

# St. Augustine R. C. Parish

## 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 17, 2021

"Creating A Community Of Involvement And Evangelization"



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

Mass Schedule:

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



## **Condo Outreach Ministry**

If you live in an Old City condo, please consider joining the Condo Outreach Ministry. The Parish

Council is looking to better engage with the Old City community and potential new parishioners.

Parishioners are encouraged to pick up flyers about St. Augustine Catholic Church in the Parish Office and post them on your condo's community bulletin board. If you would like to further engage with the Condo Outreach Ministry, please send an email

to staugustineparish09@gmail.com



## **Baptism Celebration**

We have the blessed opportunity through the celebration of the holy Sacrament of Baptism to welcome a new member into our parish community.

Sunday, October 17, 2021

**Felicity Jane Place** 

Daughter of Kevin & Laura Place

Congratulations!

Please keep Felicity's family in your prayers.

## A "BRIEF" GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP AT NATIONAL SHRINE OF ST. RITA Wednesdays 9:30—11:00am November 3 to December 22, 2021

Whether you are suffering from the loss of a loved one due to Covid-19 or any other reason, you need not walk through the wilderness alone. A new, small support group is forming before the holidays. It will offer a safe, confidential space where you can be listened to without interruption, cared for and supported from the context of bereavement and faith. You will learn about the hard work of grief and the process of healing as you join with others on a similar journey.

The group is open to all. There is no charge. If you would like, a free-will offering may be made to the Shrine. If this sounds like something that would be a good fit for you, or you would like to speak further about it, please contact the facilitator, Fr. Jim Paradis, OSA at the Shrine offices: 215-546-8333, x1400. Enrollment will be limited.

## **Catholic History Lecture**

The American Catholic Historical Society (263 S. 4th St.) will host its annual Fall Lecture on Tuesday, October 19. Dr. Zachary Schrag will speak on his new book, *The Fires of Philadelphia*, on the Nativist Riots of 1844. Cost for dinner (6pm) and the lecture (7pm) is \$20 for members and \$30 for nonmembers. Online attendance via Zoom for the lecture alone is free for members and \$10 for nonmembers. For information and to register,

visit: www.amchs.org



Sunday, October 17, 2021

9:00 AM † Nicholas G. Hershey 11:00 AM † Nora Waters

7:00 PM † Therese Waters Sabbath

Monday, October 18, 2021 12:05 PM † Agnes Waters

Tuesday, October 19, 2021 12:05 PM The Parish Community

Wednesday, October 20, 2021 12:05 PM † Charles & Mary Flanagan

Thursday, October 21, 2021 12:05 PM † Jean Wells

Friday, October 22, 2021 12:05 PM † Corrine Berg

Saturday, October 23, 2021

† = Deceased



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## Sacrificial Giving October 10, 2021

Number of Envelopes Used: 34
Amount in Envelopes: \$3,631.00
Average \$/Envelope: \$106.81
Electronic Giving: 49
Amount Electronic: \$1,710.00
Average \$/Electronic: \$34.90
Loose Money: \$355.00
Total Collection: \$5,696.00

## Electronic Giving

Just log on to our website, www.st-augustinechurch.com and click on:

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Monday, October 18, 2021

**Tuesday, October 19, 2021** 8:00 PM Parish Rosary—Zoom 854 1235 0301 150408

Wednesday, October 20, 2021 7:00 PM Steering Committee—Zoom

Thursday, October 21, 2021
5:15 PM Scannapieco-Snyder Rehearsal
7:00 PM Parish Scripture Study—Zoom
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Friday, October 22, 2021 3:00 PM Scannapieco-Snyder Wedding 6:30 PM Lewis-Raciti Rehearsal

> Saturday, October 23, 2021 3:00 PM Lewis-Raciti Wedding



## A word from Fr. Bill...

#### Dear Parishioners:

I am happy to inform you that we had a very good response to our request for more lectors in the parish. We had a workshop on Wednesday of last week, October 6, in which 10 parishioners participated. Hopefully with this addition, we will be able to have 3 lectors at each Mass. This is a way to make possible the active participation of the faithful in the celebration of the Eucharist. There were at least three other people who were interested in serving in this ministry but who were unable to participate in the workshop. Perhaps we will have another workshop in the Spring. We thank the following for the willingness to serve our community in this way: Alexandria Whitlock, Brittany Cory, Colleen Campbell, David Ryan, Delanie Millan, Ian Ganhinhin, Jennifer Glenn, Maureen McHugh-Castro, William Castro, and William Guarino.

A few weeks ago a representative for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia was here to conduct an audit on the financial procedures of the parish. They look at just that, "Procedures": who counts the collection?, where is it kept?, how does it get to the bank?, how are items classified?, do we have Parish Finance meetings?, how often do we meet?, is the pastor present at these meetings?, are there minutes of the meetings?, do we communicate the financial aspect of the parish to parishioners? do we prepare an annual budget that includes all the funds of the parish and who approves it? After a very extensive examination of our procedures, I am happy to report that there were only 2 minor recommendations as well as several observations concerning personnel policies. They suggest that we as staff change our passwords more frequently (most which we already are) and that "the donor-restricted assets are not broken out in the financial statements or the trial balance and that we create a donor-restricted net assent account." (I must have been absent when they covered that topic in the seminary.) I am grateful to Jacob Marquart, O.F.S., our Director of Parish Services and Tim Babbage, the Business Manager of the parish, for all their hard work to make sure we are following all the Archdiocesan Directives for accounting procedures. There is presently an actual financial audit taking place. I will inform you of that report after we receive it.

On Thursday, October 7th a representative of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia was here to audit our procedures for the protection of children and vulnerable adults. This includes things like background checks of new employees and anyone with direct contact with children, etc. Again, I am very happy to inform you, that although we have not received a formal report yet, the informal report was very favorable, in that we are following all the correct procedures from the Archdiocese for the protection of children and vulnerable adults. Again, I am very appreciative of the work of Jacob Marquart, O.F.S., our Director of Parish Services, for very thoroughly overseeing this very important aspect of the parish.

Were you wondering what the dumpster was doing in our parking lot a few weeks ago? On Saturday, October 2nd, about 40 Villanova students (many of them from the NROTC) were here in the parish for a service day. Their project was to help clean out the basement under the church. The dumpster left here with 8,000 pounds or 4 tons of debris. Our Facilities Director, Bob Zigmund, did a fantastic job of overseeing this project from beginning to end: making the arrangements with Villanova, having the necessary equipment here, organizing what should go and supervising the students doing the work. Many thanks, Bob, for a great job and many thanks to the Villanova students for their volunteer service to the parish. You will find pictures of the students on the Blog page of our parish website. They are standing in front of the building on Vine Street with the sign "St. Augustine Academy," the original site of Villanova.

Hopefully, this gives you a little insight and knowledge into the recent internal activities in the parish.

Have a SAFE and good week.

Fr. Bill



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