

St. Augustine R. C. Parish

Pentecost Sunday – May 31, 2020

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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
(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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... suddenly there came
from the sky a noise like a strong
driving wind, and it filled the entire house... *Cc 2:2*

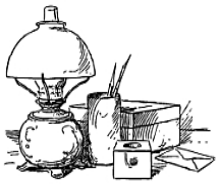


Join us on Sundays at 11:00 AM starting on April 26th when we LiveStream Mass from Saint Augustine Church with the Friars.

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A word from Fr. Bill.....

Dear Parishioners:

Happy Birthday! It is all of our birthdays as this weekend we celebrate Pentecost, the birthday of the Church. This is the day we celebrate the apostles receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit and being sent to communicate Jesus' message to "all the ends of the earth." This is when the Church officially began and we are the Church. So, Happy Birthday!

As I write this, there is turmoil throughout our city and our country. We are reminded once again that racism is still very evident in our society. The disease of the coronavirus has been with us for several horrible months. The disease of racism has been with us for centuries. We are reminded of the evil that exists in retaliation, destruction of property and lack of respect that each of us is made in the image and likeness of God. May we pray like we never did before "Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love.....and you will renew the face of the earth." Imagine what would happen if we truly prayed this every day and invited the Spirit to work thru us to renew the face of the earth.

On another topic, I am very happy to inform you that, all things being equal, we will have public Masses next weekend. We will start with having all four of our regularly scheduled Masses: Saturday, 5:15 PM and Sunday 9:00 and 11:00 AM and Sunday 7 PM. We may adjust this the following weekend depending on the attendance this coming weekend. I say "all things being equal" because we are scheduled in Philadelphia to move from the Red Zone to the Yellow Zone this week. This could be postponed. If it is, be assured we will inform you.

I will be sending a video this week explaining all the particulars as directed by the Archdiocese, things like masks, sanitation, social-distancing, receiving communion, singing, and many other details and particulars. Please remember that Archbishop Perez has not only dispensed the faithful from the obligation of participating in Mass until further notice but he also directs that those who are sick or compromised due to health conditions not to come to church. If one does not come to church, we still have the responsibility to keep the day holy. Please watch our (or another) livestream Mass. We will continue the livestream Masses on Sundays at 11:00 AM until we move into the green phase. Please be sure to watch the video which you will receive this week.

The 12:05 pm weekday Masses will resume next Monday, June 8th.

Please join fellow parishioners on Zoom for the Rosary on Tuesday at 8:00PM (854 1235 0301 PW 150408) and fellow parishioners to share next weekend's scripture readings on Thursday at 7:00 PM (832 4986 0935 PW 025786).

At one of our Zoom meetings last week it was suggested that I encourage you to forward this letter to others who do not receive it. I think it is a great idea. So, please consider doing so.

As we celebrate Pentecost and as we deal with all the turmoil of our society, may we make a serious attempt to pray that the gifts of wisdom, understanding, courage, right judgement, reverence, knowledge and appreciation (wonder/awe/fear) of the Good God will be received by each of us and all those involved with all the turmoil we have experienced in these past few days.

I very much look forward to physically seeing many of you next weekend for the first time in over a year.



Have a good week and, as they say, be safe.

Fr. Bill

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