

Saint Augustine Catholic Church

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 15th, 2011



Following the Good Shepherd

The joyful tone of the past three Sundays of Easter is a little darker today. All three readings remind us of suffering, death, and sin. We, like Peter's audience in the first reading, can ask, "What are we to do?" And the answer will be the same: we must reform. Or, as Peter says in his first letter, we have strayed like sheep and must return to the shepherd. Jesus describes himself as a shepherd in today's Gospel, and we know it was one of the earliest images of Christ in the apostolic church. Today's passage continues the darker theme of the first two readings. Danger lurks and the sheep need protection. They might follow a false leader; they might be stolen or destroyed. Only in Jesus Christ will we be safe. Only in Him will we have eternal life. - © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

WELCOME

We wish to extend a warm welcome to all visitors to our church. We are delighted that you have come to worship with us, and we very much hope that you feel at home here. Introduce yourself to Father John so he may personally welcome you to our parish.

If you wish to register with St. Augustine's Church, please take a registration form located in the bulletin slots and return by placing in the collection basket or mailing back to the church. Thank you.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Heavenly Father, bless your Church with an abundance of holy and zealous priests, deacons, brothers and sisters. Give those You have called to the married state and those You have chosen to live as single persons in the world, the special graces that their lives require. Form us all in the likeness of Your Son so that in Him, with Him and through Him we may love You more deeply and serve You more faithfully, always and everywhere. With Mary we ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

LITURGY



Congratulations to Deacon David Joseph Ebner!

It is a joy to announce that Dave was ordained by Archbishop Edwin F. O'Brien, Archbishop of Baltimore on Saturday, May 14th, 2011. Among the Deacon's various tasks will be preparing couples for the Sacrament of Marriage, presiding over wake services, administering the Sacraments of Baptism and Matrimony, preaching and assisting at Sunday Mass. We are very pleased and thankful to have Deacon Dave and his wife George with us at this time, and to be able to celebrate with him.

Reception after Sunday's Mass in the lower level.
Everyone is Invited!

MASS SCHEDULE

Date	Church	Time	Mass Intention
5/14	St. James	4:00 PM	People of the Parish
5/14	St. Augustine	6:30 PM	Pat Baer S.I.
5/15	St. Augustine	8:30 AM	Michael Scuppo
5/15	St. James	11:00AM	Helen Lashinsky
5/16	St. James	11:30AM	Shelby Mose
5/17	St. Augustine	8:30 AM	Mary Jones
5/18	St. Augustine	8:30 AM	Walter Hickey
5/20	St. Augustine	8:30 AM	Vincent Householder S.I.

ST. AUGUSTINE 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.

Vespers

Held every Sunday at 6 PM at Saint Augustine's Church. Do you enjoy a community atmosphere? Are you interested in reading more of the bible? Do you think you need to fit more prayer into your life? Then this might just be what you are looking for. Since about the 4th century men and women have been praying what is known as the "Prayer of the Church", the Liturgy of the Hours. It is a set of prayers said throughout the day containing the Psalms and other readings from scripture. Vespers, also known as Evening Prayer, is one part of the Liturgy of the Hours. Come and join us as we close our day giving praise and thanksgiving to God as has been done for centuries. You don't need to have any prior knowledge, just bring yourself.

ADORATION CHAPEL

The perfect meditation during adoration: how great is God! Eucharistic Adoration offers us many available hours to thank and praise God for all His gifts and blessings. Open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Adorers are needed who will make a commitment one hour each week on a regular and continuing basis so that a schedule can be made in which every hour of the week is covered by at least one person. Please call Mr./Mrs. Ott for more info at 301.739.4167, or contact Roger Miliham by calling 301.432.6791. The chapel is located by Saint Maria Goretti in Hagerstown.

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:

Jim Adenhardt, Pat & Jim Baer, Vedah & Jim Beaver, Fr. Carter, Donald Christensen, Debbie Crawford, Genevieve Casper, Kathleen Combs, Jean Cushwa, Laura DiGiambattista, Marian DiMarcantonio, Lisa Deleo, Betty & Jack Dove, Whitey Eaton, Kathryn Folley, George Gildersleeve, Arnold Gozora, Will Gordon, Debra Grogg, Joe Kallas, Beulah Keller, Danny Keller, Jonathan Knight, Dot Komarinski, Patty & George Koons, Our Military Men & Women, Betty Moore, Israel Newswanger, April Nitzell & baby, Betty Nordmann, Keegan Oursler, Pat Palmer, J.P. Peters, Pam Mackley, Toni Rickard, Ginny Russell, Anita Saloom, Don Sanders, Michael Sirbaugh, Teresa & Harry Sirbaugh, Milton Streifel, Brent Taylor, Theresa, Vocations, Norm Walker, June Wiederhold, Priscilla Wines, Jane Yeakle, Katie Yentsch.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Date	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
5/21	M. Harsh	Host: R. Bielicki Cup: B. Deal C. Rupp	J. Gentile
5/22	P. Patterson	Host: N. Reeder Cup: M. Watkins F. Watkins	K. Cooper



My sheep listen to my voice.
I give them eternal life and nobody shall
steal them from my hands.



Flowers on the Altar



Flowers are placed on the side altar in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



FLOWERS

Placing flowers on the altar is a wonderful way to celebrate a special occasion; for a loved one who is living or deceased, and most importantly for the Glory of God. Please take this opportunity to honor family or friends. If you wish to arrange to have flowers on the altar, please contact the church office. The cost of two vases is \$40.

THE GIFT OF PRAYER

Those wishing to honor a loved one during the celebration of Mass, may pick-up a Mass card in the parish office. Mass Cards are available for the living and deceased and provide opportunities for prayerful remembrance of anniversaries, birthdays, and other special intentions. The typical stipend for each card is \$5.00. If you wish to email your Mass Intention, please email to parish45@verizon.net.

EVANGELIZATION



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Our PC elections will be held on the weekend of May 21st/22nd. Please take the time to familiarize yourselves with the candidates by reading their bio's below. Our next Parish Council meeting will take place on Tuesday, June 7th at 7 PM in the lower level of the church.

JIM COURTNEY



My name is Jim Courtney, I have attended St. Augustine off/on since 1999, and most Sundays since 2008. I work as civil engineer on airports. I am a disabled veteran from the US Army. My wife and I have lived in Hagerstown for the past 20 years. If elected I will eagerly work with the other members of the parish council for the good of St. Augustine. Thank you.

TOM GOZORA



I have been a member of St. Augustine Catholic Church for 49 years. I was an altar boy and attended CCD. I am also an Eagle Boy Scout of Troop 50 at Saint Augustine. I attended Williamsport schools and graduated from Williamsport High and HCC. I am Quality Engineer for Volvo Powertrain in Hagerstown. My wife Melanie and I were married in St. Augustine Church; my two children Benjamin and Elizabeth were baptized in the Church. I am a methodical thinker and care for the future of our Parish for our children and future members.

JAIME DICK



I have been a resident of the town of Williamsport for 13 years. I was born and raised in Johnstown, PA. I celebrated my baptism, communion, and confirmation at Saint Patrick's Church which is in the Moxham section of Johnstown.

I received my associates degree from Hagerstown Community College in 1992. I graduated from Shippensburg University in 1995 with a Bachelor of Science in Public Administration. I started working for Washington County Government in 1998 and I have been the Recreation Director since 2001. I enjoy running and volunteering at Hagerstown Community College in my free time.

MICHELLE MARSHALL



Hello, my name is Michelle Marshall and I live in Martinsburg, WV with my husband Ryan. I have been a member of St. Augustine since 2006 and I currently serve as a lector. I taught high school mathematics for 7 years and am currently the curriculum and instruction specialist for high school mathematics and special education for WCPS. My hobbies include dancing, reading, cooking, and enjoying the outdoors. If elected, I will bring my dedication, positive energy, and deep rooted faith to our parish community.

Our parish wishes to thank these outstanding candidates for their commitment to our parish and for agreeing to share their time and talents as potential Council members for Saint Augustine's Church.

Stewardship



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

May 8 th , 2011	St. James	St. Augustine
Attendance	<i>Will be reported next weekend</i>	181
Offertory Envelopes		\$3,055
Offertory Electronic		\$536
Offertory Loose		\$126
Maintenance		\$198
Pastoral Collection		\$26
TOTAL		\$3,941

Once again, thank you for all your heartfelt contributions to our parish family in time, talent, and treasure.



RESPECT LIFE / SOCIAL JUSTICE

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION - MONTH SEVEN

Developing Baby Spiritual Adoption Program. You are in the home stretch with your spiritually adopted baby. Beginning this month the baby uses all four senses. He can see, hear, taste, touch, cough, yawn and hiccup. He now recognizes his mother's voice. During this time he will also receive antibodies from his mother protecting him from a wide variety of diseases. Help moms who have chosen to give their babies the gift of life. During the month of May, the Mary's Center box is now out to receive donations. See list on box for needed items. Maternity clothes are one of our greatest needs. Thank you for your generosity!

"The one who accepted "Life" in the name of all and for the sake of all was Mary, the Virgin Mother; she is thus most closely and personally associated with the *Gospel of life*. Mary's consent at the Annunciation and her motherhood stand at the very beginning of the mystery of life which Christ came to bestow on humanity (cf. *Jn* 10:10). Through her acceptance and loving care for the life of the Incarnate Word, human life has been rescued from condemnation to final and eternal death. For this reason, Mary, "like the Church of which she is the type, is a mother of all who are reborn to life. She is in fact the mother of the Life by which everyone lives, and when she brought it forth from herself she in some way brought to rebirth all those who were to live by that Life". --The Gospel of Life, Blessed John Paul the Great

FOOD BANK

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.

SHEPHERD TABLE

The Shepherds Table is open to anyone 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.

SEEKING CHOIR MEMBERS



St. Augustine's choir is actively recruiting and welcoming parishioners to be new voices for our Eucharistic Celebration. Singing is praying. When one sings, one prays twice, so said our patron, Saint Augustine. Singing together is praying together!

WHAT'S HAPPENING

SCOUTING

The Catholic Committee on Scouting has various programs available to augment the Cub Scout and Boy Scout programs. The Light of Christ is designed for the Tiger Cubs and the Wolf Cubs. The Parvuli Dei is designed for the Bear Cubs and the Webelos Scouts. The Ad Altare Dei is designed for the younger Boy Scouts and the older Boy Scouts work on the Pope Pius XII program. The Cub Scout programs are self study while the Boy Scout programs are designed to be completed in a group setting. Summer is an excellent time to begin the self study programs. There will be an Ad Altare Dei Boy Scout program starting in August. Interested parties, for any of the programs, can contact Joe Scalse at 301.432.4121 or via e-mail - joescalese3@earthlink.net.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

St. Mary Catholic School will be hosting a Golf Tournament on Monday, May 23rd at Beaver Creek Country Club. We are currently seeking both golfers and sponsors. If you are interested in golfing, or are able to sponsor at any level, please contact Mary by emailing mminahan@stmarycatholicschool.org, or call 301.733.1184. All proceeds from this year's event will go towards enhancing technology at the school.

LADIES LUNCH

Ladies' Lunch on Thursday, May 19th will be at Uno's Chicago Grill on Garland Groh Boulevard (near Home Depot and Walmart) at 12 Noon. If you are planning to attend from Saint Augustine's, please call the church office. Also, if you would like to arrange to ride with someone, please let us know when you call for reservations. See you then!

SUMMER RETREAT

A Summer Directed Retreat at Bon Secours Spiritual Center consists of five days during which a person meets with a spiritual director daily (or less if the person wishes) to reflect on God's presence and movement in one's life as revealed in prayer, the events and relationships in one's life, and the response to God that is being made by the retreatant. Sunday, June 19th at 5:00 PM through Friday, June 24th at 4:00 PM. Cost \$550.

You may register, by calling 410.442.1320 or visit our website at www.BonSecoursSpiritualCenter.org

PANDA MANIA VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!



Have you started making summer plans? Plan on joining Panda Mania, at Saint James Church for Vacation Bible School on Sunday, July 10th through Thursday, July 14th from 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM in the church and parish hall. They serve children starting at age 4 through 6th grade. Please visit their website - www.stjamesmd.org for more information or to register!

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN
A PACK OF
FUN-LOVING
PANDA BEARS
INVADES
ST. JAMES CHURCH?

*A wild celebration of
God's unconditional love!*

