## St. Augustine R. C. Parish 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time October 2, 2022



National Shrine of 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

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

### **Parish Rosary**

Join your fellow parishioners who have regularly been praying the ROSARY LIVE for the last two years on Zoom every Tuesday evening at 8:00 PM. United in this most powerful prayer, we ask for the miraculous intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary to hear our intentions and renew our Catholic faith, our parish, our family and our friends.

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Meeting ID: 854~1235~0301 PW: 150408

### October 20, 2022 8:30am - 4:00pm

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**Site & Sound Bus Tour to see DAVID** - Join us to experience one of the most legendary Bible stories as it comes to life with spectacular special effects, massive sets, and live animals in this brand-new original stage production. "From still waters to shadowed valleys, David's ascent to the throne is filled with towering giants, wild animals, and Philistine soldiers. After unprecedented victories lead to devastating failures, this passionate warrior will face the biggest battle of all: the one within himself."

**St. Jude Church**, 3210 W. Butler Ave, Chalfont, PA 18914 More information: https://stjudechalfont.org/event

### October 14 - 16, 2022

## **RETROUVAILLE: Rediscover the love in your marriage**

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille. If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. Upcoming programs will be held August 19 - 21 and October 14 - 16 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA.

More information, or to register,

visit <u>www.HelpOurMarriage.org</u> or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230.

All inquiries are strictly confidential.

#### October 14-15, 2022

## 50th Anniversary Conference of the Archdiocesan Charismatic Conference

Join us at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa to give praise and worship to the Lord, and be inspired and challenged by powerful speakers. Our theme is: SCHOOL OF IDENTITY, co-sponsored by Encounter Ministries. Whether you are a seasoned veteran of the Renewal or a young adult looking for more of the Holy Spirit, you are invited. The Conference Schedule includes: praise and worship, Mass, workshops, keynote presentations and prayer a fresh anointing of the Holy Spirit. We hope that you will join us in Doylestown. Let us come together to renew our relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit as we make our way in this "New Season" of Grace. National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, in Doylestown, PA

More info: https://encounterministries.us/events-1/



Sunday, October 2, 2022

9:00 AM † Isidoro Dizon 11:00 AM † Dolores Pearse 7:00 PM † Br. Lawrence Oelschlegel, FSC

Monday, October 3, 2022 12:05 PM † Perry Mastrocola

Tuesday, October 4, 2022 12:05 PM † Ralph DiGiovanni

Wednesday, October 5, 2022 12:05 PM † Aloysius Gallagher

Thursday, October 6, 2022 12:05 PM † Br. Lawrence Oelschlegel, FSC

Friday, October 7, 2022 12:05 PM The Parish Community

Saturday, October 8, 2022

† = Deceased

Capital Campaign News Goal: \$750,000 (Phase 1) To date:

Pledges: 214 Percentage: 106.2601% Amount Pledged: \$796,950.68 Pledges Received: \$739,590.68 In-Kind Gifts Received: \$10,437.71 Campaign Total Rec'd: \$750,028.39

### Sacrificial Giving September 25, 2022

Number of Envelopes Used: 16
Amount in Envelopes: \$1,040.00
Average \$/Envelope: \$65.00
Electronic Giving: 42
Amount Electronic: \$1,270.00
Average \$/Electronic: \$30.24
Loose Money: \$551.00
Total Collection: \$2,861.00

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# Bulletin Board

27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday, October 2, 2022

Monday, October 3, 2022

Tuesday, October 4, 2022 7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB 8:00 PM Parish Rosary—Zoom

Wednesday, October 5, 2022

Thursday, October 6, 2022

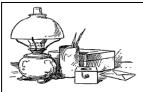
4:00 PM Mercer-Cattai Rehearsal 7:00 PM Parish Scripture Study—Zoom 7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB

Friday, October 7, 2022

11:30 AM St. Augustine Prep Tour & Mass 3:00 PM Mercer-Cattai Wedding 5:30 PM Chleboski-Callahan Rehearsal 6:45 PM Sheehan-Patterson Rehearsal

Saturday, October 8, 2022

12:30 PM Sheehan-Patterson Wedding 2:30 PM Chleboski-Callahan Wedding 7:00 PM Green-Greco Rehearsal



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

### Dear Parishioners:

In place of my (long) letter this week, please see the insert in today's bulletin. Two of our parishioners, Rey and Lala Borres, recently volunteered (paid their own expenses) to help pilgrims, some very handicapped, on a trip to Lourdes, France. It is best for me to allow Lala to share her (and Rey's) experience. I would like to use this space at other times for parishioners to share some of their faith experiences. It is important to be able to do this as a faith community. I think you will be inspired by Lala's reflections.

Have a great week.

Fr. Bill

## OSA FRIENDS OVER THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS A SMALL GROUP OF

PARISHIONERS HAVE BEEN MEETING REGULARLY
TO LEARN MORE ABOUT ST. AUGUSTINE: HIS LIFE,
TEACHING AND LEGACY. (BECAUSE OF THE
PANDEMIC, WE HAVE BEEN MEETING VIA ZOOM). WE
HAVE NAMED THIS GROUP: THE OSA FRIENDS.
THE OSA FRIENDS OF ST. AUGUSTINE'S ARE ACTIVELY
SEARCHING FOR NEW MEMBERS. ANYONE
INTERESTED IN BROADENING THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF
ST. AUGUSTINE IS INVITED TO JOIN THE
THE OSA FRIENDS. IF INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT FR.
JIM KEATING AT THE PARISH OFFICE FOR MORE
DETAILS.

## First Fridays, Oct 7, Nov 4, Dec 2, 7:00 PM

Healing Mass and Prayer Service
Join us for Mass, exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament, praise and worship music and
healing prayers.

National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, 654 Ferry Rd, Doylestown More info: https://czestochowa.us/ newsevents/upcoming-events/

Joining the Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception
On October 15th the Archdiocese of Philadelphia will participate in a special one-day pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. The National Shrine of Saint Rita of Cascia in South Philadelphia has reserved a coach bus for its patrons and has offered parishioners from Saint Augustine, Saint Nicholas of Tolentine, St. Paul, and Annunciation BVM parishes the opportunity to reserve a seat and travel with us. The cost is only \$35 per seat and will leave at 7:00am and return at 9:00pm. For more details or to reserve a seat please call (215) 546-8333 or www.SaintRitaShrine.org

## Saturday, October 1 to Monday, October 31, 2022 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

#### **Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit**

Eucharistic Miracles help us to appreciate the central event of the Mass. View an extraordinary month-long exhibit of over 100 photographic panels presenting Eucharistic Miracles recognized by the Church. These miracles have occurred throughout the world over the centuries and were researched and presented by Blessed Carlo Acutis in an Exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles in 2005. Be inspired to draw closer to the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, the source and summit of the Christian life!

Enjoy free admission and free parking.

### **National Centre for Padre Pio**

111 Barto Road - Barto, PA

More information: Contact angela@padrepio.org

### Friday, October 7, 2022 at 7:00 pm

### Pontifical Mass - Feast Our Lady of the Holy Rosary

Join us for this celebration at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul. Main celebrant will be Gerhard Cardinal Muller. Prefect Emeritus of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. Parking available. All are welcome! 18th street & Benjamin Franklin Parkway. Philadelphia, PA More Info: https://www.phillyevang.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Oct-7-Our-Lady-of-the-Rosary-Mass.pdf



### Volunteer Servers at Lourdes

On September 2- 10, Rey and I had the wonderful opportunity to serve as volunteers at Lourdes. Lourdes is a town in southwestern France which is visited by millions of pilgrims each year who are mostly Roman Catholics. They come to Lourdes to visit the Grotto of Massabielle (Grotto of the Apparitions) where the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared for the first time to a fourteen-year-old girl, St. Bernadette Soubirous, on February 25, 1858. Since then, our blessed Mother appeared 17 times more during St. Bernadette's life. Pilgrims believe that the Lourdes water which flows from a spring in the Grotto is holy and miraculous and that it has healing powers. To drink and bathe in it is following the instructions of the Virgin Mary. Thus, millions of pilgrims especially the handicap and those with ailments, come to visit Lourdes to pray and seek healing.

Rey and I were invited to serve as volunteers at the Lourdes by a group of friends who were my classmates in an all-girl Catholic School in the Philippines. Some of them have been serving there for a couple of years now. Through their briefings, Rey and I learned what to expect from this journey.

Arriving for the first time in the Holy grounds of Lourdes was quite an experience. I was awed by the beauty of the magnificent Basilica of Our Lady of the Rosary which sits in the middle of these grounds. There was a sense of peace and joy upon seeing the Grotto and its surroundings for the first time. I never imagined I would see these after seeing these images only on the EWTN cable network channel.

As part of our orientation, we had a tour of the Sanctuary which included the home of Saint Bernadette and a museum in her honor where the EWTN studio is located on the second floor. We also had a tour of the facilities where the handicap pilgrims and their assistants are housed during their stay at Lourdes. What struck me most was the emphasis on humility, respect, gentleness, and patience on encounters with the pilgrims most especially the sick and the disabled or when calling the attention of a pilgrim who is doing an improper behavior. We learned to be accepting of any task assigned to us except if it would compromise our health and safety.

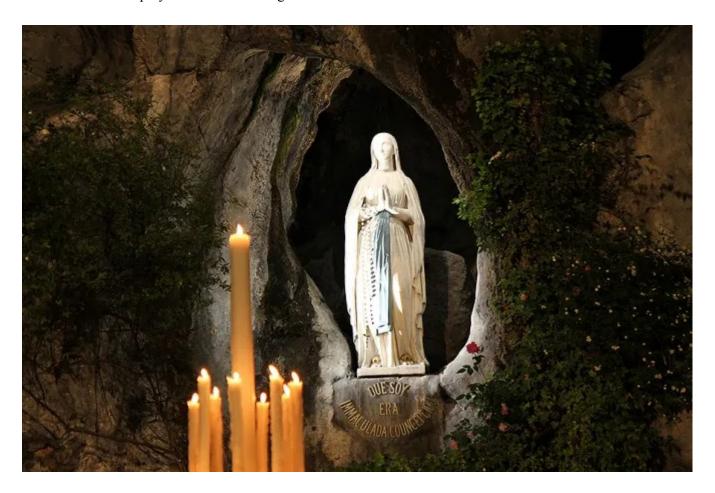
As first timers, we were given a chance to try different jobs in the course of our service. Most tasks were easy and simple though some may be long and tiring despite considerable breaks in between assignments. It can be working as guards or participating in their beautiful processions such as the Eucharistic procession held every day at 5:00 PM in the afternoon. This ends at the enormous underground Basilica of Pope Pius X for the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and blessing of the pilgrims. It can also be in the more popular Marian or torchlight Procession held each night at 9:00 PM and led by the carrying of the Virgin Mother by pilgrims which we found to be so touching. One can just feel so blessed and holy.

We were also assigned in the baths. We stood guard and guided the pilgrims who were waiting for their turn to experience the bath. Because of Covid, the immersing of the pilgrims in the large marble baths filled with the famous Lourdes water was suspended. Instead, the pilgrims stood across from the image of our Lady which was in front of the bath and implored their petitions. It was followed by the pouring of water into their cupped hands to wash their hands, face and to drink as well, and then reciting of the prayers with their servers. Rey was given a wonderful opportunity to be of service inside these baths and administer to the pilgrims. He could not help being touched by the pilgrims who became deeply emotional during the baths.

An important task was meeting the trains coming from different parts of Europe filled with groups of disabled pilgrims who were accompanied by their assistants and medical teams. Our role was to transfer the sick or disabled to a stretcher or wheelchair and bring them to the waiting bus for the Sanctuary. For this, we got practical training in handling the disabled, a task quite intimidating to me personally, for I was fearful of not doing it right and subsequently causing more injury to the pilgrim.

Other assignments may include general housekeeping such as light cleaning of the walkways inside the housing facility for the handicap and their assistants or assisting in the cafeteria's kitchen.

Overall, the whole experience was gratifying and educational, especially for Rey who got excellent ideas on running processions which can be adopted in our Sinulog. It was like attending a "working" retreat since every task done started and ended in prayers. It was enriching to the soul.





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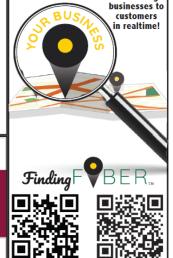
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