



## **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

## **Catholic History Lecture**

On Sunday, September 26 at 2:00 PM, join the American Catholic Historical Society (263 South 4th Street) for a lecture on the history of the Society of the Holy Child Jesus, the religious order founded by native Philadelphian, Venerable Cornelia Connelly. The event is free and open to the public, but registration is required. The event will be held in person and livestreamed via Zoom. For more information and to register, visit: www.amchs.org





You can make a difference for those experiencing homelessness in just 3.1 miles. Join Bethesda Project for the **2nd annual Home Run 5K from** 

**October 7-10, 2021!** Register individually or as a team to walk, run, or bike a course of your choice. This can be a great way to connect outdoors and walk as a congregation, Sunday School classes, or worship teams. All racers track their times while completing the 5K and record their times on the race page for the chance to win prizes including fastest time, best race photo, most funds raised, and more. Registration is \$25 (with a \$200 fundraising minimum). All funds raised support Bethesda Project's essential programs and 16 shelters and residences in Philadelphia. Donate and/or register at:

## www.runsignup.com/homerun5k

Sacred Relics Of The Saints: Treasures Of The Church The Ukrainian Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception,830 N. Franklin St. presents a teaching and exposition of Sacred Relics on Sunday September 19 at 12 noon. Father Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross will be here with an extraordinary Vatican collection of over 150 relics, some as old as 2000 years.

Those in attendance will be able to examine and venerate each relic. Throughout history, many healings have been worked in the presence of relics; and thousands have occurred through this ministry. Do not miss this opportunity. You are encouraged to bring your articles of devotion (such as rosaries, holy cards, etc.) and pictures of ill friends/family members, which you will be able to touch to the reliquaries as a means of intercession.



25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday, September 19, 2021

Monday, September 20, 2021

**Tuesday, September 21, 2021** 8:00 PM Parish Rosary—Zoom 854 1235 0301 150408

Wednesday, September 22, 2021 7:00 PM Parish Pastoral Council —Zoom

Thursday, September 23, 2021 7:00 PM Parish Scripture Study—Zoom 832 4986 0935 025786

**Friday, September 24, 2021** 4:30 PM Gochuico-Walsh Rehearsal

Saturday, September 25, 2021 1:00 PM Gochuico-Walsh Wedding



A word from Fr. Bíll...

Dear Parishioners:

This past August 8, we had two young girls, Adelina and EmmaRose, make their First Communion. It is very encouraging to see these young people growing in the faith and becoming more involved in the sacramental life of the community. There is one young man right now who will be preparing for First Communion next year. If you have a child whom you would like to begin the process of preparing for First Communion, please be in touch with the Parish Office (215-627-1838). We are extremely grateful to Jackie Lanza who helps prepare children every year for the reception of the sacraments. This is a tremendous service to the parish.

Would you like to be a lector at Mass? It would be helpful to have new lectors at the 9:00 AM Mass but we especially need new lectors for the 7:00 PM Mass. Also new lectors at the 11:00 AM Mass would be welcome. We are going to have a workshop (in person) on Wednesday, October 6 at 7:00 PM to help prepare new lectors. If you are interested, please sign up at the back of the church. In the future, we will do a similar workshop for Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Communion.

I am happy to tell you that the process for RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) has begun. We already have met twice (in person) and have begun to form a community among ourselves. Some gatherings will be in person and some will be virtual, depending on various circumstances. We have 2 Catechumens and 2 Candidates. Neither Christine Rihn nor April Bialas (both Catechumens) have ever been baptized. All things being equal, they will be baptized, receive First Communion and be confirmed at the Easter Vigil on April 16. Gina Moore and Carlos Rice are both Candidates. Gina was baptized Catholic but never received First Communion nor was she confirmed. Carlos was baptized Catholic and received First Communion, but was never confirmed. All things being equal, Gina will receive First Communion and Confirmation and Carlos will be confirmed April 24, the Sunday after Easter. I mention this as they begin this extensive process to ask for your prayers for them. All four are young adults. All four sincerely have been searching for spiritual fulfillment. All four are taking this "Journey of Faith" very seriously. In "yesteryear," the procedure for someone who wanted to become Catholic was very private. Today, there is a much more communal nature to the process. It is important that the community be involved in the process. You will be seeing them throughout the year, especially on the First Sunday of Advent (November 28) for the Rite of Acceptance, the first Sunday of Lent (March 6) for the Rite of Election as well as three Sundays during Lent (3/20, 3/27, and 4/3) for the Scrutinies. Please keep Christine, April, Gina and Carlos in your prayers as they continue this "Journey of Faith." It is encouraging to us to see such sincere young adults embark on this journey and it is very encouraging to them to know the community is praying for them.

First Communions, new Lectors, Catechumens and Candidates are all signs of God's blessings on us and signs of life in our parish community. Thank you, Lord.

Have a SAFE and great week.

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Fr. Bill



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