



St. Augustine R. C. Parish

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time January 24, 2021



National Shrine of Santo Niño de Cebu

"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: 5:15 PM— *Due to the pandemic, suspended until end of 2021*

Sunday: 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM & 7:00 PM
(All Masses are LiveStreamed on masslivestream.com)

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Rev. James Keating, O.S.A.
Rev. James Paradis, O.S.A., *Prior*

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



Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord...
MAURICIO GESMUNDO
 Entered eternal life January 18, 2021

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 Parish are actively searching for new members. Anyone interested in broadening their knowledge of St. Augustine is invited to join the OSA Friends. If interested, please contact Fr. Jim Keating at the Parish Office for more details.

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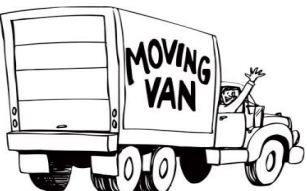

Post-Abortion Healing Retreat
March 5th – 7th, 2021
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Susan 610-716-4795

Rachel's Vineyard of Greater Philadelphia
 All inquiries are strictly confidential.
 Financial aid is offered if needed.
 National website: www.rachelsvineyard.org

Print Out of Church Contributions

As the season of tax return preparation approaches, many people who itemize on their tax returns like to have a printed report of their yearly church contributions. This report is available to all parishioners who request a printed report. Simply call Jacob Marquart, OFS, in the Friary Parish Office, Monday to Friday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM and request a report to be mailed to you. **If you received a report last year, you will automatically receive one this year, so you don't need to do anything.**

ARE YOU MOVING? If you are moving to a new home, please take a few minutes out of your hectic day to call or email the Parish Office and let us know the date of your move and your new address. Also, if you have just moved into Saint Augustine Parish boundaries and would like to register in the parish, please call the parish office at: 215-627-1838. Thank you!



Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 24, 2021
 9:00 AM Br. Lawrence Oelschlegel, FSC
 11:00 AM † Dr. Alex Cueto
 7:00 PM Rose Candelora (Special Intention)

Monday, January 25, 2021
 12:05 PM † Mae Reithmeyer

Tuesday, January 26, 2021
 12:05 PM The Parish Community


Wednesday, January 27, 2021
 12:05 PM Mary & Bill Flanagan,
 Special Intention

Thursday, January 28, 2021
 12:05 PM † Mary O'Brien Waters

Friday, January 29, 2021
 12:05 PM † Andrew Ponisciak

Saturday, January 30, 2021


† = Deceased



Capital Campaign News
Goal: \$750,000 (Phase 1) To date:
 Pledges: 208 Percentage: 105.0473%
 Amount Pledged: \$787,854.50
 Pledges Received: \$686,865.04
 In-Kind Gifts Received: \$10,437.71
 Campaign Total Rec'd: \$697,302.91

Sacrificial Giving
January 17, 2021
 Number of Envelopes Used: 39
 Amount in Envelopes: \$3,272.00
 Average \$/Envelope: \$83.90
 Electronic Giving: 48
 Amount Electronic: \$1,250.00
 Average \$/Electronic: \$26.04
 Loose Money: \$498.00
 Total Collection: \$5,020.00

Electronic Giving
 Just log on to our website,
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"Sign Up For Electronic Giving"

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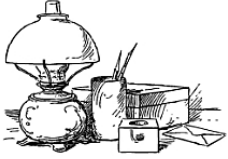
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 7:00 PM DMI Survey Meeting—Zoom
 8:00 PM Parish Rosary—Zoom
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A word from Fr. Bill.....

Dear Parishioners:

Considering all the adaptations that needed to be addressed because of the coronavirus, our Sinulog celebration last Sunday went very smoothly. One alternative could have been not to have the celebration at all because of all the precautions that were needed. Thank goodness (more appropriately, thank God) that we decided to have it and that we had a wonderful celebration.

I am very grateful for the cooperation of all those attending, especially with adhering to the directives of wearing masks and social distancing. I am extremely grateful for all those who had any part in the preparation: those in the music ministry, the liturgical ministers, those preparing the church and decorations, those preparing the lunches to go, Jacob Marquart, O.F.S. who facilitated the LiveStreaming of the Mass, and especially Rey Borres who coordinated so much of the celebration.

After the Mass, I received several emails from friends who watched the Mass virtually. Bill who watched it in California said, "I had never been aware of this uniquely Filipino feast of the baby Jesus. Impressive. The faith of your congregation is really powerful, as evidenced by the attendance. Not words...deeds. I'm admittedly in a bit of awe. Admirable." Thank you, Bill. I think you put into words what we all felt. Mary Lou who watched it in Maryland said, "Thanks for sharing this festival with us! You shared the feast with a lot of us who probably "knew" about it but hadn't experienced it." What Mary Lou says gives credence to the expression, "You have to experience it to believe it."

I also received the following email this week: In part what this person said was: "I recently joined the St. Augustine Parish and had the pleasure of attending my first Mass with you on Sunday. It was also my first Sinulog; what a treat! I felt so much warmth and joy from you and all in attendance." What a wonderful welcome and first impression for someone who celebrated the Eucharist with us for the first time.

If anyone would like to see a video of the Sinulog celebration, you can find the link to Mass LiveStream on our parish website.

Hopefully, this past Monday was not just a day of not going to the bank and not getting mail. Hopefully, we had an opportunity to reflect on the commitment of Dr. Martin Luther King to non-violence and to racial equality. Hopefully, it was an opportunity to reflect on our individual roles to make his "dream" a reality.

On Wednesday, we saw the end of one presidential administration and the beginning of another. Hopefully, we can grow in our appreciation of the democracy which our country affords us. May we all pray for President Biden and his administration that there will be healing and harmony in our country and that there will be a continued greater awareness of the dignity of each person's life.

Have a great week. Stay SAFE, strong and informed.

Fr. Bill



January 20, 2021

Dear Fellow Parishioners:

It's hard to believe that, here at St. Augustine, we embarked on our Capital Campaign three years ago! As you may already know, we have reached our goal of \$750,000 in pledges for Phase 1. We are so proud of and grateful to our parishioners, as well as the three Augustinian Provinces of the USA, all of whose generosity and concern became abundantly clear during the campaign. It has been a collective effort and a rewarding experience. We have already been able to complete a number of significant projects, including:

- Church pew restoration & carpet replacement—center aisles complete, sides in process
- Restoration of the crucifixion tableau in the church sanctuary
- Replacement of two skylights in church sanctuary
- Painting of church outside window frames
- Stations of the Cross properly secured
- Repair and repointing of church façade below tower
- Complete renovation of two church bathrooms
- New wheelchair accessible bathroom
- Conversion to LED lighting in church
- Assessment for restoration of 8 lunette paintings in the church of the life of St. Augustine
- Conversion from oil to natural gas heating in 259 Building
- New east and west windows in 251 (Women of Hope) building
- Initiation of preservation account

As you can see, much has been accomplished! But despite our Phase 1 success, there are still some additional repairs and upgrades needed to restore and preserve our magnificent, historic church and buildings. We estimate the remaining costs to be upwards of \$1 million dollars. The tasks that require attention in the near future include:

- Repair and repointing of church tower masonry
- Upgrade to church fire alarm system
- Installation of automatic openers for side door of church
- Louver replacement in church steeple
- Restoration of the 8 lunette paintings in the church of the life of St. Augustine
- Replacement of north and south windows in Women of Hope building.
- Sprinkler system in Women of Hope building

Further into the future, we will need to address several other projects, including:

- Assessment and restoration of church ceiling frescoes
- Assessment and restoration of church murals
- Renovations and improvements to Carr Hall
- Repairs in Friary building
- Restoration of clocks in church tower
- Repainting of church cupola

And so, as we joyfully celebrate the 225th anniversary of St. Augustine Church throughout 2021, we must also look ahead to the next phase of fundraising, which will go beyond the immediate parish and Augustinian Community. It will involve seeking grants, reaching out to the business and corporate community, possible crowdfunding efforts and more.

Again, we offer our sincere thanks and gratitude to you. We ask for your prayers for the continued success of the Capital Campaign, and in turn you have our prayers for peace, safety and health in the days and months ahead. Happy New Year to all!!

Best regards,

Kathy Rigby Gerry Rigby

Kathy and Gerry Rigby
Capital Campaign, Co-Chairs




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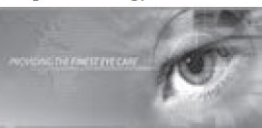
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