



# St. Augustine Parish

*Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 25, 2016*

*"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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**Office Hours: 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM**

**Monday through Friday**

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#### **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**

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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***

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.



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### Blessing of the Animals

Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016  
 4:00 PM

In honor of St. Francis of Assisi, whose Feast day is October 4th, **A Blessing of the Animals Ritual** will be conducted by Fr. Paul Morrissey, O.S.A. on **Saturday, October 1st at 4 PM.** on the terrace by the parking lot next to the church.



All animals are welcome, preferably on leashes.

*"All you beasts, wild and tame, bless the Lord."*

During the Year of Mercy, may we reflect this week on.....

"Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful."

Luke 6:36



For information on the Year of Mercy,  
 please go to: <http://archphila.org/mercy>

## A Biographical Sketch of an Augustinian Saint...

### The Japanese Martyrs ♦ September 28th

In 1602 the first Augustinian missionaries reached Japan. It was a vast vineyard, but daily the harvest increased, with many conversions to the faith. The Augustinian life also gradually took root, with professed, tertiaries and Confraternity members. Suddenly, however, persecution came and the great hopes vanished. And so martyrdoms began: in 1617 there was Ferdinand of St. Joseph and his catechist, Andrew Yoshida; in 1622 it was the turn of Father Peter Zuniga; in 1630 Brother John Shozaburo, with the oblates Michael Kiuchi Tayemon, Peter Kuhieye, Thomas Terai Kahioye, and the tertiaries Mancio Seisayemon and Lawrence Hachizo; finally in 1632 came the deaths of Fathers Bartholomew Guterrez, Vincent of Saint Anthony and Francis of Jesus. These were all beatified by Pope Pius IX in 1867. Other members of the Order had also been killed with them during the persecution. Since they represent four countries, Spain, Portugal, Mexico and Japan, their feast is a testimony to the universality of the Order. It is also a reminder of the fraternal bond that existed among all orders in Japan at the time.

## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

### Saturday & Sunday, September 24 & 25, 2016

5:15 PM

9:00 AM † Jerry DeFoney

11:00 AM † Nacin & Zachary Largoza

7:00 PM † Michele Scimeca

### Monday, September 26, 2016

12:05 PM The Parish Community

### Tuesday, September 27, 2016

12:05 PM † John A. Georeno, Jr.

### Wednesday, September 28, 2016

12:05 PM † Alberta Planster

### Thursday, September 29, 2016

12:05 PM † Quinico Amora

### Friday, September 30, 2016

12:05 PM Deceased Members of the  
Georeno Family

### Saturday, October 01, 2016

5:15 PM In Honour of St. Augustine

† = Deceased

## Sacrificial Giving

September 17 & 18, 2016

Number of Envelopes Used: 44

Amount in Envelopes: \$1,095.00

Average \$/Envelope: \$24.89

Electronic Giving: 23

Amount Electronic: \$442.00

Average \$/Electronic: \$19.22

Loose Money: \$502.00

Total Collection: \$2,039.00

## Electronic Giving

*It's simple!*

*It's secure!*

*It's convenient!*

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[www.st-augustinechurch.com](http://www.st-augustinechurch.com)

and click on:

"Sign Up For Electronic Giving"

Parish Giving

## The Bulletin Board

### Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday, September 25, 2016

4:00 PM Gift of Life Family House Dinner

### Monday, September 26, 2016

### Tuesday, September 27, 2016

7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB

### Wednesday, September 28, 2016

8:00 PM Fiat Prayer Group

### Thursday, September 29, 2016

6:00 PM Berenato-Barolin Rehearsal

7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB

8:00 PM St. Augustine Choir Rehearsal

### Friday, September 30, 2016

3:00 PM Berenato-Barolin Wedding

6:00 PM Hughel-Polise Rehearsal

7:00 PM Spirit of Philadelphia Dinner Cruise

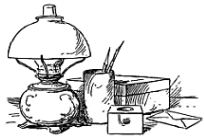
### Saturday, October 01, 2016

3:00 PM Hughel-Polise Wedding

4:00 PM Blessing of the Animals

6:15 PM Krewer-Parsons Rehearsal

7:00 PM N.A. Meeting in CHB



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

Dear Parishioners:

If it were not for the Eucharist and the celebration of Mass, we would not be a parish. There is no Catholic parish without the Eucharist. There are many organizations who do many of the things we do and they are not a parish because the Eucharist and Mass are not part of their identity. We celebrate the Eucharist every day and four times over a weekend. It is the source and summit of our life as a parish community.

Many things go into celebrating the Eucharist well: a clean church, environment, acoustics, lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, altar servers, greeters, music ministers, and of course presiders and homilists. It is important that all of these aspects of the liturgy are handled well. If the church is dirty, or people cannot hear well, that is a distraction. If the lectors mumble, that is a distraction. If the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are sloppy, that is a distraction. If the music is more of a performance than enabling and encouraging the congregation to sing, that is a distraction. If the presider is too formal or too informal that is a distraction. If the homilist is not relevant or if he rambles (never here), that is a distraction. It is important that everyone fulfills his or her responsibility reflecting the sacredness of what we are about.

To help fulfill this end, 14 of us participated in a liturgical workshop last Saturday morning. The purpose of the workshop was to help with the formation of the various ministries. From our parish we had parishioners who serve as lectors, as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, and some involved in the music ministry of the parish. We were reminded (and it is good to be reminded or we can easily get into bad habits) that at each Mass we are celebrating the death and resurrection of Jesus. We were reminded that Jesus is truly present at each liturgy. We were reminded how important it is for each of us to fulfill our responsibilities prayerfully and with respect for the sacredness for what is happening. After the keynote address, we had an opportunity to go to focus groups on each of the various ministries.

After the workshop was over, 10 of us (4 had to leave) from St. Augustine Parish had the opportunity to spend a few minutes reflecting on the morning experience. They told me they found it informative, inspiring, strengthened their faith, very well worthwhile, gave them a lot to think about, left them with wanting for more information, gave them a better understanding of their responsibility, and a greater appreciation of the importance of their role in the Mass.

I am very grateful that these 14 parishioners were willing to donate a Saturday morning for the purpose of enhancing our liturgies.

Hopefully, all of us will fulfill our responsibilities prayerfully and with a sacredness that reflects what we are doing at each Mass, celebrating God's love for us as is reflected in the Death and Resurrection of Jesus.

Have a great week.

Fr. Bill