

St. Augustine Parish

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 18, 2015

"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 and thus 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 2:00 PM
Monday through Friday



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

Parish Staff:

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Rev. Paul Morrissey, O.S.A.

Adeodatus Prison Ministry/Restorative Justice

www.spirhealth.com (215) 925-3566

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.

Bequest—A Lasting Gift

The lasting impact of bequests—both large and small—can help shape Saint Augustine Parish in the future. For many parishioners and friends of St. Augustine, a charitable bequest is the easiest and best way to make a gift to the church. By means of your will or other estate plan, you can name Saint Augustine Parish as the beneficiary of a portion of your estate, or of particular assets in your estate.

There are many reasons to make a bequest. A bequest allows you to honor a loved one, while providing critical support to the church through an endowment, or another fund underwriting capital growth or ordinary budget.

Giving by bequest costs nothing now, yet it may give you a great deal of satisfaction to know that your future gift will live on at St. Augustine Parish.



Our Parish Website!

www.st-augustinechurch.com

*What's new?
What's happening?
Visit the "Blog" page for
events & photos.*



2016 Mass Book Opening

On Thursday, October 15th, the 2016 Mass Book has opened. Office hours are from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM Monday to Friday to schedule a Mass.

End of Life Issues - Making Conscientious Catholic Decisions Discussion

Tuesday, November 3 at 7PM ♦ St. Augustine Chapel

The Young Adult Group at Saint Augustine's is hosting a discussion group to talk about end of life issues and the important decisions and choices we often must make for our loved ones and for ourselves. This question-and-answer-based discussion will be led by Father James J. McCartney, O.S.A., an Associate Professor and Director of Philosophy Doctoral Studies at Villanova University. Father McCartney teaches courses in bioethics, clinical ethics, bioethics and the law, the philosophy of medicine, and the philosophy of law, and has authored and edited several books and articles on these topics.

If you are interested in attending this Faith Education opportunity, please email Chesley Turner at: chesley.turner@gmail.com or contact the Parish Office to RSVP. Please submit any questions you would like to ask or discuss during the session.



Baptism Celebration

Next Sunday, October 25th, 2015 at the 11 AM Mass, we have the opportunity through the celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism to welcome a new member into our parish community. The daughter of Joseph and Catherine Vitella, **Jocelyn Vitella**, will be baptized. Please keep Jocelyn and her parents in your prayers.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday & Sunday, October 17 & 18, 2015

5:15 PM The Parish Community
9:00 AM Bernadine Recta
11:00 AM Victor Samaniego
7:00 PM Gracey & Kelleher Families

Monday, October 19, 2015

12:05 PM Thanksgiving for Full Recovery
Elvira Gahob Rato

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

12:05 PM † Jean Donovan

Wednesday, October 21, 2015

12:05 PM Dec'd Members & Benefactors
of the O.S.A.

Thursday, October 22, 2015

12:05 PM † Howard Manning

Friday, October 23, 2015

12:05 AM The Parish Community

Saturday, October 24, 2015

5:15 PM † Joan Bartolomei

† = Deceased

Sacrificial Giving

October 10 & 11, 2015

Number of Envelopes Used: 66
Amount in Envelopes: \$1,700.00
Average \$/Envelope: \$25.76
Electronic Giving: 20
Average \$/Electronic: \$31.85
Loose Money: \$831.00
Total Collection: \$3,168.00

Electronic Giving

*It's simple!
It's secure!
It's convenient!*

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

"Sign Up For Electronic Giving"



What's Happening

Sunday, October 18, 2015

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9 AM, 11 AM & 7 PM Mass

Monday, October 19, 2015
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**Tuesday, October 20, 2015**

**4:00 PM Gift of Life Family House Dinner**  
7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB

**Wednesday, October 21, 2015**

8:00 PM Fiat Prayer Group

**Thursday, October 22, 2015**

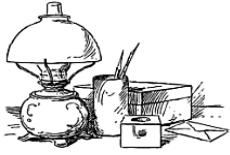
7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB  
8:00 PM St. Augustine Choir Rehearsal

**Friday, October 23, 2015**

3:00 PM Porcella-Harker Rehearsal

**Saturday, October 24, 2015**

3:00 PM Porcella-Harker Wedding  
7:00 PM N.A. Meeting in CHB



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

Dear Parishioners:

As you know for the past several weeks when we have gathered to celebrate the Eucharist we have been praying for the approximate 270 Bishops from throughout the entire world who are meeting in Rome for three weeks in what is called a synod. The focus of this synod is the modern challenges in the vocation of family life. I ask you to include this meeting in your private prayer.

The gathering in Rome is historic. There have been many synods in the history of the Church, but certainly nothing like this one in modern times. Pope Francis set the tone by urging the Bishops to speak their minds. He strongly encouraged them to wrestle honestly with the very real issues facing families today. I do not remember members of the hierarchy ever disagreeing with each other publicly.

Pope Francis convened the Bishops one year ago to surface what are the most challenging issues with which families are dealing today. As a result of those conversations the Pope directed that a survey be distributed to all the Dioceses and Archdioceses of the world to ascertain the thinking of Catholics on those issues. I do not remember of any other invitation like that. I remember at the time encouraging our parishioners to find the survey online and participate in this process.

At the second session of the synod which is taking place right now there are a number of lay people representing families from throughout the world who are invited to give their input by being part of the discussions. There is one couple present with their baby. To my knowledge this inclusion of the laity in a synod is another first in modern times.

In another two weeks the Bishops will issue a document discussing the pastoral response to very diverse and complicated real situations in families today. We do not know what will be contained in that document. No doubt, some will think the Bishops did not go far enough and some will think they went too far in the document.

For me, the important thing is the process which has taken place. It has been honest, thorough, and inclusive. Whatever happens, I think the Church as a whole will be much more sensitive to all the issues of family life which will be addressed in the synod.

Please continue to pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit for all the participants in the synod.

Have a great week.

Father Bill

### **Donation of food items needed for Gift of Life Family House** *(Next dinner to be served will be 10/20/15)*

Canned Corn

Canned Mushrooms

Croutons

Flour

Cornmeal

Orzo

Canned Green Beans

Canned Diced Tomatoes

Elbow Macaroni

Grated Parmesan Cheese

White Rice

Canned Baked Beans

Canned Tomato Sauce

Spiral Pasta

Wide Egg Noodles

Canned Chicken Gravy



**GIFT of LIFE**  
Family House

**Please bring to church or drop off at the Parish Office, Monday – Friday 9 am to 2 pm.**