



As Bob Hope would say,

Thanks for the memories!"

My internship at Saint Augustine's and St James (Jan 2010 – June 2011) has been remarkable. Both parishes have such fine people, devoted to their Church and faith, and so welcoming to new members like Georgene and myself into your community. I cherish my time spent with Father Steve, Monsignor Smith and Father John. It has been fun, educational, inspirational, and spiritual. I will never forget you. I wish everyone the best going forward. I will take the lessons learned over the last year and a half, with me, as I strive to do God's work in my new assignment.

(PS: my new e-mail will be: deacondave@e-stignatius.org)

Saint Augustine Catholic Church

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary time
July 3rd, 2011



Setting

Aside the Weapons of War

Why, we might ask the prophet Zechariah today, would God want to banish chariots and horses? The answer follows: because they are used to violate God's reign of peace, along with the warrior's bow. In the days of Zechariah, chariots and horses were high-priced items used only for war-making. They were the aircraft carriers and nuclear missiles of his day. And for his culture, which thought of any king as being a military leader first and foremost, a king riding on a lowly beast of burden to proclaim peace without horses, chariots, and bows would have set his listeners topsy-turvy. This lowly, beast-riding king of peace, we believe, was fulfilled in Jesus, gentle and humble of heart. In a world torn by military strife often generated by differing religious views, and even in our own lives and homes where we are often at "war" over the tiniest things, we would do well to stop and consider to what degree we are willing to be like that "king" whose way of gentleness and humility is the way for us to find rest for our weary souls. © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

Prayer for the Nation

Almighty God, You have given us this good land for our heritage. We humbly ask You that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of Your favor and glad to do Your will. Bless our land with honorable endeavor, sound learning and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion, from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties and fashion into one united people the multitude brought here out of many nations and tongues. Endow with the Spirit of wisdom those to whom in Your Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that through obedience to Your law we may show forth Your praise among the nations on earth. In time of prosperity fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble do not allow our trust in You to fail. Amen. - *by Thomas Jefferson, taken from "Prayers for Today," published by Leaflet Missal Co*

National Protection

Most High God, I come to You in the Name of Jesus, asking for divine protection for the people of this country. I pray for the safety of every man, woman, and child. Keep us from harms way and provide protection from plans of destruction that our enemies have plotted. Stop their plans before they are evoked. Give wisdom, understanding and discernment to those who provide us protection. Help us to be watchful and alert to signs of wrongdoing. Please provide insight to national and local authorities on ways to guard, defend, and insure the safety of all American citizens both home and abroad. Helps us to unite with government leaders and law enforcement personnel in making this country a safe place to live, work, and play. Allow Americans to enjoy our freedom without fear. Amen.



Education



PandaMania



JOIN THE FUN!

Please plan on joining us at St. James Catholic Church for Vacation Bible School Summer 2011 – PandaMania

We will be learning:

Day 1 Bible Point: God made you. **Bible Story:** God creates the world. (Genesis 1)

Day 2 Bible Point: God listens to you. **Bible Story:** Elijah confronts the prophets of Baal. (1 Kings 18:16-39)

Day 3 Bible Point: God watches over you. **Bible Story:** Jonah tries to escape from God. (Jonah 1-3)

Day 4 Bible Point: God loves you, no matter what. **Bible Story:** Jesus dies and comes back to life. (Luke 23:1-24:12)

Day 5 Bible Point: God gives good gifts. **Bible Story:** God gives Hannah a baby. (1 Samuel 1:1-2:11)

This weekend is the last week to register your son or daughter for VBS at St. James. Registration forms are available at St. Augustine's office, or on their website at www.stjamesmd.org. VBS will be held Sunday, July 10th through Thursday July 14th from 6:00 to 8:30 PM.

Social Justice / Respect Life



St. James Blood Drive



July 22
1:00 to 7:00 PM

Someone needs your gift of life. Please donate blood on July 22nd at St. James.

Shepherd's Table

The Shepherds Table is open to everyone in the community that is in need of a hot meal and fellowship, every Thursday at 5:15 PM at the Rehoboth UM Church on Salisbury Street in Williamsport.

Food Bank

Please help Next time you are doing your grocery shopping, please remember the food bank. If you wish to give a monetary donation, please place offering in a plain envelope and mark donations for food bank with your name. The shelves are low and need to be restocked, please note items needed to replenish. Updated List: Beef stew, rice, soup, spaghetti sauce, pasta, noodles, baked beans, juice, muffin mix, apple sauce, and toilet paper.

A Friendly REMINDER!

Those who volunteered to provide a dish for the Apostle's Build, Habitat for Humanity, on July 13th, please fill in a sign-up sheet in the church atrium. THANKS.



What's Happening



Couples Night Out

Please join couples from St. Augustine's at the House of Kobe Restaurant, 757 Dual Highway, Hagerstown on Thursday, July 14th at 6 PM. Please contact Edith at 301.432.2028 if you wish to join us, or email her at lifeisverygood@hughes.net.

Ladies Lunch

Ladies are invited to join us at the Red Lobster Restaurant at 12 Noon at 1681 Wesel Blvd, Hagerstown on Thursday, July 21st. Please let Edith Altshuler know if you are planning to join us by calling her at 301.432.2028 or email at lifeisverygood@hughes.net.

Commemorative Mass

On Gettysburg Battlefield, Hancock Avenue near the Pennsylvania Memorial on July 16th at 5 PM. Mass will be held next to the statue of Father William Corby, CSC, giving absolution to the soldiers at Gettysburg. Sponsored by the workers of St. Joseph. Check out their website by visiting www.theworkersofstjoseph.org. Please do not park on the grass.

Donate to St. Augustine While Grocery Shopping

Martin's Gift/Grocery Card

Saint Augustine's is participating in Cash for Causes from Martin's Food Stores. The parish receives a 5% rebate on each card. Therefore, for example, if you purchase \$100 worth of gift cards, St. Augustine will receive \$5. If you would like to purchase a gift card, please contact the church office or stop by during office hours.



Cards may also be used at Martin's gas pumps! We are also looking for volunteers to sell the gift cards on a monthly basis after Mass.

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: Jim Adenhardt, Connie Adenhardt, Pat & Jim Baer, Bill Basore, David Beaver Sr., Fr. Carter, Don Christensen, Tony Christopher, Laura DiGiambattista, Marian DiMarcantonio, Lisa Deleo, Betty & Jack Dove, Whitey Eaton, Joan & Bud Filsinger, Kathryn Folley, George Gildersleeve, Arnold Gozora, Bernice & Jim Grandstaff, Debra Grogg, Rita Helms, Virginia Householder, Sabrina Jones, Joe Kallas, Beulah Keller, Danny Keller, Jonathan Knight, Dot Komarinski, Patty & George Koons, Our Military Men & Women, Betty Moore, Terry Nave, Israel Newswanger, April Nitzell & unborn baby, Betty Nordmann, Keegan Oursler, Pat Palmer, J.P. Peters, Thomas Quinlian (baby), Toni Rickard, Ginny Russell, Anita Saloom, Don Sanders, Teresa & Harry Sirbaugh, Brent Taylor, Theresa, Vocations, Norm Walker, June Wiederhold, Priscilla Wines, Dee Wyand, Jane Yeakle, Katie Yentsch.

✠ Mass cards for the living and deceased are available at the church office.

✠ *Never look down on anybody, unless you're helping them up.*

Liturgy



Mass Intentions

Date	Church	Time	Mass Intention
7/2	St. James	4:00 PM	People of the Parish
7/2	St. Augustine	6:30 PM	Todd Gordon
7/3	St. Augustine	8:30 AM	Norm Walker
7/3	St. James	11:00AM	Mary McNeil
7/4	St. James	11:30AM	No Mass
7/5	St. Augustine	8:30 AM	Vincent Householder S.I.
7/6	St. Augustine	8:30 AM	Earl Wyand
7/8	St. Augustine	8:30 AM	Eldon Joiner

Ministry Schedule

Date	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
7/9	A. Givens	Host: M. Kennelly Cup: M. Evanko N. Evanko	L. Margevich
7/10	M. Marshall	Host: M. Fortier Cup: D. Taksa S. Taksa	K. Cooper

Financial Blessings

June 26 th 2011	St. James	St. Augustine
Attendance	295	Will be reported in next week's bulletin
Offertory Envelopes	\$2,026	
Offertory Electronic	\$360	
Offertory Loose	\$719	
Maintenance	\$37	
Pastoral Collection	\$114	
TOTAL	\$3,256	

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.staugustinemd.org, or call the church office.

Friendly Reminders



JULY IS NATIONAL CELLPHONE COURTESY MONTH

Please remember to turn off your cell phone upon entering Church. Thanks!

DRESSING APPROPRIATELY

Please remember to dress appropriately during these days of summer. Saint Augustine's is air conditioned and is very comfortable.

LOOKING FOR A CATHOLIC CHURCH WHILE TRAVELING?

Visit www.masstimes.org OR
www.parishesonline.com.



Trip to Italy

Join Fr. Steve Hook & Fr. Matt Buening for a pilgrimage to Italy!! Featuring Rome, Assisi & Florence and the Feasts of All Saints & All Souls on Oct. 26th thru Nov. 3rd. Includes: Round-trip airfare from local airport, shuttle to/from airport, seven nights lodging with private facilities, continental breakfast & dinner daily. Deluxe motor coach transportation, all sightseeing & admissions, baggage handling at hotels, English speaking guides, Magnificat @, professional escort throughout the trip, daily Mass & prayer. For more info and brochures call Ron at 410.802.5365.