

Friday, August 28, 2015

The Feast of Saint Augustine



St. Augustine was born in Africa to St. Monica. Augustine lived much of his life with materialistic ambitions, following false beliefs. Through his mother's prayers and the preaching of St. Ambrose, Augustine came to realize the truth in Christianity. He made amends for his life of impurity and he began to live in imitation of Jesus. Augustine was baptized, became a priest, a bishop, a Theologian and writer, and the founder of a religious order of priests. St. Augustine was declared a doctor of the Church, and considered one of the greatest saints that ever lived. St. Augustine is the patron of brewers. His feast day is celebrated on August 28..

Sat. 08/29 **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Diabetes**
Feast Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
 4:30 PM Mass Helen Buck, Cathy Madden

Sun. 08/30 **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Addictions**
Feast Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
 9:00 AM Mass Chester Kowalski, Butch & Helen Carper (Mass from Aug 21.)
 11:00 AM Mass Paul Rose, Winnie Hetrick (Mass rescheduled from Aug 20.)

*Lord
 Jesus
 Christ
 Son
 Of
 God
 Have
 Mercy
 On
 Me
 A
 Sinner*

TEMPORARILY
MASSES WILL NOT BE SCHEDULED
FOR
MONDAY thru FRIDAY
MASSES FOR PRE-SCHEDULED DATES WILL BE MOVED
TO WEEKENDS WHEN AVAILABLE.

Happy Birthday:
 08/26 Paul Masic
 08/28 Dan Hallinan
 09/04 John Kasun Jr.,
 Locklyn Keagy
 09/05 Kevin Byrne

Wedding Anniversaries :
 09/05 Patty and Joe Pufka



Nocturnal Adoration

Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday, September 4, 2015
8-11 P.M.

MONEY MATTERS
(Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 16, 2015)
 237 people Celebrated Liturgy at O.L.F. contributing \$ 1,999.00 of which \$ 241.00 accounted for non-envelope contributions.

# Envelopes In Circulation	179	# Used	62	# Unused	117
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Collection One Year Ago = \$ 1,523.00 Assumption coll. To date = \$318.00



ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown

Amount Assessed = \$15,100 Amount Pledged to date = \$12,115
 Shortfall (at present) = \$2,985.

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M/M Thomas Hofer, Sr	Mrs Carol Z Smith	

Elsewhere in the bulletin we indicate that there are 179 boxes of envelopes in circulation. We use that figure to suggest the number of regular givers to our collections. So far only 69 of those regular contributors have made pledges to this year's Annual Catholic Appeal. Consider this note as a gentle reminder to fellow procrastinators that "Now is the time for all good men and women to come to the aid of their parish."

**** The Asterisks beside the donor's names means that they have made additional pledges to help Our Lady of Fatima make its goal.**

Out and About . . .

ATTENTION PARISH AND CHURCH VOLUNTEERS!!

Due to the new Pennsylvania State Mandates on Youth Protection, all current or future volunteers at the parish **MUST** obtain new clearances. Please call Chris Laraia at 312-7317 for more information.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PRE K-11

Registration for 2015-16 for all students, both current and new, will be held after all Masses at Cathedral only, on Saturday/Sunday, August 29-30 in the Seton Suite. New members are asked to bring a copy of the student's Baptismal Certificate.

*September 13, 2015, the first day of Religious Ed.-the new time for:
PRE K-8 is 8:30-9:45 AM. FIRE is 6:15-8:30 PM*

Bishop Mark will celebrate the annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgies on September 13 at 2:00 p.m. at Saint John Gualbert Cathedral in Johnstown and September 20 at 2:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona. Couples celebrating their first, 5th, tenth, 25th, 40th, 50th, 55th, and 60th + wedding anniversaries this calendar year are invited to either Mass and to be greeted by the bishop. Couples **MUST** register in advance through their parish. The deadline to register is August 25.

St. Catherine of Siena, Old Rt 22, Duncansville is having their annual Birth of Mary Celebration on **Tuesday, September 8, 2015**. Masses on that day are 7:45 AM, 12:05 PM, and the 6:00 PM mass will be celebrated by Bishop Mark Bartchak.

Our annual **"Save Around"** books will soon be here. Sign up now so you can have yours as soon as they arrive and start saving.

Outdoor Masses from now to the end of summer are on Sundays at 7:00 PM at the Our Lady of the Alleghenies Shrine in Loretto.

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In the VESTIBULE**

Because of her name and place of birth, Monica is assumed to have been born in Tagaste (present-day Souk Ahras, Algeria). She is believed to have been a Berber on the basis of her name. She was married early in life to Patricius, a Roman pagan, who held an official position in Tagaste. Patricius had a violent temper and appears to have been of dissolute habits; apparently his mother was the same way. Monica's alms, deeds and prayer habits annoyed Patricius, but it is said that he always held her in respect.

Monica had three children who survived infancy: sons Augustine and Navigius and daughter Perpetua. Unable to secure baptism for them, she grieved heavily when Augustine fell ill. In her distress she asked Patricius to allow Augustine to be baptized; he agreed, then withdrew this consent when the boy recovered.

But Monica's joy and relief at Augustine's recovery turned to anxiety as he misspent his renewed life being wayward and, as he himself tells us, lazy. He was finally sent to school at Madaurus. He was 17 and studying rhetoric in Carthage when Patricius died.

Augustine had become a Manichaean at Carthage; when upon his return home he shared his views regarding Manichaeism, Monica drove him away from her table. However, she is said to have experienced a vision that convinced her to reconcile with him.

At this time she visited a certain (unnamed) holy bishop who consoled her with the now famous words, "the child of those tears shall never perish." Monica followed her wayward son to Rome, where he had gone secretly; when she arrived he had already gone to Milan, but she followed him. Here she found St. Ambrose and through him she ultimately had the joy of seeing Augustine convert to Christianity after 17 years of resistance.

In his book *Confessions*, Augustine wrote of a peculiar practice of his mother in which she "brought to certain oratories, erected in the memory of the saints, offerings of porridge, bread, water and wine." When she moved to Milan, the bishop Ambrose forbade her to use the offering of wine, since "it might be an occasion of gluttony for those who were already given to drink". So, Augustine wrote of her: "*In place of a basket filled with fruits of the earth, she had learned to bring to the oratories of the martyrs a heart full of purer petitions, and to give all that she could to the poor--so that the communion of the Lord's body might be rightly celebrated in those places where, after the example of his passion, the martyrs had been sacrificed and crowned.*"

Mother and son spent 6 months of true peace at *Rus Cassiciacum* (present-day Cassago Brianza) after which Augustine was baptized in the church of St. John the Baptist at Milan. Africa claimed them, however, and they set out on their journey, stopping at Civitavecchia and at Ostia. Here death overtook Monica and Augustine's grief inspired the finest pages of his *Confessions*.



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