synopsis of a very lengthy report. As I said, several of us will participate in the next two webinars provided by the Institute to help us to interpret the report and give guidance of how to use it. Also, our Parish Pastoral Council will learn about the information from the report and discuss how we as a parish will respond to it.

At this time, I just wanted to give you a quick synopsis of what struck me at my first reading of the report. If anyone would like to read the entire report, please let me know and we can make one available to you.

Many thanks to our 85 parishioners who took the time to participate in the survey. It could be an extremely important resource for us as we plan the future.

Have a great week. Jr. Aile Fr. Bill



After two years of no coffee and doughnuts or Fellowship with your friends and family on Sunday mornings after the 9 AM Mass, come join us on:

SUNDAY, JUNE 5th after the 9 AM MASS in the Rev. Matthew Carr, OSA Hall for some tasty treats!

All are welcome!



The War in Ukraine....

Russia's invasion of Ukraine has already forced over 6 million refugees to flee. The world watched in shock as the Russian military invaded Ukraine in February 2022 and began targeting homes, hospitals, bridges and schools.

More than 6 million people—mostly women and children—have left to seek safety in neighboring Moldova, Poland and other European states amid the growing crisis in Ukraine. Over 8 million people are displaced inside the country as the conflict continues. The escalation of violence between Russia and Ukraine will lead to grave human suffering.

How can I (or we as a Parish) help Ukraine?

After a recent discussion among our Parish Pastoral Council members,

Saint Augustine Parish will be taking up a

SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTION

on **SUNDAY, JUNE 26** (at all the Masses)

which we will forward to the Ukrainian Sisters of Saint Basil The Great in Jenkintown, PA and they will be shipping supplies and necessities over to

Ukraine to aid the people in most need.

Thank you in advance for your kind generosity.



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