

# St. Augustine R. C. Parish

## 7th Sunday of Easter ♦ May 21, 2023

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



**SAVE THE DATE !**

**FEAST OF SANTO NIÑO**

**SUMMER SINULOG**

Sunday, August 20, 2023

11:00 AM Mass and  
Neighborhood Procession

I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord.  
I will come back to you, and your hearts will rejoice.  
*John 14:18*



Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup> is  
Memorial Day and Daily  
Mass will be celebrated at  
**10:00 AM only.**

**2023 Eucharistic Congress**

The Gift of Finest Wheat: This is My Body Given Up for You  
**Saturday, September 30, 2023 - 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM**  
National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa  
654 Ferry Road - Doylestown, PA

**For Information:**

<https://www.phillyevang.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/Flyer-April-2023-1.pdf>

**To Register:**

<https://www.phillyeucharisticrevival.org/congress>

Sunday June 4, 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm

**My Guy and I Afternoon Retreat (in person)**

Leading the retreat will be Rob Longo joined by his daughter Grace. Make this a special day with your daughter(s), granddaughters or nieces! Spend time together, pray, have lunch and walk our beautiful grounds. Recommended age is 10+.

**Upper McShain/Dining Hall, Malvern Retreat**

House, Malvern PA Registration is required for this event.

<https://www.malvernretreat.com/events/father-daughter-day-retreat-2023/>

**The “Father Bill Atkinson, OSA Sculpture Project”** needs a volunteer with accounting experience to assist Fr. Paul & Fr. Bill on a committee that is planning to create three life-size bronze sculptures of Fr. Bill Atkinson to be placed in:

- 1) The Healing Garden at St. Augustine Parish
- 2) Monsignor Bonner High School in Drexel Hill
- 3) St. Monica in Rome, Italy, the headquarters of the Augustinian Order.

As you know, as a result of a sledding accident in 1965, Fr. Bill Atkinson was paralyzed from his neck down. He was the first paraplegic ever ordained a priest. There is a process now considering his cause for sainthood. You can find a video on the homepage of our parish website.

This project is ready to run, about to seek funding, and in need of someone to help us set up and oversee the accounting dimension of this project.



**Mass Intentions**

**Sunday, May 21, 2023**

- 9:00 AM Mother’s Day Novena
- 11:00 AM † Caridad Viernes
- 7:00 PM † Rose Gallagher

**Monday, May 22, 2023**

- 12:05 PM Mother’s Day Novena

**Tuesday, May 23, 2023**

- 12:05 PM † Jacob & Margaret Marquart

**Wednesday, May 24, 2023**

- 12:05 PM Mother’s Day Novena

**Thursday, May 25, 2023**

- 12:05 PM The Parish Community

**Friday, May 26, 2023**

- 12:05 PM † Herman Schulz

**Saturday, May 27, 2023**

† = Deceased



**Capital Campaign News**

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

Pledges: **220** Percentage: **112.5949%**  
 Amount Pledged: **\$844,461.68**  
 Pledges Received: **\$788,051.68**  
 In-Kind Gifts Received: **\$10,437.71**  
 Campaign Total Rec’d: **\$798,489.39**

**Sacrificial Giving  
May 14, 2023**

Number of Envelopes Used: **23**  
 Amount in Envelopes: **\$777.00**  
 Average \$/Envelope: **\$33.78**  
 Electronic Giving: **40**  
 Amount Electronic: **\$1,285.00**  
 Average \$/Electronic: **\$32.13**  
 Loose Money: **\$485.00**  
 Total Collection: **\$2,547.00**

**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”**



**The Bulletin Board**

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
Sunday, May 21, 2023  
**MANNA SUNDAY**

**Monday, May 22, 2023**

**Tuesday, May 23, 2023**

- 10:00 AM FBI Memorial Service
- 8:00 PM Weekly Parish Rosary—Zoom
- 7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB

**Wednesday, May 24, 2023**

- 7:00 PM Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

**Thursday, May 25, 2023**

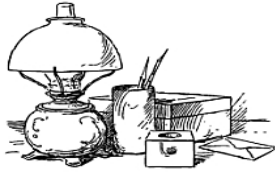
- 5:45 PM Nicolai-Berry Rehearsal
- 6:30 PM Meas-Borres Rehearsal
- 7:00 PM Parish Scripture Study—Zoom
- 7:00 PM S.A. Meeting in CHB

**Friday, May 26, 2023**

- 4:00 PM Cullinan-Concannon Rehearsal

**Saturday, May 27, 2023**

- 2:00 PM Cullinan-Concannon Wedding
- 4:30 PM Nicolai-Berry Wedding



## *A word from Fr. Bill...*

Dear Parishioners:

Please! pretty please! read the insert within this bulletin. I am very happy to inform you that we have exceeded our goal of raising \$750,000 in our Capital Campaign. The insert gives you a detailed report of the sources of the income (parishioners, the Augustinians, and grants), what projects were accomplished by the use of this money, what projects are beginning in the near future (upgrading fire alarm system in church, three automatic doors in the church and a fire sprinkling system in Carr Hall and the Women of Hope residence), the next steps in the process (beginning the St. Augustine Heritage Foundation) and what projects still need to be addressed. I and the members of our Steering Committee would greatly appreciate if you took several minutes to become familiar with all of the details of the campaign. If you have any questions or need any clarifications, please be in touch with me.

A very significant element of our parish community is that we have socials after all three of our Sunday Masses. Socialization is very important in building community, getting to know each other and building relationships. We have a need for more volunteers to help with the coffee and donuts after the 9 AM Mass. Naturally, some orientation will be provided. The cost is assumed by the parish, thanks to the second collection of the 3rd Sunday of every month. What is involved is picking up the donuts and making the coffee before the 9 AM Mass, serving the donuts after Mass. If you think you would be able to help with this important element of the parish, please be in touch with me. Thank you very much for considering this.

As I mentioned last week, we are in need of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at the 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM Sunday Masses. There will be a preparation workshop in person on Wednesday, June 7th from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM. If you are interested in serving the community in this way, please sign up in the back of the church.

On behalf of the Augustinian community, I would like to thank the 8 parishioners who donated \$1,165 to the special annual Augustinian appeal. This helps tremendously to provide the excellent care that our retired and informed friars receive. As time goes on and I get older, I am more sensitive to the need of this appeal. We are very grateful. Many thanks.

Have a great week.

Fr. Bill

### **First Friday, June 2, 2023, at 7:00 pm Mass and Healing Service**

All are invited to the First Friday, June 2, 2023, at 7:00 pm, Mass and Healing Service with Our Lady of Fatima's pastor, Rev. Roland Slobogin as the celebrant. Come to praise the Lord through songs with the music ministry, receive the Eucharist, have prayer teams laying on of hands for individual healing after Mass and hear witness stories. "Heal me, Lord, and I will be healed; save me and I will be saved, for you are the one I praise." Jer. 17:14

**Our Lady of Fatima Parish**, 1 Fatima Drive, Secane, PA 19018 (Delaware County)

More Information: [www.phillyspirit.com](http://www.phillyspirit.com)

Weekend of June 9 - 11, 2023

### **Retreat "Apostolic Faith in Challenging Times"**

Malvern Retreat House, in conjunction with the Archdiocese of Philadelphia Catholic Charismatic Renewal, will be presenting a powerful weekend with **Dr. Ralph Martin**, President of Renewed Ministries, professor and author and Dr. Mary Healy, Professor of Scripture, author and international speaker. Some topics include Living as Catholics in Challenging Times, Our Response to the Challenges, Walking in the Supernatural, and Chosen from Eternity to Live This Moment in Time. Cost covers all amenities with Mass, Adoration, Healing Service, and personal time for prayer included. Register early. This is expected to be a sold-out retreat. Register at <http://www.malvernretreat.com> or call **610 - 644 - 0400**

Virtual option available (\$75)

**Malvern Retreat House** 315 S. Warren Ave., Malvern, PA  
More Information: <http://www.phillyspirit.com>



Dear Parishioners:

In 2015, St. Augustine Parish launched a Capital Campaign with a goal of raising \$750,000. I am thrilled to report to you that we have surpassed our goal. As of date, we have received \$787,976.68 in cash and \$10,437.17 from in-kind contributions.

This is totally due to the generosity of our parishioners and friends of the parish (\$494,976.68), the three Augustinian provinces in the United States (\$250,000) and grants (\$43,000). We have another \$45,000 committed from grants which we will receive soon and we have requested \$200,000 in the form of two other grants which are under consideration.

You will see below the projects which have been completed as a result of the campaign. In addition, contracts have been signed for three other projects which will begin soon: upgrading the fire alarm system in the church, three automatic doors for the church and a fire sprinkling system for the Women of Hope Residence and Carr Hall.

I am extremely grateful to the members of our Steering Committee who have advised me over these years. There is absolutely no way this could have been achieved without their guidance, insight, advice, and generous sacrifice of time. We all owe a debt of gratitude to our parishioners Gerry Rigby, Kathy Rigby, René Quinlan, Fran Richards and our staff, Jacob Marquart, O.F.S., Adam Klukiewski, and Tim Babbage as well as former Steering Committee members Ed Riehl, Melissa Higgins, and Bob Zigmund. As I say, this could not have been accomplished without them because Bishop Peter VanDiepen said nothing at my ordination about Capital Campaigns and renovating properties.

We are now moving into the next stage of this endeavor. We are developing the St. Augustine Heritage Foundation, (legally independent from the parish) as a non-profit entity 501(c)(3). The purpose of establishing this foundation is to receive grants from foundations/organizations that otherwise would not contribute to a religious organization. Our vision is “this will help in the areas of preserving, restoring and improving our historic buildings, grounds and our valuable artwork as well as supporting historical, civic, educational, and cultural programs.”

A great deal of work already has been expended for this reality. We have received an Employer Identification Number (EIN) which means the St. Augustine Heritage Foundation is now a Pennsylvania corporation. We established by-laws for the Heritage Foundation which have been approved by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. The next steps are applying for approval from the Internal Revenue Service and establishing a Board of Directors for the Heritage Foundation with members who have experience and expertise in such endeavors. We also are in the process of connecting with a freelance grant writer.

As you can see, much has been accomplished since 2015. There are still a number of projects that need to be addressed in the church (restoring the artwork), in Carr Hall (renovating the kitchen), in the friary (restoring wood windows, obtaining new storm windows, carpeting, air conditioning), in the Community Center (replacing a skylight). An approximate cost for only these items would easily exceed one million dollars. As you can see, there are many projects that still need to be addressed.

We thank God for all that has been accomplished, what presently is bring accomplished and we ask for God’s continued blessings in the future.

Please continue to keep all of this in prayer.

Have a great week.

Father Bill Waters, OSA  
Pastor

Please see other side for projects →

## **Completed Projects:**

- ❖ Converted the heating in the St. Augustine Community Center from oil to natural gas
- ❖ Restored two church restrooms
- ❖ Converted the church lighting to LED lighting
- ❖ Replaced the windows on the “East” and “West” sides of the Community Center
- ❖ Expanded the Preservation Account
- ❖ Secured the Stations of the Cross in the church
- ❖ Replaced two church skylights
- ❖ Created a wheelchair accessible restroom in the church
- ❖ Restored and repaired the painting of the crucifixion in the sanctuary of the church
- ❖ Restored the façade below the tower of the church (brick re-pointing)
- ❖ Assessed the cost to restore eight paintings in the church of St. Augustine’s life
- ❖ Painted the outside church window frames
- ❖ Restored all the church pews and replaced the carpet in the church
- ❖ Replaced Church steeple louvers
- ❖ Restored the plaster on the wall near “The Sister Bell” in the church

## **Projects in Progress for which grants have been approved:**

- Upgrading the fire alarm system in the church
- Installing three double door operators in the church.
- Installing fire sprinklers in the Women of Hope Residence and Carr Hall

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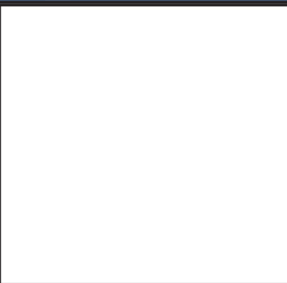
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