



St. Augustine R. C. Parish Second Sunday of Advent December 5, 2021



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Office Hours:

9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday to Friday

Mass Schedule:

Monday - Friday: 12:05 PM (LiveStreamed)
(10:00 AM on Legal Holidays)

Saturday Vigil — *Suspended Indefinitely*

Sunday: 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM & 7:00 PM
(All Masses are LiveStreamed
on masslivestream.com)

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Weekly Parish Rosary via Zoom—8:00 PM on Tuesday
Meeting ID: 854-1235-0301 PW: 150408

Weekly Scripture Study via Zoom—7:00 PM on Thursday
Meeting ID: 832-4986-0935 PW: 025786

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!

◆ **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10TH** ◆

7:30 PM

Concert to Celebrate the Season

The Chamber Choir and the Filipino Choir will host their annual Pre-Christmas Concert to begin the Advent Season! Under the direction of Kim Barroso and featuring a wide variety of Christmas music. This Saint Augustine annual tradition is not to be missed!

Bring a friend if you like sharing joy!

FREE Admission! (*Free will offering*)



Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday, December 08, 2021

Mass will be Celebrated at:

12:05 PM & 7:00 PM for the Holy Day of Obligation



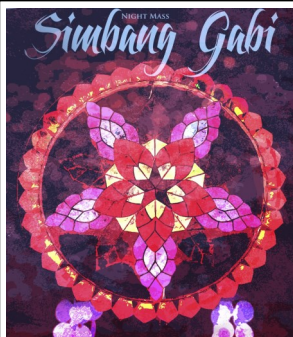
St. Augustine Parish Giving Tree will be supporting the following organizations this year:
Adeodatus, Merakey Care, The Gift of Life Family House, and Women of Hope

Please donate GIFT CARDS for:

CVS, RiteAid, Wawa, Walgreens, Acme, ShopRite, Walmart, Target, etc.

Place gift cards in the collection basket in an envelope marked with the organization of your choice or drop off at the Parish Office.

Your consistent generosity has brought and continues to bring joy to each of the organizations over the Christmas Season.



On Wednesday, December 15th, at the 7:00 PM Mass,

we will celebrate the annual beginning of **Simbang Gabi**, the Novena of Masses, in preparation for the Christ Child's coming.

All are welcome!

Winter Sinulog ◆ Feast of Santo Niño

January 16th, 2022

11:00 AM Mass

All Are Welcome!



Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 5, 2021

- 9:00 AM † Jerry DeFoney
- 11:00 AM † Rafael DeGuzman
- 7:00 PM † Theresa Waters Sabbath

Monday, December 6, 2021

- 12:05 PM † Caridad Viernes

Tuesday, December 7, 2021

- 12:05 PM † Christopher Mermer

Wednesday, December 8, 2021

- IMMACULATE CONCEPTION of B.V.M.**
- 12:05 PM The Parish Community
- 7:00 PM † Jennifer Emmi

Thursday, December 9, 2021

- 12:05 PM † Mary Flanagan

Friday, December 10, 2021

- 12:05 PM † Dr. Elmer Laffey

Saturday, December 11, 2021

† = Deceased



Capital Campaign News

Goal: \$750,000 (Phase 1) To date:

Pledges: 212 Percentage: 105.8824%
Amount Pledged: \$794,117.68
Pledges Received: \$730,594.32
In-Kind Gifts Received: \$10,437.71
Campaign Total Rec'd: \$741,032.03

**Sacrificial Giving
November 28, 2021**

Number of Envelopes Used: 27
Amount in Envelopes: \$855.00
Average \$/Envelope: \$31.67
Electronic Giving: 43
Amount Electronic: \$1,203.00
Average \$/Electronic: \$27.98
Loose Money: \$304.00
Total Collection: \$2,362.00

Electronic Giving

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"Sign Up For Electronic Giving"



**Second Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 5, 2021**

Monday, December 6, 2021

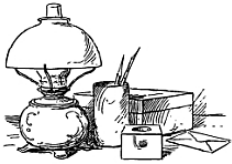
**Tuesday, December 7, 2021
7:00 PM Advent Program—Zoom**

**Wednesday, December 8, 2021
7:00 PM Parish Finance Council—Zoom**

**Thursday, December 9, 2021
7:00 PM Parish Scripture Study—Zoom
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**Friday, December 10, 2021
7:30 PM Pre-Christmas Concert**

Saturday, December 11, 2021



A word from Fr. Bill...

Dear Parishioners:

In discerning how to meet the pastoral needs of parishioners, our Parish Pastoral Council will be facilitating an evening entitled "Welcome Home for Christmas." This is primarily an opportunity to reach out to Catholics who for one reason or another have not been active in the Church. Please see the enclosed flyer for more details. We want to have a forum to help people to comfortably return to the Church, maybe after a divorce, an abortion, a bad experience of any sort with the Church, or maybe just having drifted away. This will take place in the format of a "Theology on Tap" on Thursday, December 16th at "The Plough and the Stars," an Irish Pub on Chestnut Street. There will be resources (e.g. where and when confessions are available, process for annulments, pastoral care after an abortion) available to help people at this stage of their journey. If you know some people whom you think would be interested in such a forum, please pass this information on to them. Please forward the enclosed flyer to as many people as possible. Share it on your social media. You also will find it on the homepage of our parish website. As members of the Church, it is important and even our responsibility to reach out to those who may feel alienated from the Church. This is a brand new endeavor for us. The Director of Evangelization of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia has called this effort "Trail Blazing" and "An exemplary initiative." We would like as many parishioners as possible to be part of this effort. Everyone on our email list will be getting more information about this. Please share this information with anyone whom you think might be interested, most of all, please pray for the success of this effort to reach out to our brothers and sisters.

In my letter last week, I mentioned that at 7:00 PM Mass this Sunday we will be celebrating the Rite of Acceptance for our two Catechumens (April Bialas and Christine Rihn) and for our two Candidates (Carlos Rice and Gina Moore). April and Christine will be baptized, receive First Communion and be confirmed at the Easter Vigil on April 16th. Carlos and Gina will be fully initiated into the Church on the Sunday after Easter, April 24th. During the Phase of Inquiry, they have met 11 times since September discussing things like how to use the bible, what is faith?, the Holy Trinity, who is Jesus?, Divine Revelation, their prayer life, Catholic Prayers and Practices, the Mass, the Church year, who shepherds the Church?, the Church as community, Mary, the Saints, heaven and hell, the sacraments in general and specifically the Sacrament of Baptism. I am very grateful to Patrick Lanza who joins us in these conversations. It has been a very humbling and encouraging experience to walk with Carlos, Gina, Christine and April on their Journey of Faith. Please continue to pray for them as they move into the next phase of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.

Have a safe and wonderful week.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Bill". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Fr. Bill



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**After being away from the CATHOLIC CHURCH
After being hurt by the CATHOLIC CHURCH
After a divorce - After an abortion - After the pandemic
After my questions have gone unanswered ...
HOW DO I RETURN??**

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THURSDAY

DECEMBER 16, 2021 / 7-8:30 PM

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A detailed illustration of the Nativity scene. In the center, the Virgin Mary is seated, holding the infant Jesus in her arms. To the left, three wise men in ornate, colorful robes are kneeling and offering gifts. To the right, Joseph is seated, looking down at the child. A young boy, likely the boy Jesus, stands to the right of Mary, looking on. In the foreground, two white lambs are visible. The background features a simple wooden manger structure, palm trees, and a starry night sky.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE 2021 - 2022

Friday, December 24, 2021

CHRISTMAS EVE

5:30 PM and 8:30 PM

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**THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
CHRISTMAS DAY**

Saturday, December 25, 2021

10:00 AM

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Sunday, December 26, 2021

9:00 AM, 11:00 AM and 7:00 PM

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**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
New Year's Day**

Friday, December 31, 2021

Holy Day Vigil Mass 5:30 PM

Saturday, January 01, 2022

10:00 AM and 7:00 PM

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Sunday, January 02, 2022

9:00 AM, 11:00 AM and 7:00 PM

St. Augustine Parish, Phila.
Presents:

Everything you
always wanted to
know about ~~sex~~
The Mass

* But were afraid to ask

Is everything
we believe in
included in the
Creed?

Are my sins
forgiven when
we pray the
"Kyrie?"

Why don't we
pray the Mass in
Latin anymore?

Are the scriptures
truly the "Word
of God?"

WHAT ARE YOUR QUESTIONS? Submit your questions and join us this Advent for the first four sessions of our eight-part series when we will discuss and answer questions regarding the "Mass." (This series will continue during Lent.) Join us and our special guest participants via Zoom from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM on the dates listed below!

11/30 What is the Mass? - Rev. David Friel, STL, Vocation Director for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, Professor of Theology, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary—Register at the link below:

https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZAtcuugqzsiE9VaKZLU_VBlS7TcmgXe_9OT



12/7 The Introductory Rites (Sign of the Cross, Greeting, Penitential Rite, Gloria, Opening Prayer) -

Rev. Daniel E. Mackle, M.Div., M.A., Director of Liturgy and Professor of Pastoral Theology, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary—Register at the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZwsdOyprDliGda3ql-g1mXXTCfM50tnPegy>



12/14 The Liturgy of the Word: Part I (The Scriptures) - Dr. Kelly Anderson, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Sacred Scripture, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary—Register at the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZwvc-GsrTwtG9ffkkoCbrYUTyNEkLA94xYP>



12/21 The Liturgy of the Word: Part II (Homily, Creed, Prayer of the Faithful) - Rev. Tom Dailey, O.S.F.S.,

John Cardinal Foley Chair of Homiletics and Social Communication, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary—

Register at the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZEIc-GhrDMiHN0FyVeKdiJa9uCyH7-Yzi01>



For more information and to submit your questions, contact Jacob Marquart, O.F.S. at:
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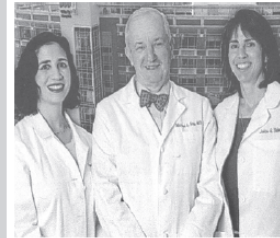
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