

St. Augustine R. C. Parish

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 25, 2020

“Creating A Community Of Involvement And Evangelization”

Served by the Augustinian Friars since 1796



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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Phone: 215-627-1838 FAX: 215-627-3911

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
(11:00 AM Mass is 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



2021 Mass Book OPENING

The 2021 Mass Book has opened.

Office hours are from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday to Friday, to schedule a Mass.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions

OCTOBER 2020



The Laity's Mission in the Church

We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

ALL SAINTS DAY Sunday, November 01, 2020

Mass Celebrated at 9:00 AM,
11:00 AM & 7:00 PM

(No Vigil Mass on Saturday)



HELP SAVE LIVES IN PHILADELPHIA!

You can protect mothers and children by joining the worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion!



The Archdiocese of Philadelphia is currently seeking a Part-time Maintenance Worker for our Visitation Homes site.

Qualified applicants may send their resumes to: jgoldstein@archphila.org.



Mass Intentions

Sunday, October 25, 2020

9:00 AM Arevalo Family, in Thanksgiving
11:00 AM † Ricardo Galiste, Sr.
7:00 PM † Michael Driscoll

Monday, October 26, 2020

12:05 PM Deceased Members of the Cui-Sanson, Chiong Veloso-Rosales Family, Efrem Quinan, and Jose Francisco, Jr.

Tuesday, October 27, 2020

12:05 PM The Parish Community

Wednesday, October 28, 2020

12:05 PM † Agnes Waters

Thursday, October 29, 2020

12:05 PM † Elvira Gahob Rato

Friday, October 30, 2020

12:05 PM † Charles E. Flanagan

Saturday, October 31, 2020

† = Deceased

Sacrificial Giving

October 18, 2020

Number of Envelopes Used: 22
Amount in Envelopes: \$1,415.00
Average \$/Envelope: \$64.32
Electronic Giving: 41
Amount Electronic: \$915.00
Average \$/Electronic: \$22.32
Loose Money: \$336.00
Total Collection: \$2,666.00



Capital Campaign News

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

Pledges: 203 Percentage: 94.9805%
Amount Pledged: \$712,353.50
Pledges Received: \$599,421.37
June 1st Gala Revenue: \$40,250.00
In-Kind Gifts Received: \$10,437.71
Campaign Total Rec'd: \$650,109.08

Electronic Giving

Just log on to our website,
www.st-augustinechurch.com
and click on:
"Sign Up For Electronic Giving"



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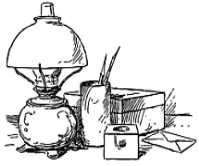
Tuesday, October 27, 2020
7:00 PM DMI Survey Meeting—Zoom
8:00 PM Parish Rosary—Zoom

Wednesday, October 28, 2020

Thursday, October 29, 2020
7:00 PM Parish Scripture Study—Zoom

Friday, October 30, 2020

Saturday, October 31, 2020
HAPPY HALLOWEEN !



A word from Fr. Bill.....

Dear Parishioners:

As we are all very well aware, a week from Tuesday is Election Day in the US. It is important to reflect on what various resources tell us about our responsibility concerning voting.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us, "It is necessary that all participate, each according to his or her position and role, in promoting the common good. This obligation is inherent in the dignity of the human person (1913)." It also says "As far as possible, citizens should take an active part in public life (1915)." We have an obligation to vote with informed consciences, hopefully developed by studying the issues, reflecting on the Scriptures and fulfilling our responsibility in the context of prayer.

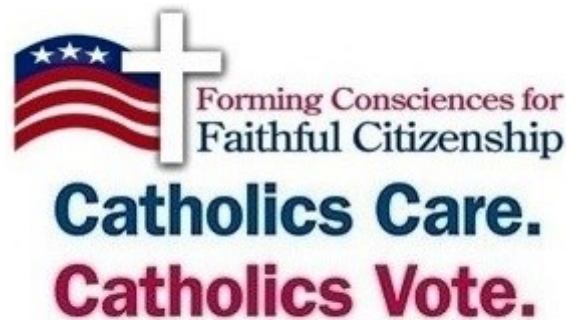
To help us reflect on the Scriptures, in the First Reading this weekend from Exodus, God's Word tells us "You shall not molest or oppress an alien.....You shall not wrong any widow or orphan." God is telling us to be attentive to those in our midst who are the most vulnerable, defenseless and disadvantaged. Who are the aliens, widows and orphans in our society today? In the Gospel, as the Sadducees try to trap Jesus again, Jesus tells us that the whole law depends on loving God with all our heart, with all our soul, and with all our mind and to love our neighbor as ourselves. When Jesus was asked later who our neighbor was, he told the story of the foreigner who was robbed and left to die. Who are the foreigners in our society who have been robbed and left to die? Our readings this weekend can be powerful guidelines to help us decide for whom to vote!

In addition, our United States bishops in their 2015 document *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, remind each of us that the core tenant of our faith is the belief in the dignity found in every person without exception or distinction. "What faith teaches about the dignity of the human person, about the sacredness of every human life, and about humanity's strengths and weaknesses helps us see more clearly the same truths that often come to us through the gift of human reason. At the center of these truths is respect for the dignity of every person. This is the core moral and social teaching. Because we are people of both faith and reason, it's appropriate and necessary for us to bring this essential truth about human life and dignity to the public square (10)."

As we vote a week from Tuesday, may we bring the words of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, God's words from Exodus, Jesus' words in the Gospel, and the words of the Bishops as well as the fruits of our prayer to the decisions which we make. St. Augustine says we are growing in charity when we put the common good above our own good. May the outcomes of the elections next week help bring about the common good and reflect that all life in every circumstance matters and is sacred.

Have a SAFE and wonderful week.

Fr. Bill



October 20, 2020

Dear Parishioners:

We hope this letter finds you SAFE and well.



At our October 14th Parish Finance Commission meeting, the suggestion was made that we communicate with you concerning the present financial state of the parish.

The pandemic has affected financially almost every aspect of our society. We are very sensitive that this is undoubtedly true for many of our parishioners as well. We, however, thought you have a right to know how it is affecting the parish and we have a responsibility to inform you. It is your parish.

The pandemic has affected the parish financially in mainly two areas: the weekly offertory collection and our weddings. For the first quarter of this fiscal year our offertory collection is down about \$10,000 from the same period as last year. This averages about \$1,000 each week less than last year. The income from weddings is down about \$15,000 for the same period as last year. This obviously means our income was down totally about \$25,000 for the months of July, August and September. As we look at the next three months, we project our expenses will be approximately \$100,000 and our income will be approximately \$75,000, for another shortcoming of \$25,000. If this projection becomes a reality, it means the total shortcoming for the first half of this fiscal year will be \$50,000. Our expenses are almost identical to last year as well as what was budgeted for this year.

We would like to point out that the parish staff is working to reduce expenses and that they have not received any increase in salary this year although this was originally in the budget. In addition, the parish received a Payroll Protection Program (PPP) loan of \$44,775 that is forgivable.

It is not difficult to understand how this came about. Because of the pandemic some parishioners have less income. Fewer people are coming to church. About 27 weddings understandably have been postponed or cancelled between this past March and now.

We are current right now with our bills as we have been able to borrow from ourselves from a Reserve Account where money was earmarked for other projects which can be deferred. This obviously will not be able to continue indefinitely. We have not and cannot borrow from the Capital Campaign money as that money has to be used for and will be used for its intended purpose.

We want you to be aware of the situation and we sincerely want to express our deep gratitude to so many of you who have been generously supporting us during these challenging days. If you can, we ask that you consider increasing your offering as you are able. If you have not been supporting us in these difficult days, we sincerely ask you to consider doing so as you are able. If you have not been able to come to Mass because of the coronavirus, Masses are being streamed for viewing online and donations (envelopes for those who receive them) can be mailed to the parish. The parish website (www.st-augustinechurch.com) has information for viewing the Mass as well as information for online giving (www.parishgiving.org).

Again, we have a responsibility to inform you and you have a right to be informed of the financial situation of the parish. Each year we provide a financial report for the previous fiscal year. The financial report for the past 5 years can be viewed on our parish website. Because of the extraordinary circumstances of these days, we thought you should be aware of the present financial status of the parish.

Be assured of our prayers and remembrances for all of you as we all continue to live with the effects of the coronavirus pandemic.

Members of the St. Augustine Parish Finance Commission:

Bob Schuck	Gerry Rigby	Rosemary Lorenz	Jacob Marquart, O.F.S.
Bob Zigmund	Ferdi Luyun	Tim Babbage	Fr. Bill Watters, O.S.A.
Jerry Lorenz	Ruth Luyun		

October 20, 2020

Dear Parishioners:



When you come to Mass next weekend you will find the church dramatically different. All the pews in the two center aisles will be removed. They will be replaced temporarily (about six weeks) with chairs. Why? They are being refurbished, meaning: removing the existing finish, preparing for new finishing and actually staining and refinishing the pews. I understand these pews were donated to the parish after the destruction of the original church in the riots of 1844.

In preparation for our Capital Campaign, we had a study done in 2016 (KSK Architects Planners) of all the physical needs of the parish. This study indicated there was about \$2,000,000 worth of work on the property that needed attention. We also had a feasibility study done (Partners for Sacred Places) to ascertain what could reasonably be raised in three years. It was estimated we could raise about \$750,000. We are happy to report that estimation has been realized in pledges. One of the projects in the study was to have the pews refurbished. Many have cracks, scratches, protruding nails and at least two are being held together by tape.

Other projects which were named, addressed and completed by the Capital Campaign were converting the heating system in the parish ministry building, repairing the cracks in the crucifixion painting in the sanctuary, stabilizing the Stations of the Cross, replacing two sky lights in the church, repointing the outside of the church below the tower, painting the 18 outside window frames of the church, getting an estimate to restore the paintings in the church of St. Augustine's Life, renovating two bathrooms in the church, building a wheelchair accessible bathroom in the church, replacing the windows on the East and West sides of the Women of Hope building, converting the church lighting to LED lighting and the enhancing of a Preservation Account.

The California Augustinian Province donated \$50,000 to the Capital Campaign for the restoration of the pews. We were hoping to get more help from other grants and/or foundations to do all the pews, kneelers and carpet at the same time. That didn't happen.

The Keck Group from Warwick, New York informed us that for \$50,000 they could remove and refurbish all the pews in the two center aisles. They did a sample pew. Thirteen individuals representing members of the Parish Pastoral Council, Parish Finance Commission, the Steering Committee of the Capital Campaign, members of the staff and Augustinian community have met with representatives of the Keck Group, saw the sample refurbished pew, and they all have been enthusiastically in favor of moving forward. We also are purchasing new carpeting for the entire church (\$16,000 from the Capital Campaign Fund). Carpeting for the two center aisles will be installed while the pews are being restored, and the remainder will be in storage for when we can refurbish the side aisle pews (\$30,000).

In addition to many other churches on the East Coast, the Keck Group has refurbished the pews in St. Patrick Cathedral in New York, Holy Cross Cathedral in Boston and the chapel in Saints Peter and Paul Cathedral here in Philadelphia. I encourage you to visit the Keck Group website. (www.keckgroup.com)

I would also invite you to look at the sample refurbished pew. It is the first pew on the side aisle by the piano. After you see that pew, I encourage you to look at the pews behind it.

So, I wanted you to be aware that when you come next weekend and the following six weeks that there will be no pews in the two center aisles, basically folding chairs. This will be a temporary inconvenience for permanent improvement. The timing of doing this project had to be scheduled when there were no weddings planned. The project is estimated to be finished in the beginning of December.

I am extremely grateful for the consultation, insights and input from our staff, the members of our Capital Campaign Steering Committee, Parish Finance Commission and Parish Pastoral Council. I am most grateful to our Augustinian California Province for their generosity to this project and to the Keck Group for working with us so patiently and kindly.

Stay SAFE and well.

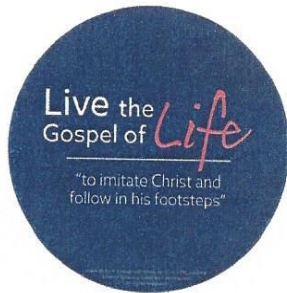
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BEFORE



AFTER



Office for Life and Family

Archdiocese of Philadelphia



On Saturday, October 31st, a very special Pro-Life Mass, Procession and Rally will be held in Center-City Philadelphia to celebrate the end of Respect Life Month and 40 Days For Life:

8:00 a.m. Mass with Celebrant Fr. Dennis Gill - Cathedral of SS. Peter & Paul, 1723 Race Street, Phila., 19103

9:00 a.m. Procession to Planned Parenthood, 12th & Locust

9:30 a.m. Rally with Rev. Clebard Childress at Planned Parenthood, 12th & Locust

Celebrate the last day of 40 DAYS FOR LIFE.



"RIGHT TO BIRTH"

MASS & RALLY - OCTOBER 31, 2020

Mass - 8 a.m.

We invite people of all denominations to join us at the Cathedral of SS. Peter & Paul
Celebrant: Fr. Dennis Gill

Rally - 9:30 a.m.

Procession to Planned Parenthood, 12th & Locust
featuring: Pastor Clebard Childress
New Calvary Baptist Church

