

FATHER PAT'S SERMON NOTES

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

He Can Make You Clean

When is the last time you begged for something? Seriously; do you remember? It probably wasn't your proudest moment. But when you are desperate, pride goes out the window – if you're smart!

In today's Gospel we read: "**A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him**" to be healed. His exact words were: "**If you wish, you can make me clean.**" Even in this moment of desperation did you catch the confident faith? "**YOU CAN make me clean!**" He was facing a serious crisis but fortunately for him it wasn't a crisis of faith!

This week we begin the season of Lent. Just like the leper, we approach God with a grave sense of urgency – even desperation; but also FAITH. The urgency and desperation are clearly symbolized by the ashes on Ash Wednesday. "*You are dust and to dust you will return!*" Without God, our destiny looks pretty bleak! We have only death and the cemetery to look forward to. In the face of such a hopeless future, crying out and begging is in order! But our cry is not without hope. Like the psalmist in today's second scripture, we admit our sin, but do so with absolute trust in God's ability and willingness to forgive us: "**I acknowledged my sin to you. My guilt I covered not. I said, 'I confess my faults to the LORD,' and you took away the guilt of my sin.**" Lent provides us with a powerful opportunity to make serious progress in our relationship with God, on being a better disciple of Jesus and on being a better neighbor to our fellow human beings. Remember, **Lent is a time to develop NEW HABITS that once established are a part of the NEW YOU long after Lent is over!** So, don't dread what you have to face this Lent, for "**He can make you clean!**" Instead, look forward to all that God CAN and WILL do to bring you closer to him! So, let us humbly AND boldly face our faults our sin, our guilt, our shame, our selfishness, our greed, our indifference, our fears, our pain, our addictions and our darkness TOGETHER – but let us do so with faith and confidence in the God who can and WILL deliver us!

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Sunday, February 15, 2015

Scripture Readings

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Lv 13:1-2, 44-46

1 Cor 10:31-11:1

Mk 1:40-45

1st Sunday of Lent

Gn 9:8-15

1 Pt 3:18-22

Mt 4:4b



8:15 am Daily Mass Intentions

Mon	Feb	16	Lydia Raynor	-Deceased
Tues	Feb	17	Donovan Anderson	- Living
Wed	Feb	18	Margret C. Randall	- Deceased
Thurs	Feb	19	Charles Edwards	- Living
Fri	Feb	20	Doris Williams	- Living

Attendance 815



Bible Study
Every Wednesday at 7:00pm in the School Cafeteria.



Black History Concert



Please join us for our Annual Black History Month Concert on Sunday, February 15, 2015 at 4:00pm in the Church.

ST AUGUSTINE SCHOOL COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN # 20000 ♦
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THIS SUNDAY'S SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR THE POOR OF THE PARISH
NEXT SUNDAY'S SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR THE CHURCH IN THE DEVELOPING WORLD AN ARCHDIOCESEAN COLLECTION

St. Augustine School *Love to Learn; Learn to Love*

SR. GLORIA AGUMAGU, HHCJ PRINCIPAL

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Catholic Education Corner



Saint Augustine School is now registering for the 2015-2016 school year for grades Pre-K3, Pre-K4 through Eighth. For an application or more information, please contact Mr. Wilkins, Direction of Admissions at 202-667-2608 or email: admissions@saintaugustine-dc.org



SHARE PACKAGES

SHARE Packages for the month of February are now on sale at the Ushers' Table.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper



Saint Augustine Church will be hold its Annual Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 17, 2015 from 5-7pm in the School Cafeteria. Vespers at 7:00pm



Congratulations to Hewan Abera!

Hewan Abera a, Saint Augustine eighth grade student, was recognized as a State Honoree for her community service with a 2015 Prudential Spirit of Community Award. The medallion will be presented by a Prudential representative in April 2015

Blood Pressure Screening



The Saint Augustine Health Ministry will sponsor a free blood pressure screening after each Mass on Sunday, February 15, 2015.

"Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life." Proverbs 4:23

Please Pray for Our Sick & Homebound

John Adams, Sr. Beatrice Alexander William Barksdale Frances Brooks Mary Burgan Williams Burgan Andrew Burton Angela Callighan Roscoe Campbell Elizabeth Carter Phillip Cephas Vincent Clarke, Sr. Annie Cole Tommie Cunningham Pauline Dines Susan Epps Charles Edwards Richard B. Fowler Barbara Ferguson Daniel Galloway Inez Gaskins Charles Gathers Thelma Givens Charlene Gordon Valencia Green Robert Greenfield Frances Gulston Grace Hansberry Brian Harvey	John Harris Patricia Herndon Jeanne Hinckley Deborah Jackson Betty Johnson Eleanor Johnson Paul Joy Benjamin Kilgore Sedonia Labee Keats Labule Louisa Lee Mary Leonard Bernadette Mahoney Catherine Mason Florence Matthews Edna Mills James McNamara Leona Miller Sylvia Monroe Julius Oben Colelle Oglbey Theresa Purcell George Queen Lydia Randall Ashley Redhead, Jr. Royal Robinson Fran Robertson Lisa Rivera Ruby Roberts	Doris Silas Gertina Simms Kathleen Simms George Simmons Mary Smith Zedekiah Smith Donnie Stewart Willis Thomas Angela Tilghman Juanita Towns Selma Twitty Hayden Vaughn Lillian Vaughn Terry Vaughn Esperanza Walker Shirley Ward Betty Washington Shantell Whitaker Lillie White Teresa Wilkinson Lozzie York
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Please Pray for Our Dead
Lydia Raynor



Parish Pastoral Council

Pastoral Parish Council Meetings are held every 3rd Saturday of the month at 9:00 am in the Gingras Center. Meetings are open to all parishioners.



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INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC, RECEIVING CONFIRMATION? SPONSORING INQUIRERS?
RCIA MEETS TUESDAYS AT 6:45 – 8:45PM IN THE GINGRAS CENTER - SABRINA WILLIAMS AT 202-294-6990.

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