

St. Augustine R. C. Parish



National Shrine of
Santo Niño de Cebú

Third Sunday of Easter ♦ April 23, 2023

"Creating A Community Of Involvement And Evangelization"

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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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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

OSA Friends is an association whose members have an interest in learning about St. Augustine's theology and spirituality. OSA Friends already exist in several parishes staffed by the Augustinians in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Anyone interested in learning about St. Augustine, his thought and spirituality is asked to contact Fr. Jim Keating at St. Augustine's Parish or call him at (215) 629-6351 for more information.



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, April 23, 2023


Vivian Worthington Bik
 Daughter of Patrick and Christine

Congratulations!

Please keep Vivian's family in your prayers.



SAVE THE DATE!
FEAST OF SANTO NIÑO
— SUMMER SINULOG —
 Sunday, August 20, 2023
 11:00 AM Mass & Neighborhood Procession



Mass Intentions

Sunday, April 23, 2023
 9:00 AM † Jerry DeFoney
 11:00 AM † Cesar Manguba
 7:00 PM

Monday, April 24, 2023
 12:05 PM † Margaret Marquart,
 1st Year Anniversary

Tuesday, April 25, 2023
 12:05 PM † Jacob & Margaret Marquart


Wednesday, April 26, 2023
 12:05 PM † Rev. Steven P. Wetzel, OSFS,
 1st Year Anniversary

Thursday, April 27, 2023
 12:05 PM

Friday, April 28, 2023
 12:05 PM The Parish Community

Saturday, April 29, 2023

† = Deceased



Capital Campaign News

Goal: \$750,000 (Phase 1) To date:
 Pledges: 219 Percentage: 112.3605%
 Amount Pledged: \$842,703.68
 Pledges Received: \$786,253.68
 In-Kind Gifts Received: \$10,437.71
 Campaign Total Rec'd: \$796,691.39

Sacrificial Giving
April 16, 2023

Number of Envelopes Used: 25
 Amount in Envelopes: \$852.00
 Average \$/Envelope: \$34.08
 Electronic Giving: 40
 Amount Electronic: \$1,275.00
 Average \$/Electronic: \$31.88
 Loose Money: \$460.00
 Total Collection: \$2,587.00

Electronic Giving
 Just log on to our website,
www.st-augustinechurch.com
 and click on:
"Sign Up For Electronic Giving"





WE NEED YOUR HELP!

With Spring upon us, we are watching our outside church property begin to come alive again with flower blooms and green foliage.

This is where you come in! We are looking for volunteers to water and take care of the various large flower planters/urns along the sidewalks. Maybe just a half hour once a week (perhaps a little more often when it is really hot during the summer months) is all we are looking for from our volunteers. You do not need to supply anything except your time. We will supply the tools and water!

If you love flowers and would also like to keep our property looking alive, beautiful and inviting and have the time to volunteer.....please email Charlie at:
charles.nygaard@gmail.com

Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us; make our hearts burn while you speak to us. *Luke 24:32*



Third Sunday of Easter
Sunday, April 23, 2023
 11:00 AM Vivian Bik Baptism
 2:00 PM Sullivan-Murphy Wedding

Monday, April 24, 2023

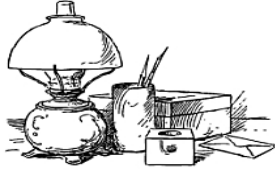
Tuesday, April 25, 2023
 7:00 PM Gift of Life Annual Meeting
 8:00 PM Weekly Parish Rosary—Zoom
 7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB

Wednesday, April 26, 2023
 7:00 PM Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Thursday, April 27, 2023
 5:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal
 6:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal
 7:00 PM Parish Scripture Study—Zoom
 7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB

Friday, April 28, 2023
 2:00 PM Helmig-Bukvics Wedding

Saturday, April 29, 2023
 9:00 AM DMI Meeting—Zoom
 3:00 PM Mason-Myers Wedding



A word from Fr. Bill...

Dear Parishioners:

I informed you this past February that our Parish Pastoral Council developed a 3-5 year Pastoral Plan. You heard about it again this past weekend. You also will hear about it this weekend as well as next weekend.

Let me put this into context. In February and March of 2022, our parish participated in a survey which Archbishop Pérez asked all the parishes in the Archdiocese to participate. The survey was facilitated by the Catholic Leadership Institute. The results of the survey were to be the basis for the parish to develop a Pastoral Plan and this plan was then to be submitted to the Archbishop by the First Sunday of Lent.

Eighty-five (85) of our parishioners took part in the survey. We received a very extensive report from the Catholic Leadership Institute. This report communicated many positive things about the parish. For example, a very high percentage of the parishioners who participated in the survey said they would recommend the parish and parish staff to others. Other very positive things included the notion that we are a welcoming parish. Parishioners feel well informed and they appreciate the homilies and music. Naturally, some areas of improvement surfaced.

In order to “unpack” the extensive report and the information given to us to develop a Pastoral Plan, 7 members of our Parish Pastoral Council (Brian Halpin, Lala Borres, Bill Castro, Sally Corpuz, Bob Schuck, Jacob Marquart, OFS and I) met 4 times with a facilitator, Deacon Jeff Willard from the Archdiocese of Galveston/Houston in Texas. In addition, based on those 4 discussions the sub-committee met on its own on two Saturday mornings to name specific goals and strategies. The entire Parish Pastoral Council then recommended the report of the sub-committee to me and it was forwarded to Archbishop Pérez.

The three goals which were recommended were:

- ◆ Increase opportunities for parishioners to have spiritual experiences, in particular retreats
- ◆ Increase opportunities for parishioners to share their faith
- ◆ Increase opportunities to increase the number of our active parishioners

In the pews in the church last weekend, as well as this weekend and next weekend you will find a paper outlining these 3 goals for the 3-5 year Pastoral Plan.

This leads us to the next stage in the process. Obviously, it has been a very thorough process to get where we are now. We certainly do not want to waste all of the valuable time and energy that has been put into the process to this point. Now we need help to implement the plan. Last Sunday, Bill Castro spoke briefly at the Masses asking for volunteers to help implement the first goal, opportunities for retreats. We are pleased that six parishioners responded to his request. This weekend, I will ask for volunteers to help with the second goal, opportunities for parishioners to share their faith. Next weekend, Brian Halpin will ask for volunteers to help with the third goal, increase the number of our active parishioners.

Please seriously consider helping us to implement these three goals. To paraphrase, “It takes a parish community.”

I find this process exciting and I find the potential results extremely exciting. This certainly has the strong possibility of helping us to be a more vibrant and faith filled community than we already are.

God has planted the seeds. Please let us know if you are willing to help us in watering the garden and seeing the fruit of God’s work through us.

Have a great week.

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Fr. Bill".

Fr. Bill

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April 24, 2023

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Wedding Anniversary Mass

The Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass is celebrated with couples in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia who have been married 1-5 years, 25 years and 50 years.

*Saturday, May 6, 2023
5:15 pm Anticipated Mass*

Cathedral Basilica of Ss. Peter & Paul

Archbishop Nelson Pérez
Principal Celebrant

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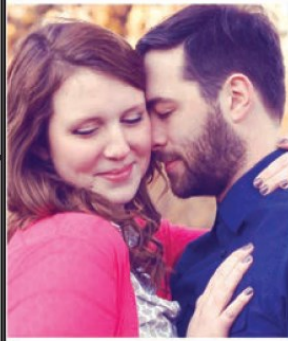
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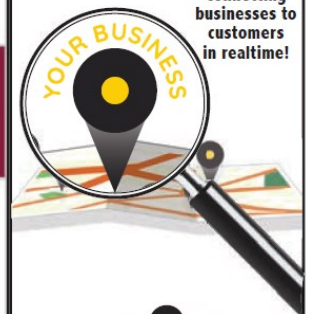
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