



St. Augustine R. C. Parish

Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 21, 2021



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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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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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Weekly Scripture Study via Zoom—7:00 PM on Thursday

Meeting ID: 832-4986-0935 PW: 025786



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



Confessions during the Season of Lent
 The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available after
 all of the Sunday Masses during the Season of Lent.

After the 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM & 7:00 PM

*As we hear the words from the priest,
 "I absolve you..." our relationship with God and
 with the community is reconciled.
 We become as clean in God's eyes as the day we were baptized.*



**Spring Clean Up and
 Flower Planting**


The Friends of Old City will be holding their **Annual Spring Cleanup and Flower Planting** on **Saturday, March 27, 2021** 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 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.

"The Seven Last Words of Jesus"

Good Friday, April 2nd at 7:30 PM


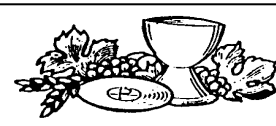
The service (approximately 90 minutes) will consist of a scripture reading of each of the words, a short reflection by a parishioner, silence, several petitions and a hymn for each word.

Held only on ZOOM: 5590497986 PW: 7139



We are currently searching for a grand piano to buy or a donation of one that is in good condition for the church choir loft.

If anyone knows of one, please contact Fr. Bill or Kim Barroso as soon as possible.

Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 21, 2021
 9:00 AM The Parish Community
 11:00 AM † Dr. Miguel DeCastro
 7:00 PM

Monday, March 22, 2021
 12:05 PM Arevalo Family, In Thanksgiving

Tuesday, March 23, 2021
 12:05 PM Joseph Matozzo,
 Special Intention


Wednesday, March 24, 2021
 12:05 PM † Andres Aquino

Thursday, March 25, 2021
 12:05 PM

Friday, March 26, 2021
 12:05 PM

Saturday, March 27, 2021


† = Deceased



Capital Campaign News
Goal: \$750,000 (Phase 1) To date:
 Pledges: 209 Percentage: 105.3459%
 Amount Pledged: \$790,094.50
 Pledges Received: \$695,797.92
 In-Kind Gifts Received: \$10,437.71
 Campaign Total Rec'd: \$706,235.63

Sacrificial Giving
March 14, 2021
 Number of Envelopes Used: 22
 Amount in Envelopes: \$2,240.00
 Average \$/Envelope: \$101.82
 Electronic Giving: 47
 Amount Electronic: \$1,265.00
 Average \$/Electronic: \$26.91
 Loose Money: \$377.00
 Total Collection: \$3,882.00

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 and click on:
"Sign Up For Electronic Giving"

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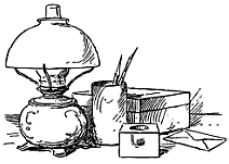
Tuesday, March 23, 2021
 7:00 PM Lent Program — Zoom

Wednesday, March 24, 2021
 7:00 PM Parish Pastoral Council—Zoom

Thursday, March 25, 2021
 7:00 PM Parish Scripture Study—Zoom
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Friday, March 26, 2021
 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross on Zoom
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Saturday, March 27, 2021



A word from Fr. Bill.....

Dear Parishioners:

As you know St. Augustine Parish has been facilitating a series of discussions on the sacraments. We did this in Advent 2020 and have continued during Lent 2021.

On Tuesday, March 9th we discussed the Sacrament of Marriage. It was a great discussion and I would like to share several topics which surfaced, namely divorce people going to communion and grounds for an annulment.

First of all, it is vitally important to point out that the Church does not say that people who are divorced cannot go to communion. For whatever reasons, it is a misconception that divorce people cannot receive the Eucharist. Divorce is totally a civil situation. Just because someone is divorced, it does not mean that they are not in good standing with the Church. Naturally, it is not the ideal situation, but in some circumstances, it may even be necessary. Being divorced and remarried not in the Church is a totally different situation.

That brings up the topic of annulments. What is an annulment? An annulment is not a Catholic divorce. An annulment means something essential for the marriage to be sacramentally valid was missing at the time of the marriage. Some essential elements for the validity of marriage are being free to marry, intention that this relationship will be exclusive, intention that this will be a permanent relationship, and openness to children. Being free means I wasn't forced for any reason to get married. Intention of exclusiveness is the intention that there will be no one else with whom I will be so intimately involved. Intention of permanence means no matter what happens we will be with each other all the days of our lives. Being open to children means that we will allow God to use us in God's plan of procreation. This presumes a sense of maturity on both persons, a knowledge of the person with whom I am making a commitment, capabilities of the two persons to enter into such a relationship, and freedom from addictions at the time of the marriage. All these considerations are in reference to the intentions and the circumstances of the individuals at the time of the marriage, not developments that may happen later in the marriage. Recently, Pope Francis has streamlined the process for an annulment. The process does not necessarily take as long as it used to and there is no cost/charge for an annulment. A donation is always welcome.

I mention these things because in the discussion we had a few weeks ago concerning the Sacrament of Marriage, misconceptions about both divorce and annulments surfaced. I thought it might be valuable to share the fruit of that discussion with the parish as a whole.

If anyone has any questions, need for clarification or would like to talk about anything in these areas, please feel very free to get in touch with me.

Have a SAFE week.

Fr. Bill



HOLY WEEK 2021

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

March 28, 2021

Sunday 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM and 7:00 PM

Blessing and Distribution of Palm at all Masses.

All Masses will be LiveStreamed



HOLY THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

April 01, 2021

7:30 PM

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
and Private Adoration at Repository

Mass will be LiveStreamed



GOOD FRIDAY

April 02, 2021

3:00 PM

The Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Death

Service will be LiveStreamed



7:30 PM

The Seven Last Words of Christ

Please join us on ZOOM ID: 5590497986 PW: 7139



HOLY SATURDAY

April 03, 2021

7:30 PM

The Resurrection of the Lord
Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter

Mass will be LiveStreamed

(No Confessions)



EASTER SUNDAY

April 04, 2021

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

All Masses will be LiveStreamed

(No 7:00 PM Mass)



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