



# Welcome To Saint Augustine Catholic Church

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011

We wish to extend a warm welcome to all guests of Saint Augustine Church. We are delighted that you have come to worship with us, and we very much hope that you feel at home here. We are a growing community and our goal is to serve the needs of all people in imitation of our Lord Jesus Christ. Please introduce yourself to Father John so he may personally welcome you to our parish community.

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## *In the Vineyard*

God of autumn, the trees are saying goodbye to their green, letting go of what has been. We, too, have our moments of surrender, with all their insecurity and risk. Help us to let go when we need to do so. God of fallen leaves lying in colored patterns on the ground, our lives have their own patterns. As we see the patterns of our own growth, may we learn from them. God of harvest wagons and fields of ripened grain, many gifts lie within the season of our surrender. We must wait for harvest in faith and hope. Grant us patience when we do not see the blessings. God of geese going south for another season, your wisdom enables us to know what needs to be left behind and what needs to be carried into the future. We yearn for insight and vision. God of flowers touched with frost and windows wearing white designs, may your love keep our hearts from growing cold in the empty seasons.

As usual, today's first and third scripture readings are obviously related, with the second continuing one of Paul's letters—these days, the letter to the Philippians. The vineyard stories from Isaiah and Matthew both talk about evildoers coming to a bad end. In Isaiah, it's the vineyard itself that produces "wild grapes" instead of the crop the owner dreamed of and worked for. So it will be "trampled" and "overgrown with thorns." In Matthew, those to whom the owner leased the vineyard destroy the dream. So the owner "will put those wretched men to a wretched death and lease his vineyard to other tenants" (Matthew 21:41). Yes, if we reject divine love we come to a bad end. And with all this talk of the unfaithful being trampled and thrown out, it's consoling to hear Paul's message to the Philippians, who were by no means perfect. "Have no anxiety at all," Paul said (Philippians 4:6). "Then the God of peace will be with you" (Philippians 4:9).

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### **PRAYER CIRCLE**

The prayer list published in the bulletin each week is a vehicle to notify parishioners of those in need of prayer. We focus on praying for the sick, those who have died, and for those who are serving in the military. Please call to add names to the listing by calling the church office or contacting Pat Palmer at 301.223.7992. **Please pray for:** Connie Adenhardt, Pat & Jim Baer, Provie Cardinale, Fr. Carter, Don Christensen, Jean Cushwa, Lisa Deleo, Joe DePalma, Doug DiRisio, Betty & Jack Dove, Kathryn Folley, George Gildersleeve, Arnold Gozora, Bernice & Jim Grandstaff, Debra Grogg, Sabrina Jones, Joe Kallas, Beulah Keller, Danny Keller, Jonathan Knight, Dot Komarinski, Patty & George Koons, Lawrence Shaw, Our Military, Betty Moore, April Nitzell & unborn baby, Betty Nordmann, Keegan Oursler, Pat Palmer, Alli Pinieski, Thomas Quinlian (baby), Toni Rickard, Ginny Russell, Don Sanders, Tracy Serpi, Vocations, Norm Walker, Antoinette Wetzell, Priscilla Wines, Dee Wyand, Katie Yentsch.

*Have a Blessed Autumn!*

# Financial Blessings

September 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2011	St. James	St. Augustine
Attendance	281	181
Offertory Envelopes	\$1,435	\$1,314
Offertory Electronic	\$475	\$1,105
Offertory Loose	\$665	\$379
Maintenance	\$97	\$106
Pastoral Collection	\$180	\$172
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,852</b>	<b>\$2,986</b>

Thank you for your weekly sacrificial giving and continued support!

## ELECTRONIC GIVING

St. Augustine offers you another way to share what God has given you through our electronic giving format. This simple and secure method of giving to St. Augustine has many advantages, and with more and more people using the internet for financial matters, we hope it is useful and helpful for many parishioners. If you are interested in signing-up for electronic giving, please go to [www.staugustine.org](http://www.staugustine.org), or call the church office.

## STAINED GLASS WINDOW PROJECT

We are still accepting gifts for the repairs of the stained glass in the church. There are envelopes in the back of the church if you wish to contribute. Thank you for helping with this important project.

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

DATE	October 8 <sup>TH</sup>	October 9 <sup>TH</sup>
<b>Lectors</b>	Ray Bielicki	Anthony Thim
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Host: M. Kennelly Cup: B. Deal C. Rupp	Host: N. Reeder Cup: F. Watkins M. Watkins
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Loran Margevich	Kevin Cooper
<b>Money Counters</b>		D. & S. Taksa D. Buckley

Ministry schedules are in mailbox in the atrium for those who do not receive by email.

## PRO LIFE MASS

There will be a Pro-Life Mass on Saturday, Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. at Saint Mary's, followed by a rosary procession to the local abortion facility at 160 West Washington Street, Hagerstown.

## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

### PRAY TO END ABORTION

Christians throughout Washington County are invited to take part in the national 40 Days for Life effort from September 28<sup>th</sup> – November 6<sup>th</sup>. 40 Days for Life is a focused pro-life effort that consists of: 40 days of prayer and fasting – 40 days of peaceful vigil. We are praying that, with God's help, this groundbreaking effort will mark the beginning of the end of abortion in our city-and beyond. Take a stand for life! You can help make a life-saving impact by joining others in praying for life, especially during the three days each week when the local abortion facility 160 W. Washington Street is open. Come pray for half an hour, or longer on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Call Janet at 240.420.0440. - [www.40daysforlife.com](http://www.40daysforlife.com)

## CURSILLO

Would you like to make a Cursillo weekend or learn more about it? Call John Miller at 301.473.4056 or email [johnm45@comcast.net](mailto:johnm45@comcast.net). The Cursillo is an opportunity to examine and celebrate yourself, your relationship with Christ, and your relationship with the Christian community. You'll hear short talks on a variety of topics from faith perspectives. During the days, you'll discuss the talks and your impressions with a small group. There's time for meditation and Reconciliation as well as community meals. Two spiritual directors, at least one of them a priest, will be on the team and present throughout the weekend. There's a lot of music and singing—if you have an instrument, bring it along! If you've made a Cursillo we'd like to hear from you too. We're planning an Ultreya in the Frederick area.