

# St. Augustine R. C. Parish



National Shrine of  
Santo Niño de Cebú

26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 27, 2020

*“Creating A Community Of Involvement And Evangelization”*

**Served by the Augustinian Friars since 1796**

*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.*



## ***200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Death of Rev. Thomas Matthew Carr, O.S.A.***

Date of Birth: c. January 14, 1755

Arrived in Philadelphia: 1796

Date of Death: September 29, 1820

Thomas Matthew Carr, son of Michael Carr and Mary McDaniel, was born in Dublin, Ireland, and was baptized, possibly on the day of his birth, at St Catherine Church, on January 14, 1755. He had one known sibling, a sister who, years later, joined him in America. He entered the Order at the age of 16, made his novitiate at John’s Lane in Dublin, and was professed on November 6, 1772. He received his education at the Augustinian house of studies at Toulouse in Southern France, and was ordained there on June 13, 1778.

After ordination, Father Carr returned to Ireland where, he spent the next eighteen years, mainly in Dublin. The Provincial Chapter of 1782 elected him second visitor of the Province and the Chapter of 1795, elected him prior of the convent in Dublin.

In 1796, traveled to the United States where he became the first superior of the Augustinian Foundation in America. For a time, he lived and assisted at Saint Joseph Parish in Philadelphia, PA. In June, 1796, only a short time after his arrival, he began collecting funds to build Saint Augustine Church in the city, and later that year, he bought the ground for the future church. On June 7, 1801, largely through his efforts, Saint Augustine Church was dedicated and opened for worship. Father Carr took care of the parochial duties at both Saint Augustine Church and Saint Mary Church and he continued to preach on Sundays at Saint Mary’s for some years. In 1804, he was one of the early Augustinians responsible for obtaining a charter for the Brother Hermits from Pennsylvania’s Governor McKean. From 1799 to 1804, Father Carr served as Vicar-General of Bishop John Carroll for the Philadelphia district. At this time, he was also a frequent correspondent with the saintly Mother Seton. In addition, he served as Professor of Rhetoric in the Baltimore Seminary. On December 9, 1811, he opened the Saint Augustine Academy.

Father Carr was 64 when he died on September 29, 1820 at Saint Augustine. He is buried in the clergy vault just outside the Friary entrance on Lawrence Street (originally Crown Street) at Saint Augustine in Philadelphia.

## Bequest to Saint Augustine Parish

For many, charitable giving is an act of faith, grounded in confidence in God's abundance and motivation by a desire to create additional resources for accomplishing God's work.

Leaving a legacy gift to Saint Augustine Parish offers the opportunity to pass on not only your assets, but also the values that have guided your life.

Remembering Saint Augustine Parish in your estate planning is a wonderful way to put your values into action, ensuring that our parish is maintained for future generations, as a center of worship and devotion as a personal legacy.

To remember Saint Augustine Parish in your will, please contact your attorney or financial advisor for assistance in making a bequest. Thank you for your generosity.

## Saturday, October 17, 2020—5:15 PM Wedding Anniversary Mass, Philadelphia

The annual Wedding and Anniversary Mass to pray for and with married couples in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia who are married 1-25 years and couples who have been married 25 years or more or 50 years or more. The Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Nelson Perez.

Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter and Paul, 18th Street and Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia, PA 19103

More information: [phillycatholiclife.org](http://phillycatholiclife.org)



CatholicPhilly.com is updated every day with local Catholic news from the Archdiocese of Philadelphia region.

## Institute for Christian Formation at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary

St. Charles Borromeo Seminary will begin the Institute for Christian Formation for all those interested in going deeper in their faith. The program is designed for practicing Catholics and offers the brightest and best Catholic professors around to examine the essential areas of proper Christian life, including Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist to provide a fuller understanding of our dignity as Christians, a more conscious participation in the Sacred Liturgy, and appreciation for the call to live and witness to a moral life in interior communion with Christ.

This is a non-credited program that meets once a week on Thursdays for 16 weeks spread over 2 years. Courses are expected to begin in January 2021. For more information about the topics, cost, schedule and contact information, please visit: [scs.edu/icf](http://scs.edu/icf)

**My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord;  
I know them, and they follow me.** John 10:27



## Mass Intentions

### Sunday, September 27, 2020

9:00 AM -----  
11:00 AM † Emilia Mayol  
7:00 PM † Gloria Felici

### Monday, September 28, 2020

12:05 PM † Peter Waters

### Tuesday, September 29, 2020

12:05 PM Deceased Members of the Georeno Family

### Wednesday, September 30, 2020

12:05 PM Angelina Young, Special Intention

### Thursday, October 01, 2020

12:05 PM The Parish Community

### Friday, October 02, 2020

12:05 PM -----

### Saturday, October 03, 2020

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† = Deceased

## Sacrificial Giving September 20, 2020

Number of Envelopes Used: 24  
Amount in Envelopes: \$1,046.00  
Average \$/Envelope: \$43.58  
Electronic Giving: 42  
Amount Electronic: \$985.00  
Average \$/Electronic: \$23.46  
Loose Money: \$361.00  
Total Collection: \$2,392.00



## Capital Campaign News

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

Pledges: 201 Percentage: 94.5531%  
Amount Pledged: \$709,148.50  
Pledges Received: \$593,045.05  
June 1<sup>st</sup> Gala Revenue: \$40,250.00  
In-Kind Gifts Received: \$10,437.71  
Campaign Total Rec'd: \$643,732.76

## 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"



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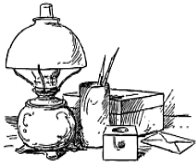
Tuesday, September 29, 2020  
7:00 PM DMI Survey Meeting—Zoom  
8:00 PM Parish Rosary—Zoom

Wednesday, September 30, 2020  
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Thursday, October 01, 2020  
7:00 PM Parish Scripture Study—Zoom

Friday, October 02, 2020  
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## *A word from Fr. Bill.....*

Dear Parishioners:

This Tuesday, September 29th is the 200th Anniversary of the death of Fr. Matthew Carr, OSA. Why is this important? It was Fr. Carr who founded our parish in 1796, almost 225 years ago. This is the first place the Augustinians came to in the United States. From here we branched out to Villanova, New England, Chicago, California, etc. Fr. Carr was born in Ireland in 1755, entered the Augustinian community at 16 in 1771, professed his vows as an Augustinian in 1772, received his theological education in France, and was ordained in 1778. At 41 in 1796, he came to this country and raised funds (including a donation from George Washington) to build our first church which was destroyed in the riots of 1844. He was 64 when he died on September 29, 1820. He is buried in a vault here on our parish property. May we in a special way give thanks to God on Tuesday for Fr. Carr's pioneering spirit, courage, perseverance, wisdom and especially his faith.

This past week, I had an email from the President of the Catholic Charities Appeal (CCA) Board, William Phelan. The purpose of his communication was to congratulate St. Augustine Parish for exceeding our goal of \$12,746 for last year's appeal. Your contributions totaled \$13,105. I am not aware of any time in recent years when we achieved our goal for the CCA, let alone exceeding it. Thank you to all who contributed to the appeal and made this achievement possible.

This is an indication that a number of parishioners see the needs of the Church beyond our own parish needs. We are part of a much bigger Church than St. Augustine Parish and have a responsibility to it. This kindness supports tens of thousands of people through countless organizations and ministries throughout the greater Philadelphia area. It helps to support about 40 different ministries in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia which includes areas of education, social services, nutritional development services, evangelization, clergy needs and mission activities. Some specific examples of these ministries would be: housing and homeless services, foster care and adoption services, community food programs, the metropolitan tribunal (deals with annulments, etc.), Newman Campus Ministries (ministry at universities which are not Catholic), ministry to migrants, refugees, Hispanics and black Catholics, education of seminarians and many others. Hopefully, we will keep all this in mind when the Catholic Charities Appeal takes place next February.

A sincere thank you to our parishioners who helped us exceed our goal and who have helped to fund these important ministries provided by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia in our name.

On an entirely different note, we all know that an important election is taking place in our country on November 3rd. While in some countries the citizens do not have a say in who their political leaders are, we have a responsibility to participate in this process in order to help provide for the common good and to respect the dignity of all people. In that light, I would like to pass on to you some of the following information:

- ⇒ Voter registration deadline is October 19th
- ⇒ The last day to apply for a mailing ballot is October 27th.
- ⇒ Mail-in ballots must be received by Election Day, November 3rd.
- ⇒ The US Postal Service advises to put ballots in the mail no later than 7 days before the election.
- ⇒ You can receive more information at [votespa.com](http://votespa.com) or by calling 1-877-votespa. (877-868-3772).

Have a SAFE and good week.

Fr. Bill

On Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate Priesthood Sunday!

Sponsored by the USA Council of Serra International,

Priesthood Sunday is a day to celebrate

the priests in our lives and affirm their role in the Church.

Think of it as a “Father’s Day” honoring our spiritual fathers.

Here are a few ways you can celebrate Priesthood Sunday.

# Priesthood Sunday

September 27, 2020

## *Ways to Celebrate...*

- Pray or fast
- Send a thank you card
- Create a spiritual bouquet
- Call or email to say thank you
- Organize a thank you drive-by parade
- Order lunch or dinner and have it delivered
- If you are able, make a donation to the parish
- Post a picture with your priest on social media
- Invite others to pray with you for priests



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