St. Augustine R. C. Parish

Solemnity of All Saints Day – November 1, 2020



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

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

Saturday Vigil: 5:15 PM— Due to the pandemic, suspended until end of 2021

Sunday: 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM & 7:00 PM (11:00 AM Mass is LiveStreamed on masslivestream.com)

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SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS DAY



Today we celebrate all the people that are in Heaven with God. We call these people 'saints.' They were normal people like us who chose to follow God.



2021 Mass Book IS OPEN !

The 2021 Mass Book has opened.

Office hours are from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday to Friday, to schedule a Mass.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions

NOVEMBER 2020

Artificial Intelligence We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial in

progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL

Saint Augustine Parish - as of October 23, 2020

2019 Amount Raised: \$8,769

2020 Gift Count: **51** 2020 Gift Amount Raised: **\$13,380** 2020 Goal: **\$12,746** 2020 Percentage Goal vs. Raised: **105%**

HOLY FAMILY HOME OF THE LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR – Southwest Philadelphia is searching for part time and full time CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANTS. There is a need for one MEDICINE TECHNICIAN CERTIFIED as well. Please go to: INDEED.COM and search for our Ad there and APPLY.



Sacrificial Giving October 25, 2020 Number of Envelopes Used: 24 Amount in Envelopes: \$1,575.00 Average \$/Envelope: \$65.63 Electronic Giving: 36 Amount Electronic: \$857.00 Average \$/Electronic: \$23.81 Loose Money: \$312.00 Total Collection: \$2,744.00



Goal: \$750,000 (Phase 1) To date: Pledges:203 Percentage: 94.9838% Amount Pledged: \$712,378.50 Pledges Received: \$600,988.15 June 1st Gala Revenue: \$40,250.00 In-Kind Gifts Received: \$10,437.71 Campaign Total Rec'd: \$651,675.86



The nationwide premiere of: **"extraORDINARY, The Bill Atkinson Story,"** a powerful documentary on the life and impact of Augustinian Friar, Fr. Bill Atkinson, O.S.A., the first quadriplegic priest in the history of the Catholic Church will be aired on **PBS station WHYY in Philadelphia on All Saints Day, Sunday, November** 1st at 5 p.m. In 1965, a tobogganing accident left 19-year-old Bill Atkinson paralyzed from the neck down. He was hospitalized, spending a year rehabbing in Philadelphia. After the year of rehab, Atkinson expressed his wish to continue as an Augustinian. He did so, was ordained to the priesthood and spent many years at Msgr. Bonner High School. His Cause for Canonization is now underway.

A Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord. Matthew 11:28 etin Board All Saints Day Sunday, November 01, 2020 Monday, November 02, 2020 Tuesday, November 03, 2020 8:00 PM Parish Rosary—Zoom Wednesday, November 04, 2020 7:00 PM Parish Pastoral Council-Zoom Thursday, November 05, 2020 7:00 PM Parish Scripture Study-Zoom Friday, November 06, 2020 Saturday, November 07, 2020



A word from Fr. Bill.....

Dear Parishioners:

As the Church throughout the world celebrates All Saints Day this Sunday, there is an opportunity to watch a half hour documentary (Sunday, November 1, 5:00 PM, Channel 12 WHYY-TV) on one of our Augustinian Friars who right now has the title "Servant of God." This title is given to a person who formally is being considered for official canonization as a saint. What an appropriate day to watch it, All Saints Day. The name of the documentary is "extraORDINARY/ The Bill Atkinson Story."

Bill is originally from Upper Darby (St. Alice Parish). He was one of 7 children, one of whom was my secretary when I was Vocation Director for the Augustinians. His brother, Al, was a professional football player with the New York Jets. Bill met the Augustinians at Bonner High School, where both Fr. Jim Keating and Fr. Paul met the Augustinians. He was a novice at our novitiate (New Hamburgh, NY, on the Hudson River near Poughkeepsie), one year before I was. On February 22, 1965, George Washington's Day (before Presidents Day), Bill and several other novices were tobogganing. The toboggan, with Bill in the front, went into a tree. Bill broke his neck. He was totally paralyzed from the neck down. He had no use of his arms or legs, a quadriplegic. He wasn't expected to live. Bill was in Rehabilitation Centers, received special care from his Augustinian brothers as he finished his education for the priesthood, studying philosophy and theology. Nine years after the accident, Cardinal Krol ordained Bill a priest, the first quadriplegic in the world to be ordained a priest.

For 30 years, Bill taught at his alma mater, Bonner High School. Not only did he teach but he also coached various teams and he was regularly on the sidelines cheering teams he didn't coach. He witnessed numerous weddings of his former students, family members and friends and presided at innumerable baptisms and funerals. Bill led many retreats and days of recollection, especially for the handicap and disabled.

We celebrate All Saints Day each year to honor those who have not officially been declared a saint, but who we believe are in heaven (definition of a saint) and who are an inspiration to us. Different saints at different times in our lives can be exemplars for various struggles, difficulties or challenges which we are experiencing. These can be members of our families, friends or they could be people we have not known but who are great witnesses and role models for us. Right now Bill Atkinson has not been declared a saint. He certainly, however, is a good witness and role model, especially for those with disabilities. We all are disabled one way or another. The way Bill handled his situation can be an inspiration for us as we face our own challenges that are seemingly overwhelming.

For several years, a trailer for the video of Bill's story has been on the bottom right side of the homepage of our parish website. It is still there. Also, a great book that tells Bill's story is "Green Bananas, the Wisdom of Father Bill Atkinson," by Steve McWilliams, a friend of mine and a person who helped take care of Bill.

Please see the prayer card enclosed within this bulletin. It is a prayer to God offered through the intercession of Fr. Bill. Please take it home with you and incorporate it into your prayer life. The card also gives contact information for more information about Fr. Bill and how to communicate about favors received.

Hopefully, we can all watch "the extraORDINARY/The Bill Atkinson Story on Sunday evening (November 1) at 5:00 PM on Channel 12 WHYY-TV. Check your local listings, in case in your area it is not Channel 12.

Have a SAFE and great week.

Fr. Aiee Fr. Bill



Father Bill Atkinson Augustinian Friar 1946 – 2006



Blessed are you, Father of life, source of goodness and peace, in whom all creation has its origin and by whom every person is loved.

In Father Bill Atkinson your mercy and compassion were made manifest as he brought solace to the suffering and hope to the needy.

By carrying the cross of life faithfully he proclaimed confidence in your love and conformity to your will, and so drew others to you and to the generous gift of your grace.

Hear our prayers which we offer through his intercession so that as your work continues to unfold among us it may bring honor to you, comfort to your people, and, according to your will, glory to your servant. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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For favors received, or for more information write: Fr. Bill's Cause Augustinian Provincial Office P.O. Box 340 – Villanova, PA 19085 610-527-3330 <u>www.augustinian.org</u>