

# St. Augustine Parish

First Sunday of Lent – March 01, 2020

*“Creating A Community Of Involvement And Evangelization”*

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National Shrine of  
Santo Niño de Cebú

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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**Office Hours:**  
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM  
Monday to Friday



**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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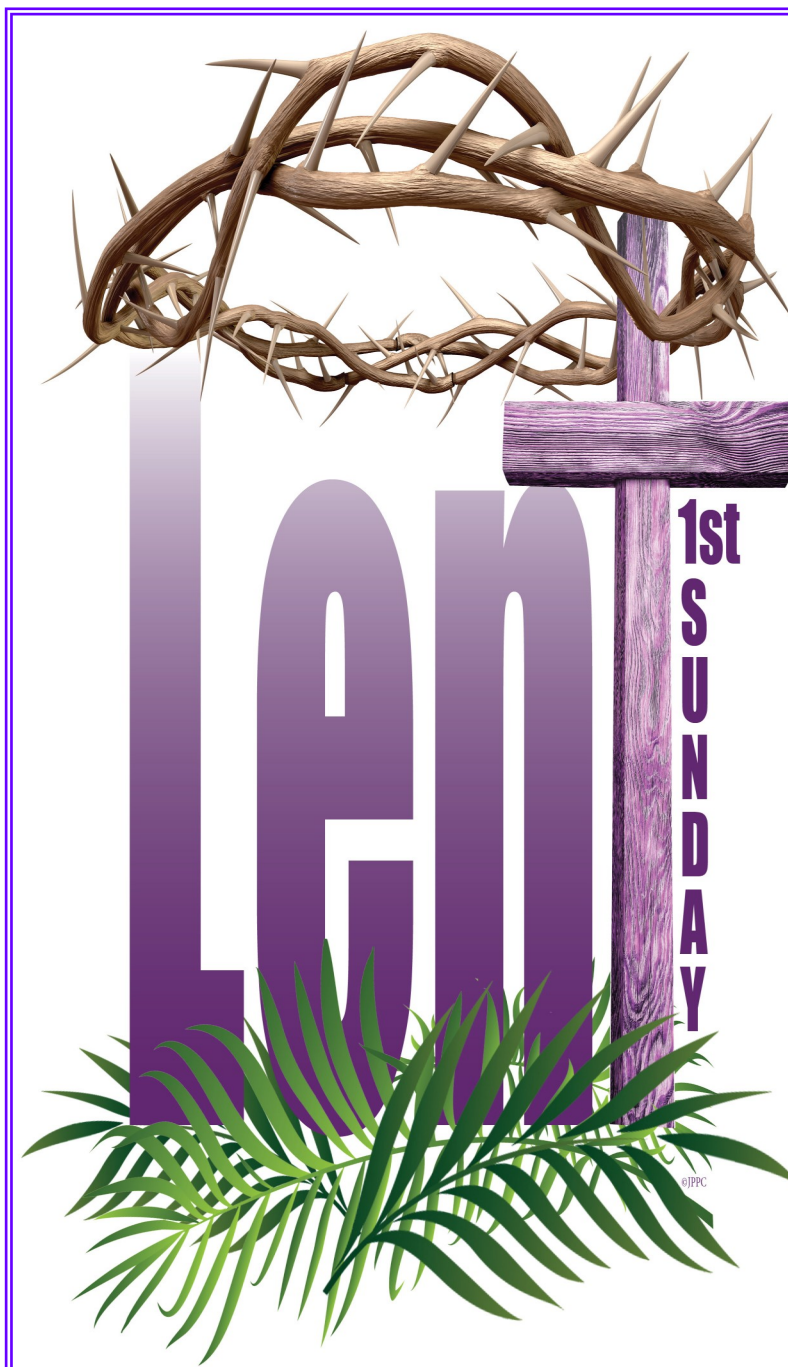
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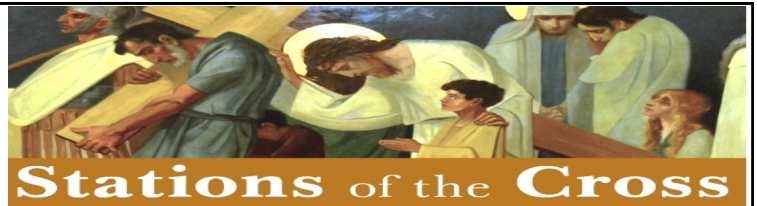
**Saturday,  
March 7, 2020**

**Men's Spirituality  
Conference**



**Neumann University  
Mirenda Center  
Aston, PA**

**www.manupphilly.com**



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

**WELCOME to the  
St. Charles Borromeo Seminarians as  
they visit us this weekend for  
Multi-Cultural Sunday.**

The 3rd Year Class of Seminarians make a visit to a different parish/ethnic group in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia to experience their worship and culture. They will be attending the 11:00 AM Mass as well as lunch provided by the Filipino Community.



**Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary**



**Catholic Charities Appeal Night with the Phillies** is set for Friday, May 15th! The game is at 7:05 pm against the St. Louis Cardinals at Citizens Bank Park. If 500 tickets are sold the choir from Archbishop Carroll will sing the National Anthem before the game and a beneficiary will throw out the first pitch! A portion of ticket sales will directly benefit the CCA. Tickets can be purchased here:

**www.mlb.com/phillies/tickets/specials/catholic-charities**

Come one, come all! The Missionary Servants of the Most Blessed Trinity invite you to join them in celebrating Catholic Sisters Week, Thursday, March 12th from 7pm - 8pm in the Mother Boniface Spirituality Center. Come meet the MSBT sisters, enjoy light refreshments and snacks, go on a tour of the Spirituality Center and Sacred Heart Chapel as well as learn about the roots and mission of the community. Any questions please email [voc@msbt.org](mailto:voc@msbt.org) Mother Boniface Spirituality Center is located at 3501 Solly Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19136. We look forward to seeing you!



**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday & Sunday,  
February 29 & March 01, 2020**

5:15 PM -----  
9:00 AM † Anna Ponisciak  
11:00 AM † Hipolito Mendana  
7:00 PM † Arthur Flores

**Monday, March 02, 2020**

12:05 PM -----

**Tuesday, March 03, 2020**

12:05 PM The Parish Community

**Wednesday, March 04, 2020**

12:05 PM -----

**Thursday, March 05, 2020**

12:05 PM -----

**Friday, March 06, 2020**

12:05 PM -----

**Saturday, March 07, 2020**

5:15 PM -----

† = Deceased

**Sacrificial Giving  
February 22 & 23, 2020**

Number of Envelopes Used: 44  
Amount in Envelopes: \$2,039.00  
Average \$/Envelope: \$46.35  
Electronic Giving: 32  
Amount Electronic: \$640.00  
Average \$/Electronic: \$20.01  
Loose Money: \$469.00  
Total Collection: \$3,148.00



**Capital Campaign News**

**Goal: \$750,000 (Phase 1) To date:**

Pledges: 197 Percentage: 92.9685%  
Amount Pledged: \$697,263.50  
Pledges Received: \$512,290.68  
June 1<sup>st</sup> Gala Revenue: \$40,250.00  
In-Kind Gifts Received: \$10,437.71  
Campaign Total Rec'd: \$562,978.39

**Electronic Giving**

Just log on to our website,  
[www.st-augustinechurch.com](http://www.st-augustinechurch.com)  
and click on:

**"Sign Up For Electronic Giving"**



**First Sunday of Lent  
Sunday, March 01, 2020**  
11:00 AM St. Charles Seminarian Visit

**Monday, March 02, 2020**  
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**Tuesday, March 03, 2020**  
7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB

**Wednesday, March 04, 2020**  
7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB

**Thursday, March 05, 2020**  
7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB

**Friday, March 06, 2020**  
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

**Saturday, March 07, 2020**  
10:00 AM—4:00 PM Filipino Consulate  
7:00 PM N.A. Meeting in CHB



## WE NEED YOUR HELP!

With Spring just around the corner we are thinking ahead about our outside church property coming 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 and the pots on the church front steps. (The person who was taking care of the planters has recently moved outside of the parish and is unable to return on a consistent basis.)

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 call Jacob in the Parish Office at 215.627.1838 to let him know you are available and would like to help.



Please visit our parish website for all of the latest parish news and events!

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



Please visit our Facebook:

**St.AugustineChurchPhiladelphia**



## Spring Clean Up and Flower Planting

The Friends of Old City will be holding their **Annual Spring Cleanup and Flower Planting** on **Saturday, March 21, 2020** from **10 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 4<sup>th</sup> and Vine Street 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. Rain date March 22, 2020. Hope to see you then!

## FAST AND ABSTINENCE AND OTHER ACTS OF PENANCE FOR LENT 2020

The Bishops of the United States prescribe, as minimal obligation, that all persons who are fourteen years of age and older are bound to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, February 26, 2020, on all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday. Further, all persons eighteen years of age and older, up to and including their fifty-ninth birthday, are bound to fast by limiting themselves to a single full meal on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday, while the other two meals on those days are to be light.

All the faithful are encouraged, when possible, to participate at Mass and to receive the Holy Eucharist daily, to celebrate frequently the Sacrament of Penance, to undertake spiritual reading, especially the study of the Sacred Scriptures, and to participate in parish Lenten devotions as well as Lenten education programs. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is especially recommended.

All are encouraged to participate in Operation Rice Bowl which has aided countless hungry persons here in the Archdiocese as well as throughout our nation and our world.



## Lent 2020

**Lent** is the time to prepare ourselves for one of the most amazing moments in the Christian's life when Christ will say on Good Friday "**Forgive them.**" The "*Them*" as they might say in the Bronx is "*Us.*" "Our Savior," the one who prayed these words, will appear to the *Doubting Thomas* and his fearful companions on Easter, for they were too busy escaping their own fear of execution that they missed the most amazing words - "**Forgive them.**" Daftness by fear. Thank God, they and each of us will receive another opportunity to hear the words: "Peace be with you." Christ's Peace is forgiveness.

So this year, I am not going to be giving up my elementary school Lenten practices like "no candy for lent!" In fact, my Lenten practice will be **praying** to stay **hopeful** so that I and each of us will **hear** the words "Peace be with you." Hopeful that our communities can respect and honor the dignity of each person and each race of people. Hopeful that the language spoken in the public forum, which seems to be increasing in darkness; words that at times are filled with anger and hatred rather than a language of forgiveness and peace.

What I am discovering is that I have a renewed ***hunger and thirst for right relationships*** between our families and communities. **Just relationships** require respect for one another in the market place and in our local communities. No doubt that when it comes to issues like racism, anti-Semitism, poor public education, the homeless, am I an idealist! I want the best for all. Is having a just relationship with one another – idealist or is it Christian?

May I offer you a suggestion for this Lenten season pray that we will be blessed with a **hunger and thirst for what is right and just.** Pray to know when our relationships are not just and right. Act on this awareness, seek forgiveness and healing. Allow the light of Christ made visible at Easter to overcome the darkness that may fester in our spirits. I need to examine myself where is my anger that can turn to hatred and fracture the relationships among my family and neighbors.

The **Beatitudes** are Christ the Teacher explanation of Mosaic Law, the Commandments. Christ blesses us with a **hunger and thirst** so that we can be moved to be reconciled and at peace with our neighbors through just and right relationships. This is our adult challenge, not the challenge of child who gave up candy for Lent!

Check out Matthew 5: 1-12, The Beatitudes, our Lenten guide.



Dear Parishioners:

The Season of Lent is upon us, and again this year, we will be working with the **Franciscan Outreach of the Padre Pio Prayer Center in Frankford (Philadelphia)**.

They recently partnered with Catholic Social Services of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and have begun a new initiative called **“New Beginnings.”** This initiative is targeting less fortunate pregnant women and mothers with infants, especially new moms, by helping them with baby supplies. This initiative is a means of help and outreach of the Pro-Life Movement as we support these women to have their babies rather than choosing to end their pregnancy because they cannot provide for their newborn children.

The Padre Pio Prayer Center has established a monthly “diaper pantry” where needy families can come to obtain essential baby items for day to day living.

Items needed are:  
**Disposable Diapers—all sizes, but especially newborn and Size 6**  
**Baby Wipes**  
**Gerber Baby Cereals**  
**New Outfits for Babies**

Lent this year begins on **Ash Wednesday, February 26, 2020**. During Lent, we are customarily asked to do three things (as a minimum), that of **Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving**. We can do all three with needy families in mind. First, let us offer daily prayer that God will provide for, comfort and help them to find necessary support services. Secondly, through fasting, we can use the money that we would normally spend on food and drinks, to provide for the less fortunate. Finally, almsgiving or sacrificial offerings. This year we are asking our parishioners to consider donating **“Baby Items”** that will be given to the less fortunate. All items collected during Lent will be taken to the Padre Pio Prayer Center in Frankford and distributed to the needy population in the Frankford and Kensington neighborhoods of our city.

If you are able to provide the baby items or clothing, it can be dropped off in the large box in the rear of the church.

Thank you for your generosity of helping the less fortunate in our community and may you have a blessed and fruitful Lent this year.

