

St. Augustine R. C. Parish

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 24, 2023

"Creating A Community Of Involvement And Evangelization"

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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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Santo Niño de Cebú

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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 — *Suspended Indefinitely*

Sunday: 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM & 7:00 PM
(All Masses are LiveStreamed
on 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

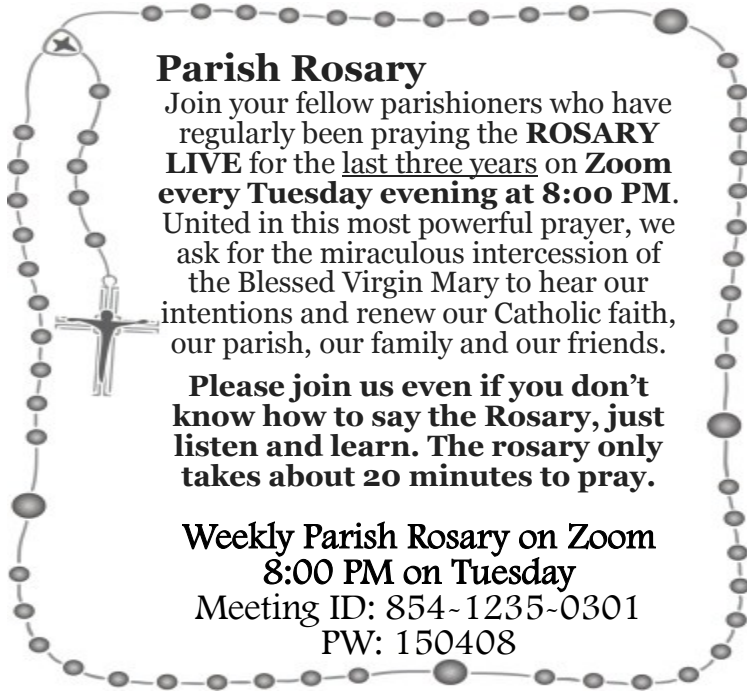
The Parish Council and Finance Council Committees assist the staff in serving the parish. Please contact the parish office or see Fr. Bill for information about serving on these various committees.

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



Parish Rosary

Join your fellow parishioners who have regularly been praying the **ROSARY LIVE** for the last three years on **Zoom every Tuesday evening at 8:00 PM**. United in this most powerful prayer, we ask for the miraculous intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary to hear our intentions and renew our Catholic faith, our parish, our family and our friends.

Please join us even if you don't know how to say the Rosary, just listen and learn. The rosary only takes about 20 minutes to pray.

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The Cause for the Beatification of Father Bill Atkinson, O.S.A. On **Tuesday, October 3**, join the Augustinian Friars, special lecturers, Archbishop Perez, and friends and family of Servant of God Fr. Bill Atkinson, O.S.A. for a complimentary daylong symposium discussing Fr. Bill's extraordinary life, the Cause for his beatification and canonization, and the theology of disability.

View the speakers, schedule, and register at augustinianfund.org/Atkinson-symposium

To learn more about Fr. Bill's Cause, visit: augustinian.org/the-cause. The event will be livestreamed, and the link will be posted on the symposium website later in the month.

Open our hearts, O Lord,
 to listen to the words of your Son.
Acts 16:14b

SIT-REST-PRAY-HEAL


What? The celebration and launching of the project of three (3) life-size bronze sculptures of Servant of God, Fr. Bill Atkinson, OSA

When? Sunday October 15th. at 1:00 PM

Where? St Augustine Parish Church, Philadelphia, 4th and Vine St. (GPS address 250 N. 4th St.)

How? Mass at 1:00 PM with Fr. Rob Hagan, OSA presiding; viewing the site of the first sculpture in the Healing Garden at the parish; seeing a video describing the project; sharing food and beverages.



 **Mass Intentions**

Sunday, September 24, 2023
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 9:00 AM † John DeFoney
 11:00 AM † Isabel Largoza
 7:00 PM † Isidoro Dizon, Jr.

Monday, September 25, 2023
 12:05 PM † Jacob & Margaret Marquart

Tuesday, September 26, 2023
 12:05 PM The Parish Community


Wednesday, September 27, 2023
 12:05 PM

Thursday, September 28, 2023
 12:05 PM

Friday, September 29, 2023
 12:05 PM Angelina Young,
 Special Intention

Saturday, September 30, 2023
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† = Deceased

  
**Capital Campaign News**

**Goal: \$750,000 (Phase 1) To date:**  
 Pledges: 221 Percentage: 116.0246%  
 Amount Pledged: \$870,184.68  
 Pledges Received: \$814,324.68  
 In-Kind Gifts Received: \$10,437.71  
 Campaign Total Rec'd: \$824,762.39

**Sacrificial Giving**  
**September 17, 2023**  
 Number of Envelopes Used: 20  
 Amount in Envelopes: \$3,555.00  
 Average \$/Envelope: \$177.75  
 Electronic Giving: 42  
 Amount Electronic: \$1,393.00  
 Average \$/Electronic: \$33.17  
 Loose Money: \$563.00  
 Total Collection: \$5,511.00

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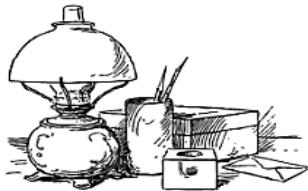
**Tuesday, September 26, 2023**  
 7:00 PM Sexaholics Anonymous (SA)  
 8:00 PM Weekly Parish Rosary—Zoom

**Wednesday, September 27, 2023**  
 7:00 PM Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

**Thursday, September 28, 2023**  
 7:00 PM Parish Scripture Study—Zoom  
 7:00 PM Sexaholics Anonymous (SA)

**Friday, September 29, 2023**  
 5:00 PM Pierzga-Testa Rehearsal  
 7:00 PM Schwer-Madrigal Rehearsal

**Saturday, September 30, 2023**  
 2:30 PM Schwer-Madrigal Wedding  
 5:00 PM Pierzga-Testa Wedding



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

Dear Parishioners:

I would like to bring to your attention a project with which Fr. Paul and I have been involved for the past several years. Along with family members, former caregivers and friends of the Servant of God Fr. Bill Atkinson, OSA, we have been planning to erect three (3) life-size bronze sculptures of Fr. Bill. One of these would be in the Healing Garden here at St. Augustine Parish, one will be at Bonner-Prendergast High School, and one hopefully, will be at the Augustinian International House in Rome.



I discussed this at a Parish Pastoral Council meeting a few years ago and one person responded, "What a privilege it is to have one here."

In case you are not aware of who Fr. Bill is, he was beginning his formation to be an Augustinian at our Novitiate in New Hamburg, NY and was in a horrific tobogganing accident there in 1965. He was not expected to live. He did live and as a quadriplegic he taught at Bonner High School for close to 30 years. He was the first quadriplegic in the world ever to be ordained a priest. You can learn more about Fr. Bill's life by reading a book entitled *Green Bananas* and also by viewing a video on the homepage of our parish website.

This project is to help bring attention to the cause of Fr. Bill's beatification and sainthood. It also is to give people dealing with afflictions of any kind an opportunity "to sit, rest, pray and heal" on a bench with the sculpture of Fr. Bill sitting in a wheelchair (see above). Hopefully, reflecting on Fr. Bill's life will give individuals inspiration and encouragement as well as an opportunity to ask Fr. Bill to intervene to God for them.

We want to invite you to a Mass as we publicly explain the background and purpose of the project. The Mass and the launching of this project will be at 1:00 PM on Sunday, October 15th here at St. Augustine Church. We encourage as many parishioners as possible to join Fr. Bill's family, friends and brother Augustinians to be with us. Fr. Rob Hagan, OSA, our Augustinian Provincial, will preside at the Mass. After Mass, we will have an opportunity to visit the proposed site of the sculpture, see an excellent video for this cause, hear some talks on how it is very possible some prayers thru the intercession of Fr. Bill have been answered. We also will share food and beverages with each other.

We hope many from the parish will be able to be with us. If you are able, in order that we can prepare well, please call the parish office (215-627-1838).

Have a great week.

Fr. Bill



Join us for the

# Blessing of the Animals

October 4, 2023

6:00 p.m.

**Feast of St. Francis of Assisi**

Northside Church Courtyard  
250 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street

Do you love your pet? Well, God does too! St. Francis of Assisi is the patron saint of animals, and it is a tradition to bless our furry (and not so furry) friends on Francis' feast day. So bring your cat or dog, fish or frog, or any friend you have to get blessed. Everyone is welcome!



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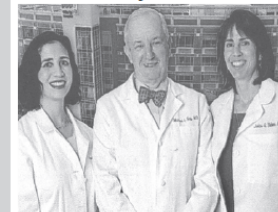


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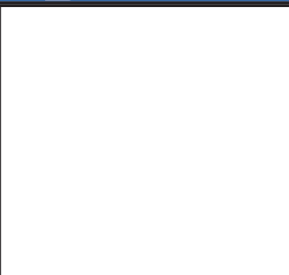
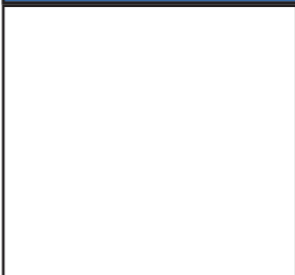


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