

FATHER PAT'S SERMON NOTES

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY!

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Hear His Voice; Follow His Lead.

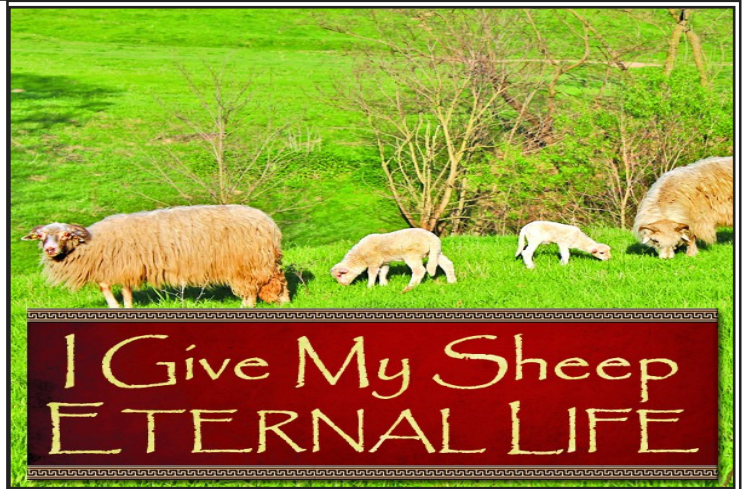
Before there was the joy of resurrection there was the heart-break of crucifixion! Jesus had eerily predicted before his death that they *“will strike the shepherd and the sheep will scatter”* (Matthew 26:31). And so it happened. The disciples ran off and hid; found a place to huddle in fear, shock and despair. However in the first reading today, we see the disciples in a completely different light: They react to being persecuted and expelled from the synagogue in a very different way than before: *“The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit!”* It seems that in the Book of the Acts of the Apostles whenever we read of the apostles being “scattered”, persecuted or driven out of one location it just seems to be **an opportunity** for the Holy Spirit get the Good News of the Gospel out to even more people in the surrounding territories! Fear and despair are no longer present - at all!

How would you be different if you saw crisis and setbacks as **opportunities for God to do something great, new, and unprecedented in your life?** How would your anxiety level be different if you sincerely believed that anything and everything that the devil intends for your destruction, God can reorder, rearrange and twist around so that the outcome is your salvation instead? How would your outlook of the future be different if you were convinced that an all-powerful, all-loving and most-willing Shepherd would be there to meet you and see you through every step of the way? How much more willing would you be to place your life in God’s hands; subject your plans to God’s will; offer your talents for God’s service or entrust your heart to God’s mercy? How much richer, fuller and happier would your life be if you dared to believe that the risen Jesus, the Good Shepherd, is not only good, but the very best at supplying your needs? Jesus said, *“My sheep hear my voice; I know them and they follow me”*. Decide today to seek out the voice of the Shepherd daily and often so that you too might become a disciple *“filled with joy and the Holy Spirit!”*

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See Fr. Pat’s Sermon Notes and listen to the podcast at <http://saintaugustine-dc.org/category/sermon-notes/>

REMEMBER ST. AUGUSTINE PARISH IN YOUR WILL & BEQUESTS
SEE WEB PAGE FOR FATHER PAT’S SERMON NOTES AND LISTEN TO FATHER PAT’S SERMON PODCAST



Sunday, April 17, 2016

Scripture Readings

4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 13:14, 43-52

Rv 7::9, 14b-17

Jn 10: 27-30

5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 14:21-27

Rv 21:1-5a

Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35



8:15 am Daily Mass Intentions

Mon	Apr	18	Lulu Cross	- Deceased
Tues	Apr	19	Viola Babb	- Deceased
Wed	Apr	20	Carson Shamwell	- Deceased
Thurs	Apr	21	For the end of abortion	
Fri	Apr	22	For the unborn	

Attendance

856



BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study is every Wednesday, in the School Cafeteria from 7:00pm– 8:30pm. All are welcome.



Welcome the new members in our parish

Evelyn Cushman
Lawrence Gravitt
Ava Johnson

Jolene Keplinger
Joseph Owens
Travis Washington

August White

SAINT AUGUSTINE SCHOOL COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN # 20000 ♦
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3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

This Sunday's Second Collection is for our Parish Poor. Thank you for your continued support.

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

SR. GLORIA AGUMAGU, HHCJ PRINCIPAL

INFORMATION: 202-667-2608

Catholic Education Corner



Saint Augustine School is now registering for the 2016-2017 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.com.

SHARE



SHARE packages are now on sale at the Ushers' Table. See the Share Representative.



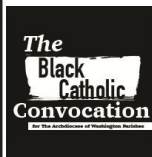
A Men's Discernment Dinner

The dinner will be held at St John Paul II Seminary on Sunday May 15, 2016 from 5pm-8:30pm. The evening will include Mass, dinner and a chance to discuss the priesthood with priests, seminarians and other young men from Washington, DC area. Participants should be single men, college age and up, who are practicing Catholics. If you know of any men in your parish who would be interested in this event, please contact Fr. Carter Griffin, Direction of Vocations at 202-636-9020.

SODALITY BAKE SALE



The Sodality will hold its Spring Bake Sale and Silent Auction on Sunday April 24, 2016 after all Masses in the School Cafeteria.



Black Catholic Convocation For Archdiocese of Washington Parishes April 29-30, 2016

Presented by The Josephite Pastoral Center, The National Black Catholic Congress, Pax Christi USA and The Archdiocese of Washington. The convocation will be held on Friday & Saturday, April 29-30, 2016 at the Virginia Merrick Center, 4275 4th Street SW, Washington, DC 20032. To register visit: www.josephitepastoralcenter.org.



Divas and Gents Senior Spring Fling Saturday, April 30, 2016

There will be a Spring Fling for seniors aged 65 and older on Saturday, April 30 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at Augustana Lutheran Church Social Hall. The cost is \$15.00. See any member of the Hospitality Committee for tickets.

Please Pray for Our Sick & Homebound

Gwendolyn Adams
John Adams, Sr.
Beatrice Alexander
Francis Arnold
Ronald Ausbrooks
William Barksdale
Valerie Barrows
Frances Brooks
Mary Burgan
Williams Burgan
Andrew Burton
Angela Callighan
Elizabeth Carter
Phillip Cephas
Ollie Mae Clark
Vincent Clarke, Sr.
Annie Cole
Tommie Cunningham
Pauline Dines
Theola Douglas
Susan Epps
Richard B. Fowler
Barbara Ferguson
Daniel Galloway
Inez Gaskins
Charles Gathers
Thelma Givens
Rev Charles Green
Valencia Green
Robert Greenfield

Frances Gulston
Grace Hansberry
Brian Harvey
John Harris
Patricia Herndon
Emily Hill
Jeanne Hinckley
Deborah Jackson
Charles Jackson
Marlene Jackson
Malcom Jamison
Eleanor Johnson
Paul Joy
Sedonia Labee
Keats Labule
Raymond Lane
Louisa Lee
Mary Leonard
Bernadette Mahoney
Lita Majors
Catherine Mason
Carolyn Matthews
Florence Matthews
Floyd McCory
James McNamara
Sylvia Monroe
Alpha Nacnas
Evelyn Norris
Julius Oben
Colelle Ogbey

Eileen Ogu
Harriet Parker
Marguerite Parker
Theresa Purcell
George Queen
Ashley Redhead, Jr.
Royal Robinson
Lisa Rivera
Doris Silas
Gertina Simms
Alise Simmons
George Simmons
Mary Smith
Zedekiah Smith
Donnie Stewart
Willis Thomas
Juanita Towns
Selma Twitty
Hayden Vaughn
Lillian Vaughn
Terry Vaughn
Esperanza Walker
Shirley Ward
Betty Washington
Lillie White
Cynthia Wilkins
Bernice Williams
Teresa Wilkinson
Lozzie York



Pray for our Dead



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.



PARK FREE SUNDAY

FROM 9am — 4pm
REEVES CENTER
U STREET AT 14TH
STREET NW

Our Parish Bookstore and Gift Shop

Opens before and after weekend Masses. Use Visa or MasterCard (\$10 min), check (\$5min), or cash to buy: Bibles - Missals - Rosaries - Books on the Pope, Saints, Parish History, Faith, Discernment, Marriage, Children's Books, Father Pat's Homilies and Choir CDs



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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