

St. Augustine R. C. Parish Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 27, 2022



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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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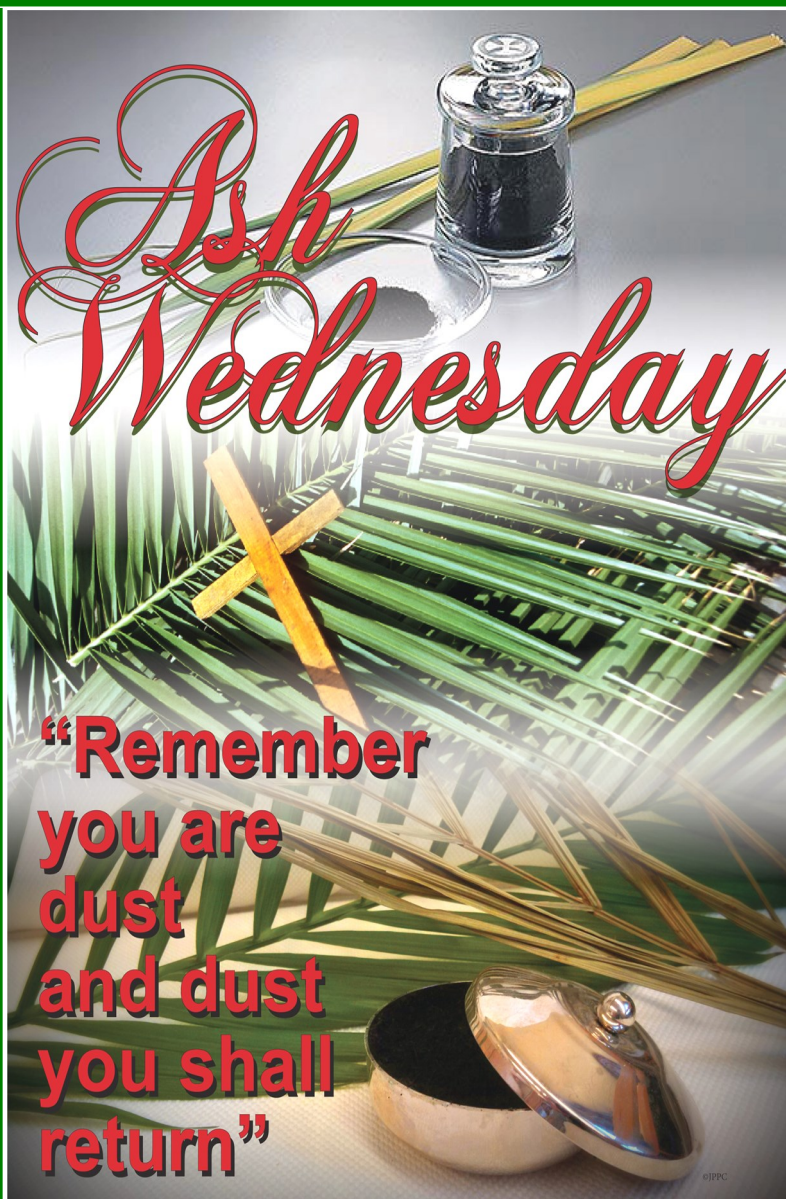
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Weekly Parish Rosary via Zoom—8:00 PM on Tuesday
Meeting ID: 854-1235-0301 PW: 150408

Weekly Scripture Study via Zoom—7:00 PM on Thursday
Meeting ID: 832-4986-0935 PW: 025786



Ash
Wednesday

March 2, 2022

Ashes will be imposed within the 12:05 PM Mass and the 7:00 PM Mass.



Stations of the Cross

Friday Evenings During Lent ♦ 7:00 P.M.
Come, walk, and meditate on the
Way of the Cross

Zoom ID: 5590497986 PW: 7139



Operation Rice Bowl 2022

Operation Rice Bowls are available in the back of the church for you to pick up and to use for your Lenten sacrifices. Please return them to the collection at the end of Lent.



Spring Clean Up and Flower Planting

The Friends of Old City will be holding their **Annual Spring Cleanup and Flower Planting** on **Saturday, March 26, 2022** from **9 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** This year we will meet in the parking lot at Saint Augustine Church. The plantings (and mulching) will be for the planters along the 4th and Vine Streets blocks. The cleanup will entail areas north of the Ben Franklin Bridge. All supplies and tools will be provided. This is a valuable community event that helps enhance our neighborhood significantly. If you are interested in helping, please call the Parish Office at 215-627-1838 to let us know.



Old Palms

If you have old palms and you are wondering how to dispose of them, you may return them to the church so that we can burn them in the Easter Fire at the Easter Vigil.

Please place them in the marked basket in the rear of the church.



Mass Intentions

Sunday, February 27, 2022

9:00 AM † Jose Callanta
11:00 AM † Pacita Leonero
7:00 PM † Venerando Gahob, Sr.

Monday, February 28, 2022

12:05 PM Anthony Flaviano,
Special Intention

Tuesday, March 1, 2022

12:05 PM † Vicente Grana

Wednesday, March 2, 2022 ASH WEDNESDAY

12:05 PM The Parish Community
7:00 PM The Parish Community

Thursday, March 3, 2022

12:05 PM The Matta Family

Friday, March 4, 2022

12:05 PM † Dan Waters

Saturday, March 5, 2022

† = Deceased



Capital Campaign News

Goal: \$750,000 (Phase 1) To date:
Pledges: 212 Percentage: 106.0094%
Amount Pledged: \$795,070.68
Pledges Received: \$734,680.46
In-Kind Gifts Received: \$10,437.71
Campaign Total Rec'd: \$745,118.17

Sacrificial Giving February 20, 2022

Number of Envelopes Used: 27
Amount in Envelopes: \$1,495.00
Average \$/Envelope: \$55.37
Electronic Giving: 48
Amount Electronic: \$1,520.00
Average \$/Electronic: \$31.67
Loose Money: \$405.00
Total Collection: \$3,420.00

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Parish Giving



Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, February 27, 2022

Monday, February 28, 2022

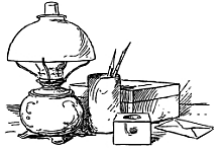
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A word from Fr. Bill...

Dear Parishioners:

Believe it or not, Lent is here. It begins this Wednesday, Ash Wednesday, March 2nd. For we who are Christians, this is a very significant season in the liturgical year. Why? Anytime we do something significant, there is always preparation involved, e.g., preparing for a wedding, a vacation, guests to visit, a trip, celebrating a holiday, etc.

An essential aspect of Lent is to prepare to renew our baptism promises at Easter. This goes to the core of the history of Lent. At one time in the Church's history, only adults were baptized. Catechumens would prepare for a significant period of time for their baptism and very intensely prepare by prayer, fasting and abstinence during the last 40 days before Easter. As time went on, it became the practice to baptize infants. So, the question surfaced what would happen to those 40 days of intense preparation for baptism. Since we are celebrating new life as we celebrate the Resurrection, it was decided to keep baptism intimately related to Easter and have the baptized renew their baptism promises at Easter.

Consequently, each Easter we are asked if we reject sin, the glamour of evil, refuse to be mastered by sin and we are asked if we believe in God, Jesus Christ, the Holy Catholic Church, the Resurrection, etc.

What are some ways in the parish we can prepare by prayer, fasting and abstinence to celebrate the new life that Jesus gives us thru his resurrection as well as to prepare to renew our baptism promises?

On Ash Wednesday, ashes will be distributed within the 12:05 PM and 7:00 PM Masses. This year because of the pandemic, as we did last year, we will avoid skin to skin contact and we will distribute ashes by using a different cotton squab for each person.

There are various ways to incorporate prayer into our Lenten journey:

A) Join us each Tuesday of Lent for a discussion on the Liturgy of the Eucharist. In my letter in the bulletin last weekend I spoke about this series and we enclosed a flyer outlining the six weeks as well as the comments of those who participated in the Advent discussions on the Liturgy of the Word. You will find the information again within this bulletin. You also will find it on our parish website. One needs to register for each session. You can do that by clicking on the provide registration links. Please share this flyer with family and friends. It is an excellent way of evangelizing.

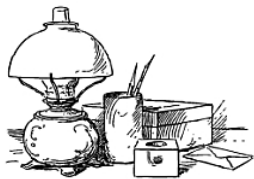
B) Join members of our parish on Thursday evenings at 7 PM for the discussion of the scripture passages for the upcoming Sunday. These also are on Zoom. You will find the Zoom number on our parish website and on the front cover of this bulletin.

C) Join us by Zoom on Fridays at 7:00 PM for the Stations of the Cross. You will find this Zoom number also on our parish website and in the bulletin.

D) In the back of the church you will find four resources to enrich your prayer life during Lent: The first is entitled *Understanding Lent*. The second is entitled *Turn to God*, which has reflections on the readings for each of the days of Lent. The third is entitled *Growing in Friendship with Christ* which has reflections from Pope Francis, Fr. Henri Nouwen, and Mother Teresa. The fourth is entitled *Hope for Renewal* which contains a daily Lenten reflection from Pope Francis and a question for us to ponder.

If you are not able to come to church, and would like us to provide you with any of these pamphlets, please let us know.

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E) Take advantage of celebrating the Sacrament of Penance which we make available after each of our Sunday Masses or by making arrangements for a specific time. Also there are a number of local churches which make this sacrament available on weekdays: St. Rita Shrine, St. John Neumann Shrine and the Cathedral of St. Peter and Paul. In the back of the church in the book rack there is a flyer with all this information.

F) If you are not able to join us for Mass in person, please join us virtually. All of our Sunday Masses (9:00 AM, 11:00 AM and 7:00 PM) and the 12 :05 PM weekday Masses are LiveStreamed. Please see the homepage of our parish website for the link to connect.

We can prepare for Easter and the renewal of our baptism promises by fasting and and almsgiving by participating in Operation Rice Bowl. To give something up is a very valuable aspect of spirituality but fasting and abstaining are not ends in themselves but a means to an end. The idea of Operation Rice Bowl is to donate the money I would have used for which I am fasting and/or abstaining (e.g. beer, liquor, chocolate, ice cream, “whatever”), so that others who do not have enough food can eat. You will find the Rice Bowls in the back of the church. If you are not able to get to church to pick up a Rice Bowl and would like one, please let us know and we will get one to you or just create your own container and forward the money to us at the end of Lent.

Just as there is a value in fasting and abstaining (giving something up), there is a value of doing something positive which I might not normally do, e.g. donate some time in a charitable way to a an important cause.

As in other years, we will be distributing a pin with the symbol of a cross formed by ashes. In the early days of the Church, the faithful wore ashes for 40 days. While that is not feasible today, we encourage you to wear the pin throughout Lent as a visible sign of being a Christian preparing for Easter.

Even though these continue to be challenging days during the pandemic, we can be creative in our prayer, fasting and almsgiving as we prepare to celebrate the fact that Jesus in destroying death and restoring life has given us the possibility of eternal life. And we can be creative to prepare to renew our baptism promises and publicly proclaim that we reject sin the glamour of evil, refuse to be mastered by sin and that we believe in God, Jesus Christ, the Holy Catholic Church, the Resurrection and eternal life.

As I said above, we always prepare for important things in our life. As a parish, we are providing many resources to prepare for Easter. What will I or we as a family incorporate into our Lenten spirituality this year?

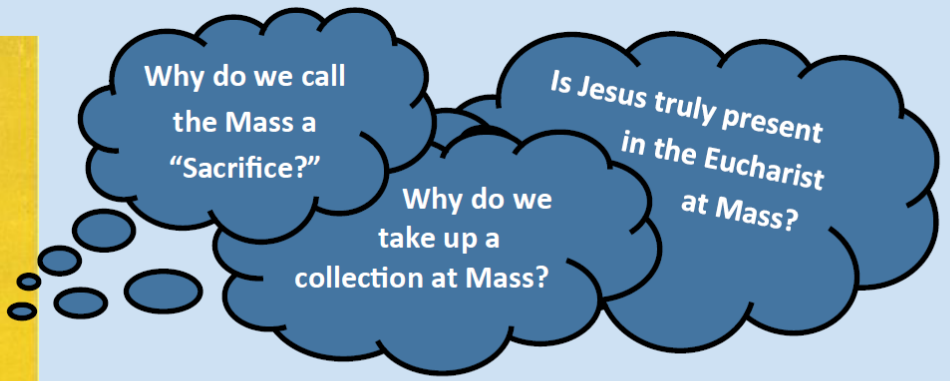
Have a SAFE week and a productive Lent.

Fr. Bill



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Presents:

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The Mass
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WHAT ARE YOUR QUESTIONS? Submit your questions and join us this Lent for **Part 2** of our series when we will discuss and answer questions regarding the Mass and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Join us and our special guests via Zoom from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM on the dates listed below!

3/8 The “Offertory” (Preparation of the Gifts, Mixing the Water and Wine, Washing the Hands, Prayer over the Offerings) - Rev. Allan Fitzgerald, O.S.A., Ph.D., Faculty, Villanova University, Director of Special Events for The Augustinian Institute—Register for the 3/8 session at the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0qcuCuqD4jH9f0VVpm4g43FaApDnhFKJw1>

3/15 The Eucharistic Prayer, Part 1 (The Preface; The Holy, Holy, Holy; The Epiclesis Prayer) - Rev. Andrew D. Ciferni, O. Praem., Ph.D., Daylesford Abbey—Register at the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwkceytrDgrH9DCaYbiVuzQV13JKNJebMwp>

3/22 The Eucharistic Prayer, Part 2 (The Words of Institution and Consecration; “The Mystery of Faith”; The Anamnesis; The Intersessions; Final Doxology) - Joseph T. Kelley, Ph.D., D.Min., Professor of Religious and Theological Studies, Merrimack College—Register at the link below:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwrd-mtqD4iE9TB6OKjTX2WKc7Ghpa_PEvx

3/29 The Communion Rite (The Lord’s Prayer; The Rite of Peace; The Lamb of God; The Fraction, Commingling, and Holy Communion) - Rev. Andrew D. Ciferni, O. Praem., Ph.D., Daylesford Abbey—Register at the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0vdeGtrjotHdGxYalU52QocSQSk-tdRHVY>

4/5 The Concluding Rites (Greeting, Blessing and Dismissal) - Rev. William F. Waters, O.S.A., M.A., Pastor, Saint Augustine Parish, Philadelphia—Register at the link below:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMkf-CqrDstGteWm5L2SXe9M1x4Aej_FXQA

4/12 How does it all come together? - Rev. G. Dennis Gill, S.L.L., M.Div., Director, Office for Divine Worship and Rector of the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul, Philadelphia—Register at the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYlf-GhrzlrHNAIrLcFiJoyGgBsNO0S6m6l>

For more information and to submit your questions, contact Jacob Marquart, O.F.S. at:
staugustineparish09@gmail.com or call (215) 627-1838

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Remarks on Advent, 2021 Meetings on the Liturgy of the Word

This was a fantastic program. I felt like I was back in college learning again. The instructor was excellent. I learned so much more about the history of salvation and how God communicates with his people. My attention and prayer during Mass will have renewed spirit and meaning for me. Thank you for providing this opportunity for spiritual growth. *Anonymous*

Thank you and your committee for putting together the Advent program. I have enjoyed each presentation and looked forward to Tuesday evenings during the 4 weeks of sessions. The presenters were very impressive, welcomed questions, and just wanted to share their knowledge. I am always seeking ways to grow in my faith and spirituality and this Advent program has certainly been a vehicle to help me along my journey. I have been going to church my entire life and had no idea how much I was missing – the Mass has taken on new meaning for me! Dr. Kelly Anderson was incredible. Her knowledge of scripture and her ability to explain it are a true gift. I went to law school and listening to her I felt like a 1st grader. I truly thought it fascinating how she showed us how interwoven the Old Testament and New Testament are and the role of Psalms. How do we lay people even begin to understand the readings without someone like her by our side?

Brian Halpin, St. Augustine Parish, Philadelphia

Thanks for putting together the Advent speaker series on the Mass. The knowledge and passion of the speakers was inspiring and left me wanting to learn more. In my opinion we need to publicize the You Tube recordings so anyone who missed it can catch up. I recommend the series to anyone who wants to grow their faith.

Dave Ryan, St. Augustine Parish, Philadelphia

The Advent series on the Mass was thoughtful and informative, and each presentation revealed many new areas for me to contemplate about our faith. I hope it becomes a tradition at St. Augustine!

Rene Quinlan, St. Augustine, Philadelphia

MARCH 12-13, 2022

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The presentation of the Augustinian Annual Appeal will be made in two weeks on the weekend of March 12-13, 2022, followed by a direct mail appeal.

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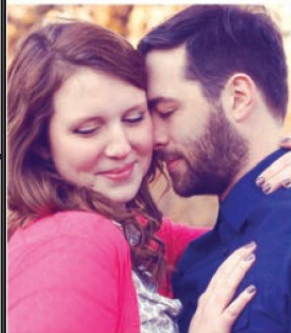
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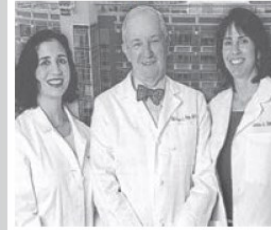
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