

# Saint Augustine Catholic Church

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011



## SEEK THE LORD

In today's opening reading, Isaiah urges us to "seek the LORD" who is "near" and can be "found" (Isaiah 55:6). Then Isaiah says God's ways are as high above our ways "as the heavens are above the earth" (Isaiah 55:9). So we search, not because God is hiding, but because our tendencies are so different from God's ways that we get lost. How are God's ways so high above our ways? The example Isaiah gives is that God's way is to be "generous in forgiving" (Isaiah 55:7). And our way? We try to be "fair." You hurt me, so then I hurt you back, just as hard. Then, of course, you . . . And on it goes. In today's Gospel Jesus teaches that God is not "fair" like that. Instead, God is so generous we can hardly understand it. The same wage for one hour as for a whole day of work? Not fair! "Seek the Lord," and we might find a God who calls us to be, not fair, but generous beyond expectations. © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

## MASS INTENTIONS

| DATE | CHURCH        | TIME     | MASS INTENTIONS       |
|------|---------------|----------|-----------------------|
| 9/17 | St. James     | 4:00 PM  | Pietro Flaim, Jr.     |
| 9/17 | St. Augustine | 6:30 PM  | John Krystanowicz     |
| 9/18 | St. Augustine | 8:30 AM  | Msgr. Alfred Smith SI |
| 9/18 | St. James     | 11:00 AM | People of the Parish  |
| 9/19 | St. James     | 11:30 AM | Harry Barnabee        |
| 9/20 | St. Augustine | 8:30 AM  | Karen Eichelberger    |
| 9/21 | St. Augustine | 8:30 AM  | Louis Valsoaney       |
| 9/23 | St. Augustine | 8:30 AM  | Jim Rickard           |

## CARD MINISTRY

St. Augustine cares about our fellow parishioners. To express our care and concerns, we will be sending cards to parishioners who are sick, hospitalized, recuperating from surgery, experiencing a terminal illness, or homebound. Cards of sympathy can also be sent to those who have had a death in their immediate family. We can also send congratulatory cards to parishioners who are celebrating births and marriages. If you know of a parishioner who would like to receive a card, please contact Connie at 301.582.4394.

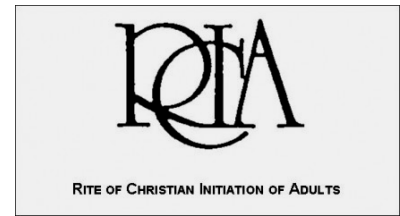
*F*ather of goodness and love, hear our prayers for the sick members of our community and for all who are in need. Amid mental and physical suffering may they find consolation in your healing presence. Show your mercy as you close wounds, cure illness, make broken bodies whole and free downcast spirits. May these special people find lasting health and deliverance, and so join us in thanking you for all your gifts. We ask this through the Lord Jesus who healed those who believed. Amen.

## MASS CARDS

Mass cards can be a wonderful way to show your friendship to someone who is celebrating a birthday or anniversary or is mourning a loss. Give the gift of prayer in times of joy and in times of suffering. Gift offering \$5 and may be obtained at the church office.

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

| DATE                  | September 24                                    | September 25                               |
|-----------------------|---|--|
| Lectors               | Jaime Dick                                      | Bill Sonnik                                |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Host: R. Bielicki<br>Cup: D. McQuay<br>M. Harsh | Host: A. Thim<br>Cup: D. Ellis<br>D. Ellis |
| Altar Servers         | Joseph Gentile                                  | Kyle LeVardi                               |
| Money Counters        |   | Ellis / Buckley                            |



This is the process of initiating adults and older children into the Catholic Christian Community. Our program of RCIA is more than just a class room. It is a journey into the Faith, into a personal relationship with God. RCIA is not just for Non-Catholics. Our program is for unbaptized, already baptized Christians, and already baptized Catholics seeking Confirmation. We invite all of the faithful, as RCIA is for the entire parish community. It is a wonderful way to grow the faith of the community as well as a continuation of conversion. If you are interested in becoming a Catholic, please contact the church office at 301.223.7959.

## Youth Group



St. Augustine's Youth Group is having it's first meeting of the year on Sunday morning, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am in the church. The group is open to all parish teens in grades 9-12. Past years' activities have included bible study, paintball, snow tubing, game nights, bowling and opportunities for service hours. Please plan to attend to learn more and to plan this year's events. Parents are welcome to this meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Dave Gentile by emailing [gentile101@frontier.com](mailto:gentile101@frontier.com), or contacting the church office.

## HARVEST HOEDOWN

We have begun our annual food drive in anticipation of the Harvest Hoedown. This year's Hoedown is scheduled for Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, in Byron Memorial Park. When you bring your food to Mass, please place items in box provided in the atrium. *Thank you for your donations to the Williamsport Food Bank!* **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!** Please remember to return your volunteer slips for the Harvest Hoedown by placing in the collection basket or calling the church office. Money counters are also needed. **THANKS!**

## NEW ADORERS NEEDED

*Perpetual Adoration Chapel*



Located by St. Maria Goretti in Hagerstown. **VACANT - URGENT HOURS!** TUE 8 AM & SAT 10 PM Prayer Partners needed! Tuesday 2-3am, Friday 11am-Noon & 7-8pm, Saturday Noon-1pm, 3-4pm & 7-8pm, Sunday 2-3pm. Please call the Ott's for more information at 301.739.4167, OR Roger Milihram at 301.432.6791.

## WELCOME BACK CATECHISTS!



### A CATECHIST PRAYER

O Jesus, Great and Beloved Teacher, thank You for inviting us to share Your teaching mission as a catechist. Thank You for calling us to proclaim God's presence and to announce the Good News of the Gospel to those we teach. Guided by Your Holy Spirit and the teachings of Your Holy Church, may we always be faith-filled and courageous catechists. May love and concern for those we teach always be our guiding motivation. May our hearts be on fire within us as we prepare our lessons and our class activities. May we view every lesson we teach as an opportunity to share God's incredible love. Thank You for calling. Thank You for Your love. Amen.

"You did not choose me; I chose you and I appointed you to go and bear much fruit, the kind of fruit that endures." John 15:16)

### Stewardship



| September 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2011 | St. James      | St. Augustine  |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Attendance                        | 283            | 213            |
| Offertory Envelopes               | \$1,758        | \$1,105        |
| Offertory Electronic              | \$415          | \$630          |
| Offertory Loose                   | \$541          | \$457          |
| Maintenance                       | \$229          | \$170          |
| Pastoral Collection               | \$26           | \$55           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                      | <b>\$2,969</b> | <b>\$2,417</b> |

Thank you for your weekly sacrificial giving and for your continued support toward the needs of the parish.



### COUPLES NIGHT OUT

Please join St. Augustine's for a dinner night out at the Fireside Restaurant, 1716 Underpass Way, Hagerstown on October 13<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM. If you plan to join us, please contact Edith at 301.432.2028.

### CASH FOR CAUSES

#### Martin's Gift/Grocery Card

Saint Augustine is participating in Cash for Causes from Martin's Food Stores. This program works as follows: Parishioners can purchase Martin's gift cards at face value. The parish receives a 5% rebate on each card. Therefore, for example, if you purchase \$100 worth of gift cards, St. Augustine's will receive \$5. If you would like to purchase a gift card, please stop by the church office! Remember you may use these cards at the Martin's gas pump as well. This is just one more way to support our parish. Checks should be made payable to Saint Augustine Church.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BINGO

#### Council 1365

First timers half price

EVERY Tuesday evening from 6:45 PM until all 34 games are played (around 10PM), held at 20340 Leitersburg Pike, Hagerstown, 21742. Telephone: 301.739.9019.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SOCCOR SHOOT-OUT

All boys and girls ages 6 and under, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15-18 are invited to participate in the local competition for the 2011 Knights of Columbus Soccer Shoot-Out. The Local competition will be held on October 8<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 12 Noon at the Hagerstown Fairgrounds Soccer Field # 3. This event is organized by Pangborn Council #1365. For further information contact Youth Activities Director John Navarro at [kayaker1953@gmail.com](mailto:kayaker1953@gmail.com) or Dennis Vogelsong at [voglesd@nationwide.com](mailto:voglesd@nationwide.com).