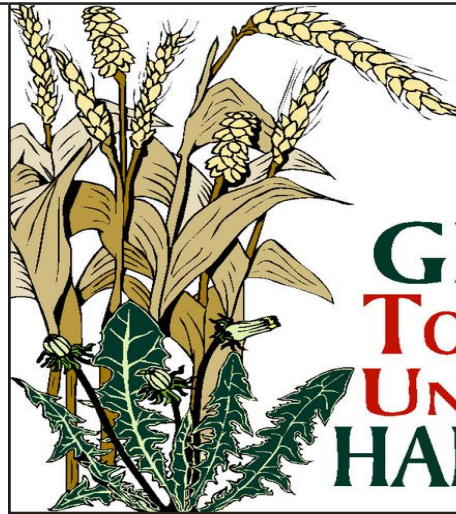


FATHER PAT'S SERMON NOTES

The Kingdom: A Work in Progress!

God sees us not only as we are, but as we can be. Like a construction site, the architect has already envisioned the finished product while everyone else sees only mounds of dirt and stacks of steel and concrete. Sometimes, we get frustrated with our fellow church members (especially, our leaders) because they are supposed to "know better!" This is true. Yet when Jesus describes the Kingdom of God on earth, surprisingly he describes it in terms of a field containing both wheat and weeds. The Church is holy and yet made up of sinners; entrusted with God's truth and yet not always honest in her dealings with others; a dispenser of God's mercy and yet too often afraid to embrace her own when they fall. How frustrating when this happens! Why is God so patient to allow this to continue? Why allow wheat and weeds to commingle in this field called the Kingdom? One person summed it up very well to a disgruntled parishioner who was ready to leave her church in anger at a fellow parishioner's behavior: *"If you find the perfect church, why would they let you in and spoil everything?"* Needy people go to hospitals. They also come to church. ***This is a problem only when they don't want to get well!*** Parishioners should always see themselves as a "building still under construction," not an abandoned lot! God hasn't given up on you! The church on earth is a spiritual hospital. People struggling with impatience, pride, unforgiveness, selfishness, addictions, broken hearts, broken relationships, physical maladies, bad attitudes, etc., all come to church. We shouldn't be surprised to meet them there. Nor should we be surprised that we fit in so well!

REMEMBER ST. AUGUSTINE PARISH IN YOUR WILL & BEQUESTS
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**LET
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16th Sunday In Ordinary Time July 17, 2011

Scripture Readings

16th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Wis 12:13, 16-19

Rom 8:26-27

Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

17th Sunday In Ordinary Time

1Kings 3:5,7-12

Romans 8:28-30

Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46



Mass Intentions

Mon	July 18	Clarnee DesBordes	- Deceased
Tues	July 19	Betty Washington	- Living
Wed	July 20	Thelma Ross	- Living
Thurs	July 21	Catherine Douglass	- Living
Fri	July 22	John B. Adams, Jr.	- Deceased

Attendance 732

Bible Study is on vacation. It will return in September

2011 Graduates

Congratulations to the following parishioners on their academic achievements!

Kristin Berry	BS
Kevin Brooks	HS Diploma
Breana Brown	HS Diploma
Ian Davidson	BS
Jamal Childs	HS Diploma
Kyonne Coleman	HS Diploma
Austin Gund	HS Diploma
Dana Veney	HS Diploma
David Wilson	HS Diploma
Michele Coleman	BS
Cornelia Rajah	EPS Certificate

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ST. AUGUSTINE SCHOOL UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN #9670

16th Sunday of Ordinary Times

THIS SUNDAY, JULY 17, 2011 SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR OUR POOR OF THE PARISH
NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 24, 2011 NO SECOND COLLECTION

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

SR. GLORIA AGUMAGU, HHCJ PRINCIPAL

INFORMATION: 202-667-2608

Catholic Education Corner



Saint Augustine Catholic School is now registering for the 2011-2012 school year for grades Pre-K through Eighth. Eighth Grade and Pre-K are almost filled to capacity. For an application or more information, please contact the school office at 202-667-2608 or email: admissions@staug-dc.org.

The Sodality will host a day of Reflection, Recommitment & Renewal on Saturday September 24, 2011 with a Church-wide Pilgrimage to Saint Clement's Island and Museum. Tickets are \$35.00 per person. The bus will depart at 8:00am from the church.

A warm and heartfelt thank you so very much on the occasion of being named one the recipients of the Vincent A. Brooks Award. How wonderful to be honored in this way. I am overwhelmed with joy and yet very humbled. Although I was not able to be there with you all to receive the award, I hope to see you soon. May God bless and keep all of you.
Doris Y. Williams



Saint Augustine's 5th Annual All-You-Can-Eat Crab Feast will be held Saturday August 20, 2011 ~ 1:00pm to 5:00pm in the back yard behind the Gingras Center. Tickets are \$45 and \$40 for seniors 62 and older. See any Gospel Choir member for tickets or inquire in the bookstore.



We are collecting donations for our annual College Bound Basket collection. Each year we provide baskets to our college-bound students who are and have been actively involved in a ministry for at least three years, including their senior year in high school. Students are nominated by their ministries. We will be collecting new college items each weekend in July. The boxes are located in the rear of the church. We are in need of the following items as well as monetary donations:

<i>Twin XL sheet sets</i>	<i>Pillows</i>	<i>Notebooks</i>
<i>Toothbrushes</i>	<i>Toothpaste</i>	<i>Tissues</i>
<i>Towels,</i>	<i>Washcloths</i>	<i>Microwaves</i>
<i>Irons</i>	<i>Travel ironing boards</i>	
<i>Laundry detergent</i>	<i>Soap</i>	
<i>Computer paper</i>	<i>Blankets</i>	
<i>Shampoo and conditioner</i>	<i>Lotion</i>	
<i>Flash drives</i>	<i>Pens and pencils</i>	

Please Pray for the Sick and Homebound

John Adams, Sr. Angela Arnold Sylvia X Allen Joan Barber Nora Basey Milton Best Evelyn Bezell Beulah Bridges Thomas Brock Eric Brown Sabriena Brown Margaret Burgan Andrew Burton Agnes Carey Elizabeth Carter Phillip Cephas Ollie Clark Vincent Clarke, Sr. Dorsey Davis John Harris Pauline Dines	Pat Dodson Susan Epps Charles Gathers Delores V. Greene Tammie Grillo Mary Howard Patricia Herndon Gail Bethea Jackson Eleanor Johnson Chester Jones Josephine Jones Dorothy Joy Neetis Keels Francis Kelly Mattie Keeis Sedonia Labebe Louisa Lee Keats Labule Martha Lonon Catherine Mason Florence Matthews	Lussia Matthews Edna Mills Joyce Morton Albert Nellums Jullius Oben Coralys Passapera Angela Piepers Connie Ray Alice Rush Lisa Rivera Ruby Roberts Lydia Scurlock Mary E. Smith Delores Sweeney Juanita Towns Selma Twitty Lillie White Mary Whitman Virginia Winston Shirley Wooden Lizzie York
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Pray For Our Dead



Geraldine Fiawoo
(mother of Pam Fiawoo)

Pastoral Council Corner

Desiree Grant - Chairperson
Donovan Anderson - Vice chairperson
Doris Coles - Secretary
Earline Davis - Parliamentarian
*Pastoral Council Meetings area held every
3rd Saturday of the Month
at 9:00 AM in the Gingras Center.*

Our Parish Bookstore and Gift Shop

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

TELL US OF PARISHIONERS WHO ARE SICK OR IN DISTRESS
NEW MEMBERSHIP FORMS: AVAILABLE AT THE USHERS TABLE
IN THE BOOKSTORE: FR. PAT'S HOMILIES
RCIA INFORMATION: SEE BULLETIN COVER
PHOTOGRAPHY AT MASS MUST BE PRE-APPROVED
PARK FREE SUNDAYS 9AM-4PM
REEVES CENTER, U STREET AT 14TH ST. NW
ENTER ON U STREET

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC, RECEIVING CONFIRMATION? SPONSORING INQUIRERS? RCIA MEETS SUNDAYS AT 9:00 - 11:30 CONTACT FR. P.J. CAMIRING AT 202-265-1470 OR SABRINA WILLIAMS AT 202-294-6990.

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