St. Augustine R. C. Parish

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – November 15, 2020

"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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Phone: 215-627-1838 FAX: 215-627-3911

Website: www.st-augustinechurch.com

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

Mass Schedule: 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)

Parish Staff:

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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

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

National Shrine of Santo Niño de Cebú





Lector Workbooks are available THIS WEEK-END for the new 2020-2021 Liturgical Year, which begins on the First Sunday of Advent, November29th. Please pick up your reserved workbook in the sacristy after Mass today.



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computer for this and all the latest local Catholic news. Sign up for a free email newsletter at: catholicphilly.com/newsletter

St. John the Baptist in Manayunk is currently seeking a full time Parish Secretary. The position offers a variety of work activities and the opportunity to interact with parishioners, guests and parish staff. With responsibility for the daily operations of the parish office, the ideal candidate has experience working in a parish or analogous setting and has strong office operations and computer skills. Hours are Monday-Friday from 9am-4PM. If interested, please email: rsvp@stjohnmanayunk.org

St. Mary Polish American Society is taking orders for **Polish Christmas food** items including babkas (Cheese or Cinnamon Crumb) for \$15 each; pierogi



(potato, potato cheese or sauerkraut) for \$9 per dozen; kiełbasa for \$5 per pound. Blessed opłatki (Polish Christmas wafer) are available for a donation as well. Additionally, raffle tickets are still available for St. Mary Polish American Society Raffle featuring \$10,000 in prize money. Tickets are \$50 each and 500 tickets will be sold. The drawing will be on Sunday. December 13th. (Winner need not be present). To place food orders or purchase a raffle ticket, email to the following address: smpas@stmarypolish.org or call Dorothy Swedkowski at 610-630-0861.





A word from Fr. Bill.....

Dear Parishioners:

The last several weeks have been incredible for our country. As we waited and waited and waited for the results of the presidential election, it was tense and it was also exciting because at the presidential level the result was razor thin. I think this experience can bring a sense of gratitude on our part, the need for our prayers and the need of our own personal recommitment to work for the common good.

We should be grateful that we live in a country where "we the people" are central in the democratic process. We are a very diverse country and the procedure which was handed down to us well over 200 years ago continues to work. It has been an emotional time for us as we have experienced democracy in action.

We should be grateful that we have men and women running for so many offices who want to serve us in very challenging and complicated times. We should be grateful that a record number of citizens participated in the process. We are very grateful for our innumerable fellow citizens from varied backgrounds of faith, race and political allegiances who worked tirelessly at the polls, counted the ballots and were involved in the overall process, many of whom were volunteers.

We now pray that President-elect Biden and all those, whether Republicans, Democrats or Independents, who have been elected to serve us in various ways will be aware that God is present with them and that they will be open to God's wisdom. We pray that they may be a source of healing and that they will be instrumental in a healing process which is so necessary in our country at this time. We pray that all their decisions will be focused on the common good and the respect of the dignity of each person.

We pray that this is an opportunity of rebuilding civic trust and that all of us will use our time and talents for that purpose. We pray that we can move from a time of attacks and divisions from all sides to a time of harmony and respect.

In his latest encyclical, "Frstelli Tutti" Pope Francis reminds us that we are called to promote "friendship and an acknowledgement of the worth of every human person, always and everywhere." The basic thesis of his encyclical is that we need to have "fraternal friendship," meaning we are to work together to respect all life: the unborn the poor, the immigrant, the prisoner, the elderly, the disabled, indeed all people. We are to fight the evils of our society: abortion, trafficking, racism, racial and sexual discrimination, capital punishment, euthanasia, indeed all evil.

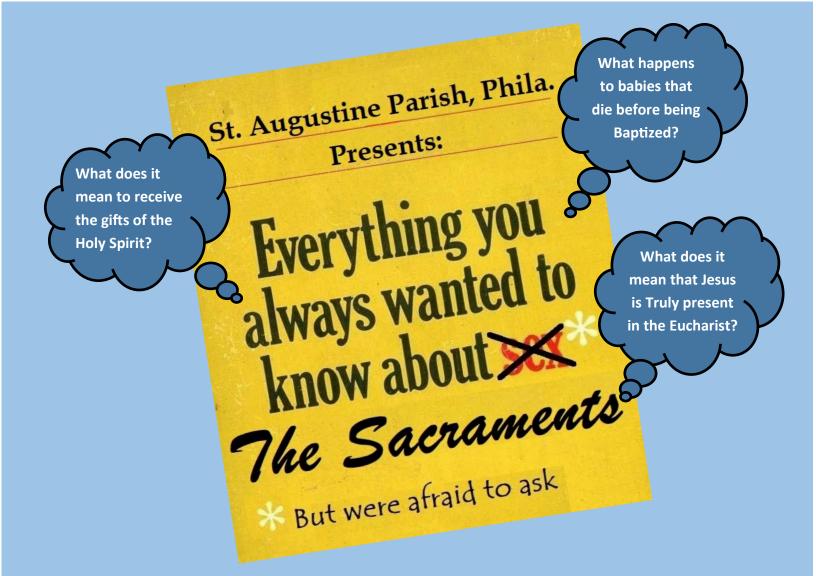
Now that the elections are over, may this be an opportunity to leave behind resentments that have surfaced from the stress of the recent months. May it be an opportunity to renew our respect for the opinion of others, to dialogue about differing perspectives, to seek reconciliation where there has been estrangement, and to work for healing where that is necessary.

This is an opportunity for us to continue to be one nation under God that respects the dignity and freedom of all people.

Have a SAFE and good week

Jr. Aile

Fr. Bill



WHAT ARE <u>YOUR QUESTIONS</u>? Submit your questions for our three-part series during Advent when we will discuss and answer questions regarding the three "Sacraments of Initiation." Join us and our special guest participants via Zoom from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM on the dates listed below!

12/1 - Baptism - Fr. Chris Walsh, Pastor, St. Raymond Parish (Philadelphia) -

Register at the link below:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0tf-uqrzMjEtf5GokVv90IVkRNoUa56E2m

12/15 - Confirmation - Meghan Cokeley, Director of the Office for the New Evangelization,

Archdiocese of Philadelphia - Register at the link below:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEkd-6hqz4pG9OCrVBB11V5xCcvxHAuPQga

12/22 - Eucharist - Fr. G. Dennis Gill, Director, Office for Divine Worship and Pastor of

the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul in Philadelphia - Register at the link below:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUtfu6srzkrGdVUekSeWWBTTBr-SkMCIxV8

For more information and to submit your questions, contact Jacob Marquart, O.F.S. at: staugustineparish09@gmail.com or call (215) 627-1838.